#### Energy Evolution Transitioning Beyond Fossil Carbon

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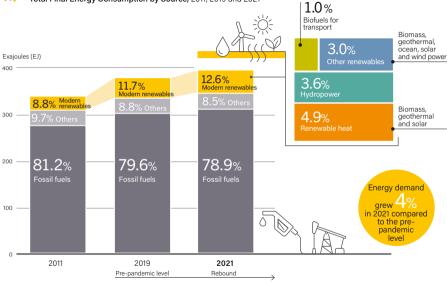
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#### TWO DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FUELING THE FUTURE: NEW ENERGY ALTERNATIVES

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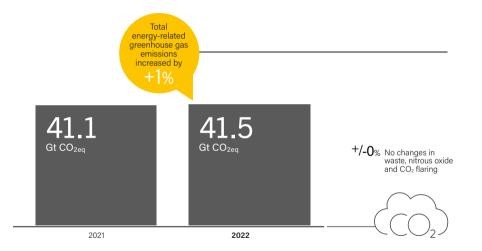
#### Total Final Energy Consumption by Source, 2011, 2019 and 2021



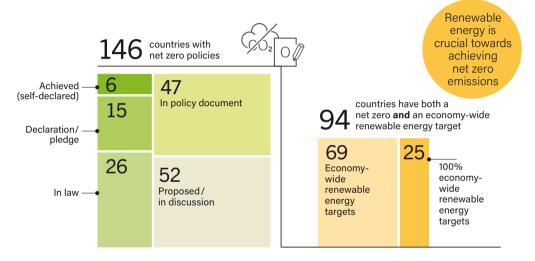
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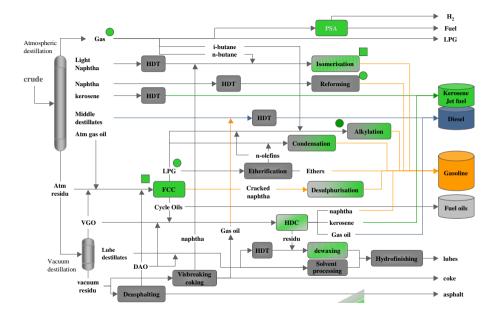


Countries with Net Zero and Renewable Energy Targets, 2022



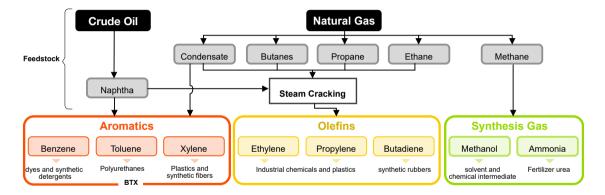
#### Fossil Carbon's Reach

- Gasoline (Petrol)
  - Most widely used fuel for automobiles.
- 2 Diesel Fuel
  - Used in diesel engines found in trucks, buses, heavy machinery, and some cars.
- 3 Kerosene
  - Historically used for lighting, but now mainly used in jet fuel and as a heating fuel.
- 4 Jet Fuel
  - Kerosene-based fuels specifically designed for aircraft.
  - Different grades exist for commercial and military aviation.
- 5 Fuel Oil (Heavy Fuel Oil)
  - A thick, viscous category of fuels derived from the heavier fractions of crude oil.
  - Used in large ships, power plants, and industrial furnaces.
- 6 Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG, Propane, Butane)
  - Used for cooking, heating, and as a fuel in some vehicles.

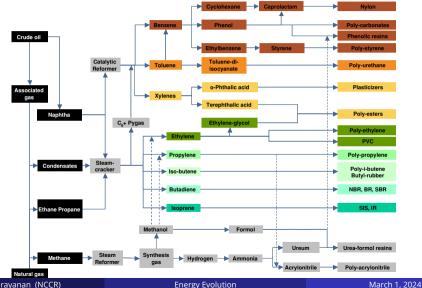


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#### Fossil Carbon's Reach: The Platform Chemicals

- **Stationery:** Writing instruments such as pens, pencils, markers, and erasers may contain petroleum derivatives, such as polyethylene, polypropylene, or styrene.
- **Electronics:** Computers, monitors, printers, phones, calculators, and other electronic devices that utilize petroleum-based plastics for casings, circuit boards, and wires.
- **Furniture:** Furniture pieces such as chairs, desks and shelves, including polyurethane foam, nylon fabric, and plastic components derived from petroleum.
- **Cleaning supplements:** Disinfectants, hand sanitizers, and cleaning products often contain alcohols or other petroleum-derived chemicals.
- **Personal Items:** Your backpack, wallet, watch, coffee mug, or other personal belongings may include plastic, nylon, or polyester, which are derived from petroleum.

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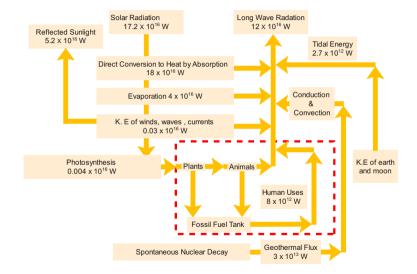
### $\mathsf{Fuels} \to \mathsf{Renewable} \ \mathsf{Energy}$

# Platform Chemicals $\rightarrow$ Any renewable source available??

Industrial platform chemicals be manufactured from non-fossil carbon sources that utilize renewable resources.

- Equal distribution of energy sources
  - The consequences and the world Peace
- Sources should not be site specific
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- Oistribution should be uniform & ensured
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- Management must be universal

#### The Energy Budget



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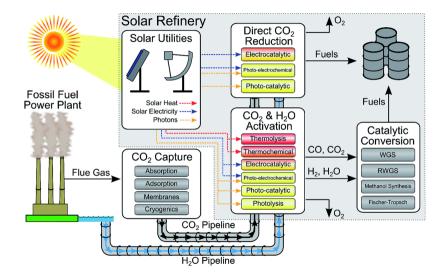
### **CO2** BIG IDEAS FOR A SMALL MOLECULE

- The capacity of the natural carbon cycle is approximately 800 gigatonnes of carbon (GtC) per year.
- Human-induced emissions now exceed 42 gigatonnes of carbon (GtC) per year.
- Nature does not have mechanisms to efficiently manage or absorb the excess emissions from anthropogenic sources.

### Photosynthesis: $6 \text{ CO}_2 + 6 \text{ H}_2 \text{ O} \xrightarrow{\text{light}} \text{ C}_6 \text{ H}_{12} \text{ O}_6 + 6 \text{ O}_2$

# Respiration: $C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2 \longrightarrow 6CO_2 + 6H_2O + Energy$

#### The CO<sub>2</sub> resource



#### Carbon Monoxide

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathrm{CO}_2(\mathrm{g}) + \mathrm{H}_2(\mathrm{g}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{CO}(\mathrm{g}) + 2\,\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{l}) & \quad E^\circ = -0.51\,\mathrm{V} \\ 2\,\mathrm{H}^+\,(\mathrm{aq}) + 2\,\mathrm{e}^- \longrightarrow \mathrm{H}_2(\mathrm{g}) & \quad E^\circ = -0.41\,\mathrm{V} \\ \mathrm{CO}_2\,(\mathrm{g}) + 2\,\mathrm{H}^+\,(\mathrm{aq}) + 2\,\mathrm{e}^- \longrightarrow \mathrm{CO}(\mathrm{g}) + 2\,\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{l}) & \quad E^\circ = -0.92\,\mathrm{V} \end{array}$$

#### Formic Acid

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathrm{CO}_2(\mathrm{g}) + \mathrm{H}_2(\mathrm{g}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{HCOOH}(\mathrm{l}) + \mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{l}) & E^\circ = -0.58\,\mathrm{V} \\ 2\,\mathrm{H}^+\,(\mathrm{aq}) + 2\,\mathrm{e}^- \longrightarrow \mathrm{H}_2(\mathrm{g}) & E^\circ = -0.41\,\mathrm{V} \\ \mathrm{CO}_2\,(\mathrm{g}) + 2\,\mathrm{H}^+\,(\mathrm{aq}) + 2\,\mathrm{e}^- \longrightarrow \mathrm{HCOOH}(\mathrm{l}) + \mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{l}) & E^\circ = -0.99\,\mathrm{V} \end{array}$$

#### Formaldehyde

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$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathrm{CO}_2(\mathrm{g}) + 2\,\mathrm{H}_2(\mathrm{g}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{HCHO}(\mathrm{g}) + \mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{l}) & E^\circ = -0.55\,\mathrm{V} \\ 4\,\mathrm{H}^+\,(\mathrm{aq}) + 4\,\mathrm{e}^- \longrightarrow 2\,\mathrm{H}_2(\mathrm{g}) & E^\circ = -0.41\,\mathrm{V} \\ \mathrm{O}_2\,(\mathrm{g}) + 4\,\mathrm{H}^+\,(\mathrm{aq}) + 4\,\mathrm{e}^- \longrightarrow \mathrm{HCHO}(\mathrm{g}) + \mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{l}) & E^\circ = -0.96\,\mathrm{V} \end{array}$$

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#### Methanol

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathrm{CO}_2(\mathrm{g}) + 3\,\mathrm{H}_2(\mathrm{g}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{CH}_3\mathrm{OH}(\mathrm{l}) + \mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{l}) & E^\circ = -0.39\,\mathrm{V} \\ & 6\,\mathrm{H}^+\,(\mathrm{aq}) + 6\,\mathrm{e}^- \longrightarrow 3\,\mathrm{H}_2(\mathrm{g}) & E^\circ = -0.41\,\mathrm{V} \\ \mathrm{CO}_2\,(\mathrm{g}) + 6\,\mathrm{H}^+\,(\mathrm{aq}) + 6\,\mathrm{e}^- \longrightarrow \mathrm{CH}_3\mathrm{OH}(\mathrm{l}) + \mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{l}) & E^\circ = -0.80\,\mathrm{V} \end{array}$$

#### Acetic Acid

$$2 \operatorname{CO}_{2}(g) + 4 \operatorname{H}_{2}(g) \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_{3}\operatorname{COOH}(l) + 2 \operatorname{H}_{2}\operatorname{O}(l) \qquad E^{\circ} = -0.31 \operatorname{V}$$

$$8 \operatorname{H}^{+}(aq) + 8 \operatorname{e}^{-} \longrightarrow 4 \operatorname{H}_{2}(g) \qquad E^{\circ} = -0.41 \operatorname{V}$$

$$2 \operatorname{CO}_{2}(g) + 8 \operatorname{H}^{+}(aq) + 8 \operatorname{e}^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_{3}\operatorname{COOH}(l) + 2 \operatorname{H}_{2}\operatorname{O}(l) \qquad E^{\circ} = -0.72 \operatorname{V}$$

#### Methane

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathrm{CO}_2(\mathrm{g}) + 4\,\mathrm{H}_2(\mathrm{g}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{CH}_4(\mathrm{g}) + 2\,\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{l}) & E^\circ = -0.24\,\mathrm{V} \\ & 8\,\mathrm{H}^+\,(\mathrm{aq}) + 8\,\mathrm{e}^- \longrightarrow 4\,\mathrm{H}_2(\mathrm{g}) & E^\circ = -0.41\,\mathrm{V} \\ \mathrm{O}_2\,(\mathrm{g}) + 8\,\mathrm{H}^+\,(\mathrm{aq}) + 8\,\mathrm{e}^- \longrightarrow \mathrm{CH}_4(\mathrm{g}) + 2\,\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{l}) & E^\circ = -0.65\,\mathrm{V} \end{array}$$

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#### Acetaldehyde

$$2 \operatorname{CO}_{2}(g) + 5 \operatorname{H}_{2}(g) \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_{3}\operatorname{CHO}(g) + 3 \operatorname{H}_{2}\operatorname{O}(l) \qquad E^{\circ} = -0.36 \operatorname{V}$$
$$10 \operatorname{H}^{+}(\operatorname{aq}) + 10 \operatorname{e}^{-} \longrightarrow 5 \operatorname{H}_{2}(g) \qquad E^{\circ} = -0.41 \operatorname{V}$$
$$\operatorname{CO}_{2}(g) + 10 \operatorname{H}^{+}(\operatorname{aq}) + 10 \operatorname{e}^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_{3}\operatorname{CHO}(g) + 3 \operatorname{H}_{2}\operatorname{O}(l) \qquad E^{\circ} = -0.77 \operatorname{V}$$

#### Ethanol

$$2 \operatorname{CO}_{2}(g) + 6 \operatorname{H}_{2}(g) \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_{3}\operatorname{CH}_{2}\operatorname{OH}(g) + 3 \operatorname{H}_{2}\operatorname{O}(l) \qquad E^{\circ} = -0.33 \operatorname{V}$$

$$12 \operatorname{H}^{+}(\operatorname{aq}) + 12 \operatorname{e}^{-} \longrightarrow 6 \operatorname{H}_{2}(g) \qquad E^{\circ} = -0.41 \operatorname{V}$$

$$2 \operatorname{CO}_{2}(g) + 12 \operatorname{H}^{+}(\operatorname{aq}) + 12 \operatorname{e}^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_{3}\operatorname{CH}_{2}\operatorname{OH}(g) + 3 \operatorname{H}_{2}\operatorname{O}(l) \qquad E^{\circ} = -0.74 \operatorname{V}$$

#### Ethane

$2 CO_2(g) +$	$7 \operatorname{H}_2(g) \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_3\operatorname{CH}_3(g) + 4 \operatorname{H}_2$	$E^{\circ} = -0.27 \mathrm{V}$	
$14  { m H^+}  ({ m aq})$	$+ 14 \mathrm{e}^- \longrightarrow 7 \mathrm{H}_2(\mathrm{g})$	$E^\circ = -0.41 \mathrm{V}$	
$2 CO_2(g) + 14 H^+(aq)$	$+ 14 e^{-} \longrightarrow CH_3CH_3(g) + 4 H_2$	$E^{\circ} = -0.68 \mathrm{V}$	
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#### Propanal

$$3 \operatorname{CO}_2(g) + 8 \operatorname{H}_2(g) \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_3\operatorname{CH}_2\operatorname{CHO}(g) + 5 \operatorname{H}_2\operatorname{O}(l) \qquad E^\circ = -0.32 \operatorname{V}$$

$$16 \operatorname{H}^+(\operatorname{aq}) + 16 \operatorname{e}^- \longrightarrow 8 \operatorname{H}_2(g) \qquad E^\circ = -0.41 \operatorname{V}$$

$$3 \operatorname{CO}_2(g) + 16 \operatorname{H}^+(\operatorname{aq}) + 16 \operatorname{e}^- \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_3\operatorname{CH}_2\operatorname{CHO}(g) + 5 \operatorname{H}_2\operatorname{O}(l) \qquad E^\circ = -0.73 \operatorname{V}$$

#### Acetone

$$3 \operatorname{CO}_2(g) + 8 \operatorname{H}_2(g) \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_3\operatorname{COCH}_3(g) + 5 \operatorname{H}_2\operatorname{O}(l) \qquad E^\circ = -0.31 \operatorname{V}$$

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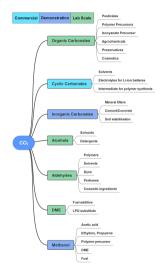
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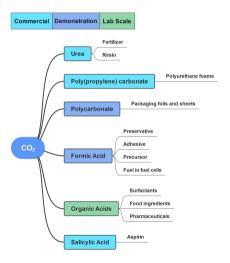
 $\begin{array}{ll} 3\operatorname{CO}_2(g) + 9\operatorname{H}_2(g) \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_3\operatorname{CH}_2\operatorname{CH}_2\operatorname{OH}(\operatorname{aq}) + 5\operatorname{H}_2\operatorname{O}(\operatorname{l}) & E^\circ = -0.31 \operatorname{V} \\ 18\operatorname{H}^+(\operatorname{aq}) + 18\operatorname{e}^- \longrightarrow 9\operatorname{H}_2(g) & E^\circ = -0.41 \operatorname{V} \\ 3\operatorname{CO}_2(g) + 18\operatorname{H}^+(\operatorname{aq}) + 18\operatorname{e}^- \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_3\operatorname{CH}_2\operatorname{CH}_2\operatorname{OH}(\operatorname{aq}) + 5\operatorname{H}_2\operatorname{O}(\operatorname{l}) & E^\circ = -0.72 \operatorname{V} \end{array}$ 

#### 2-Propanol

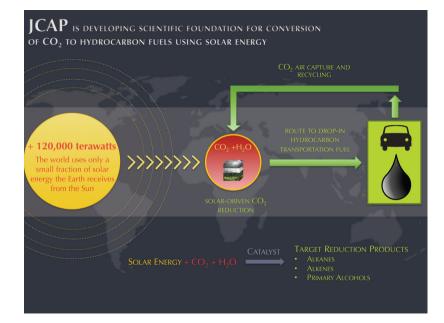
$$\begin{array}{ll} 3\operatorname{CO}_2(g) + 9\operatorname{H}_2(g) \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_3\operatorname{CH}(\operatorname{OH})\operatorname{CH}_3(\operatorname{aq}) + 5\operatorname{H}_2\operatorname{O}(\operatorname{l}) & E^\circ = -0.30\,\operatorname{V} \\ 18\,\operatorname{H}^+(\operatorname{aq}) + 18\,\operatorname{e}^- \longrightarrow 9\,\operatorname{H}_2(g) & E^\circ = -0.41\,\operatorname{V} \\ 3\operatorname{CO}_2(g) + 18\,\operatorname{H}^+(\operatorname{aq}) + 18\,\operatorname{e}^- \longrightarrow \operatorname{CH}_3\operatorname{CH}(\operatorname{OH})\operatorname{CH}_3(\operatorname{aq}) + 5\operatorname{H}_2\operatorname{O}(\operatorname{l}) & E^\circ = -0.71\,\operatorname{V} \end{array}$$

#### The CO<sub>2</sub> resource





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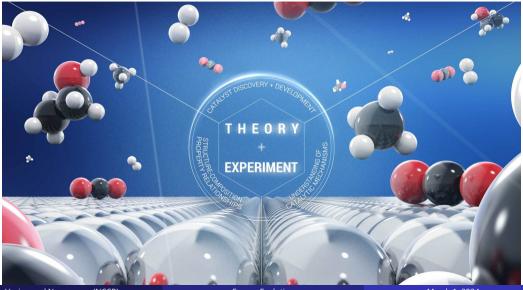
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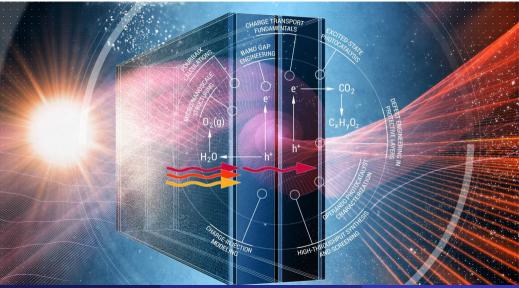
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#### Use of theory and experiment in catalyst discovery



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#### Use of experiment and theory in semiconductor materials



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## Understanding and Engineering Photon-Assisted Catalytic Processes



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## Integrated Modeling, Characterization, and Validation for Advanced CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Technologies

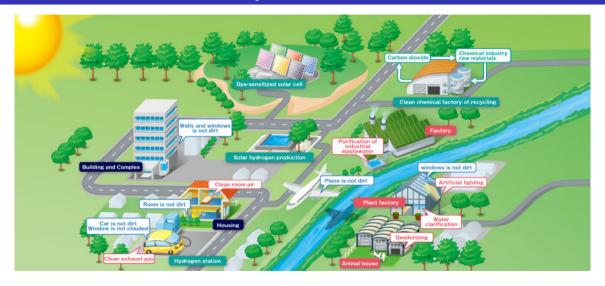


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#### Future Implications of Producing Platform Chemicals from CO<sub>2</sub>

- **Carbon Neutrality:** Direct conversion of CO<sub>2</sub> into platform chemicals can recycle emissions, leading to reduced greenhouse gas emissions and potentially achieving carbon neutrality or negativity.
- **Resource Efficiency:** Utilizing CO<sub>2</sub> as a feedstock reduces reliance on fossil fuels, enhancing resource efficiency and decreasing the environmental impact of chemical production.
- **Energy Transition:** Production from CO<sub>2</sub> can drive the adoption of renewable energy sources, promoting a transition to a sustainable energy economy.
- **Technological Innovation:** Advancements in catalysis and materials science are necessary, stimulating innovation and the creation of new technologies for carbon utilization.
- **Circular Economy:** Integrating CO<sub>2</sub> utilization into a circular economy closes the carbon loop, fostering closed-loop supply chains and sustainable practices.

#### The Vision for Future Society



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