



Providing CO₂ as Valuable Feedstock for Fuels, Chemicals and Plastics

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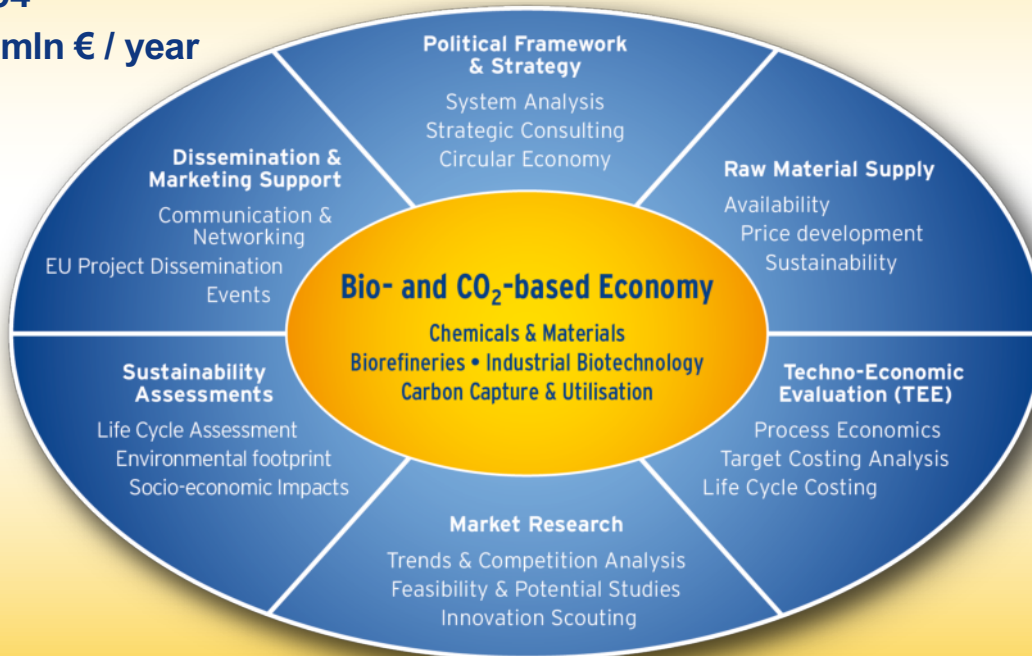
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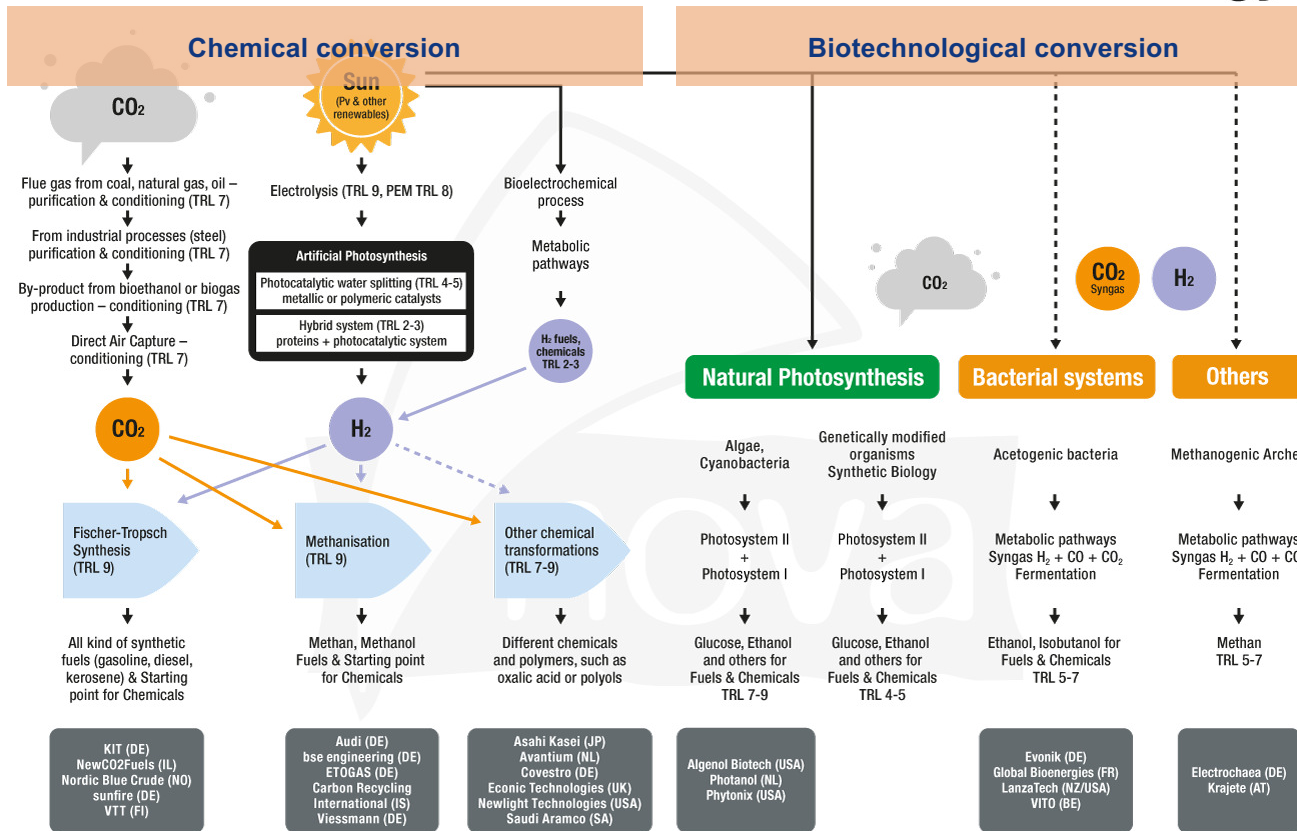
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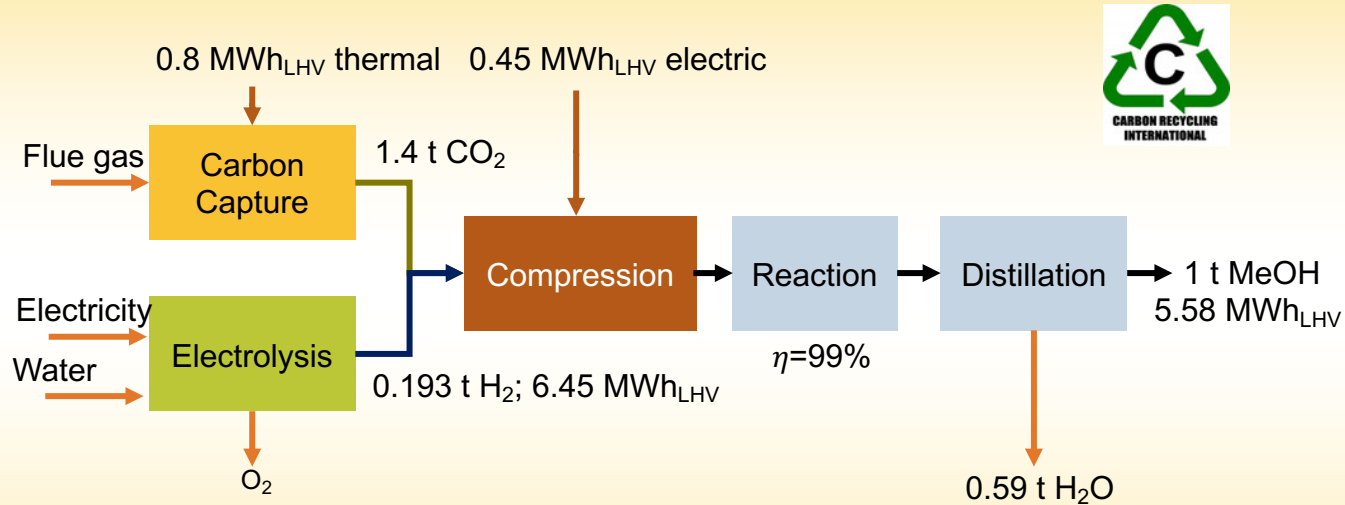
Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU)

Carbon Dioxide Utilisation and renewable energy





Methanol Synthesis – Production of advanced fuels

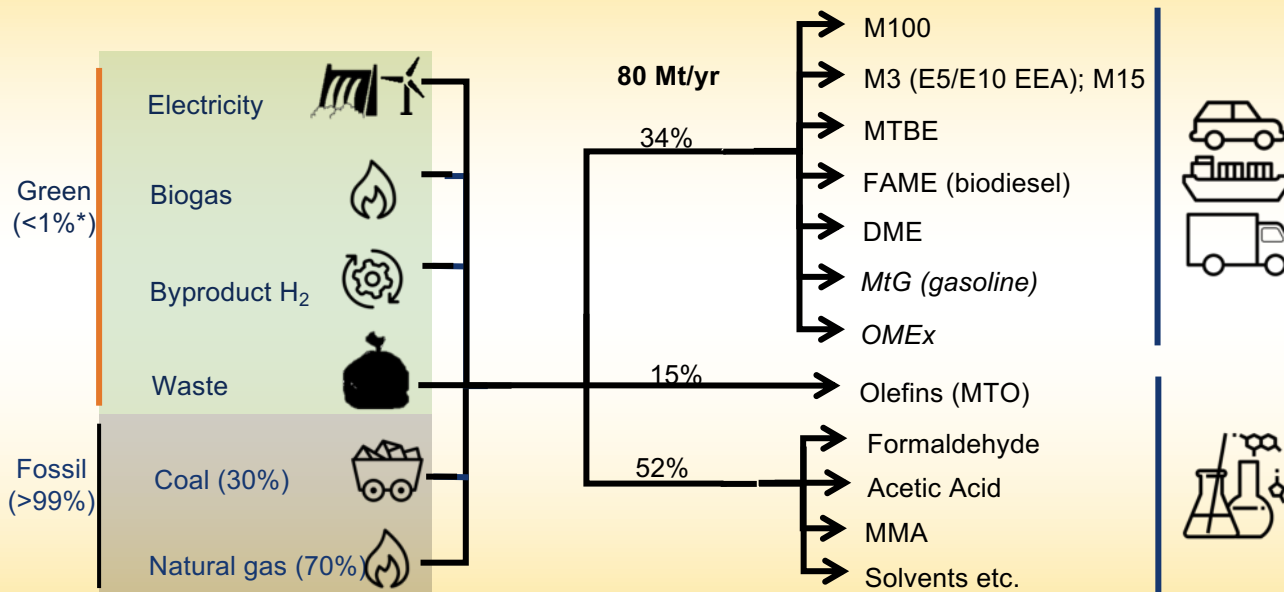


Overall efficiency larger than 60%

*Not including PSA



Methanol: the most versatile hydrocarbon

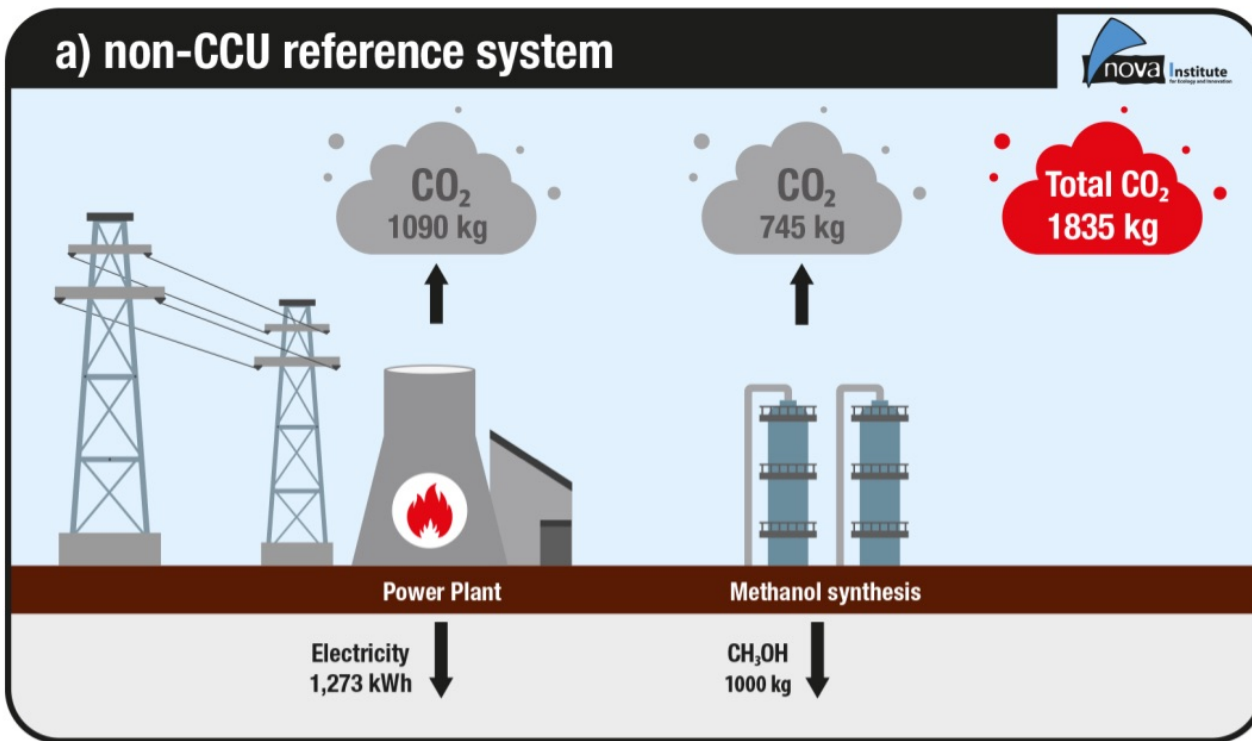


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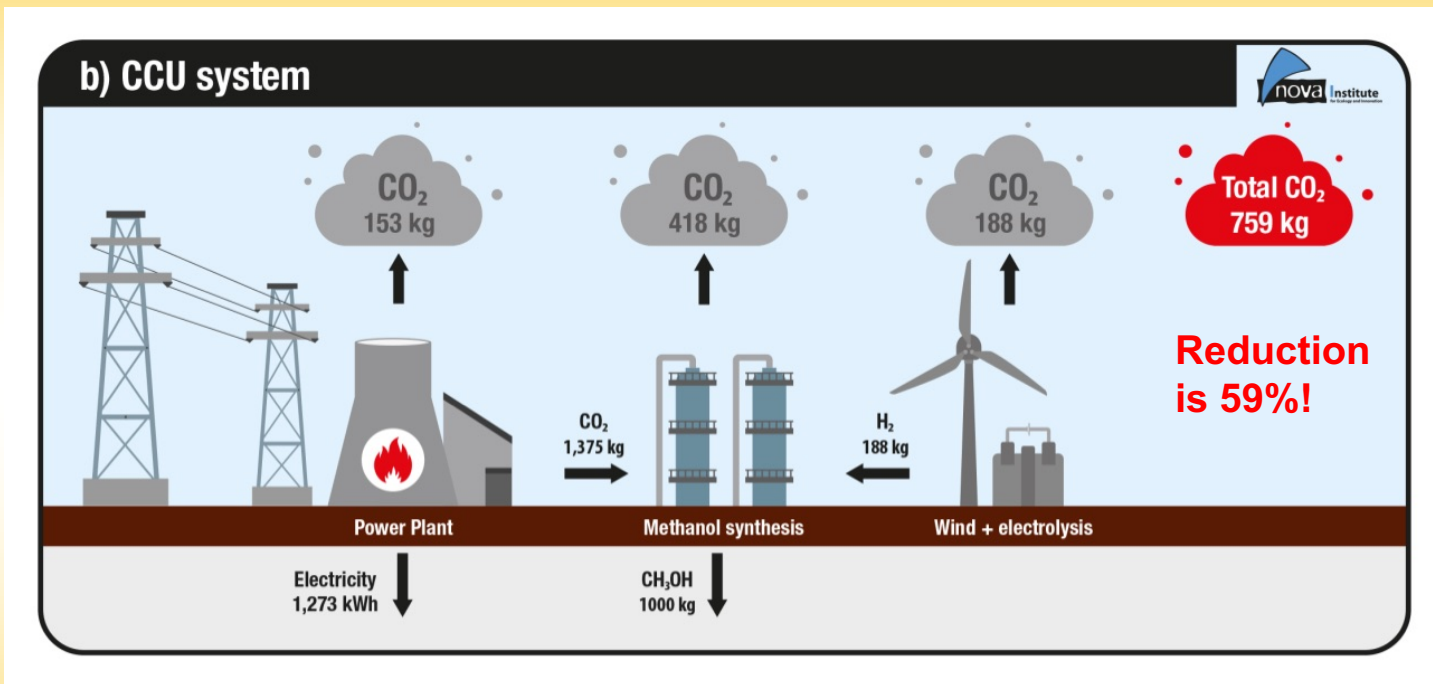
Separate production of electricity and methanol (real data)



Source: Von der Assen, N., Voll, P., Peters, M. and André Bardow, A.: Life cycle assessment of CO₂ capture and utilization: a tutorial review. Chem. Soc. Rev. 2014-01-20.



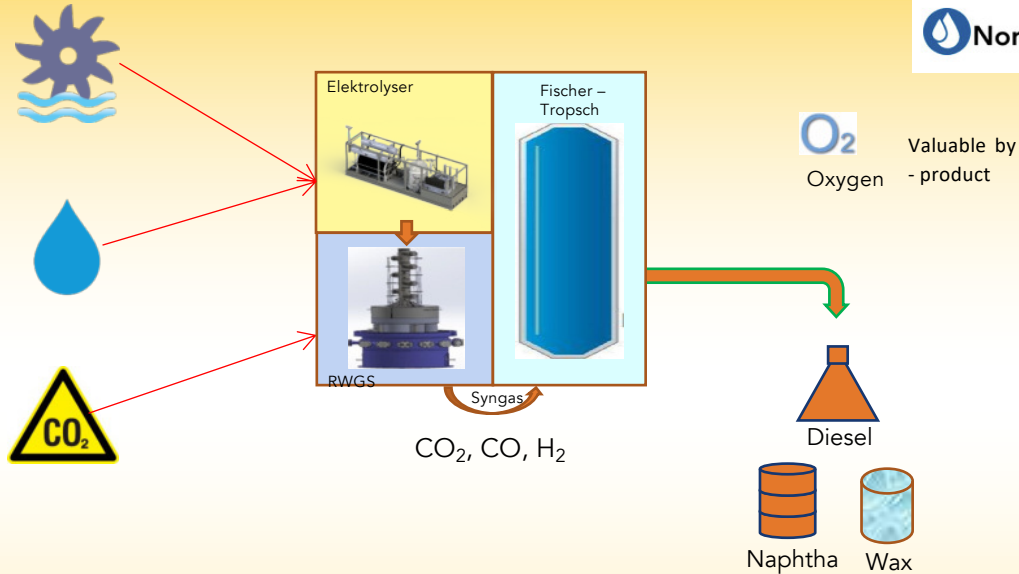
Joint production of electricity and methanol via CCU & wind energy (real data)



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E Fuels – Production & Products (PtL)



Renewable Energy is used to split water vapor (H₂O) to hydrogen (H₂) and oxygen



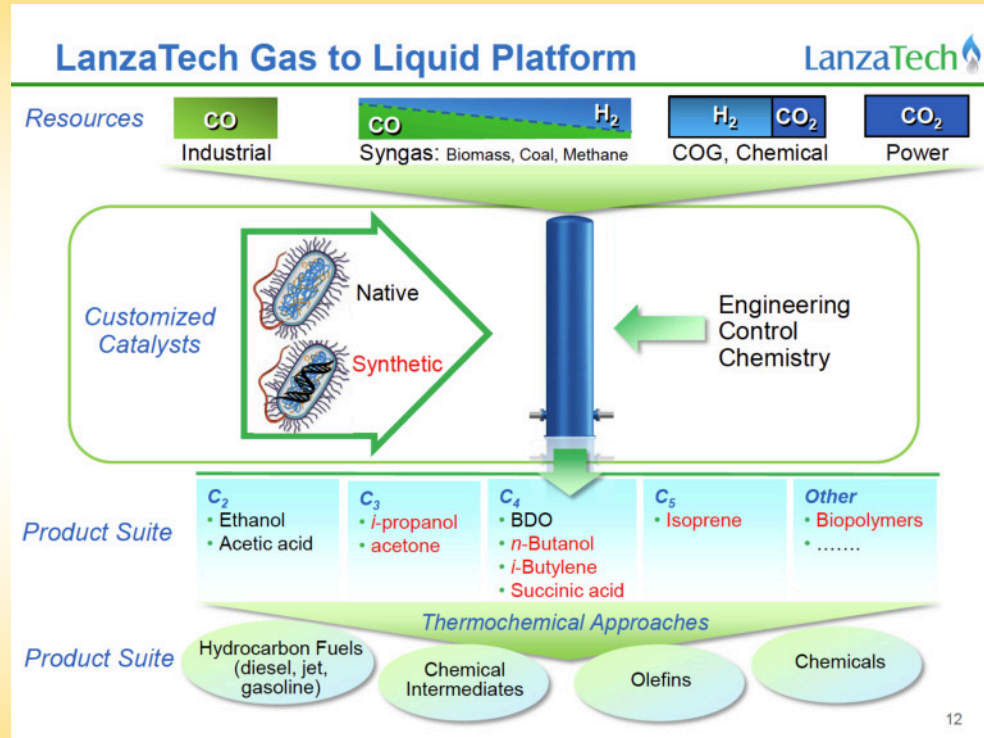
Hydrogen from electrolysis reacts with carbon dioxide (CO₂), and reduced to carbon monoxide (CO).



This synthetic gas (H₂ and CO) is converted to E-Products consisting of wax and enhanced premium diesel, Kerosene and naphtha through a synthesis process.



Biotechnology routes for CO₂ utilization



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Microorganism can produce a wide range of molecules from CO₂



CO₂ utilisation – Alcohols and fuels



company	headquarter	scale	production site				start date	endproduct
			city	country	status	capacity / output power		
Biotechnological CO₂ conversion processes								
LanzaTech Inc.,	United States	commercial	Ghent	Belgium	construction	62,000 t/a	2019	ethanol and e.g. n-butanol
			Shougang	China	in operation	48,000 t/a	2018	
			Gurgaon	India	construction	34,000 t/a	2019	
			Nelspruit	South Africa	construction	52,000 t/a	2019	
			Modesto	United States	construction	35,000 t/a	2019	
				United Kingdom	planning	950,000 t/a		kerosene
Phytonix Corp.	United States	commercial		United States	planning	> 500,000 t/a	2019/2020	n-butanol
				Europe	planning			



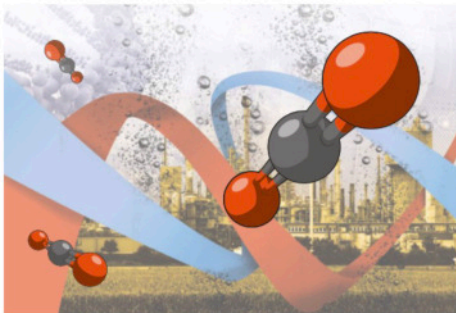
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Chemical CO₂ conversion processes								
Carbon Recycling International	Iceland	commercial	Grindavik	Iceland	in operation	4,000 t/a	2011	methanol
				Norway	planning	100,000 t/a	2021	
Nordic Blue Crude AS	Norway	commercial	Herøya	Norway	construction	8,000 t/a	2020	diesel, kerosene naphtha, wax
Rotterdam The Hague airport	The Netherlands	demonstration	Rotterdam	The Netherlands	planning	290,000 t/a		
Sunfire GmbH	Germany	demonstration	Dresden	Germany	in operation	> 3 t/a	2014	



Carbon dioxide (CO₂) as chemical feedstock for polymers – technologies, polymers, developers and producers

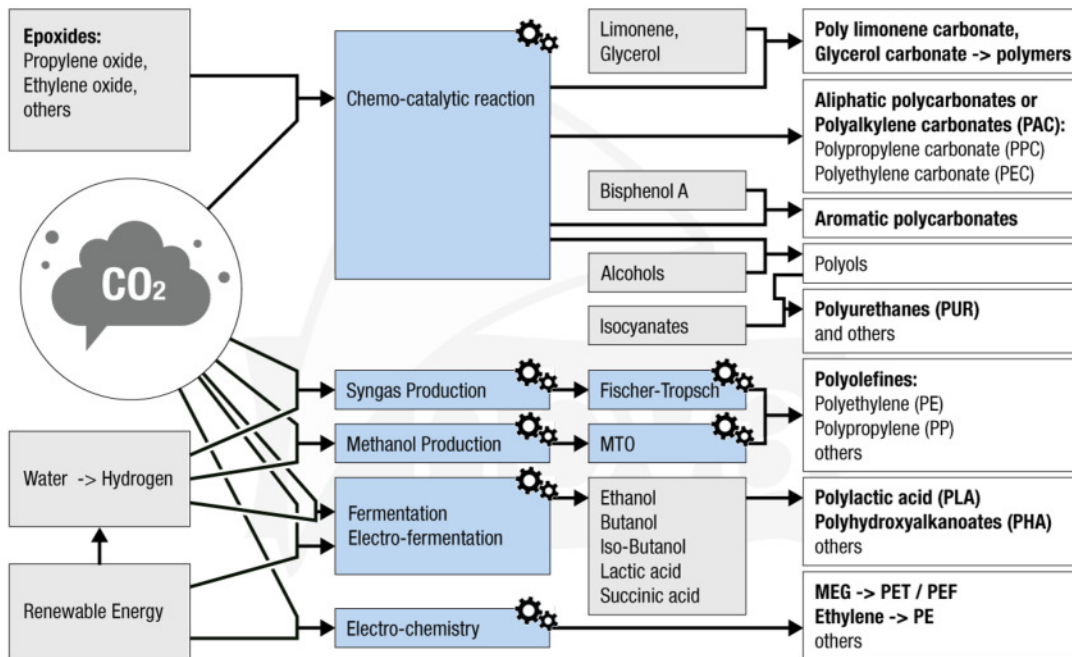


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Ways to Use CO₂ for Polymers



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Strategy 2020

**Renewable Carbon is the Key to a
Sustainable and Future-Oriented
Chemical and Plastic Industry**



Major threats and challenges to our planet are



- **Climate change and**
- **Biodiversity loss**





The main reason for climate change



- **75%: CO₂ emissions**
- **Mainly fossil CO₂ emissions from utilised crude oil, natural gas and coal**





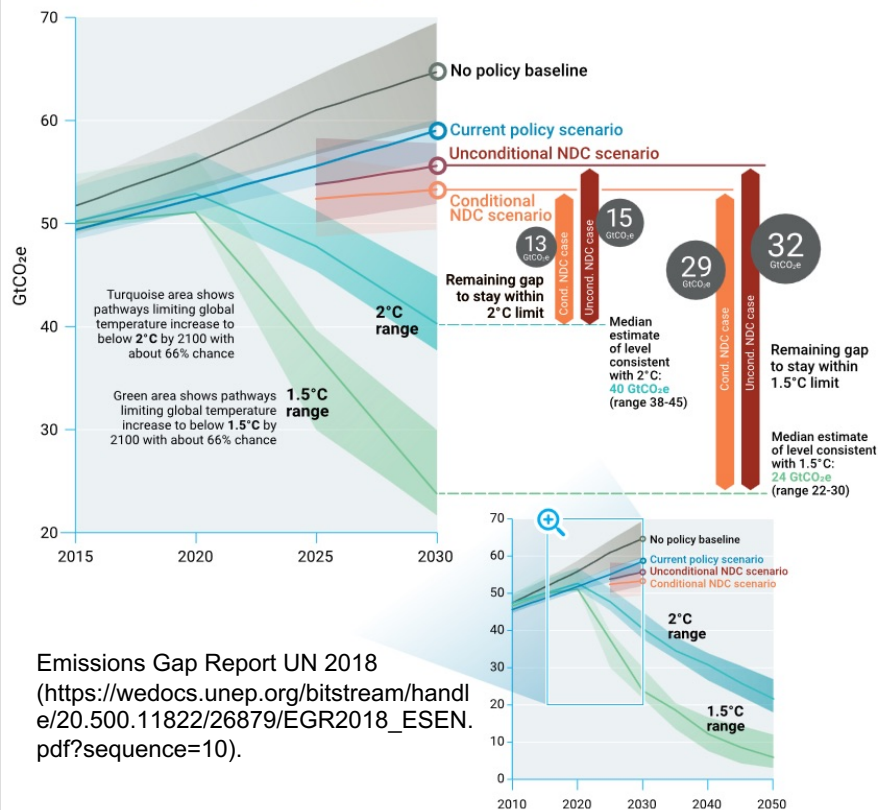
The main reasons for the biodiversity loss



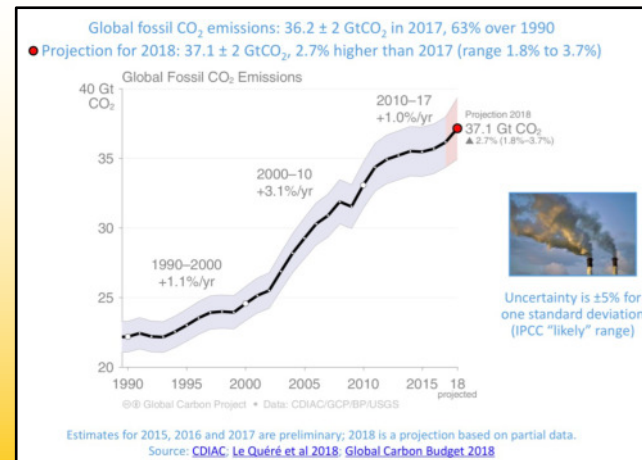
- **Climate change**, alongside factors like land degradation and habitat loss, is emerging as a top threat to wildlife around the globe. <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/climate-change-is-becoming-a-top-threat-to-biodiversity/>
- According to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, **climate change is likely to become one of the most significant drivers of biodiversity loss by the end of the century**. Climate change is already forcing biodiversity to adapt either through shifting habitat, changing life cycles, or the development of new physical traits. <https://www.cbd.int/climate/intro.shtml>
- By the end of the century, **climate change** and its impacts may be the **dominant direct driver of biodiversity loss** and changes in ecosystem services globally. <https://www.greenfacts.org/en/biodiversity/l-3/4-causes-desertification.htm>



Figure ES.3: Global greenhouse gas emissions under different scenarios and the emissions gap in 2030 (median estimate and tenth to ninetieth percentile range)



- All time record: **37 Gt fossil CO₂** emissions in 2018 (below)
- More than **50 Gt CO₂e** in 2018 (left)
- In 2030 (1.5 Grad C range): about **24 Gt CO₂e** are allowed (left)





STOP Fossil Carbon Use



Globally, a third of oil reserves, half of gas reserves and over 80 per cent of current coal reserves should remain unused from 2010 to 2050 in order to meet the target of 2°C.

McGlade & Ekins 2015: The geographical distribution of fossil fuels unused when limiting global warming to 2°C. Nature 2015; 517:187–190.

- Only a **full phase-out of fossil carbon** will help prevent a further increase in CO₂ concentrations.
- All of the **fossil carbon extracted from the ground** will sooner or later be **released into the atmosphere** where the CO₂ concentration will go up as a consequence.





“Renewable Energy”

Decarbonisation of the Energy Sector



There is a clear and more or less consistent Energy Policy to a 100% renewable energy system based on **solar, wind, hydro** and other renewable energies.

Apart from bioenergy, bio- and CO₂-based fuels, all of these deserve the term “**decarbonisation**”.

Green electricity and **green hydrogen** for the **energy** and **fuel sector**.



"Renewable Carbon" for a Sustainable Chemical and Plastic Industry



There is no corresponding policy or strategy for the material sector, especially for the chemical and plastic industry.

The term **decarbonisation** is **sheer nonsense** for organic chemistry, which is based on carbon. It is used out of lack of knowledge and as a direct analogue to the energy field. We should NEVER use it in this context!

But the term is not only nonsense, it is even risky because it avoids the **question of the "right" carbon sources**.

And this is exactly what we have to provide. We need a future oriented renewable carbon strategy. And there are only three sources of renewable carbon.



RENEWABLE CARBON





Renewable Carbon is the Key



Definition

Renewable Carbon means all carbon sources that **avoid or substitute any additional fossil carbon from the geosphere**. Renewable Carbon can come from the atmosphere, biosphere or technosphere – but not from the geosphere. Renewable carbon circulates between atmosphere, biosphere and technosphere.



There are only three sources of renewable carbon



- Renewable carbon from **recycling** of already existing plastics and other organic chemistry products, from the *Technosphere*
- Renewable carbon gained from all types of **biomass**, from the *Biosphere*
- Renewable carbon from **direct CO₂ utilisation**, from the *Technosphere* and *Atmosphere*



The equivalent to decarbonisation in the energy sector is a transition to renewable carbon in the chemical and plastics industries.



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