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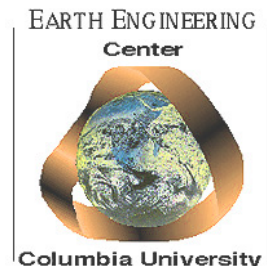


Sustainable Energy Conversion of Solid Wastes with Integrated In-Situ Carbon Sequestration

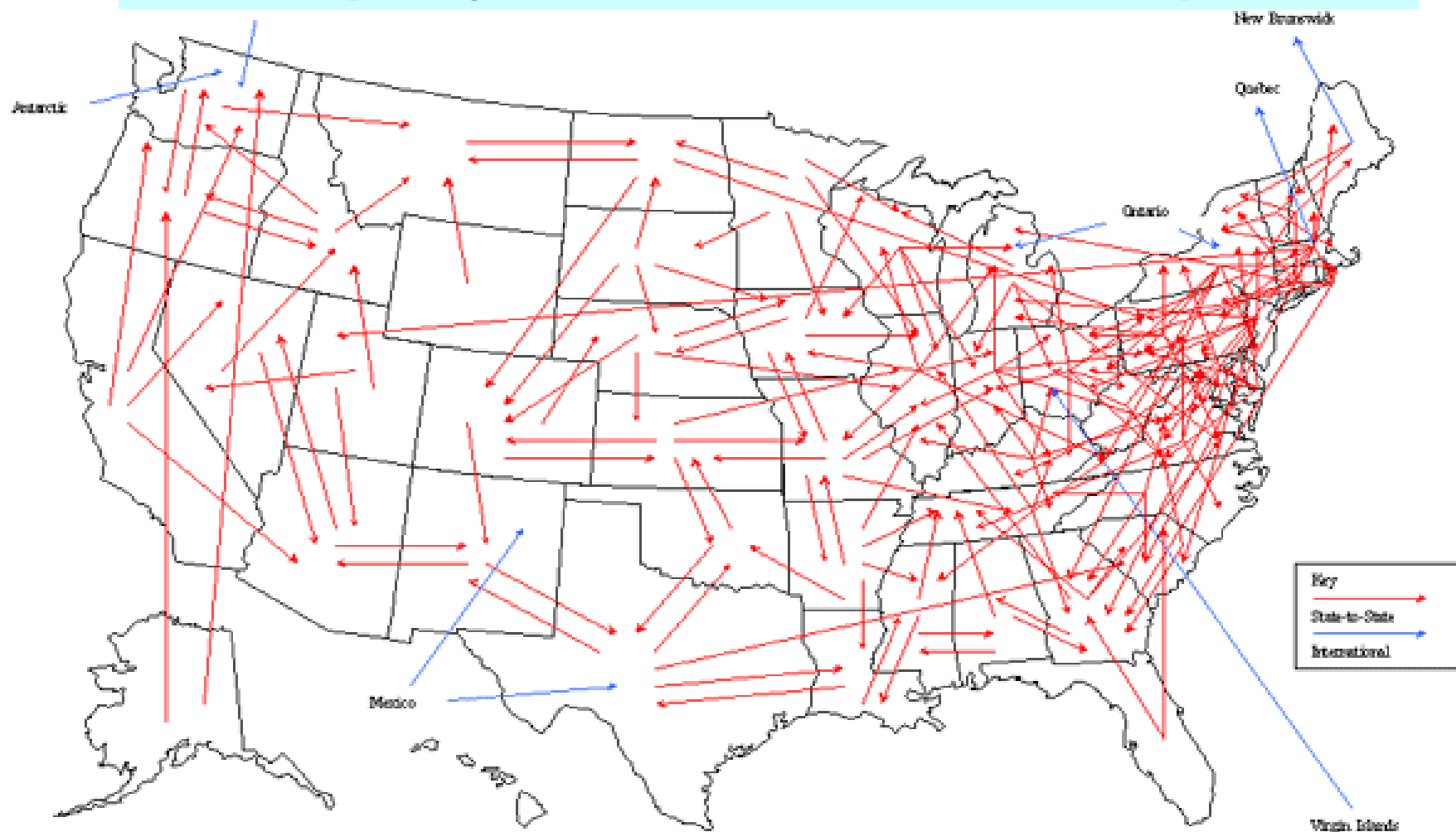
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Interstate Transport of Municipal Solid Wastes (Congressional Research Service)



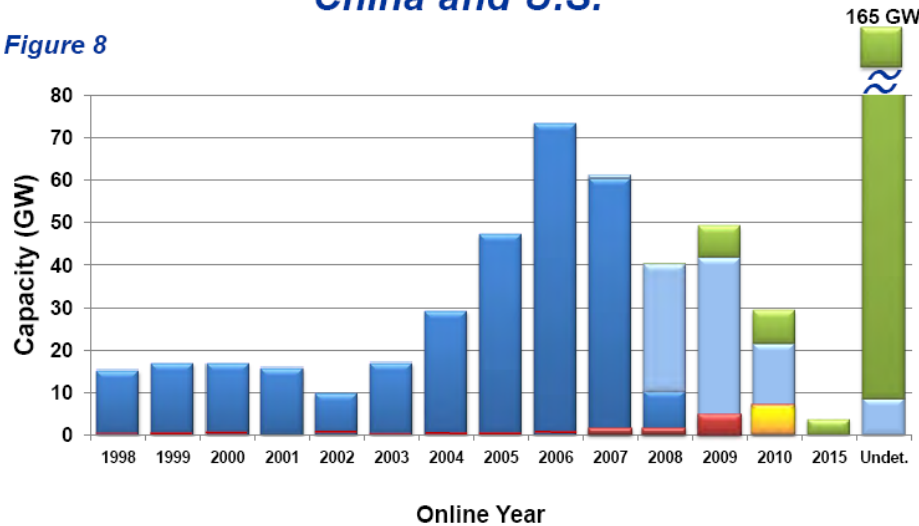
Interstate Shipment of Municipal Solid Waste in 2002 (CRS, 2002)

Note: Map does not include transactions with the District of Columbia.

Coal-fired Power Plants

**Coal-Fired Build Rate
China and U.S.**

Figure 8

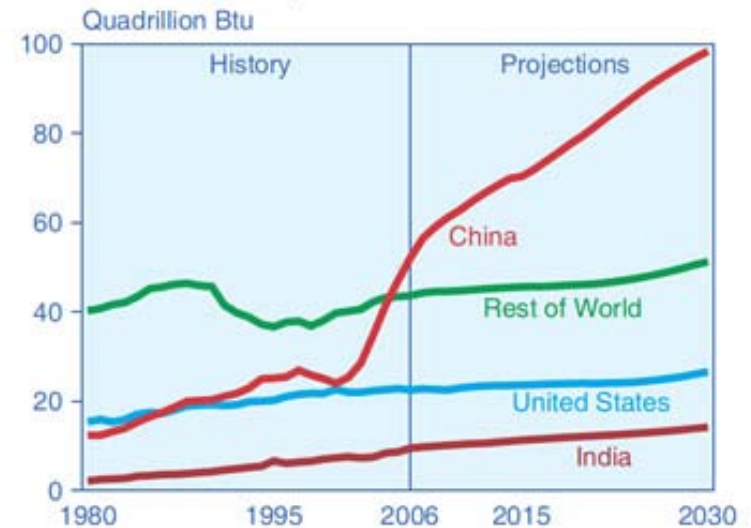


China: ■ Operational ■ Under Construction ■ Planned
U.S.: ■ Operational ■ Under Construction

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Source: Platts - UDI Database - December 2008
 Ventyx - Velocity Suite 1/8/2010

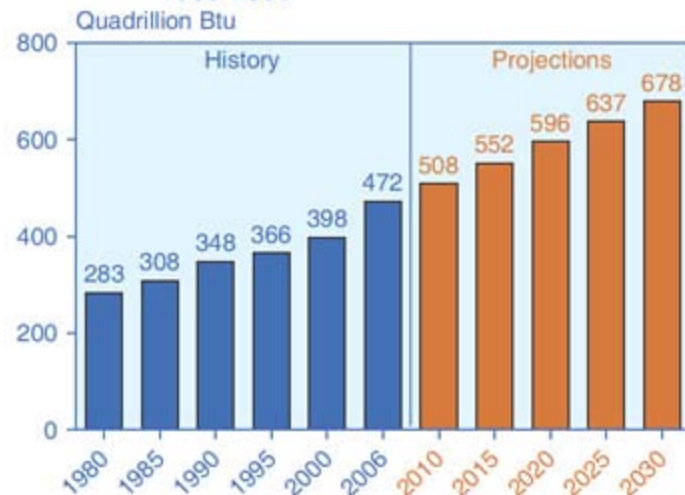
Figure 15. Coal Consumption in Selected World Regions, 1980-2030



Sources: **History:** Energy Information Administration (EIA), *International Energy Annual 2006* (June-December 2008), web site www.eia.doe.gov/iea. **Projections:** EIA, *World Energy Projections Plus* (2009).

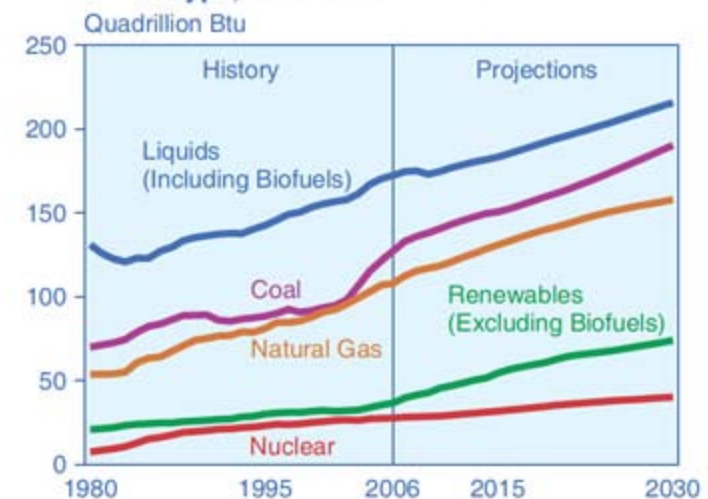
Projected Global Energy Demand & Supply

Figure 10. World Marketed Energy Consumption, 1980-2030



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Figure 14. World Marketed Energy Use by Fuel Type, 1980-2030

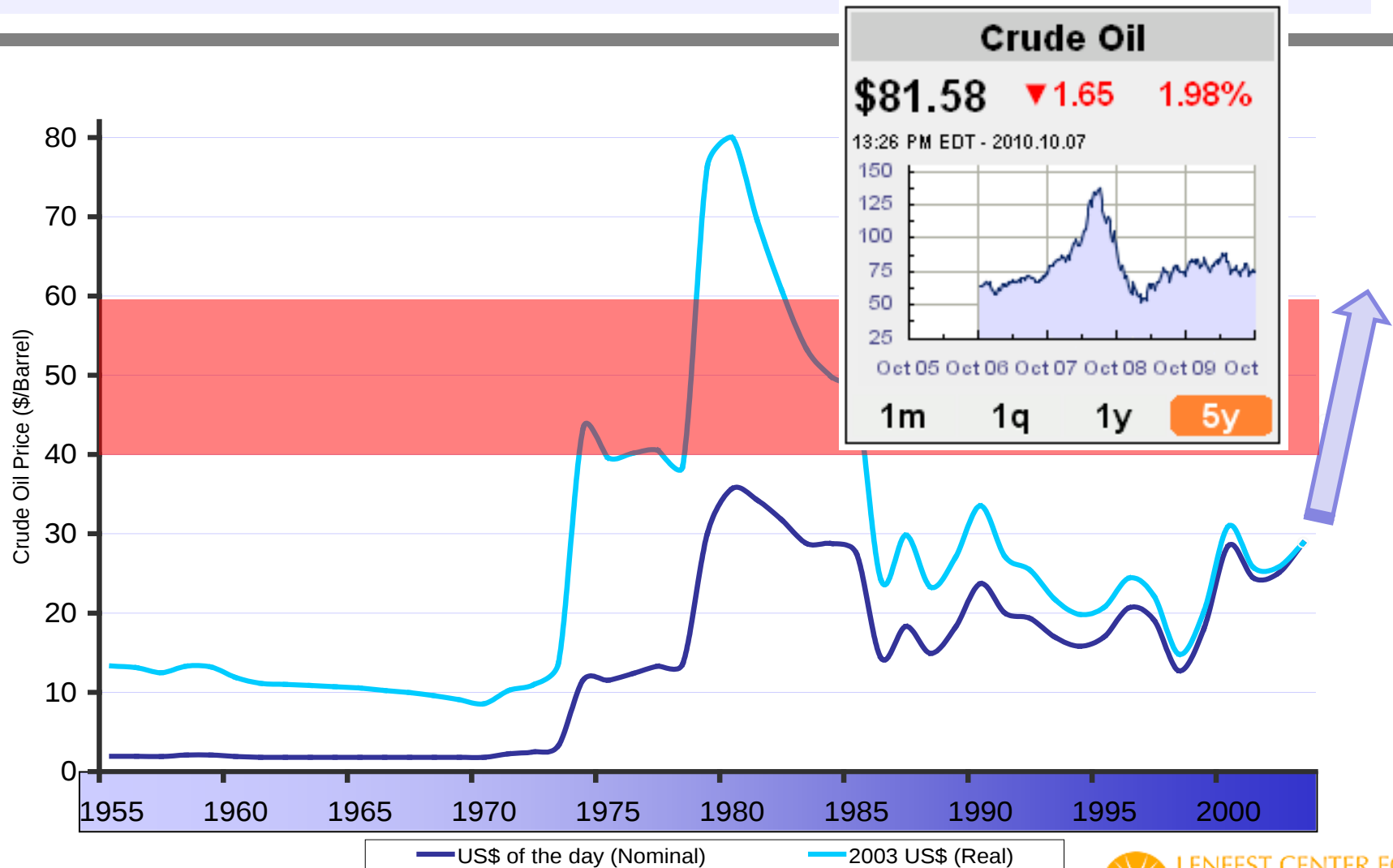


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The world energy demand is projected to increase by over 40% in the next two decades

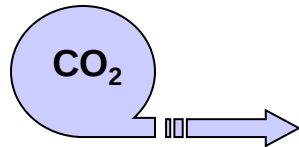
Fossil Fuels will remain the dominant source

Petroleum-based vs. Synthetic Liquid Fuels



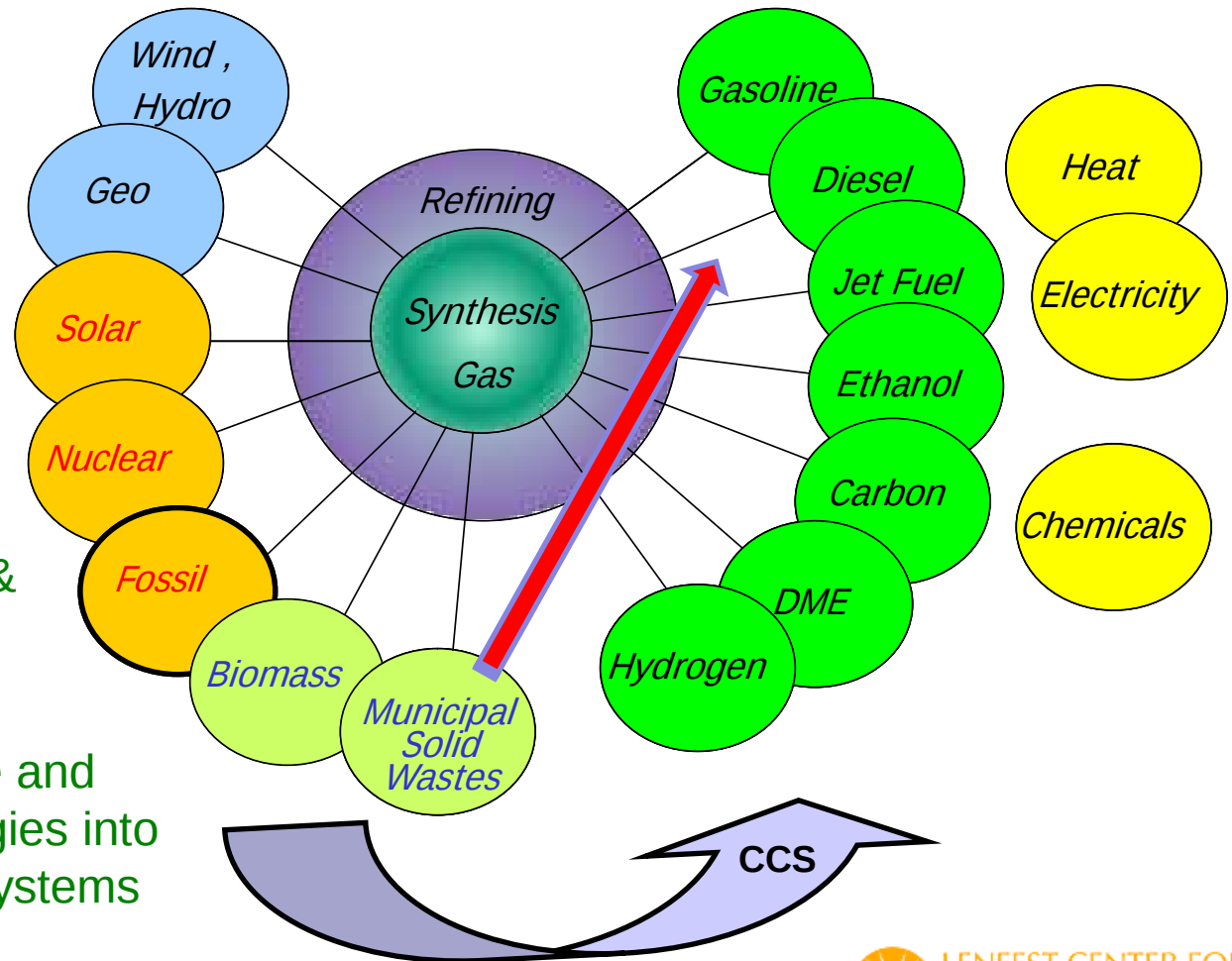
Our Research Goals

Use domestic energy sources to achieve energy independence with environmental sustainability

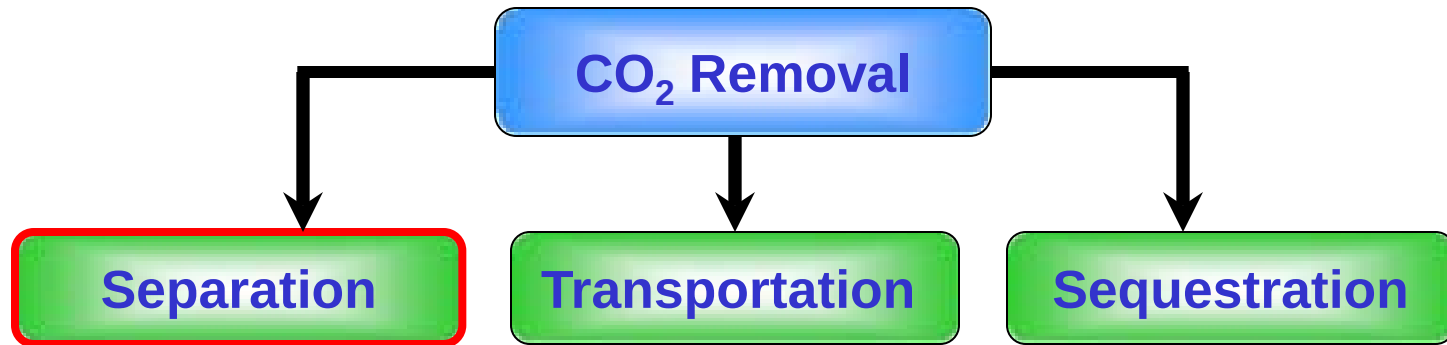


Use carbon neutral energy sources such as biomass & MSW

Integrate carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies into the energy conversion systems



Carbon Dioxide Sequestration Options

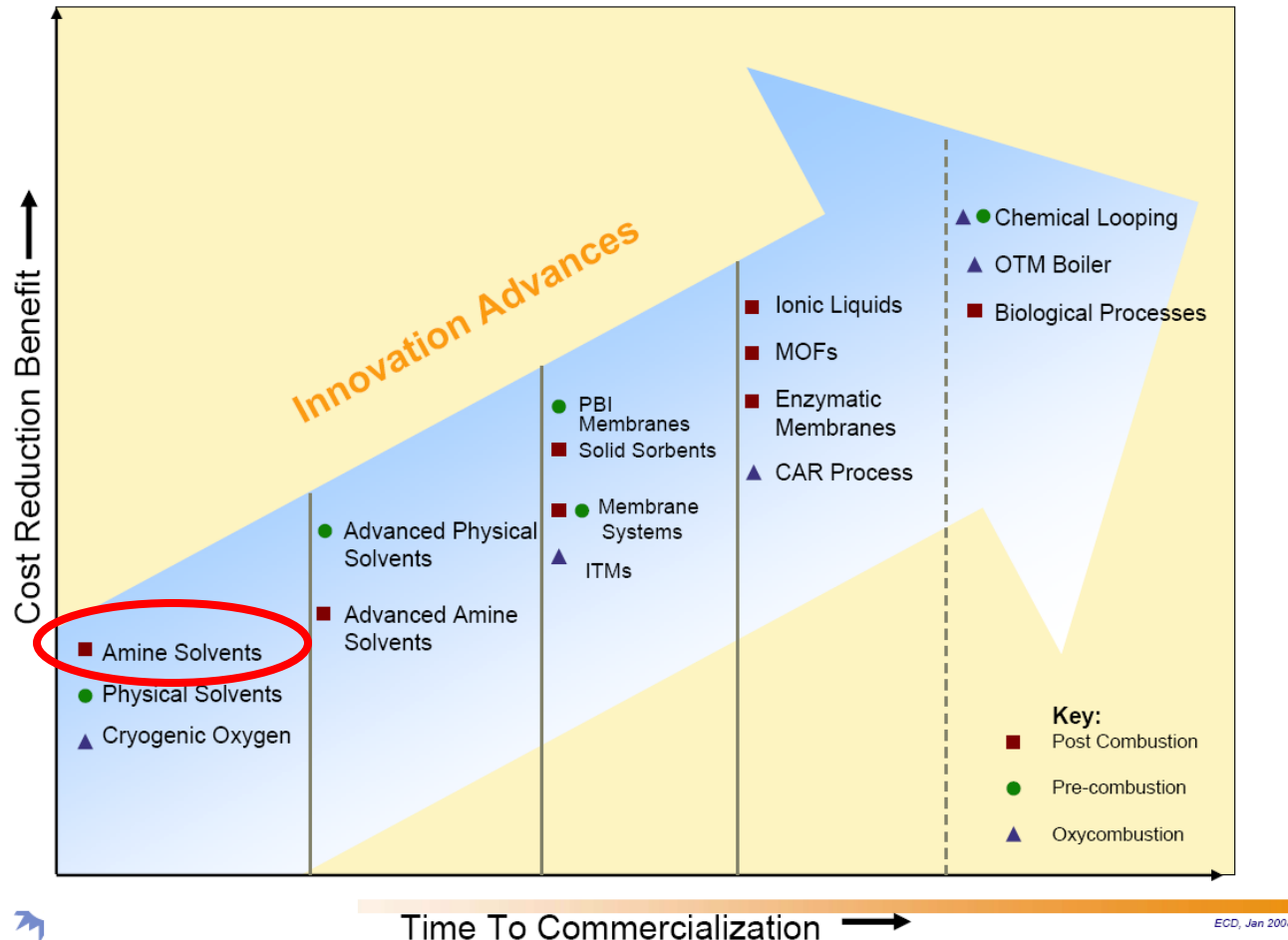


- Necessary Characteristics
 - Capacity and price
 - Environmentally benign fate
 - Stability

Carbon Capture

- **From concentrated sources**
 - Physical and chemical absorption and adsorption, Cryogenic separation, membrane separation, reaction-based sorbent injection
 - Oxyfuel combustion
 - **Integrated Carbon Capture Technologies:** ZECA, HyPr-Ring process, ALSTOM process, GE fuel-flexible process, Calcium looping process, Coal-direct chemical looping reforming process and Syngas redox process, Membrane process
- **From diffuse sources**

Carbon Capture Schemes



- From concentrated sources vs. diffuse sources
- Integrated Carbon Capture Technologies

Carbon Capture

- Most widely employed CO₂ capture method is using

amine-based absorption
(Amine Scrubbing)

- Concerns with Amine Scrubbing Technology

1. High parasitic energy penalty
2. High cost - capital and operating
3. Corrosion & degradation (due to SO₂, O₂, particulate, etc)
4. High vapor pressure leads to fugitive emissions

Typical Amine Scrubbing Process

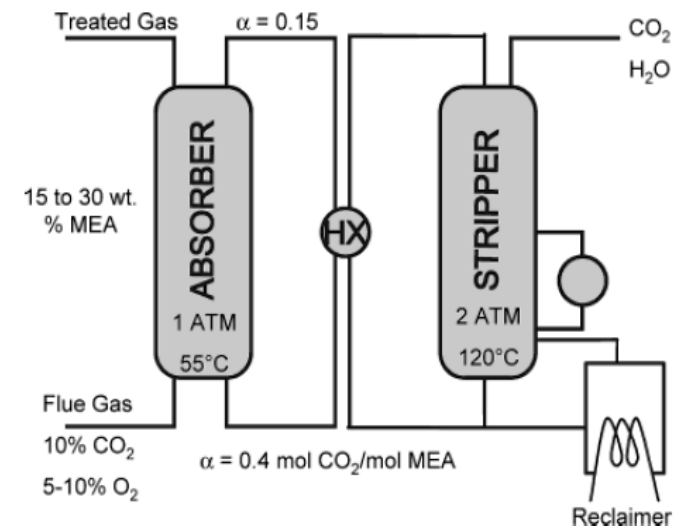
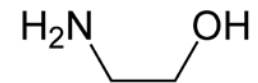


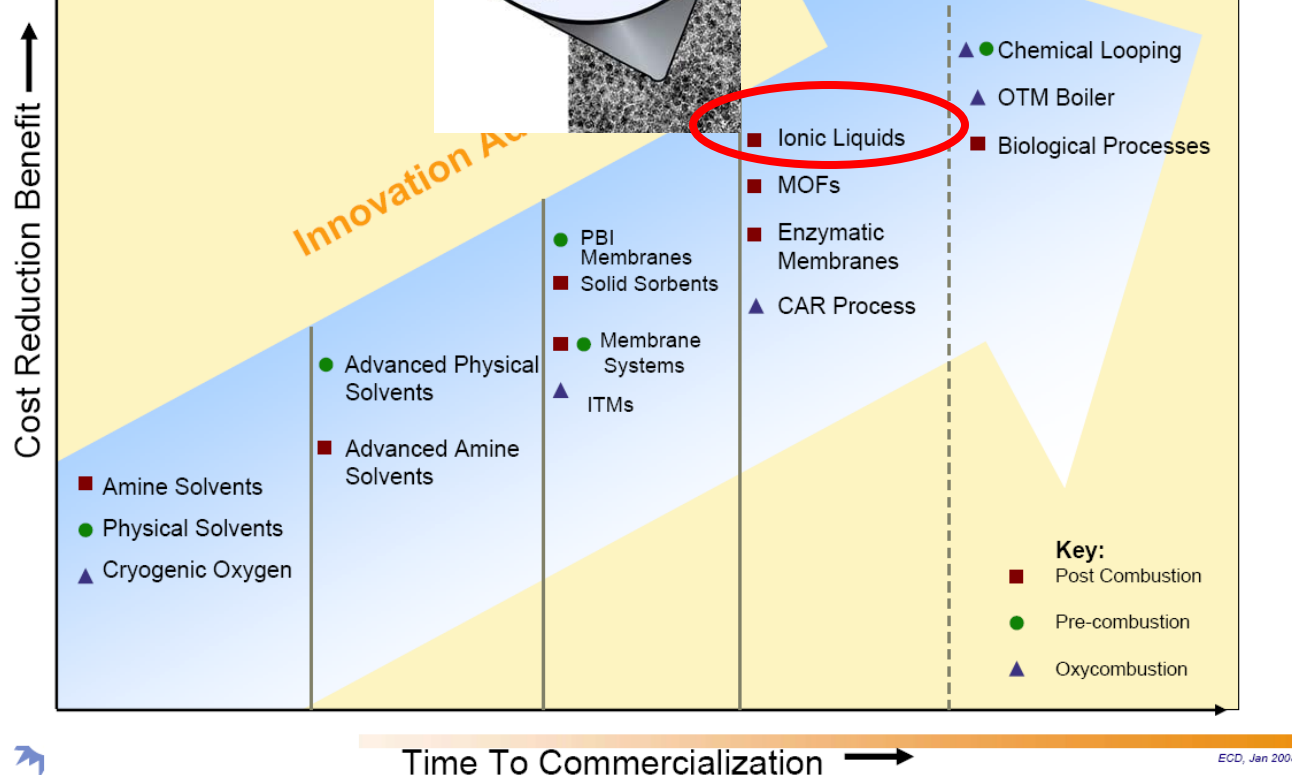
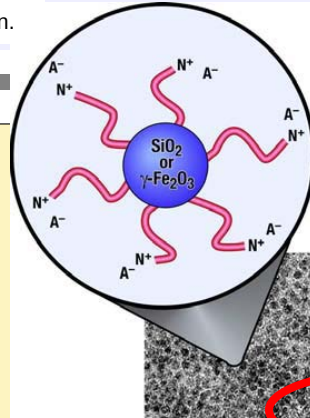
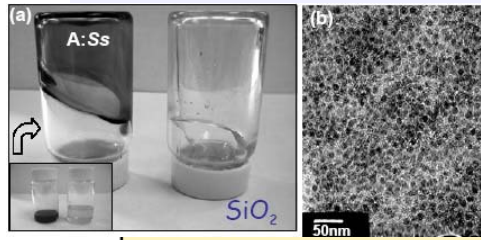
Figure 1. Process flow diagram for a typical MEA CO₂ capture process.

(Goff et al., *Ind. Eng. Chem. Res.* 2004)



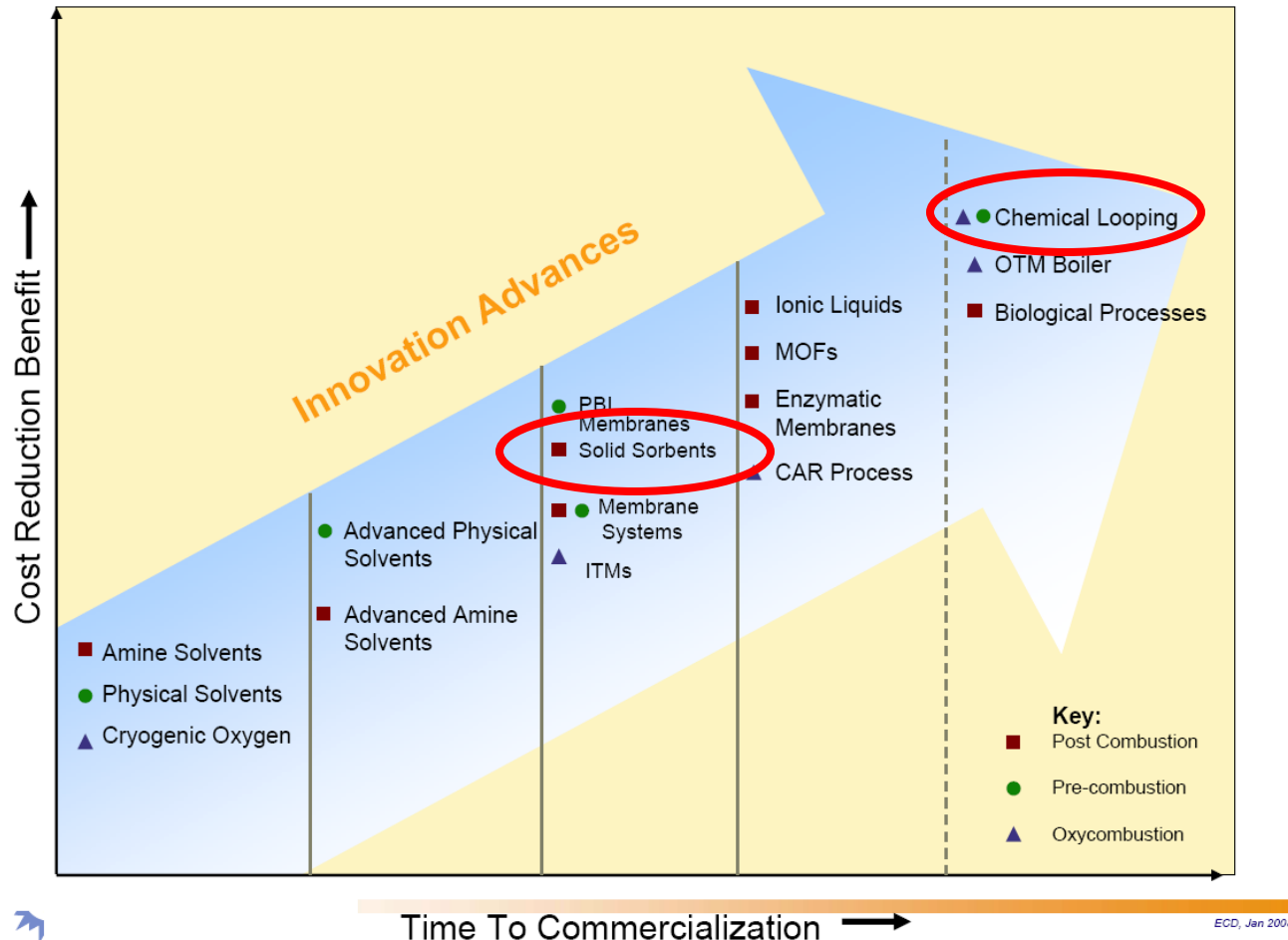
Carbon Capture Schemes

Liquid NIMS comprised of 14 nm SiO_2 particle core, a tertiary amine, $(\text{CH}_3\text{O})_3\text{Si}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{N}^+(\text{CH}_3)(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{21})_2$, corona and an organic sulfonate $(\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{27}(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_7\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{SO}_3^-)$ [Ss] counterion.



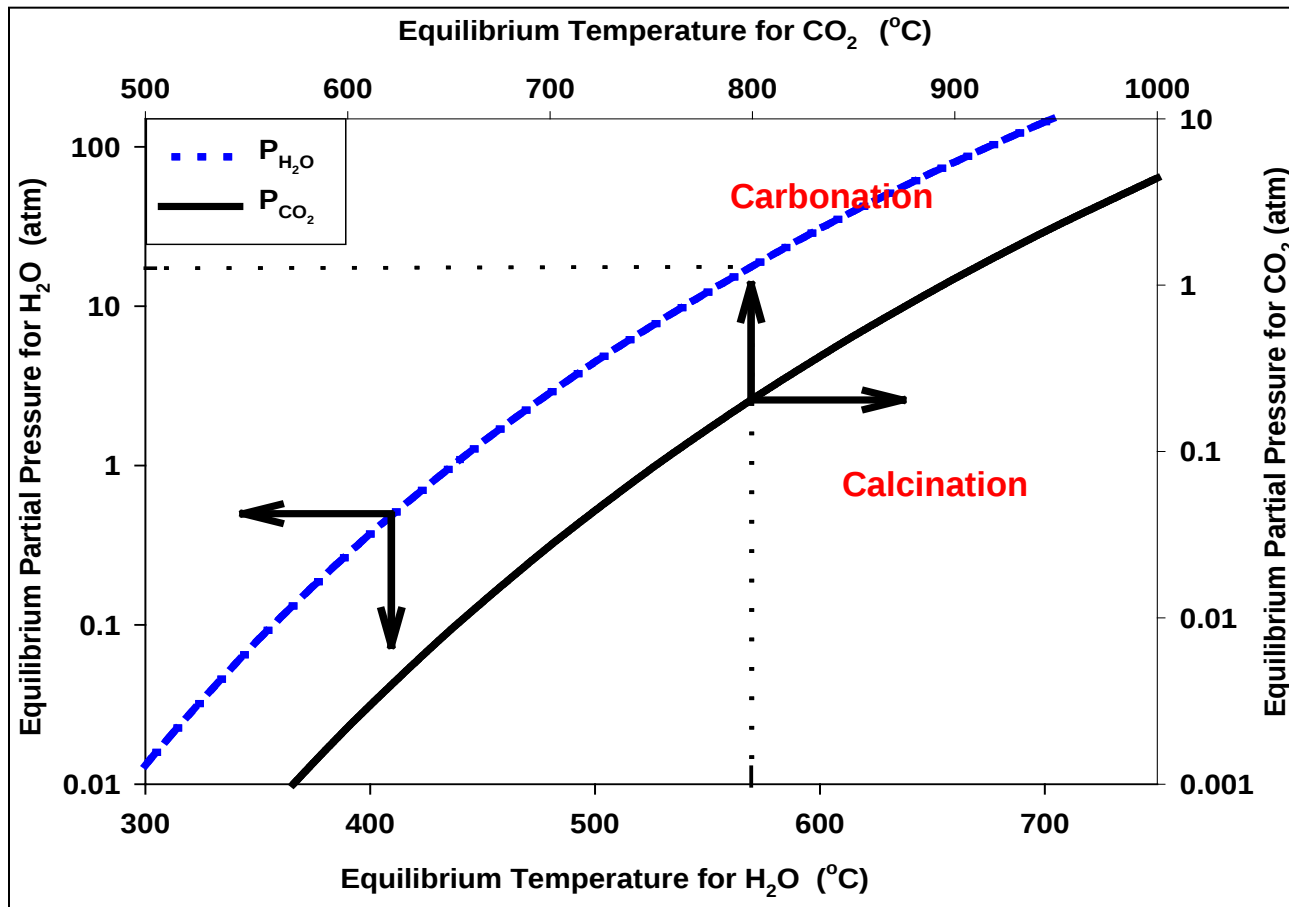
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Carbon Capture Schemes



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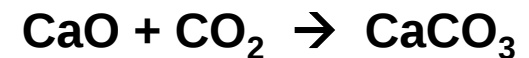
High Temperature Sorbent Injection Carbonation and Calcination Cycle



Regenerable PCC



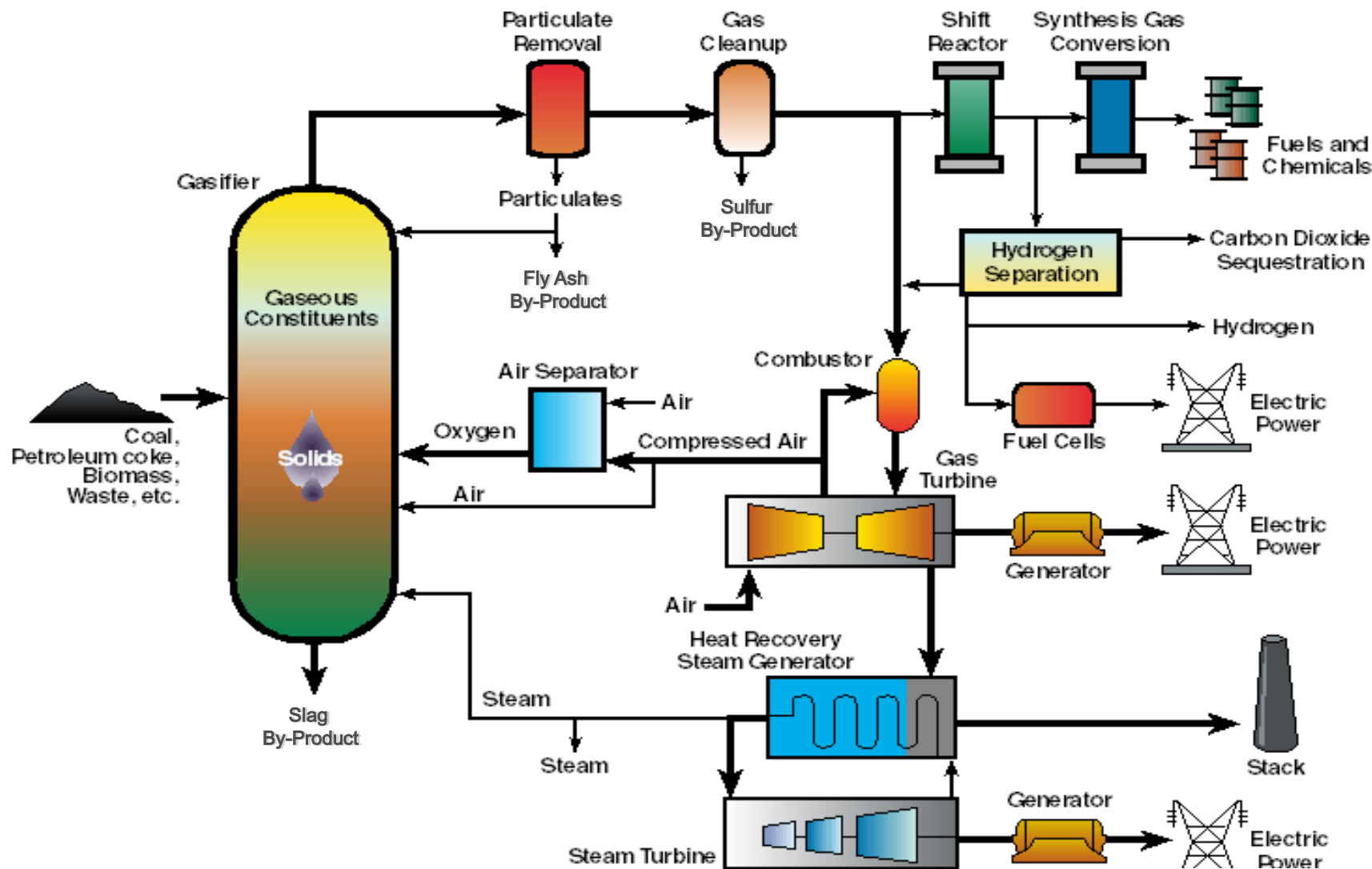
Carbonation



Calcination



Gasification-Based Energy Production System Concepts



Alternative Energy Sources

Synthetic Fuel Options

Fermentation of sugars/cellulose

→ Ethanol

Esterification of oils/fats

→ Biodiesel

Gasification of any organic material

→ Hydrocarbon fuel

MSW Facts

Plastic Waste in the US

12% of landfilled waste

< 1% in 1960

Recovery

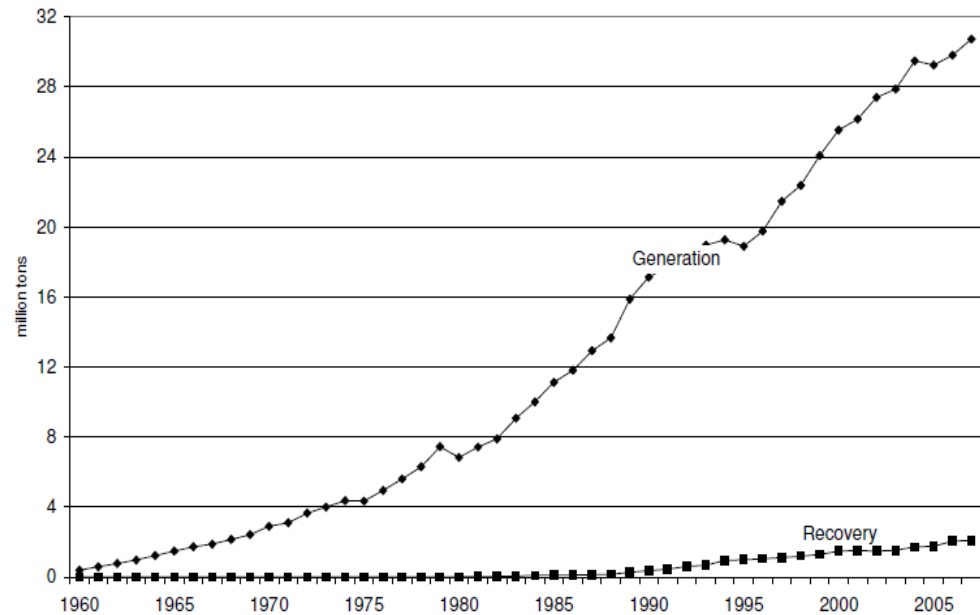
6.8% overall recycled

36.6% PET

28% HDPE



Plastics generation and recovery, 1960 to 2007

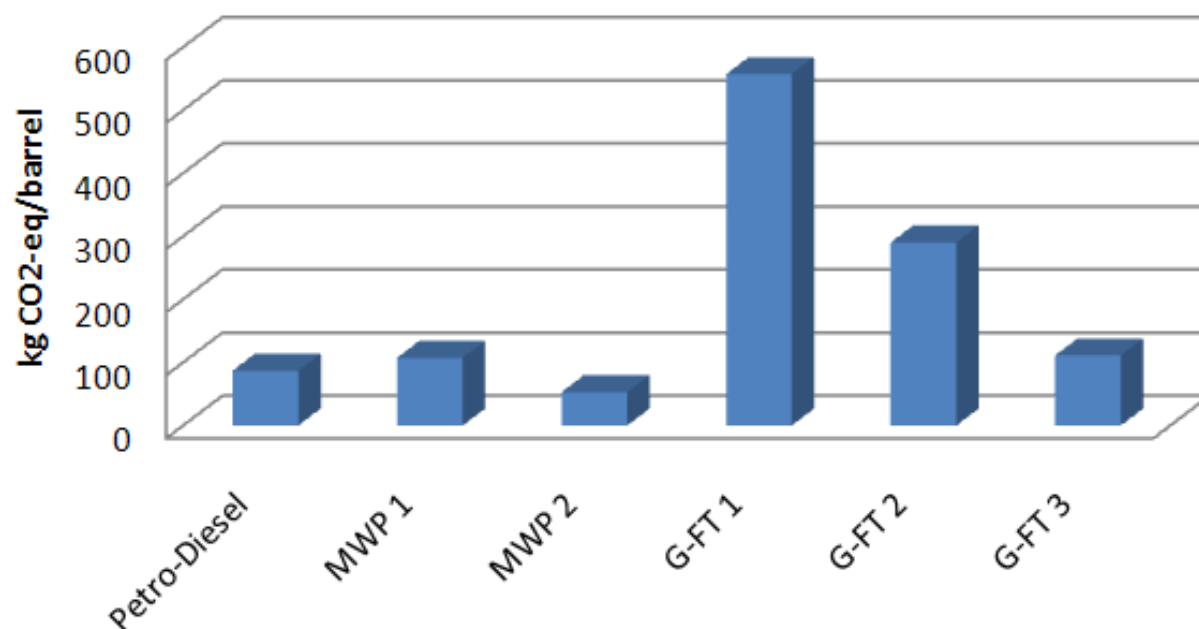


(EPA 2007)

- Need for liquid hydrocarbon fuels
- Embodied energy in waste
- Oil is a non-renewable resource
- Politically instability

GHG Emissions

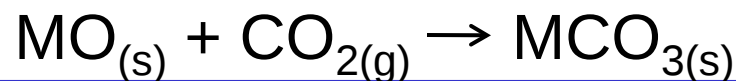
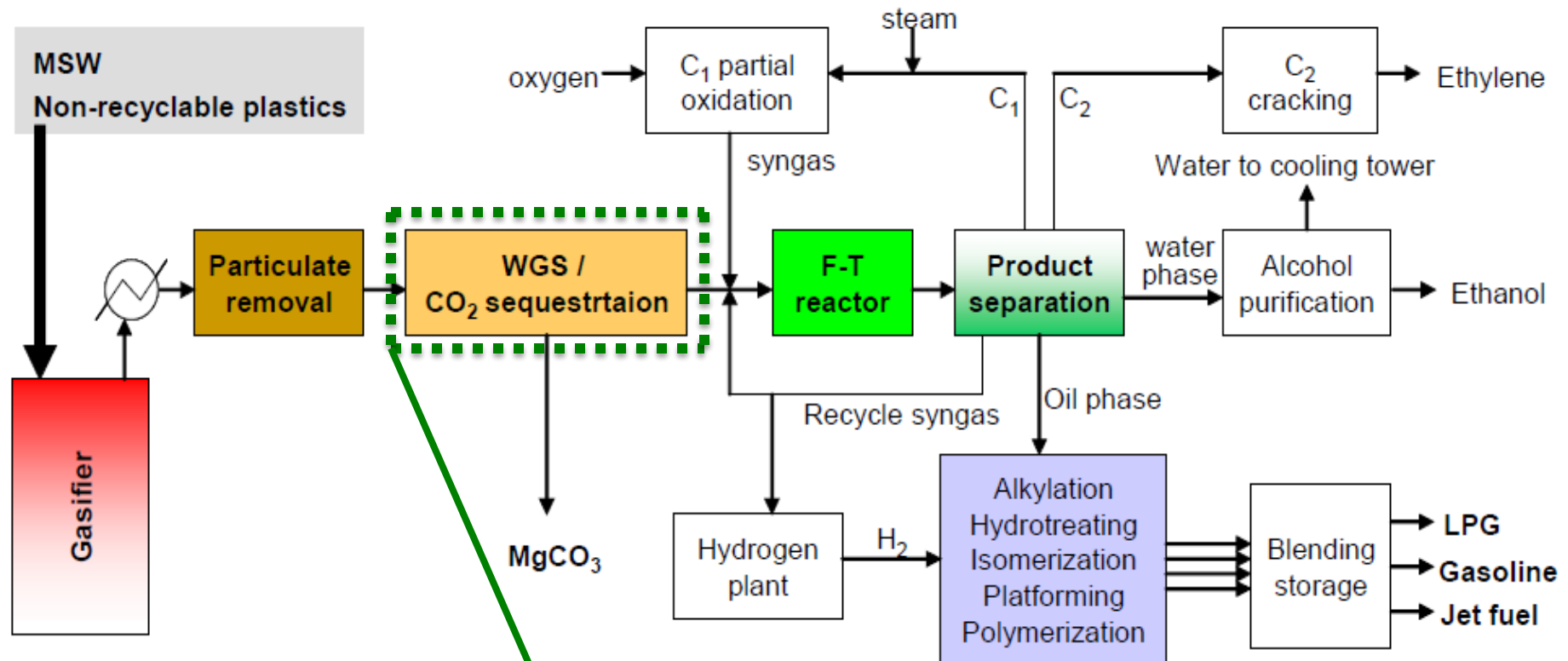
GHG Emissions from Processing Select Fuels



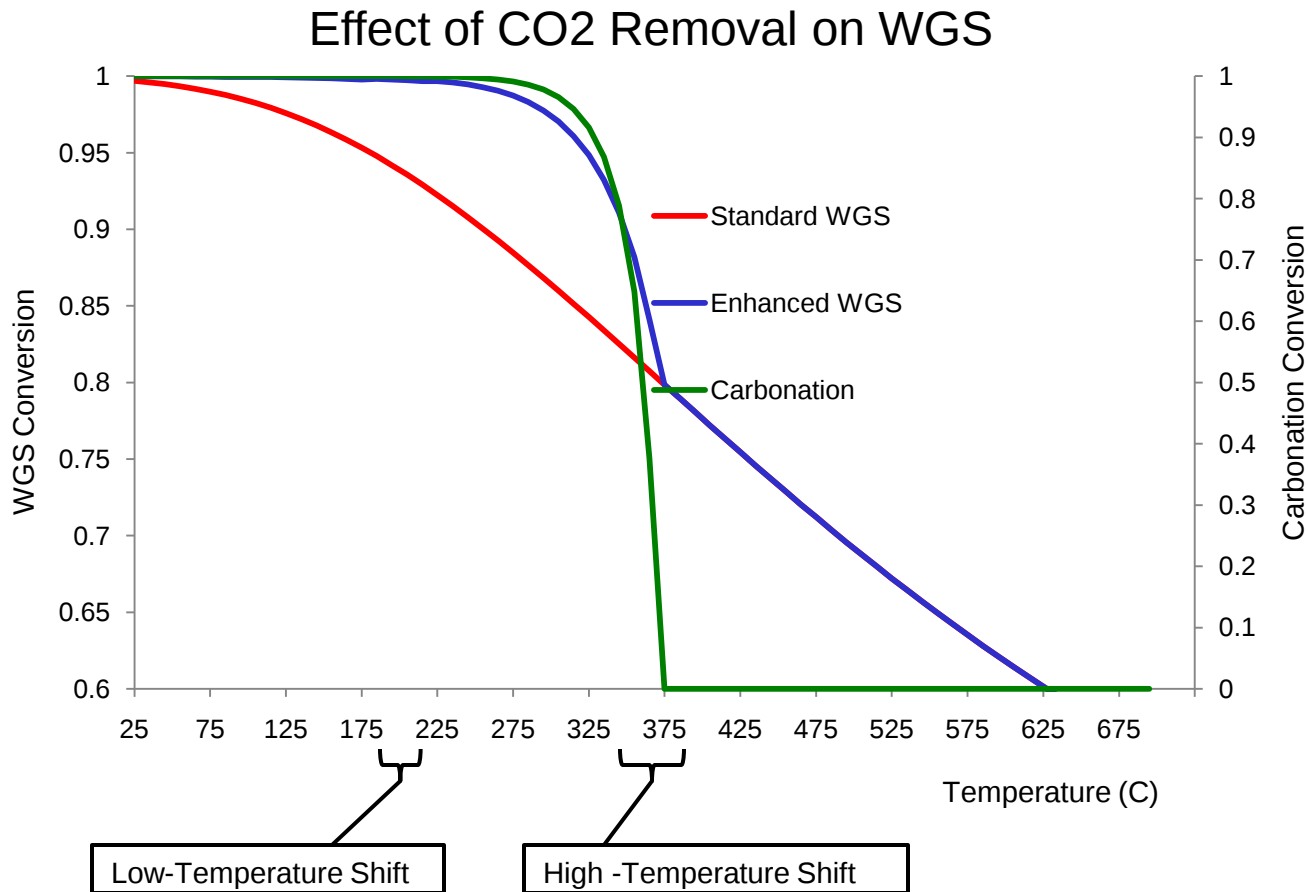
GHG Emissions in thousand t CO₂-eq/y

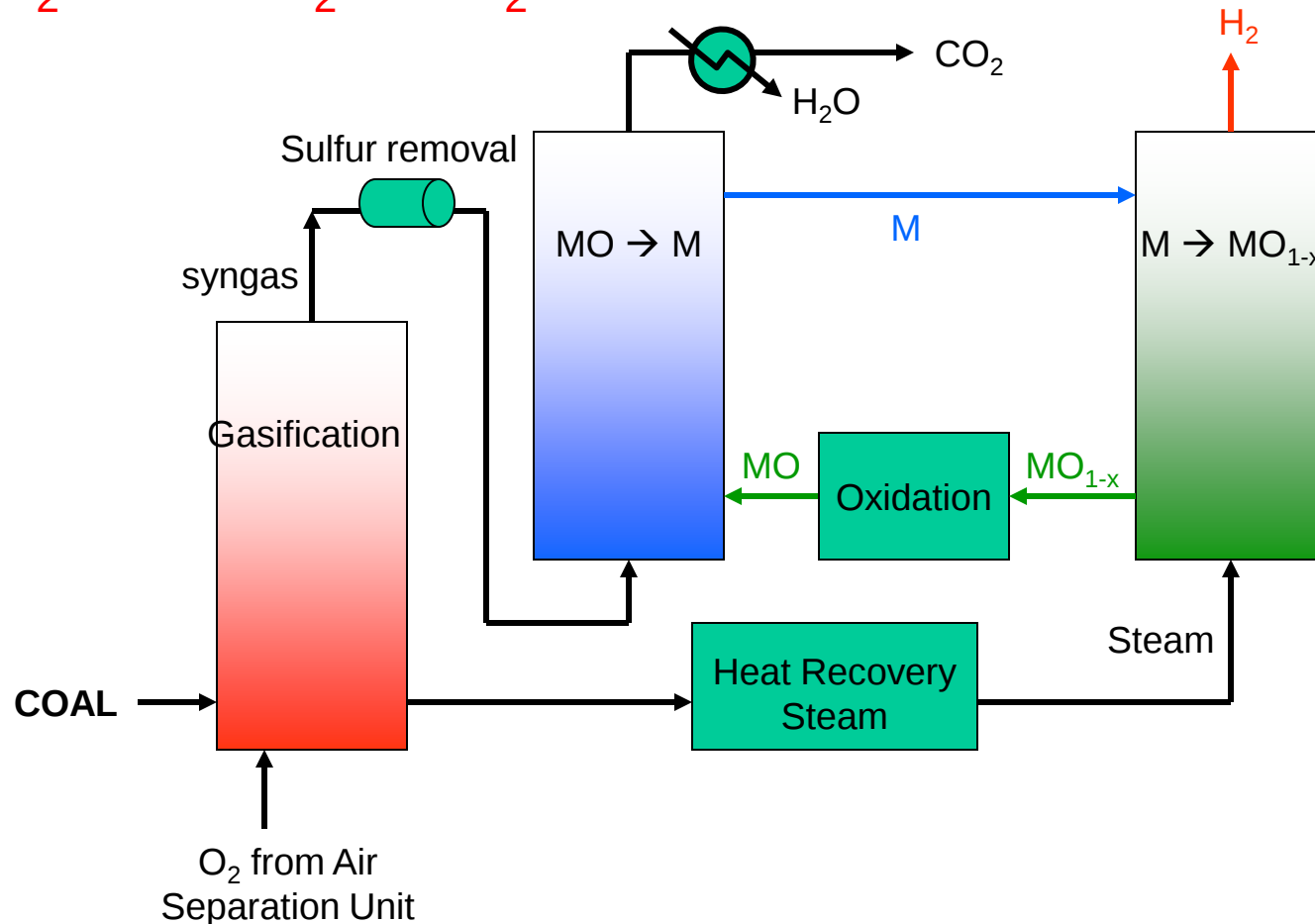
	Lower bound	Upper Bound
MWP 1	4.4	274
MWP 2	2.2	135
G-FT 1	5.6	350
G-FT 2	2.9	180
G-FT 3	1.1	69

Big Picture



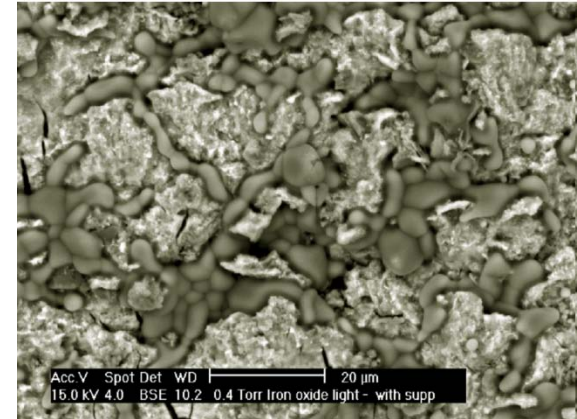
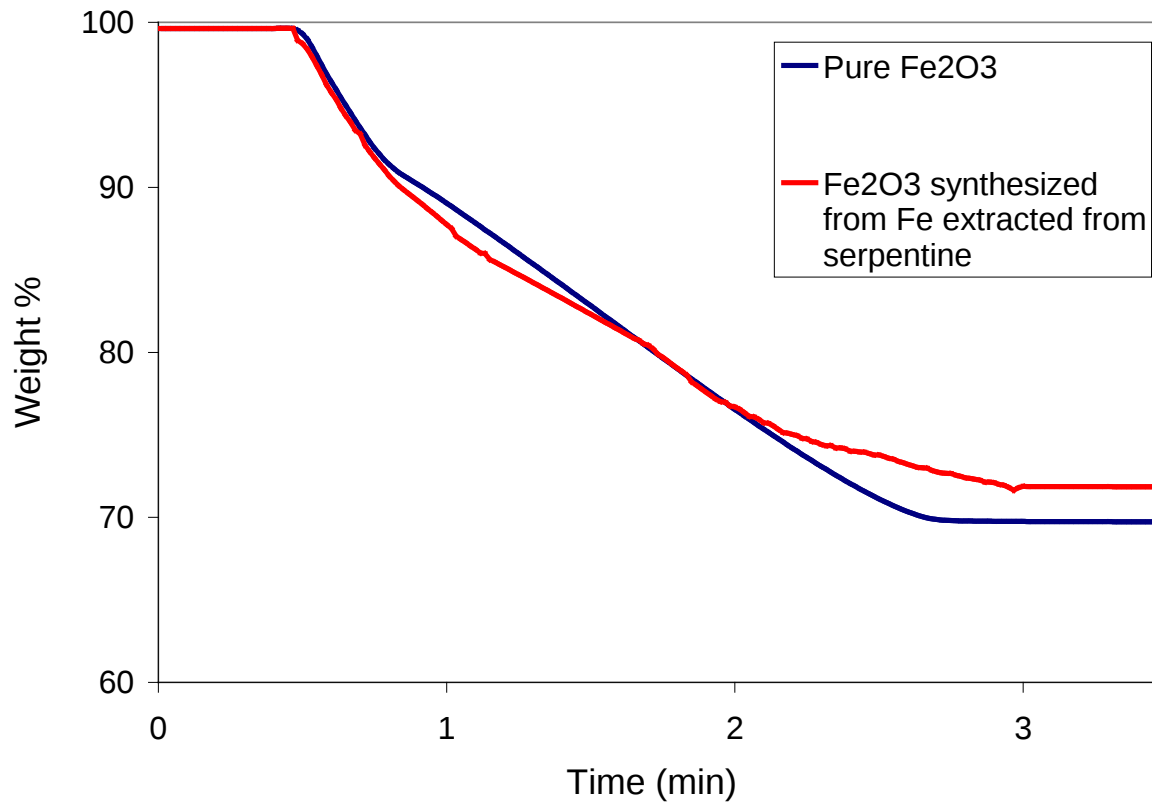
Process Integration





Schematic of Chemical Looping process for hydrogen production: U.S.
Provisional Patent Series No. 11/010,648 (2004) – (Fan's group at OSU)

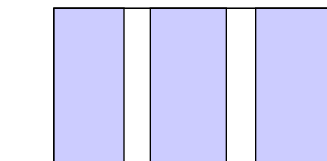
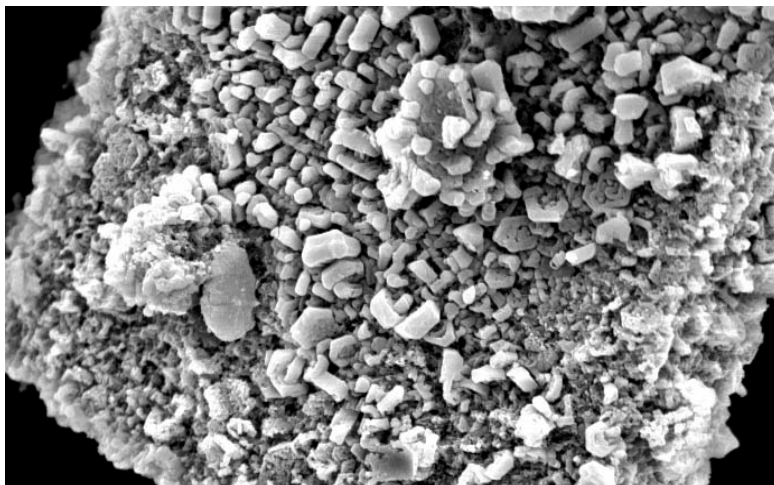
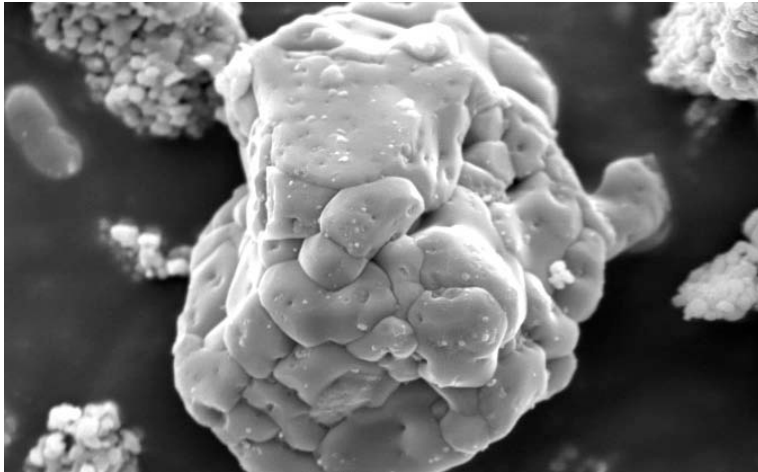
Reduction of Iron-based Sorbents (under H_2 condition)



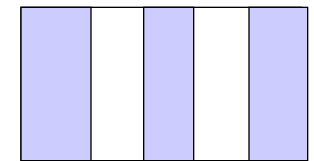
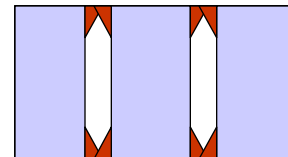
Precipitated with
the presence of support



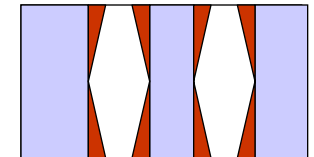
Engineered Particles



Micropores
(<2 nm)



Mesopores
($2-50$ nm)



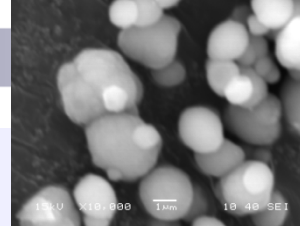
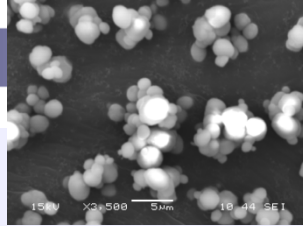
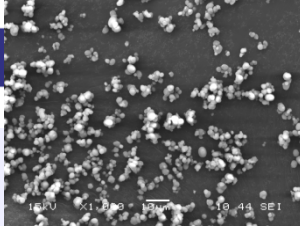
Pore pluggage and Pore Mouth Closure

Precipitated calcium carbonate (PCC)
– CaCO_3

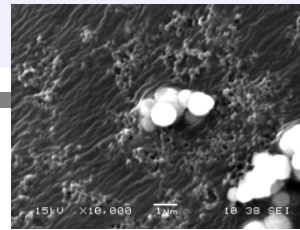
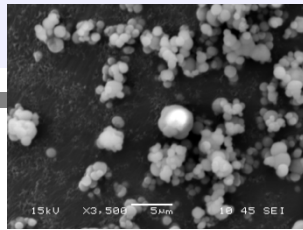
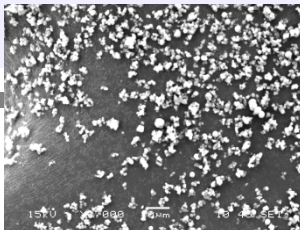
Effect of pH on PCC synthesis

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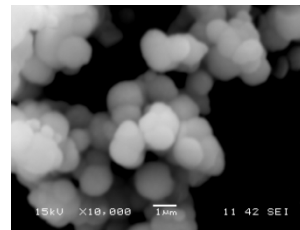
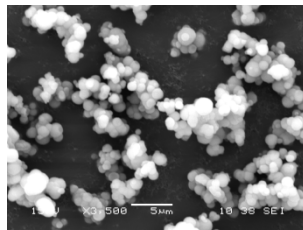
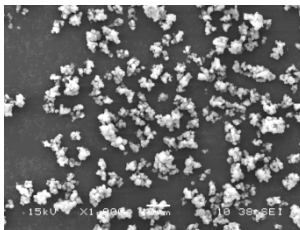
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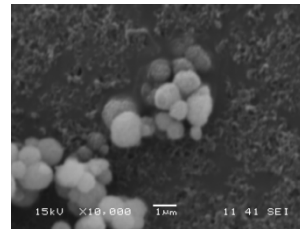
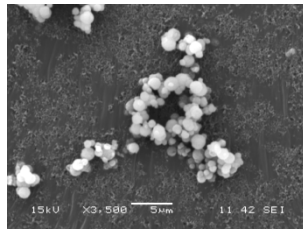
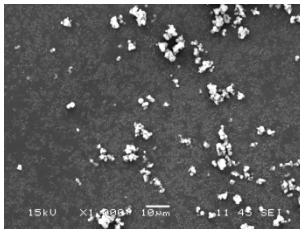
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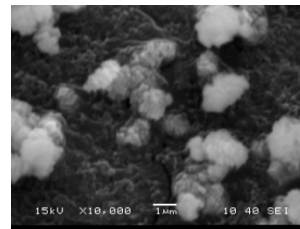
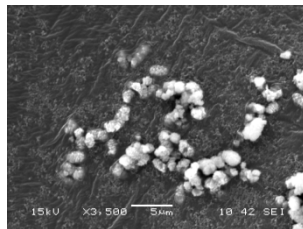
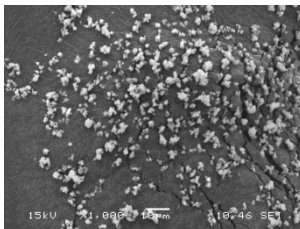
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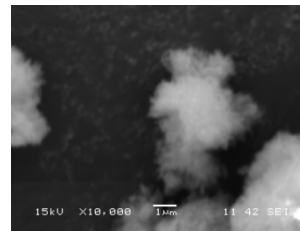
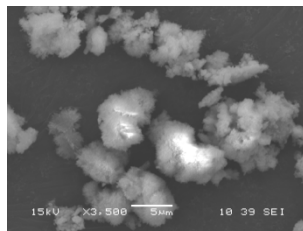
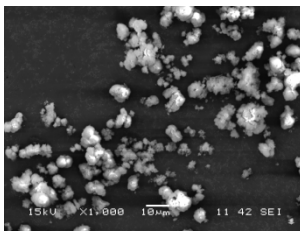
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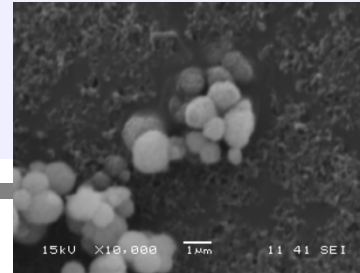
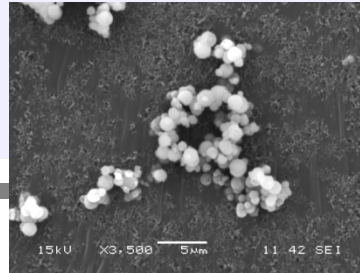
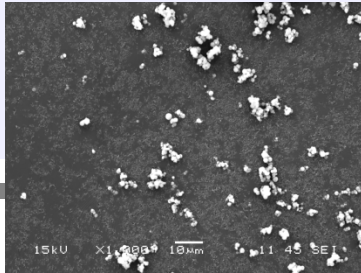
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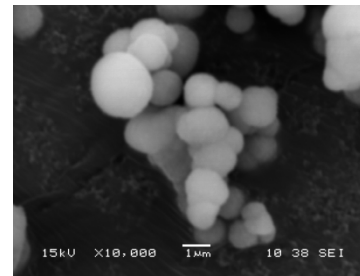
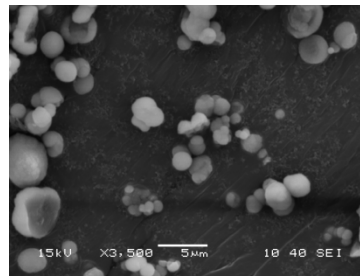
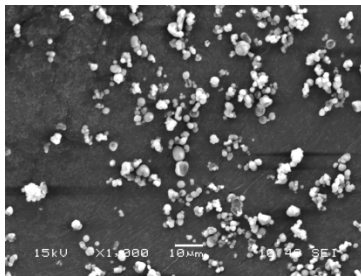
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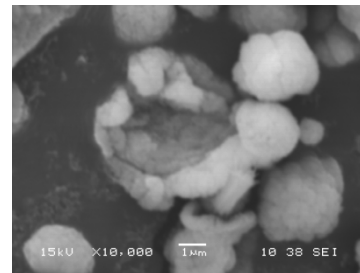
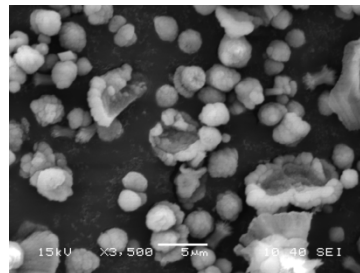
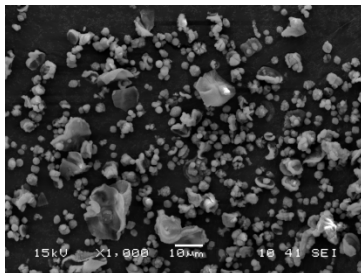
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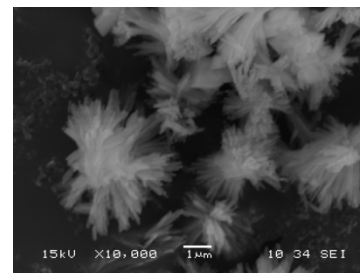
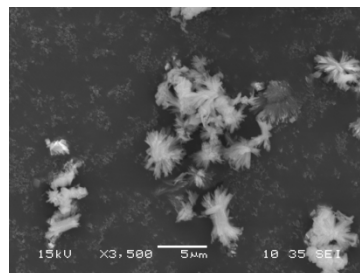
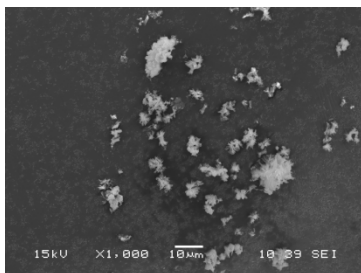
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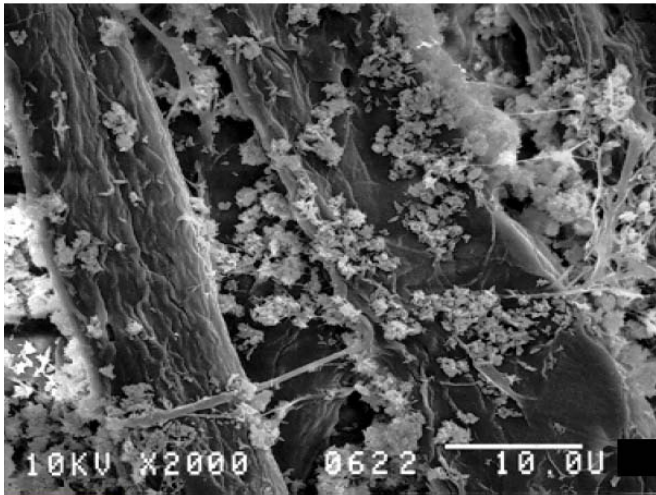
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80°C



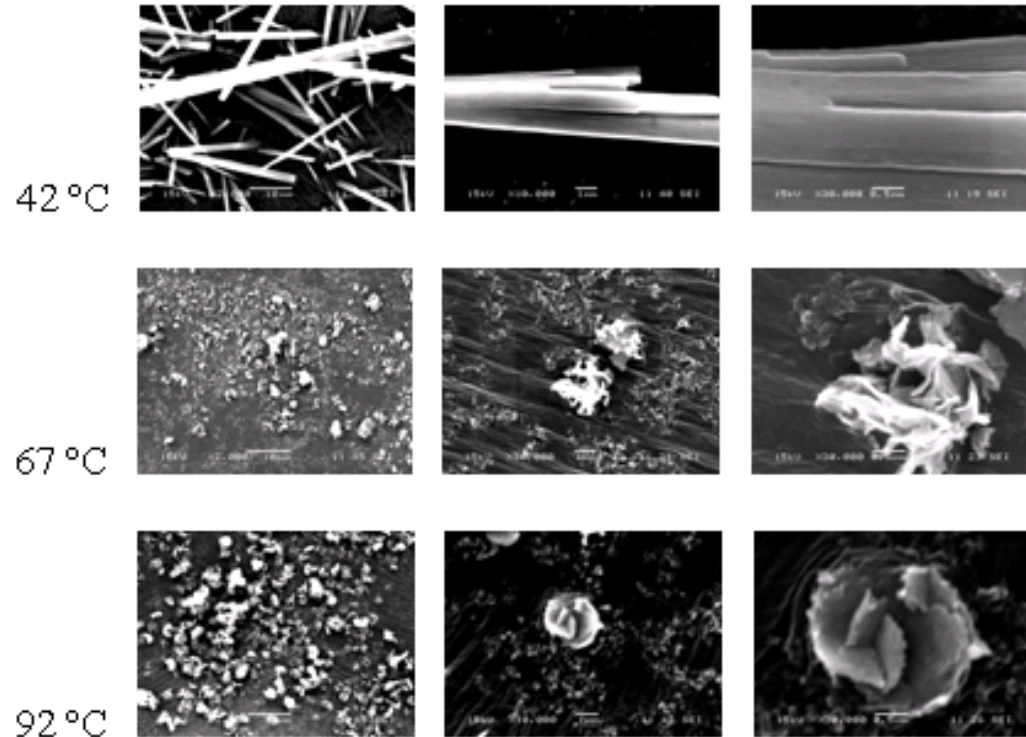
Controlled Precipitation of MgCO_3



Desired particle characteristics:

- $\sim 2 \mu\text{m}$, narrow PSD
- High Reflectivity
- Uniform Spherical/rosette shape

Effect of Temperature



Future directions

- Development of Multifunctional smart particles (e.g. capture carbon and sulfur at the same time)
- Integrated systems (e.g. chemical looping technologies, ZECA, and enhanced WGS using mineral carbonation)
- Process intensification and flexibility (production of heat, electricity, chemicals and fuels (e.g. hydrogen and liquid fuels) in any combination)
- Combined Technology of Carbon Capture and Storage

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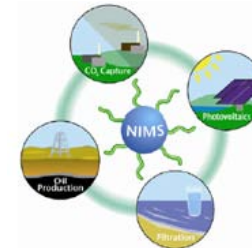


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