



Application of Engineering to Various Business Propositions

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Rules for Business



**BUSINESS
SUCCESS**

What people
can afford

What people
will pay for

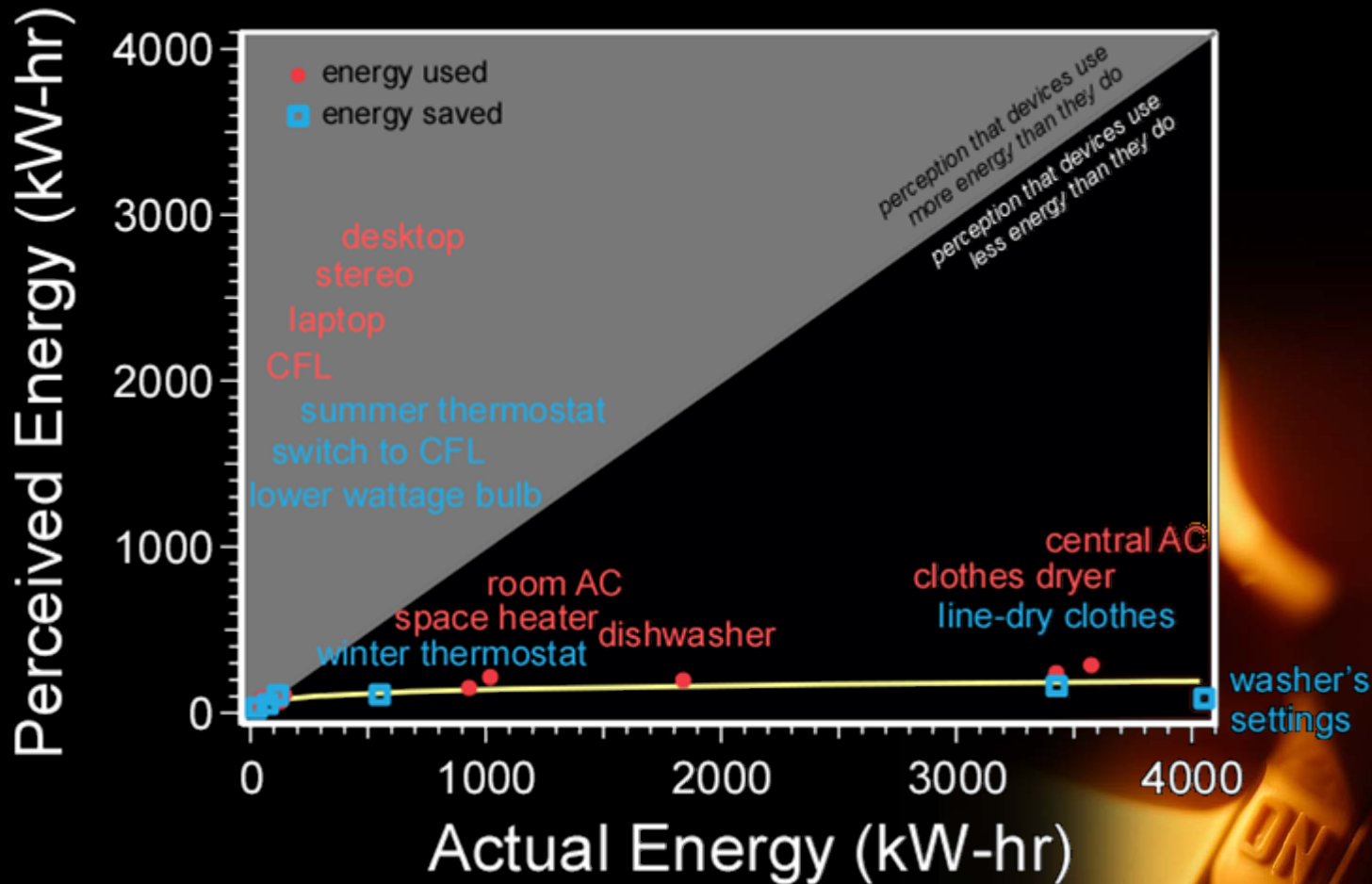
What people
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Marketing &
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Discovery



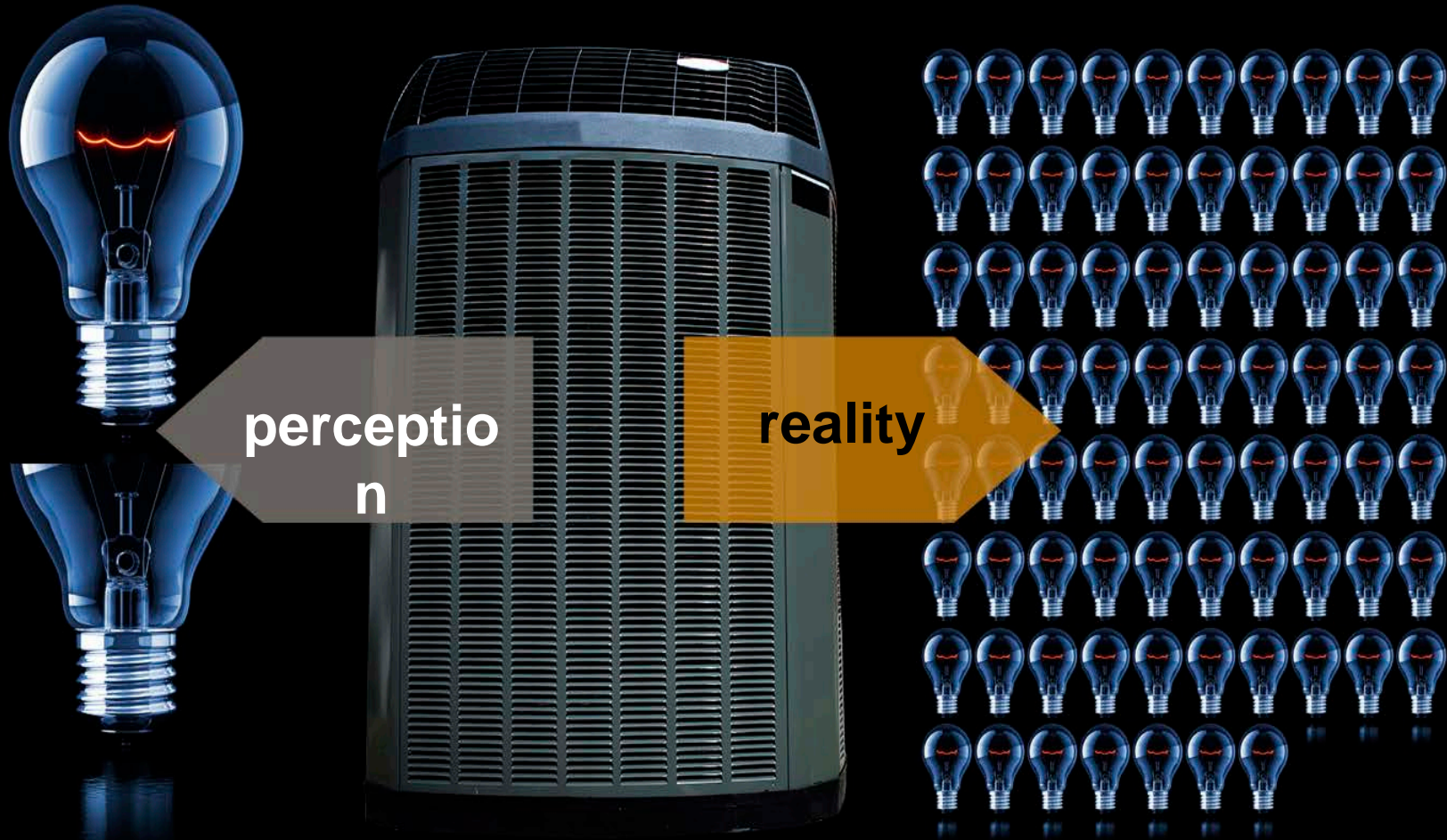
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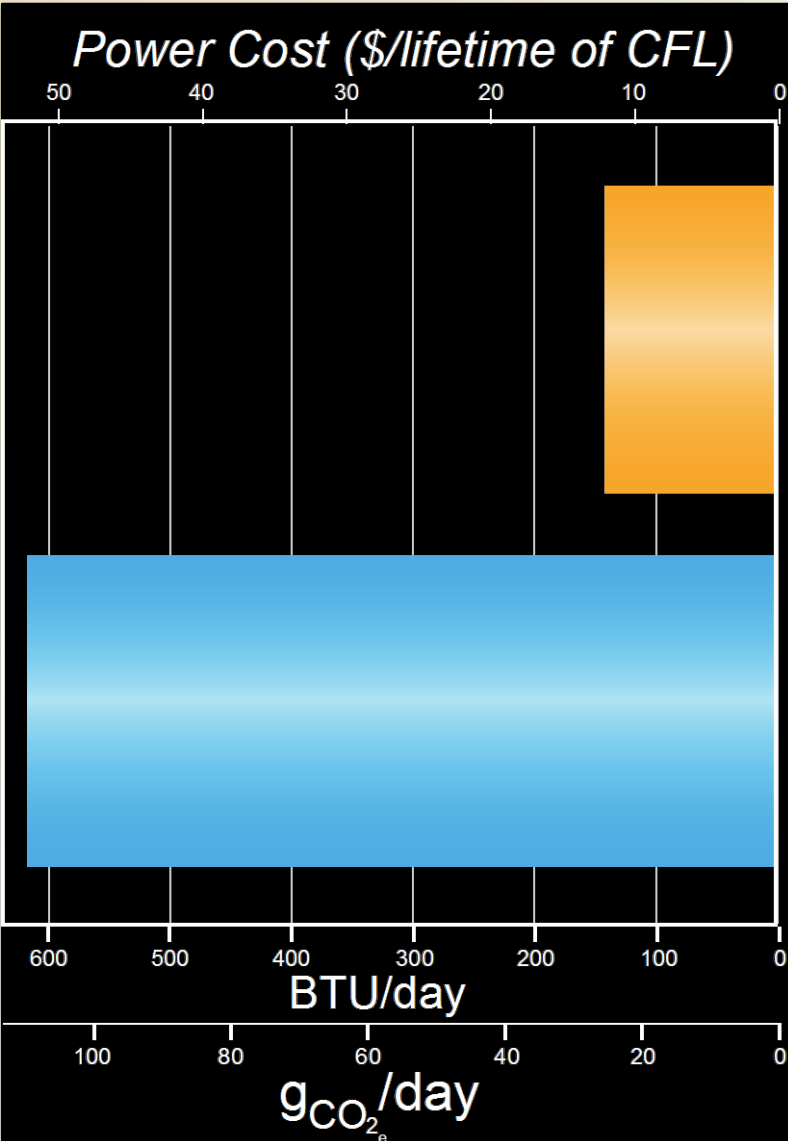
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Energy Perception and Reality



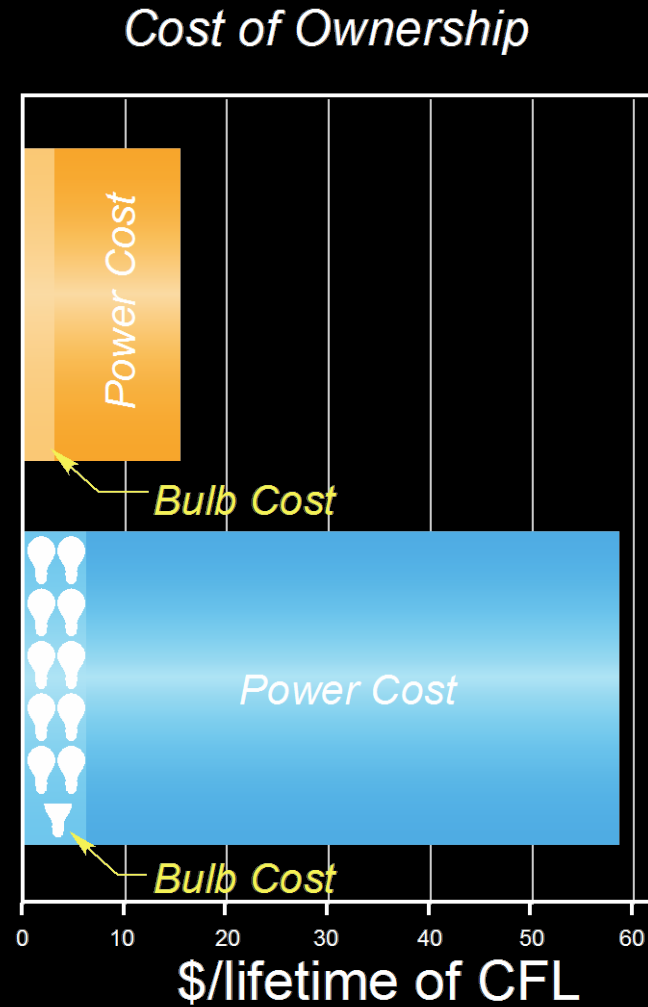
People Don't Always Make Smart Choices



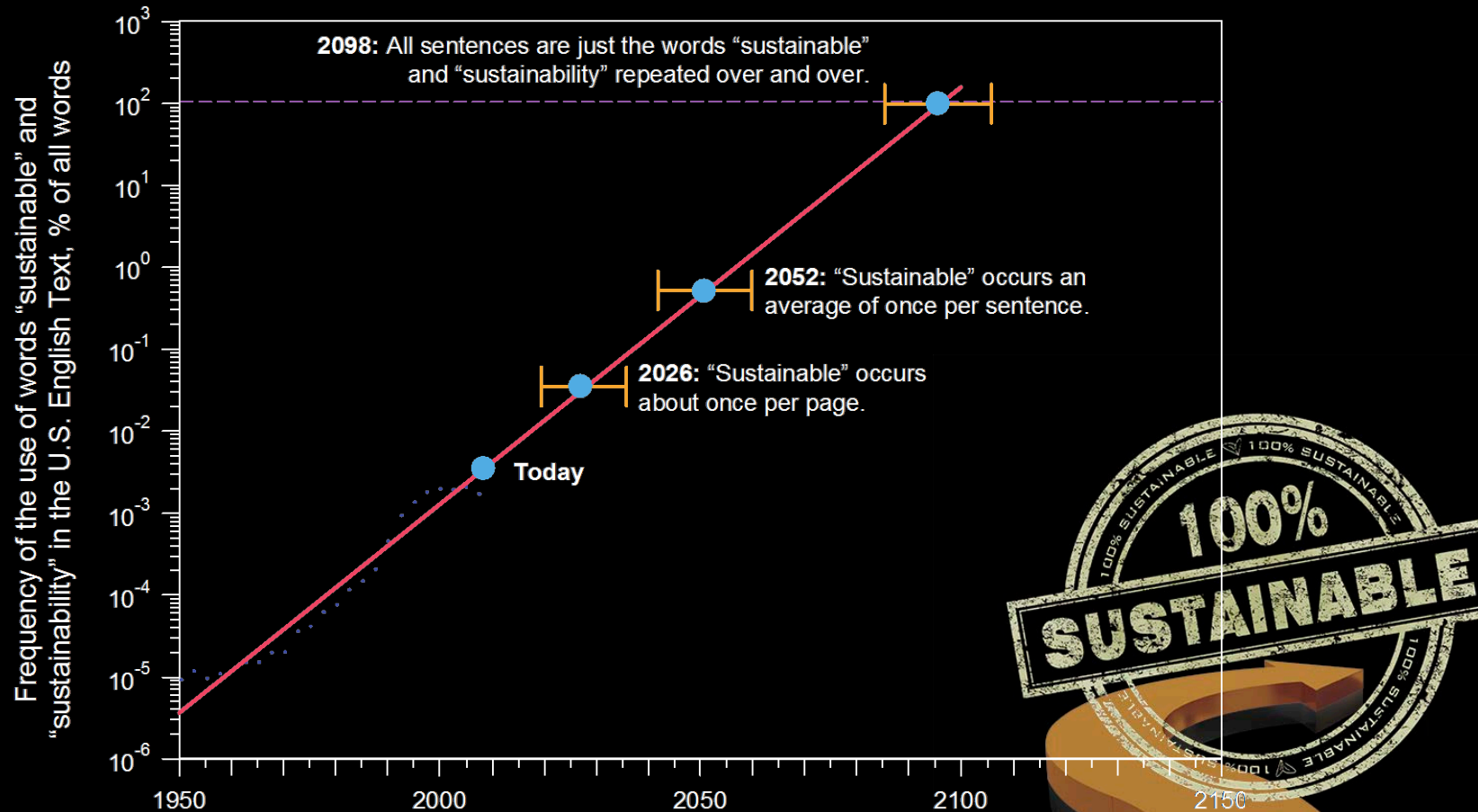
\$3.40



\$0.60



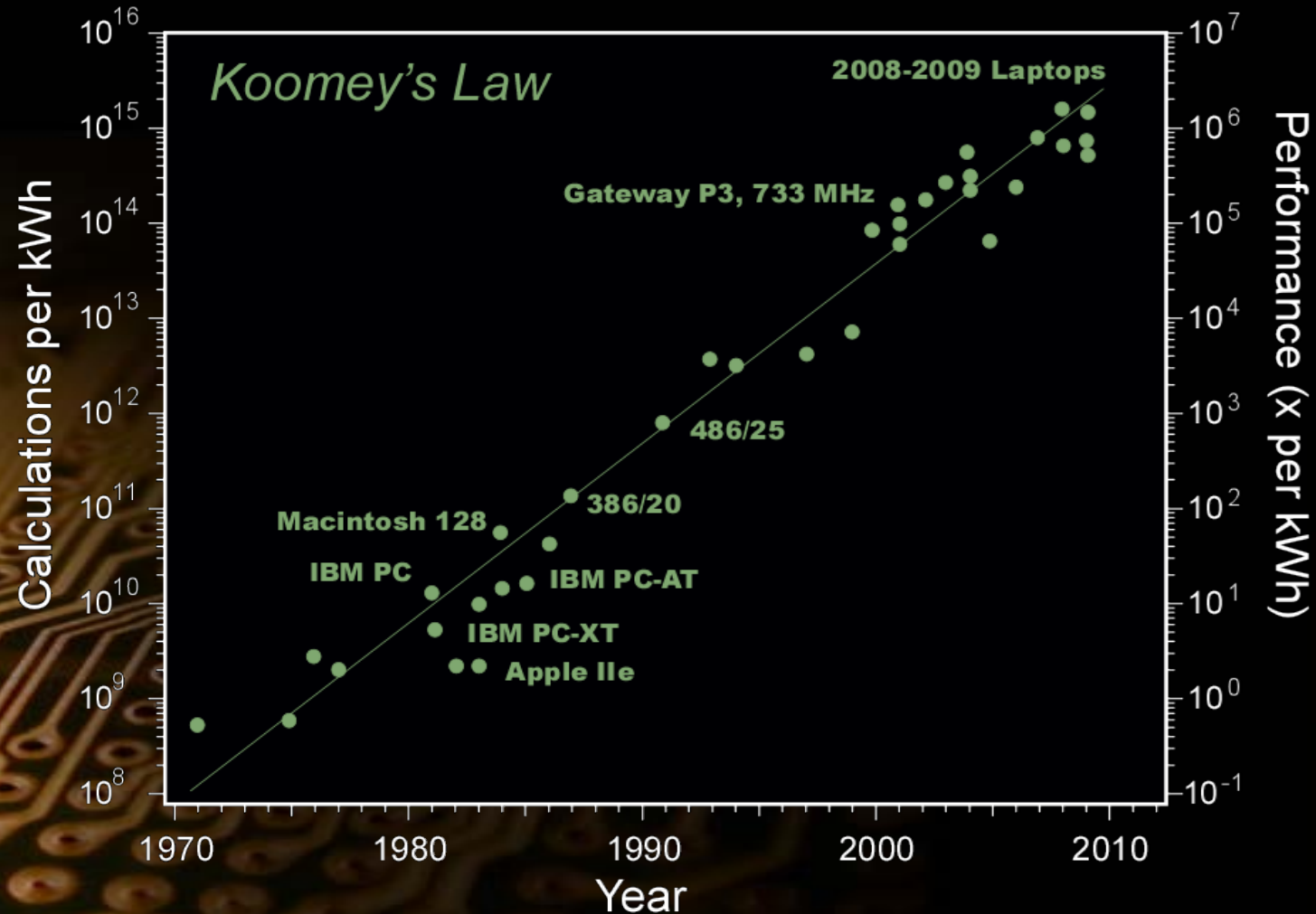
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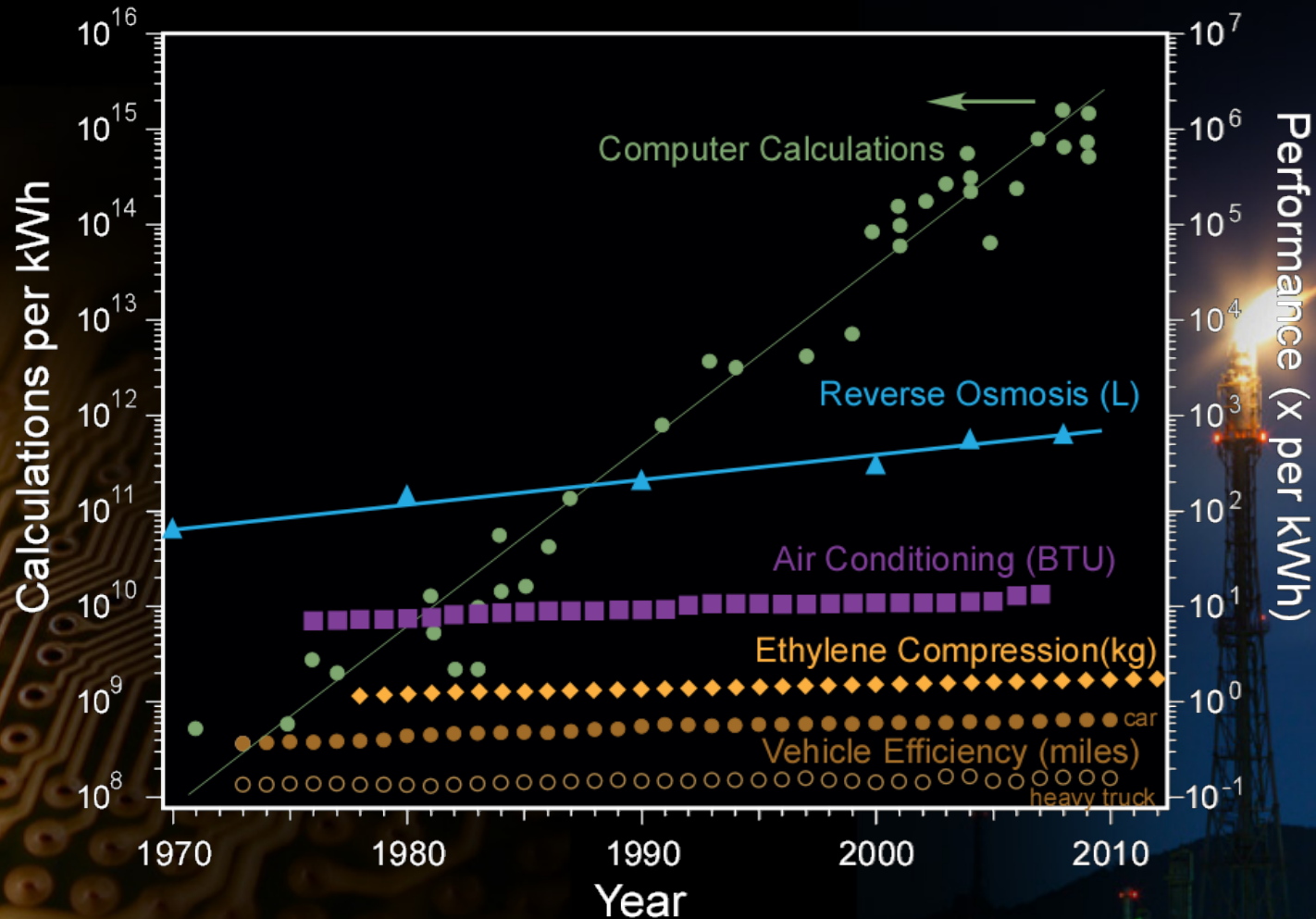
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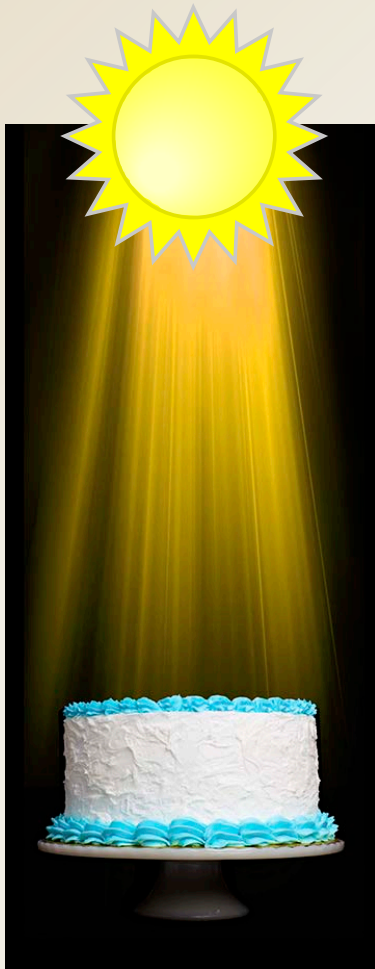
Engineering Triumph



Moore's Law Sets Unrealistic Expectations



Solar Energy Quiz

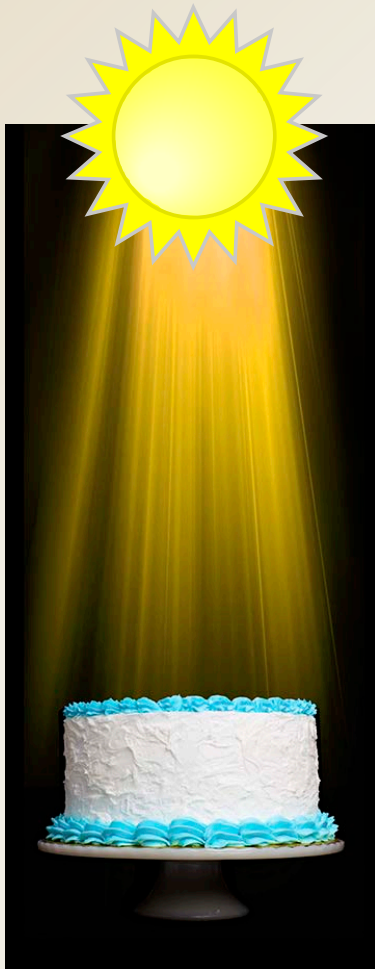


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Solar Energy Quiz



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BUSINESS EVALUATIONS



CONGRATULATIONS! You have just been appointed the CTO of Dow Chemical.

- You must advance the company's mission
- You can't invent everything yourself
- When presented investment opportunities what questions would you ask?
 - Skyonic
 - Cool Planet
 - C Nanotubes & Graphene DeSalination
 - *BioPET (Time?)*

Dow's Sustainability Commitment



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Our Commitments

Dow is committed to using our resources and stakeholder relationships to deliver value to our customers and the communities where we operate, while achieving our 2015 Sustainability Goals.

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Sustainability Goals

In 1995, Dow set important goals to improve our environment, health and safety performance and we were **recognized for our achievements**. In 2006 we set the bar even higher with the introduction of a more ambitious, next-generation set of goals, focusing our efforts on strengthening relationships within the communities where we operate, continuing to improve our product stewardship and innovation to solve some of the world's most pressing problems, and reducing our global footprint.

Our goals:

Sustainable Chemistry

By 2015, Dow will increase the percentage of sales to 10 percent for products that are highly advantaged by sustainable chemistry.

Breakthroughs to World Challenges

We are actively working toward, and committed to achieving, at least one breakthrough by 2015 that will significantly help solve world challenges.

Addressing Climate Change

We will maintain all greenhouse gas emissions below 2006 levels.

- We will use 400 MW of clean energy by 2025.
- We will find ways to grow our company, but not grow our GHG emissions.
- Dow's insulation products in service reduce GHGs by multiples more than six times our own emissions on an annual basis.
- We will report the contributions of our products and solutions to increased energy efficiency and emissions reduction through the development of our Net Impact Tool, which will quantify the energy and GHG profile of products across the life cycle.

Dow's Position on Climate Change

Energy Efficiency & Conservation

We will reduce our energy intensity 25% by 2015 - from a 2005 baseline.

Product Safety Leadership

We will publish product safety assessments for all products by 2015.

Contributing to Community Success:

By 2015, 100% of Dow sites where we have a major presence will have achieved their individual community acceptance ratings.

Local Protection of Human Health & the Environment

By 2015, Dow will achieve on average a 75% improvement of key indicators for EH&S operating excellence from 2005 baseline.

Featured Videos



Stade Electric Vehicles

The Music of Sustainable Chemistry

2012 C.K. Prahalad Award Honors Dow's Neil Hawkins

Chemistry and the Low Carbon Economy

Design to Zero Competition Video

Related Links

Omega-9 Oils: Breakthrough to a World Challenge White Paper

Dow Commits to Water Sustainability at Rio+20

SISCA

Dow Solar - Design to Zero

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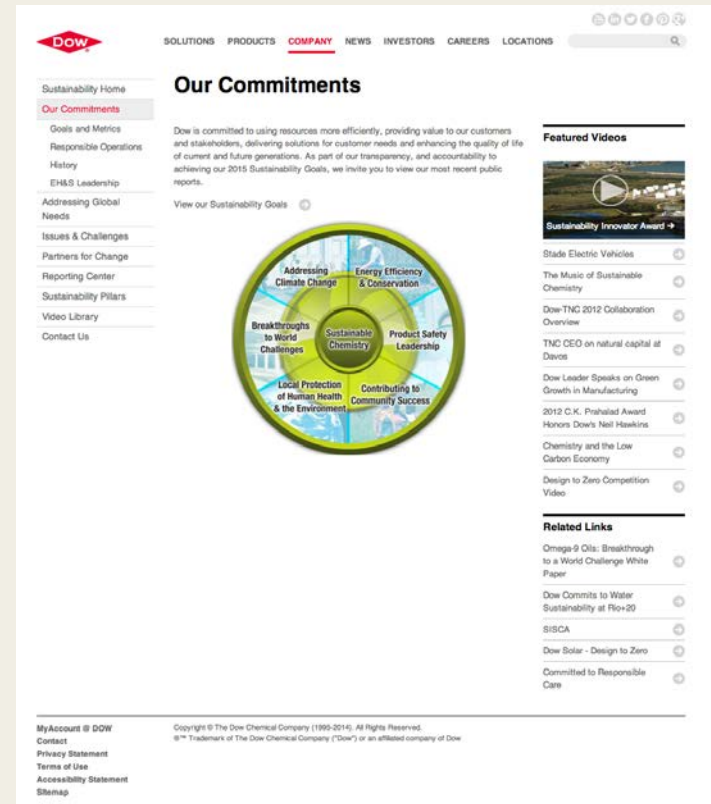
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Technology Evaluation – Skyonics



In April 2008, Dow announced plans to build a 600 MW coal and gas fired power plant at its location in Stade, Germany. The 20 year old plant that is currently there can only meet 25% of the need for power.

Dow's commitment to sustainability includes a pledge keep emissions below 2006



In 2008, a company by the name of Skyonic contacted Dow with a proposal to completely eliminate carbon dioxide emissions from its Power Generation facilities

Technology Evaluation – Skyonics



Who we are:

At Skyonic, we believe that clean air and economic growth are not mutually exclusive. We believe that mineralizing CO₂ emissions is the best-available method for addressing global warming

**Power Plant
Waste Used to
Make Cookies!**



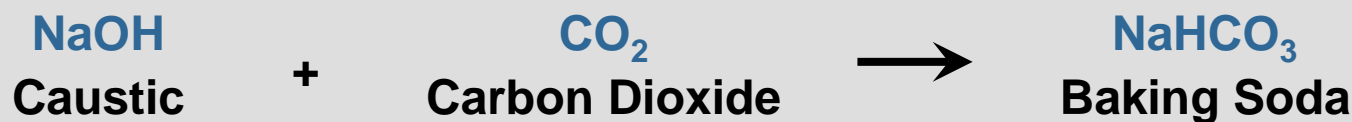
Cookies from Coal?



Technology Evaluation – Skyonic Process



**Founded in 2005. Announced \$128MM in Funding,
Broke Ground Sept 2013 on 75Kt CO₂ Capture plant**



This technology appears to be a natural fit for Dow, the world's leading manufacturer of caustic soda.

Should Dow:

- 1. Collaborate with Skyonic to implement this technology at the Stade plant?**
- 2. Ignore the offer?**

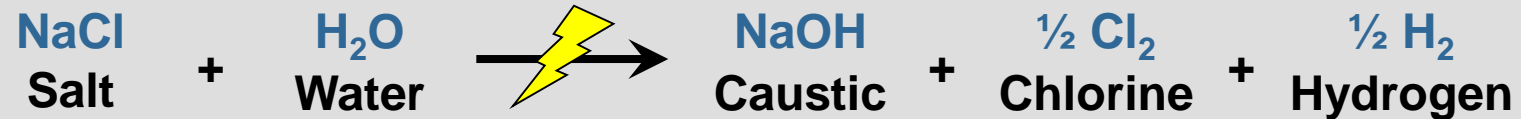
What questions would you ask?



Technology Evaluation – Skyonic Process



How is caustic made?



How much NaOH is needed to capture the CO₂ from a power plant?

7 billion lb/yr *This is 5% of the world market.*

Capital required to build this NaOH capacity?

\$4 billion- *4 times the capital required to build a power plant.*

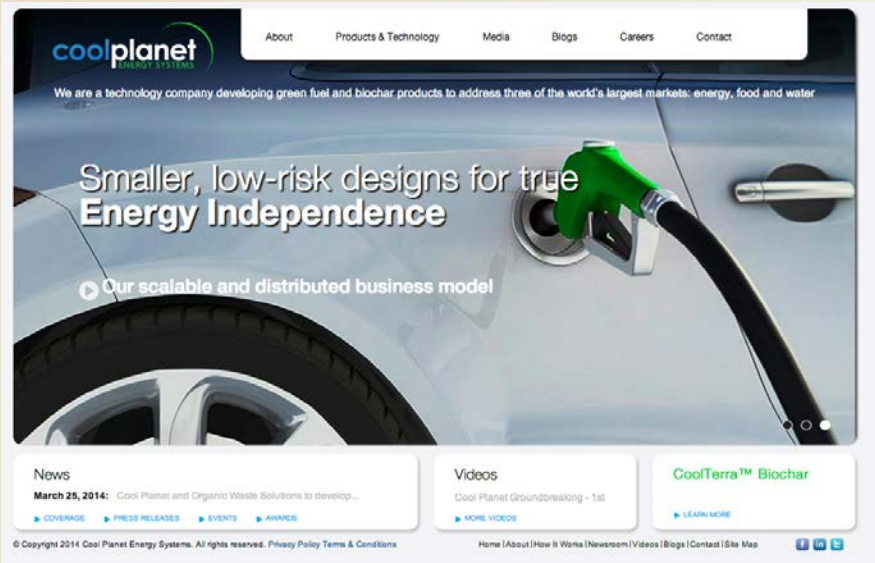
How much electricity is required to make this NaOH?

1000 MW plant *This is 400 MW more than the plant will produce.*

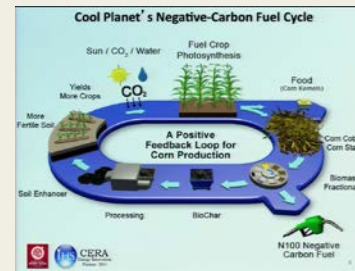
How much chlorine byproduct is made?

7 billion lb/yr *This is 50% of Dow's annual production.*

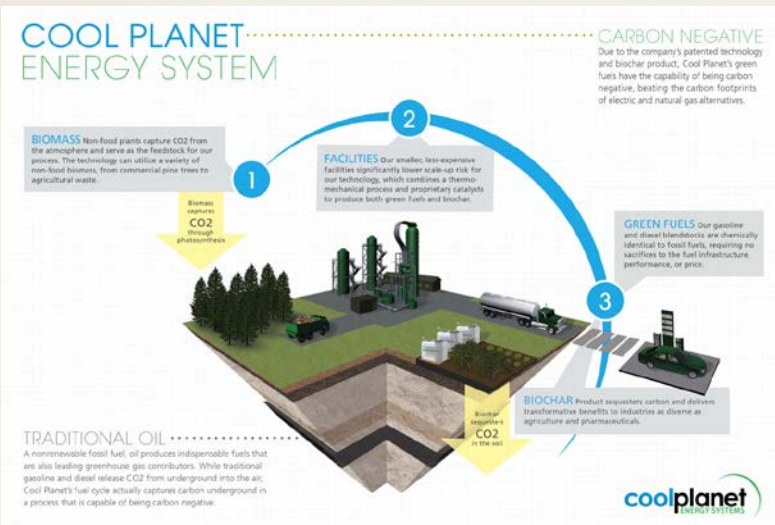
Technology Evaluation- Cool Planet



Solve for X Link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKYVIZ9v_0o



screen capture from
Mike Cheiky on
[wesolveforX.com](https://www.wesolveforX.com); 24
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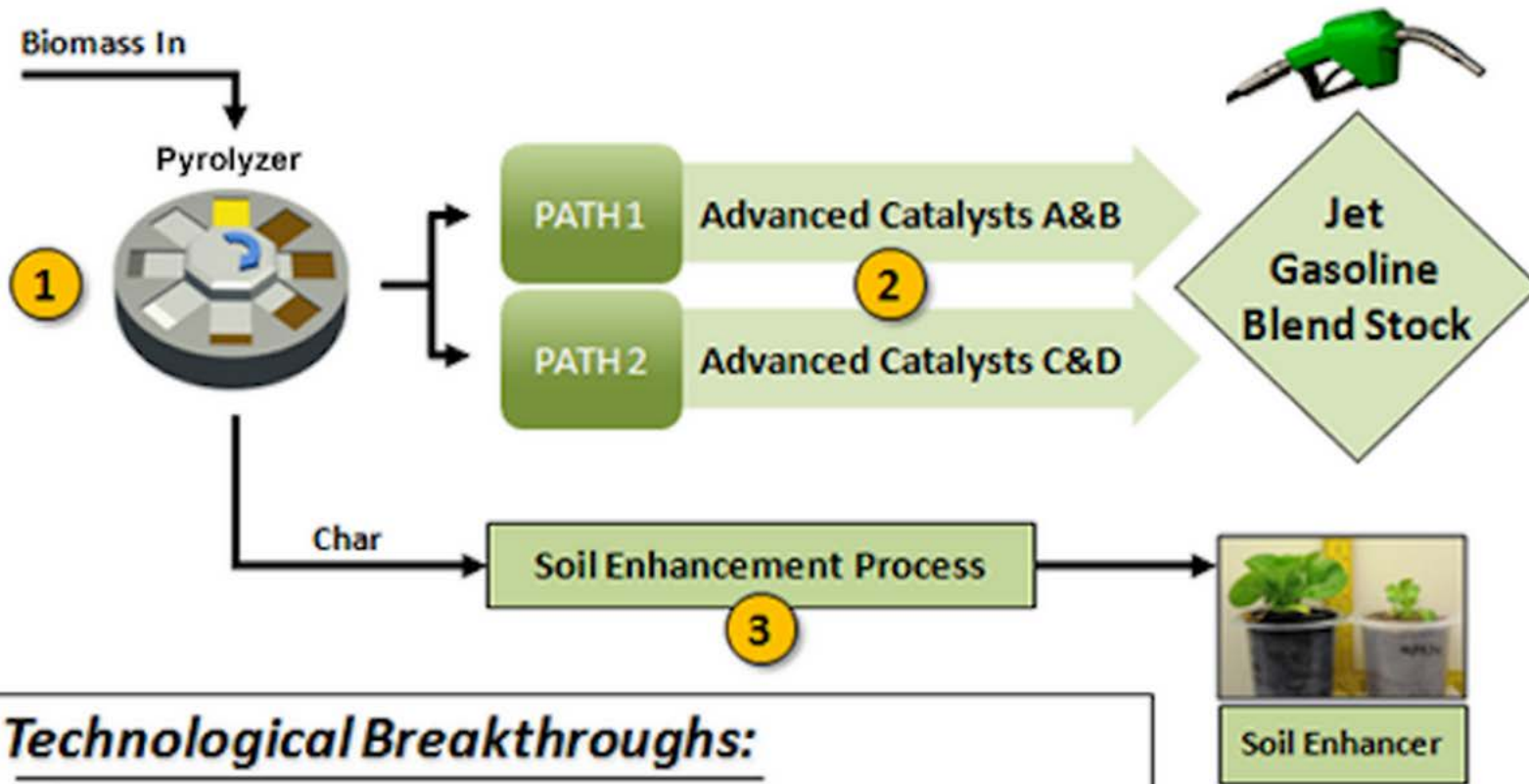


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Core Technologies



Three Core Technologies



Technological Breakthroughs:

- ① Biomass Fractionator – (US patent #8,216,430 and #8,293,958)
- ② Advanced Catalysis – (US patent #8,143,464 and #8,137,628)
- ③ Char to Soil Enhancer (US patent #8,236,085)

(And several pending patents)

Plans



Current Plans to Deploy the Negative Carbon Fuel Cycle



Commercial Plants - 50 million gallons a year
(2,000 plants worldwide – developed world)

Google
ventures



Constellation

ConocoPhillips



NORTH BRIDGE
venture partners

Shea Ventures



Global Village Plants - 1 million gallons a year
(100,000 plants worldwide – emerging world)

As suggested by:

google.org

Up to 8X gain in village income by
increasing energy & food production
while bringing the village into
the information society

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Key Technology Developments



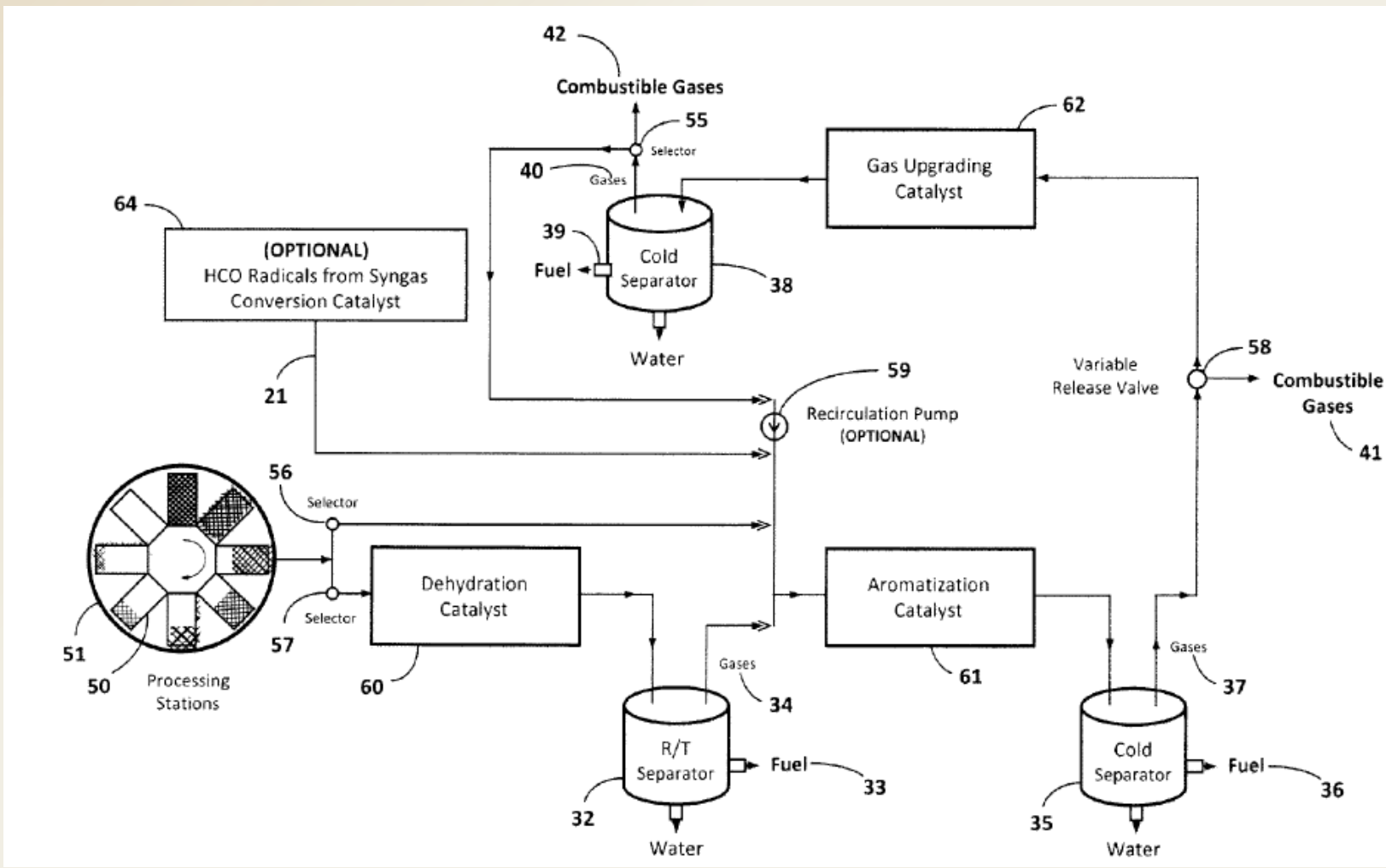
- 4000 gallons of biofuel per acre with energy crop
- 1000 gallons per acre for residue
- 109 octane gasoline oxygen-free, drop-in
- Plants capture carbon that goes back to atmosphere when plants die
- C3 plants are grossly inferior to C4 plants
- New carbon *negative carbon fuel cycle*
- 2 week carbon treatment, stored for centuries
- Improves the soil; 4-8 years to upgrade land

Key Technology Developments

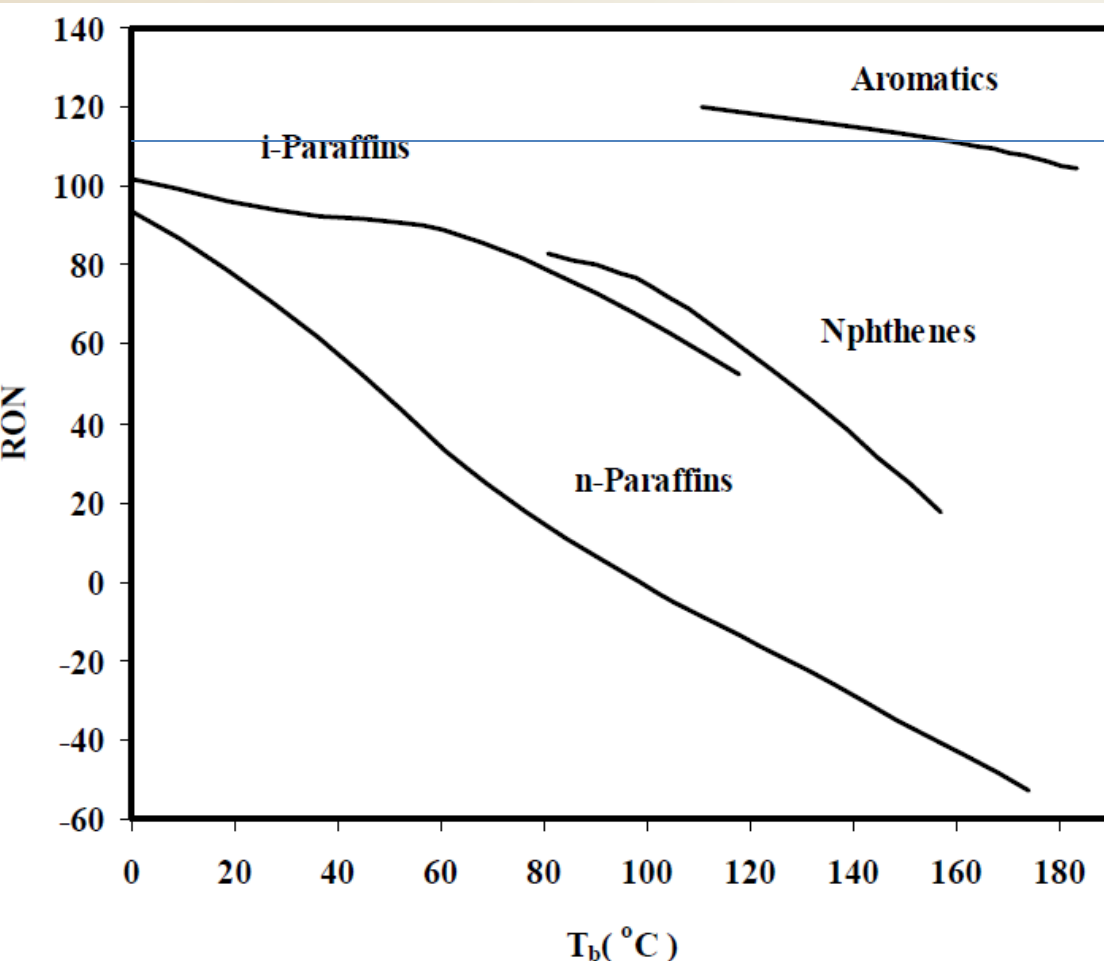


- “Biomass fractionator strips off accessible hydrocarbon radicals, all plant have a few loose hydrocarbons”
- “Quantum catalyst with sub-nanometer quantum wells”
- Fungal protein coating on carbon
- 1 MM gal plant + 60 kW for \$1 MM in capital
- 10-50 MM gal plants

What is the process?



What is the Fuel?



product

“CoolPlanet BioFuels' Negative Carbon "N100" gasoline is completely hydrocarbon based and is fully mixable with gasoline at all ratios without the issues that limit the usefulness of highly oxygenated biofuels.”

coolplanetbiofuels.com

Figure 1. Research Octane Number of Pure Hydrocarbons from Different Families.



Should you Invest?

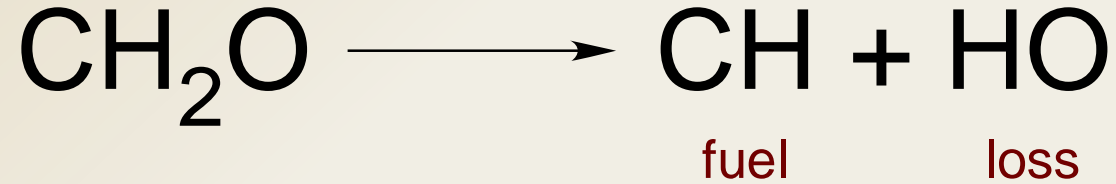
What questions should you ask?

Energy Balance



- Hydrocarbon fuel between 17000 and 21000 BTU/lb with a density of ~6.1 lb/gal (gasoline is between 6.0 and 6.5 lb/gal; higher = more aromatic)
- $\sim 116,000 \text{ BTU/gal} * 4,000 \text{ gal/acre} = 646 \text{ MM BTU/acre}$
- *dry biomass is 7700 BTU/lb*
- **30 tons / acre required just to balance energy @ 0 loss!**
- *carbon going to char makes this bigger*

Mass Balance



4000 gal/acre biomass

6.5 lb/gal = aromatic

27 tons/acre required at 100% yield just to balance C

10 tons/acre is a more reasonable approximation for productivity but doesn't account for char or energy!

Biomass Residue



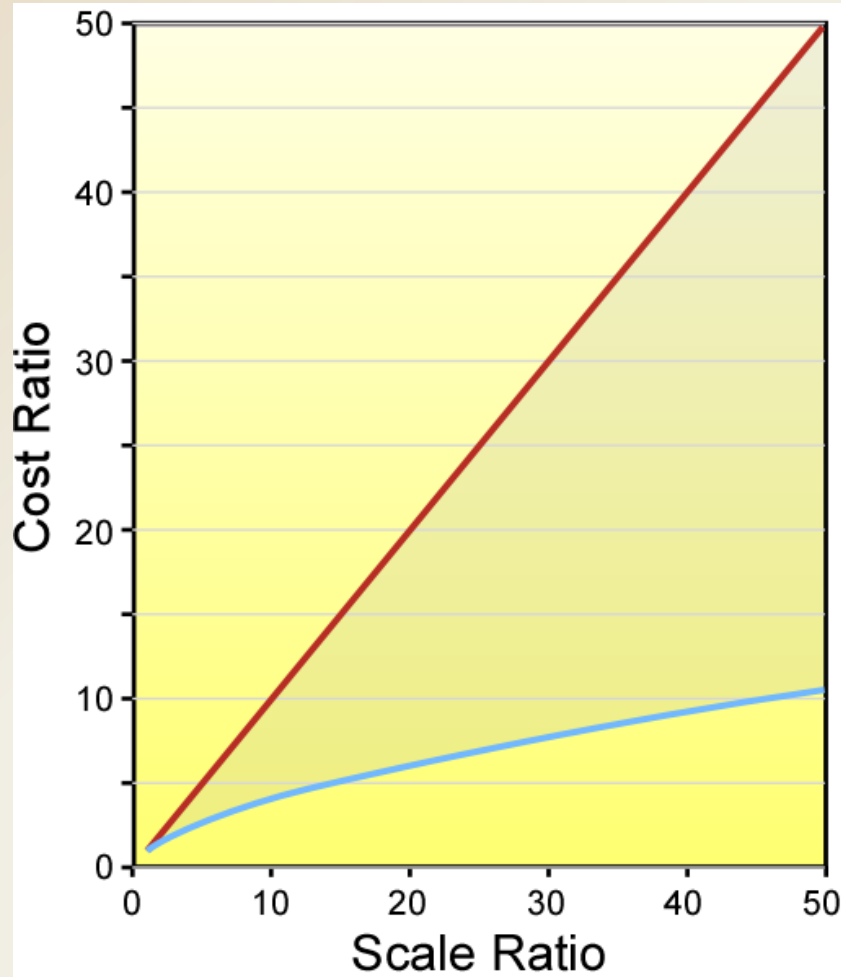
super crops with very high yields may be possible but biomass residues are a known quantity

NRC RFS report concludes stover is available at between 0.7 and 3.8 dry tons/acre

1000 gal/acre is *impossible* on biomass alone

	low	high	
stover yield	0.7	3.8	dry tons/acre
biomass HHV	7700	7700	BTU/lb
fuel density	6.5	6.5	lb biofuel/gal biofuel
theo. energy based	93	504	gal/acre
theo. mass based	93	507	gal biofuel/acre

Capital Scaling



Bigger means less unit capital

$$n \sim 0.6$$

$$\frac{\text{cost}_{\text{size}_2}}{\text{cost}_{\text{size}_1}} = \left(\frac{\text{capacity}_{\text{size}_2}}{\text{capacity}_{\text{size}_1}} \right)^n$$

The Importance of Scale

Scale reduces the cost of production when materials are consumed or produced.

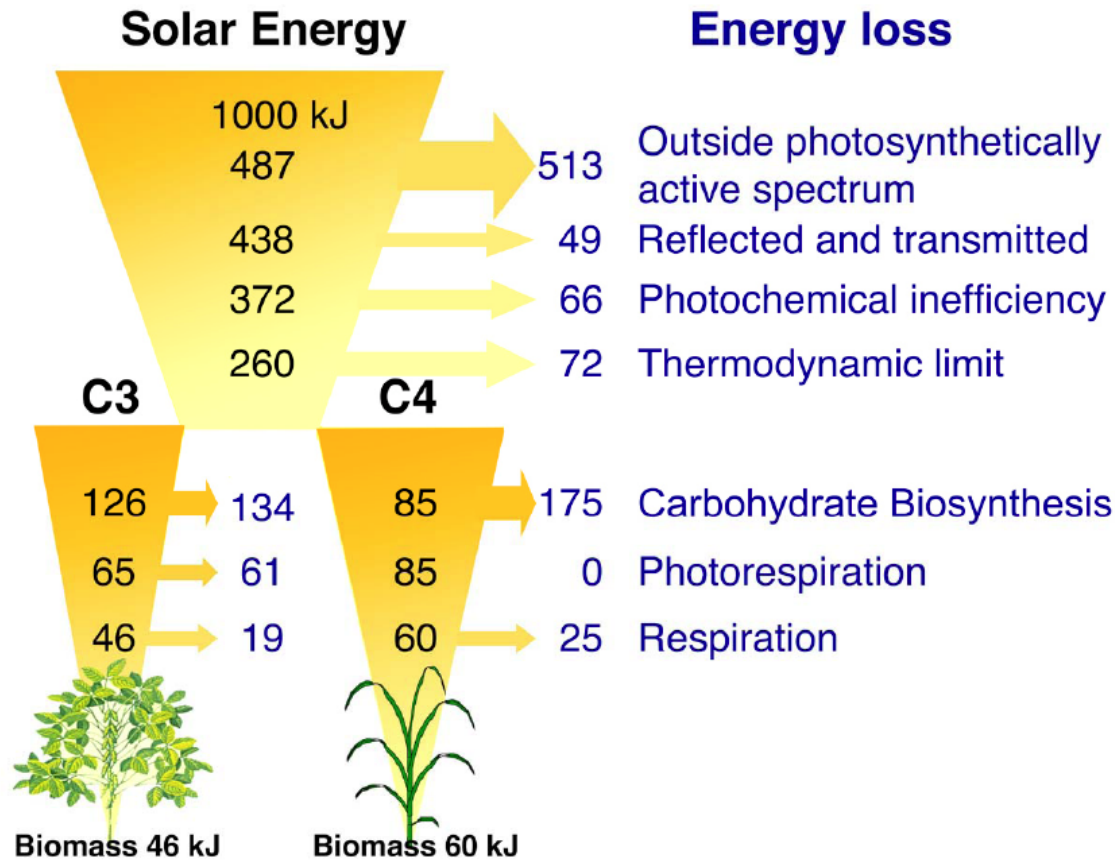


Capital



- 1 MM gallons for \$1MM with 60 kW of electricity generation included - *\$1/annual gallon*
- Published pyrolysis units are in the \$4-5/annual gallon range at scales of 50 MM gallons - Cool Planet raised \$100MM to be used “mainly for the construction of the first plant 10,000 Gallons
- The idea of scaling down a chemical plant to fit in a shipping container completely ignores economies of scale.
- Typical biomass pyrolysis and hydrogenation yield around 66% energy return on biomass with H₂ added externally

Photosynthesis



Not sure about the quotes in the presentation. Most reports don't give the large changes quoted.

Modified from Zhu et al. 2008 Current Opinion in Biotechnology. 19:153-159.

World Challenge – Water



It takes...

10 liters
of water to make
one sheet of **PAPER**



40 liters
of water to make
one slice of **BREAD**



70 liters
of water to make
one **APPLE**



80 liters
of water per dollar of
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT



91 liters
of water to make
one pound of **PLASTIC**



120 liters
of water to make
one glass of **WINE**



140 liters
of water to make
one cup of **COFFEE**



1,300 liters
of water to make
one kilogram of **WHEAT**



4,800 liters
of water to make
one kilogram of **PORK**



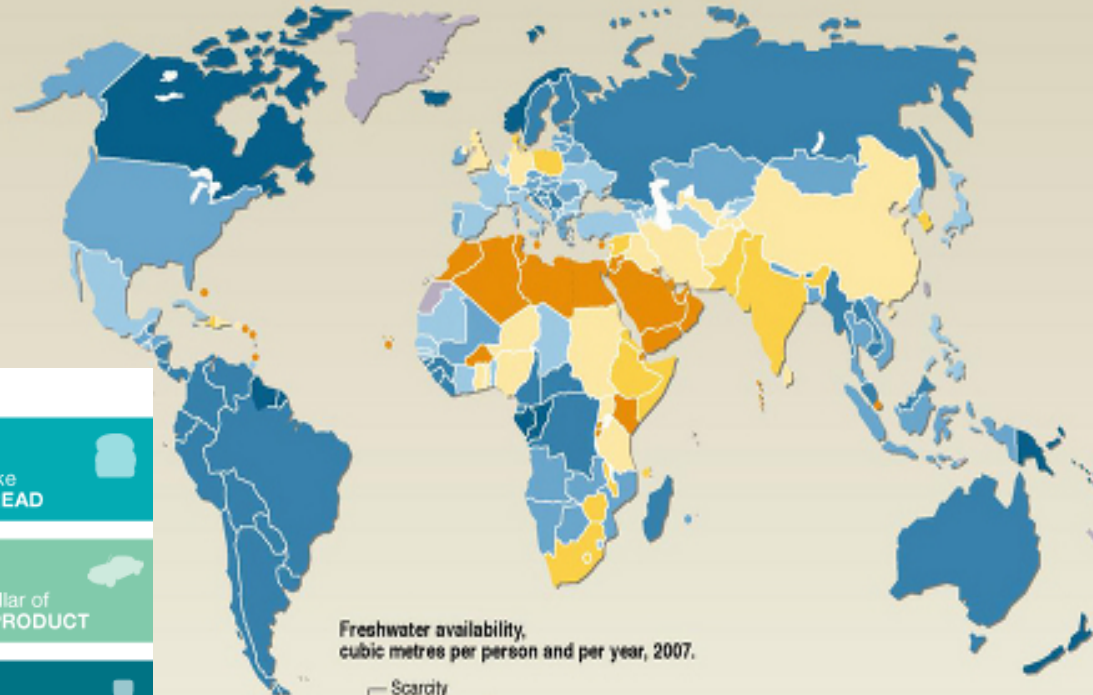
10,855 liters
of water to make
one pair of **JEANS**



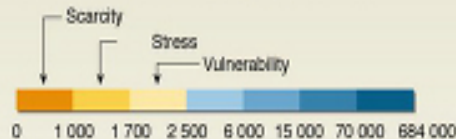
15,500 liters
of water to make
one kilogram of **BEEF**



16,600 liters
of water to make
one kilogram of **LEATHER**

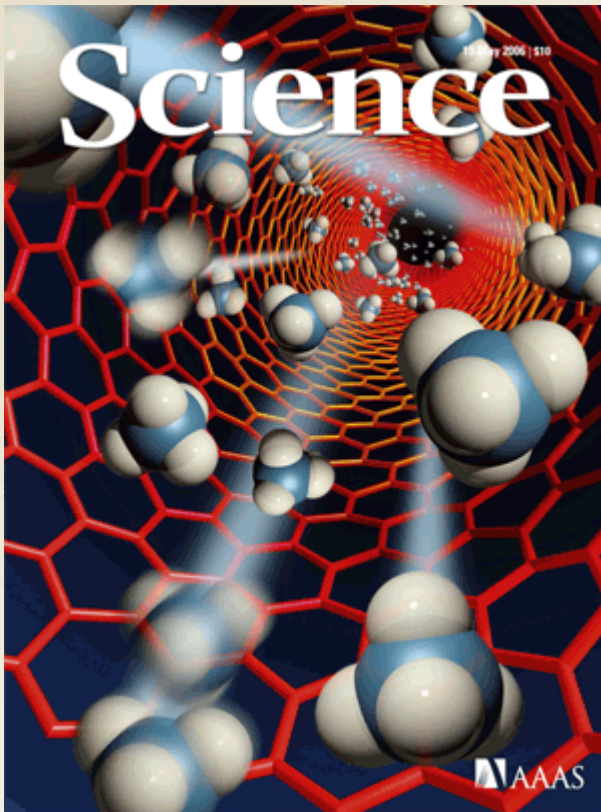


Freshwater availability,
cubic metres per person and per year, 2007.



Data non available

Nanotubes for Desalination



Fast Mass Transport Through Sub-2-Nanometer Carbon Nanotubes

Jason K. Holt,^{1*} Hyung Gyu Park,^{1,2*} Yinmin Wang,¹ Michael Stadermann,¹
Alexander B. Artyukhin,¹ Costas P. Grigoropoulos,² Aleksandr Noy,¹ Olgica Bakajin^{1†}

We report gas and water flow measurements through microfabricated membranes in which aligned carbon nanotubes with diameters of less than 2 nanometers serve as pores. The measured gas flow exceeds predictions of the Knudsen diffusion model by more than an order of magnitude. The measured water flow exceeds values calculated from continuum hydrodynamics models by more than three orders of magnitude and is comparable to flow rates extrapolated from molecular dynamics simulations. The gas and water permeabilities of these nanotube-based membranes are several orders of magnitude higher than those of commercial polycarbonate membranes, despite having pore sizes an order of magnitude smaller. These membranes enable fundamental studies of mass transport in confined environments, as well as more energy-efficient nanoscale filtration.

“NanOasis proposes to utilize carbon nanotubes (CNTs) to make industrially-scalable reverse osmosis (RO) membranesWe target a ten-fold permeability increase compared to today’s commercial state-of-the-art, resulting in a 30-50% energy savings...”

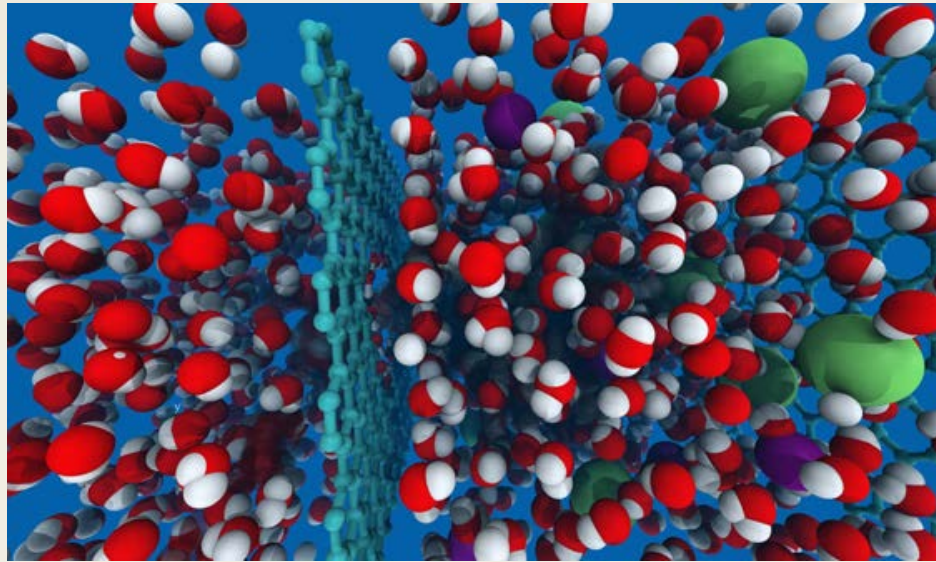
Graphene for Desalination Membranes



Pentagon weapons-maker
finds method for cheap,
clean water

By David Alexander

WASHINGTON | Wed Mar 13, 2013
1:15am EDT



WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A defense contractor better known for building jet fighters and lethal missiles says it has found a way to slash the amount of energy needed to remove salt from seawater.....

Because the sheets of pure carbon known as graphene are so thin - just one atom in thickness - it takes much less energy to push the seawater through the filter with the force required to separate the salt from the water, they said.

The development could spare underdeveloped countries from having to build exotic, expensive pumping stations needed in plants that use a desalination process called reverse osmosis.

"It's 500 times thinner than the best filter on the market today and a thousand times stronger," said John Stetson, the engineer who has been working on the idea. **"The energy that's required and the pressure that's required to filter salt is approximately 100 times less."**

Technology Evaluation- Desalination

What are key technical questions you would ask as CTO?

Dow Water and Process Solutions

World-Class Solutions. Worldwide Impact.



The global leader in sustainable separation and purification technology, **Dow Water and Process Solutions** is making a clear impact in every corner of the globe – from developing countries to the most advanced industrialized nations. Building on its 50-year legacy of providing innovative water and process solutions to consumers, communities, municipalities and industries alike, Dow Water and Process Solutions is spearheading the development of sustainable technologies that integrate water and energy requirements. Today, its technologies are helping to make water safer and more accessible, food taste better, pharmaceuticals more effective and industries more efficient. In addition to being one of the world's largest manufacturers of reverse osmosis water purification membranes, the business also is a leading provider of a broad portfolio of ion exchange resins, ultrafiltration membranes and electrodeionization products.

ELEMENTS OF MARKET SUCCESS

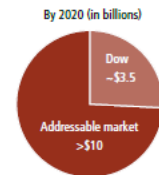
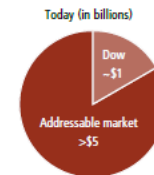
- #1 position in reverse osmosis and ion exchange resin technologies
- Only manufacturer to offer a complete portfolio of advanced water treatment technologies
- Advances in technology have significantly reduced the cost of water by lowering our customers' energy consumption by as much as 50 percent over the past 15 years
- Expanded manufacturing and R&D footprint increases service levels to regional customers, strengthening global competitiveness
- Positioned to address rapidly rising demand for safer water, energy and food supplies due to an increasing global population and urbanization

RECENT STRATEGIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- July 2011: Announced construction of a new reverse osmosis manufacturing facility in Saudi Arabia to enable the production of drinking water from seawater
- June 2011: Opened a Desalination Technology Development Center in Tarragona, Spain
- 2009–2011: Expanded R&D capabilities in India and Brazil and announced collaboration with the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology on water treatment technologies at the Dow R&D Center in Saudi Arabia

MARKET GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

- By 2015, 5 billion people will live in areas of significant water stress. Dow Water & Process Solutions' addressable market is projected to double by 2020.



KEY INSTALLATIONS FOR DOW MEMBRANES

- Soreq, Israel – Membranes used in the world's largest desalination plant, currently under construction
- Ashkelon, Israel – Provide up to 15 percent of Israel's clean water
- Perth, Australia – Largest desalination facility in the Southern Hemisphere, treat 144,000 m³ of seawater per day
- Florida, United States – Produce 25 million gallons of safe water per day at largest desalination plant in the United States
- Shoaiba, Saudi Arabia – One of Saudi Arabia's largest reverse osmosis seawater desalination plants



The Dow Chemical Company

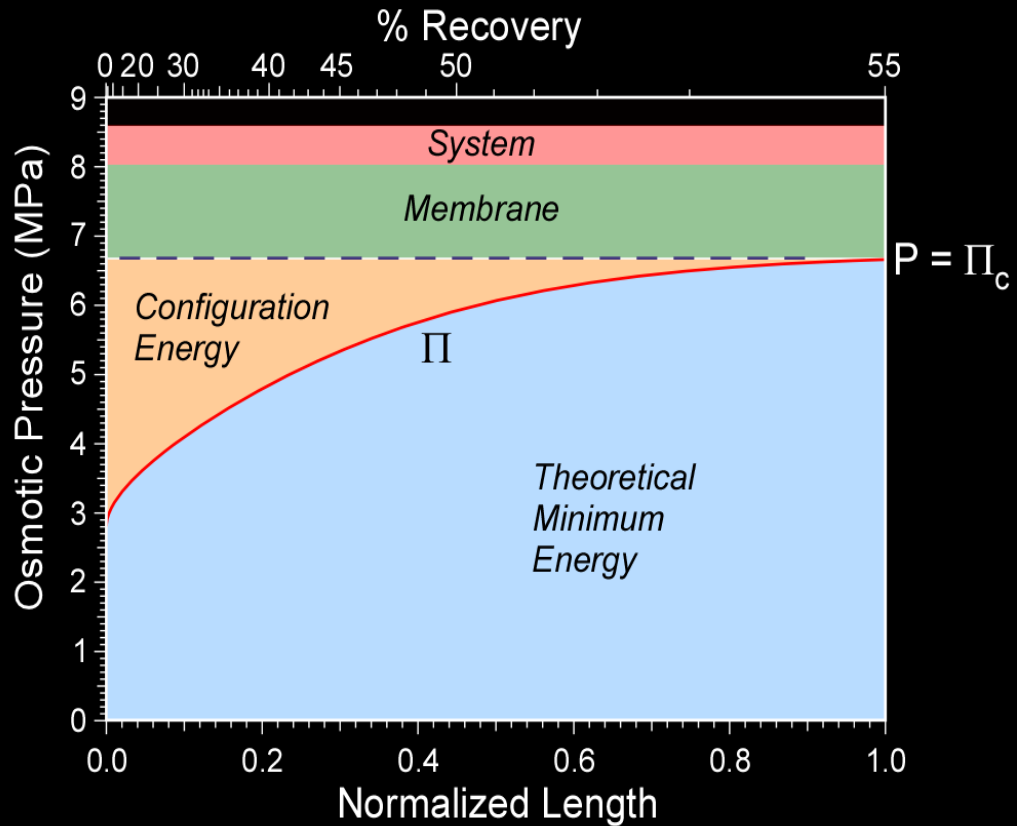
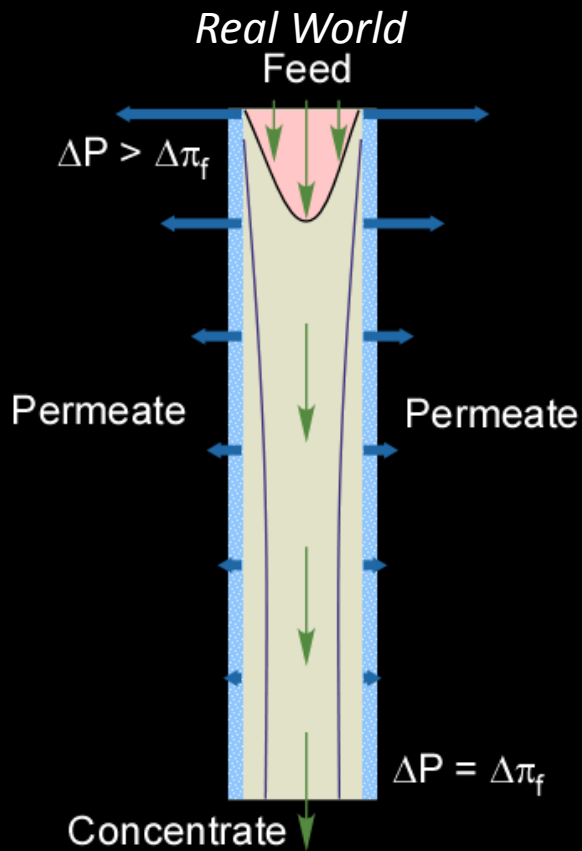
Thermodynamics



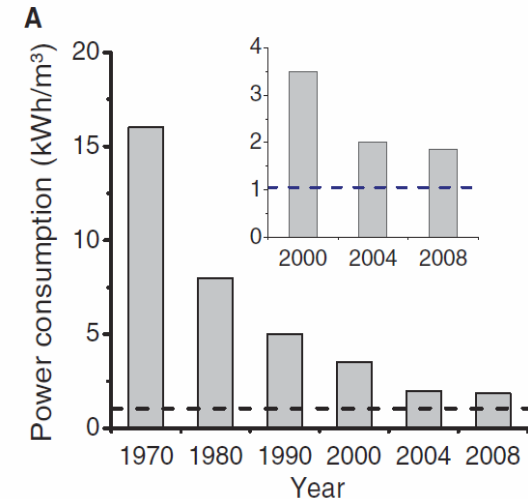
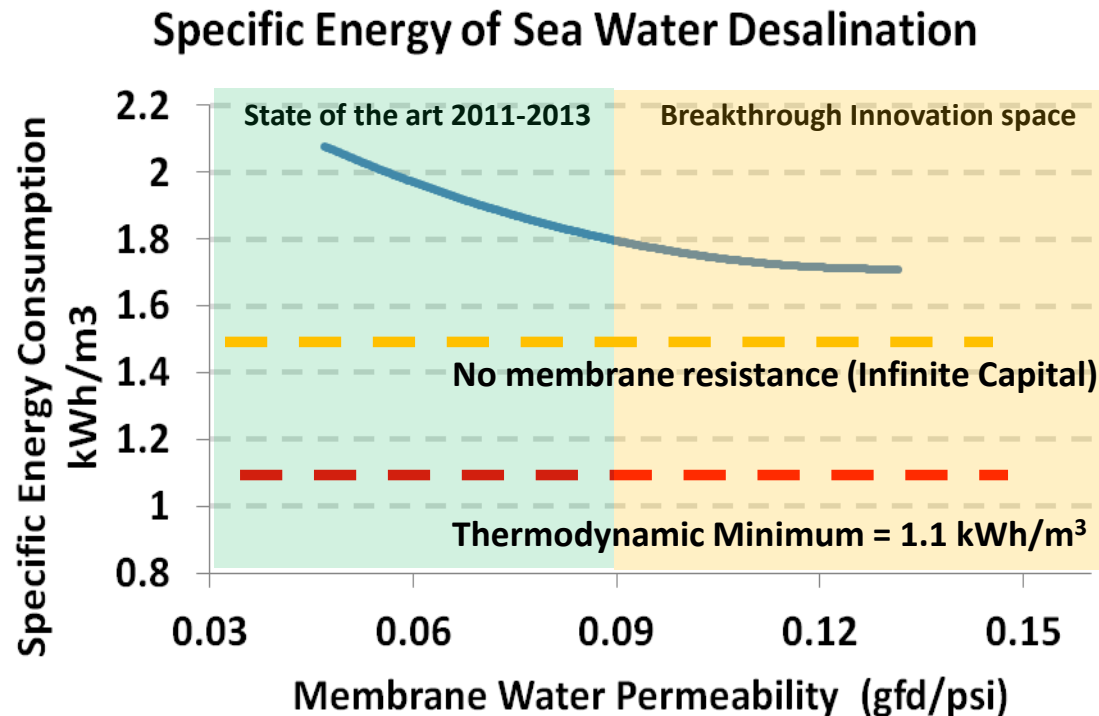
$$-d(\Delta G_{mix}) = -RT \ln a_w dn_w = \pi v_w dn_w$$

$$E_{thermo,min} = \frac{V_0 \int_0^R \pi dR}{V_0 R} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{R} \int_0^R \pi dR$$

a_w = activity of water
 n_w = moles of water
 v_w = molar volume of water
 π = osmotic pressure



Membrane Improvements



Thermal Desalination ~8-15 kWhr/m³

Current RO Energy Efficiency ~2 kWhr/m³

Theoretical Minimum Energy= 1.1 kWh/m³ (50% Recovery 3.5% salt)

Ideal, Single Stage Energy Efficiency =1.56 kWh/m³

The Pepsi “Bio Bottle” Coke “Plant Bottle”



On March 15, 2011, PepsiCo announced that it has developed the world's first PET plastic bottle **made entirely from plant-based, fully renewable resources**, enabling the company to manufacture a beverage container with a significantly reduced carbon footprint



Environment

•Cola Wars Revisited: Coke and Pepsi Duel Over Bottles Made from Plants

•By: [Nick Carbone](#) (9 days ago)

•Topics: [battle](#), [Bottle](#), [coke](#), [ecofriendly](#), [Environment](#), [Pepsi](#), [pet](#), [plastic](#)

Read more: <http://newsfeed.time.com/2011/03/26/cola-wars-revisited-coke-and-pepsi-duel-over-bottles-made-from-plants/#ixzz1IZ6S6VeM>

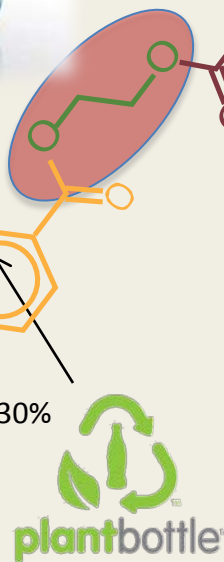
“By reducing reliance on petroleum –based materials and using its own agricultural scraps as feedstock for new bottles, this advancement should deliver a double win for the environment and PepsiCo.”

Conrad Mackerron
Senior Program Director, *As You Sow*

Plant Bottle



PET



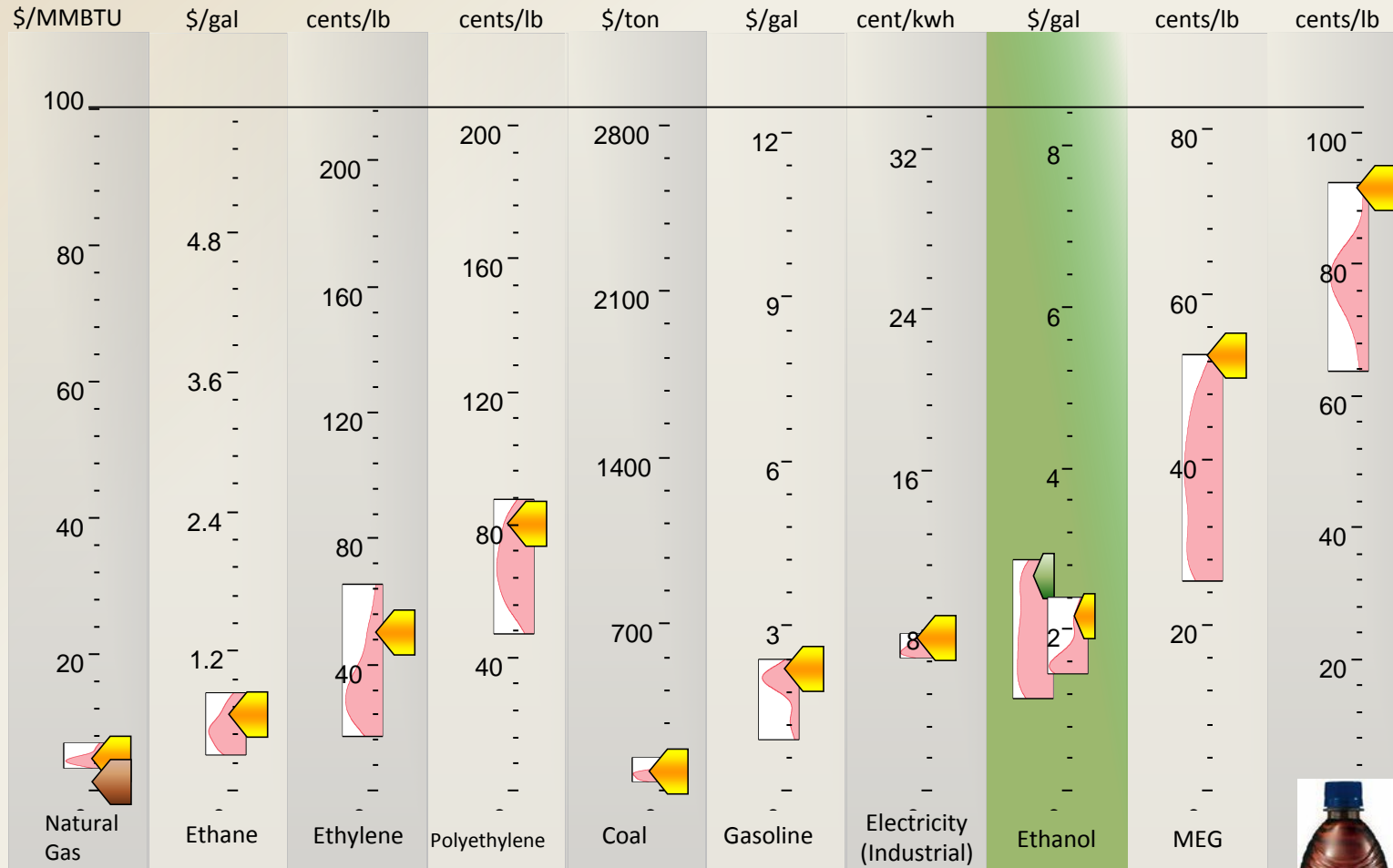
100% renewable PET (not yet available) would required ~80 2 L bottles to offset burning 1 gallon of gasoline or about 400 at today's 30%

material	per capita consumption (lb/yr)
PET packaging	17
petroleum	6619
natural gas	8037
coal	6439
gasoline	2495
sand and gravel	13923
cement	512
iron ore	340
salt	403
beef	54.3
chicken	55.7

data from HIS, 2012 ERS USDA, 2011 National Mining Assoc., World Bank



Managing “Green” Fads – Green PET



Sources:

Natural Gas, ethane, ethylene, polyethylene, gasoline, MEG, PET: CMAI

Coal: EIA, Electricity: DOE, Ethanol US: ICIS, Ethanol Br: ESALQ

Price Densities shown for Dec 2008 to Dec 2010

Prices shown from Dec 2010



USA



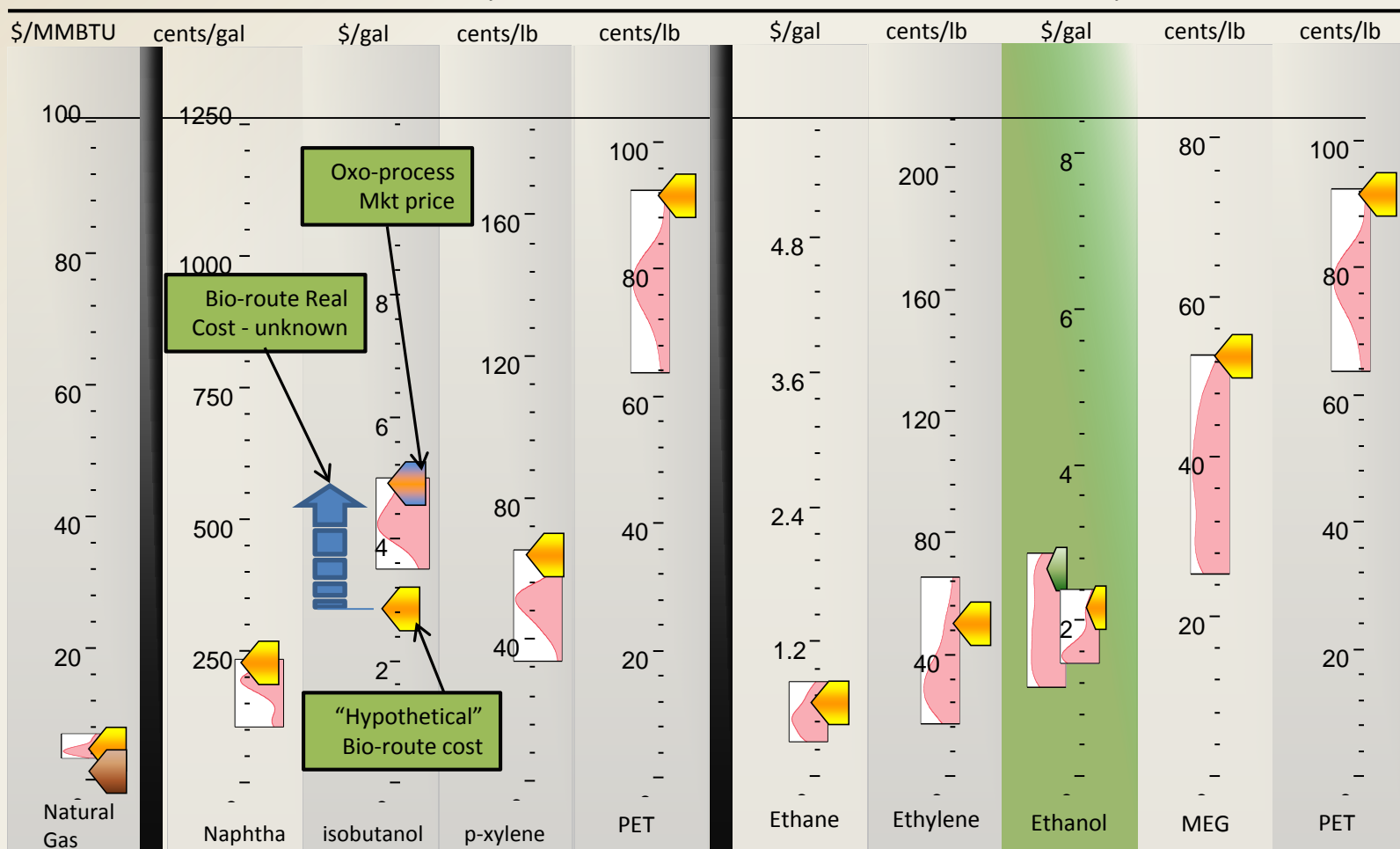
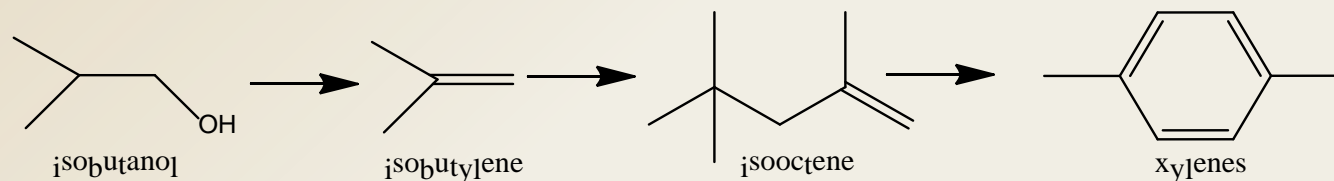
Brazil



Middle East



Managing “Green” Fads – Green PET



Green Design and LCA Rankings Don't Match Up

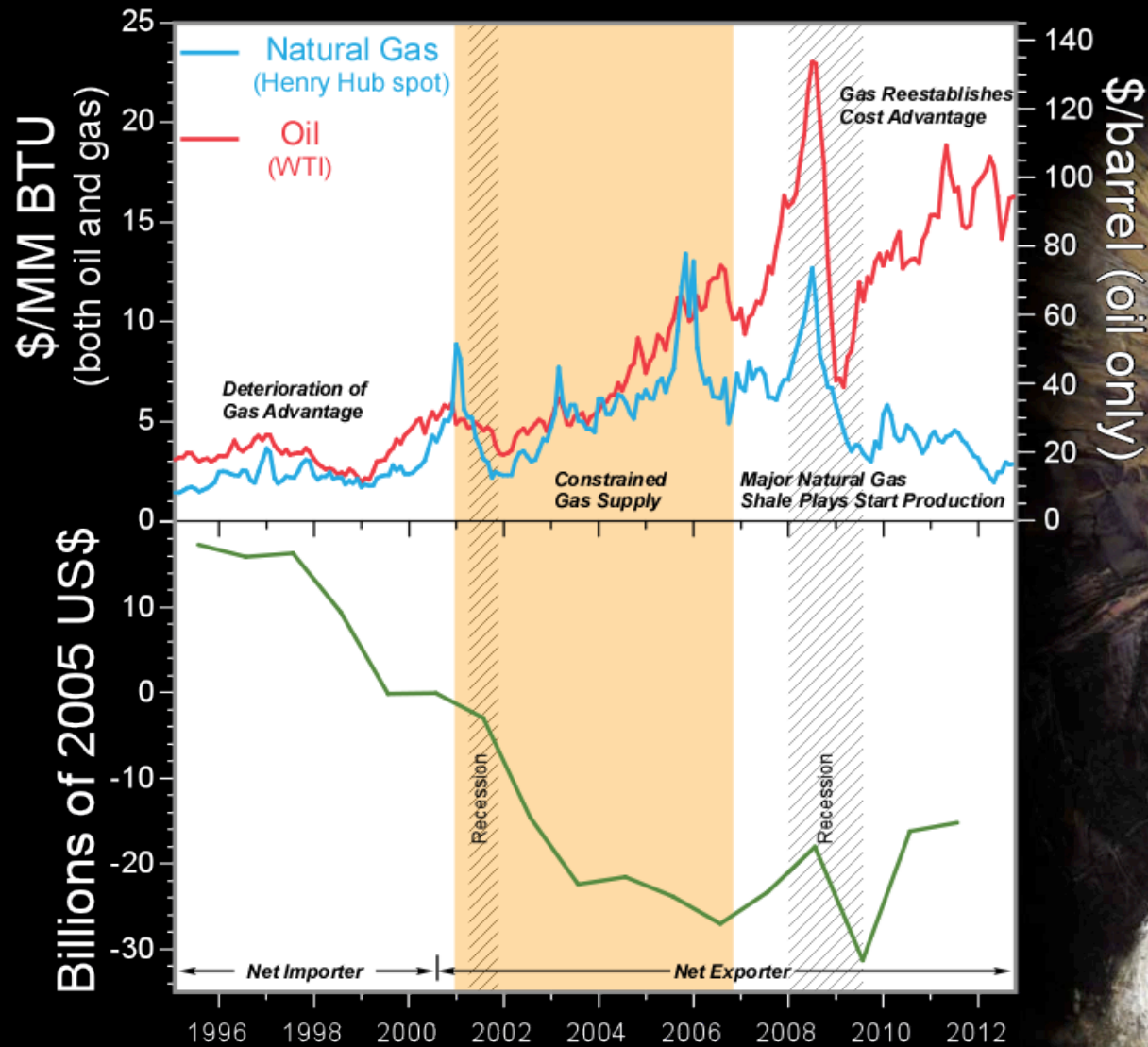
Biopolymers rank in the middle of LCA rankings



Polymer	Material	Green Design Rank	LCA Rank
Polypropylene	Fossil fuels	9	1
HD Polyethylene	Petroleum	5	2
LD Polyethylene	Petroleum	7	3
Polyhydroxyalkanoate-Stover	Cornstalks	2	4
General Purpose Polystyrene	Petroleum	10	5
Polylactic Acid – NatureWorks	Sugar/cornstarch	1	6
PVC	Chlorine/petroleum	11	7
Polyhydroxyalkanoate-General	Corn kernels	2	8
Polylactic Acid-General	Sugar/cornstarch	4	9
PET	Petroleum	6	10
Polycarbonate	Petroleum	12	11
Bio-PET	Petroleum/plants	8	12

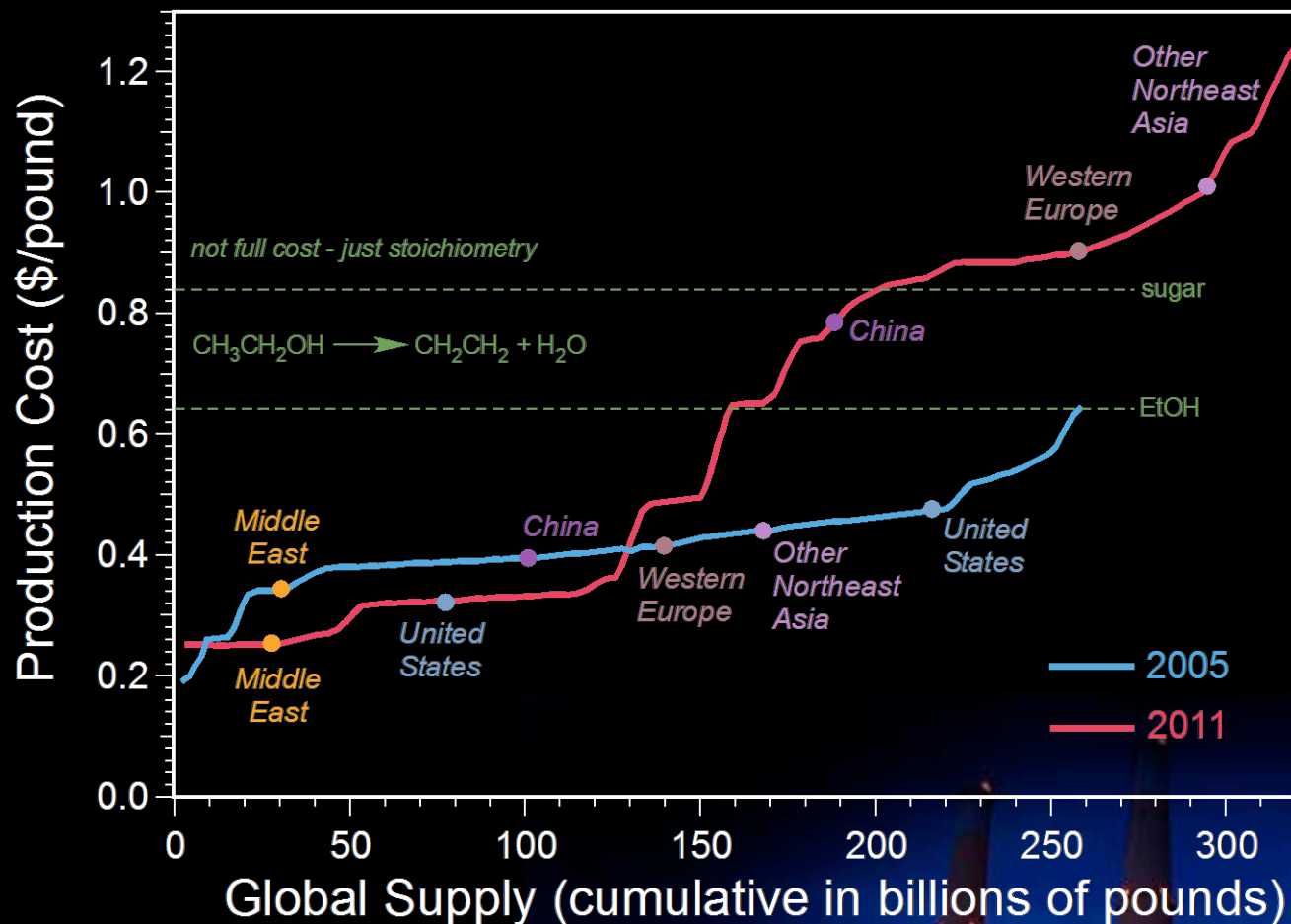
Tabone, MD; Cregg, JJ; Beckman, EJ; Landis, AE. Environ. Sci. Technol. 2010, 44, 8264-9.

Chemical Industry is Rejuvenated



\$/barrel (oil only)

Impact of Low Gas Prices



Owen Kean and T.K. Swift, American Chemistry Council, "Industry-Transforming Natural Gas into Products", National Academy Forum on Unconventional Gas, 11 September 2012.
Ethanol and Sugar from 10 Jan 2013 prices sugar is average of monthly close for 2011; EtOH is average of daily close for 2011.

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Thank You



Ponder what is possible but work on what is
practical

Synthetic Biology



- Lead story in Science 20 January 2012 issue
- Bio Architecture Lab, Berkeley, CA
- Seaweed has no lignin
- Alginate not fermented by yeasts
- *E. coli* genetically engineered to ferment alginate and other major sugars present to ethanol

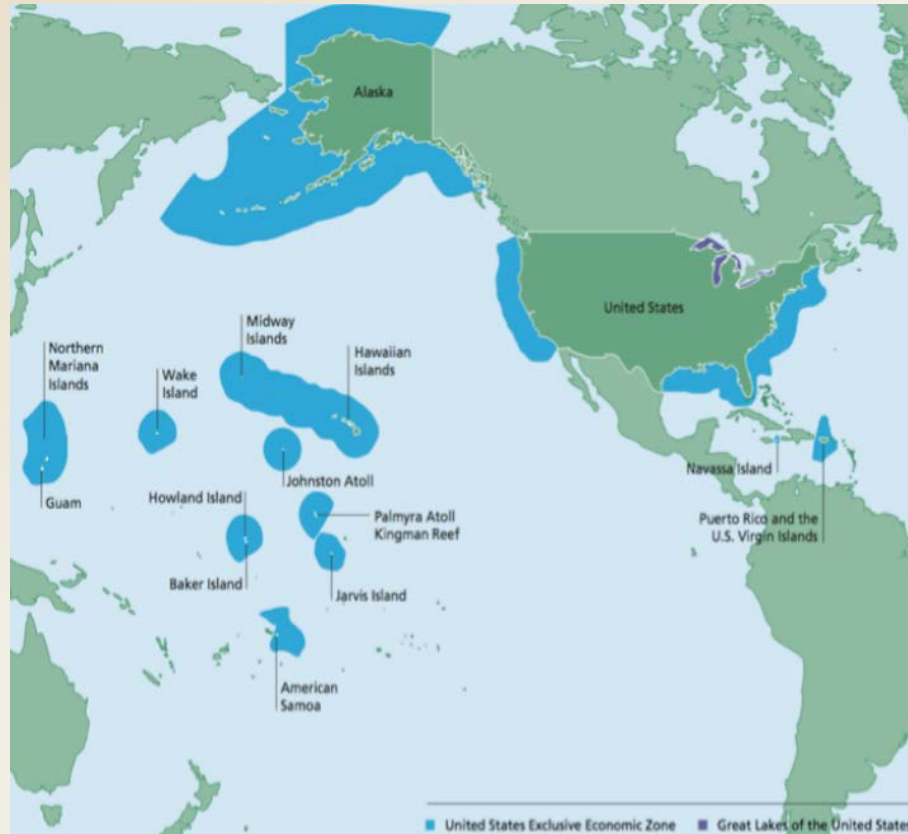
Proposed Advantages



alginate only about a third of sugars present
U.S. owns more ocean area than any other
country

“no land, (no) fresh water or (no) fertilizer”

Erik Stokstad, Science, 20 January 2012, page 273

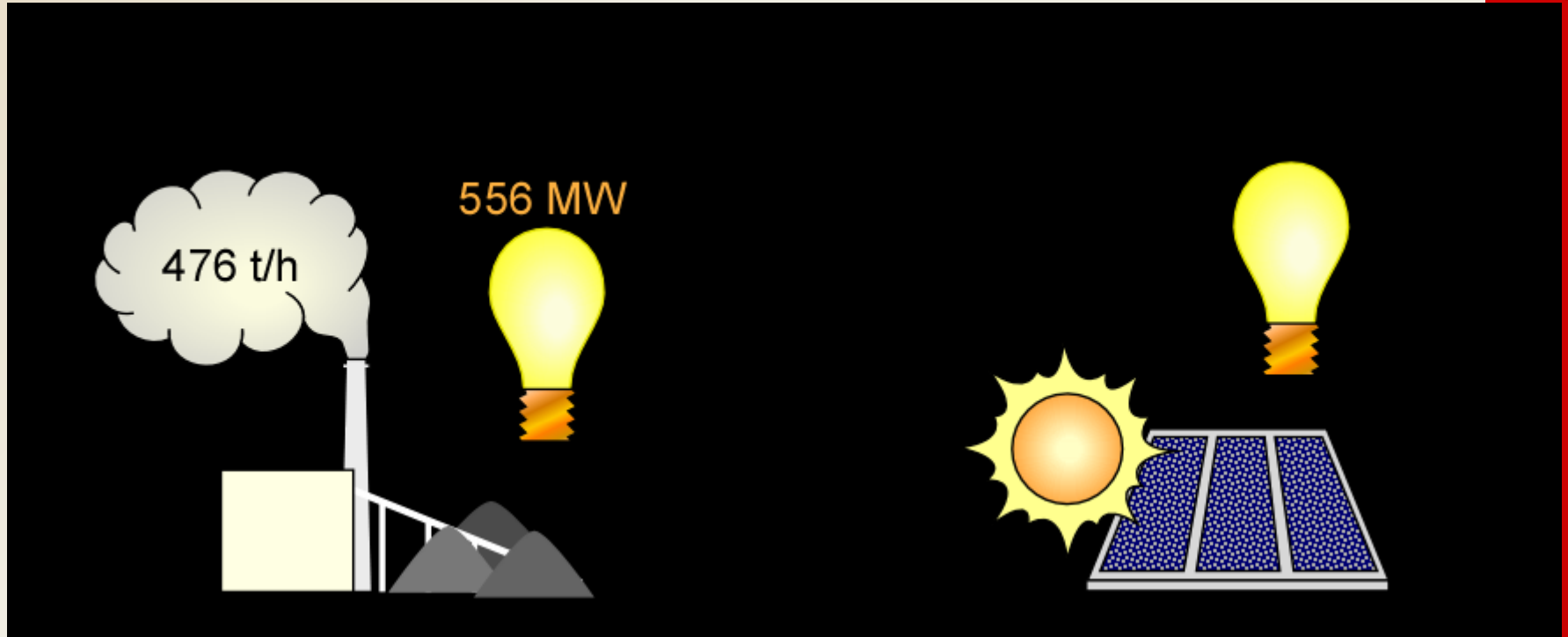


Problem not solved



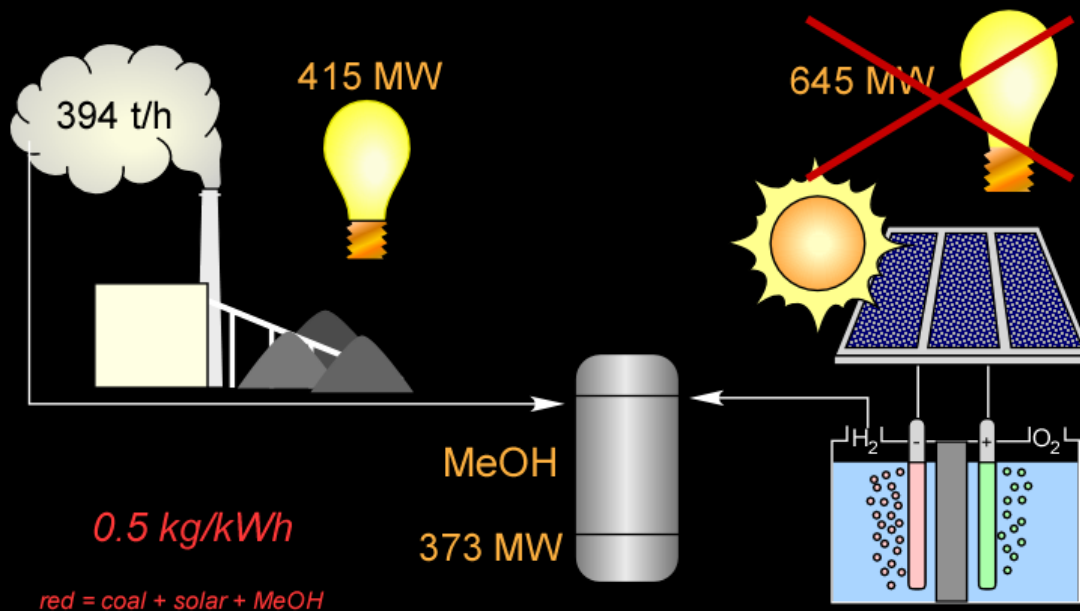
- Harvested for over 400 years
- Cost for wet biomass are >\$400/ton at water levels >70% *more expensive than corn!*
- Redfield ratio still required
- *Arable ocean* (analogy to arable land) needed

CO₂ Utilization



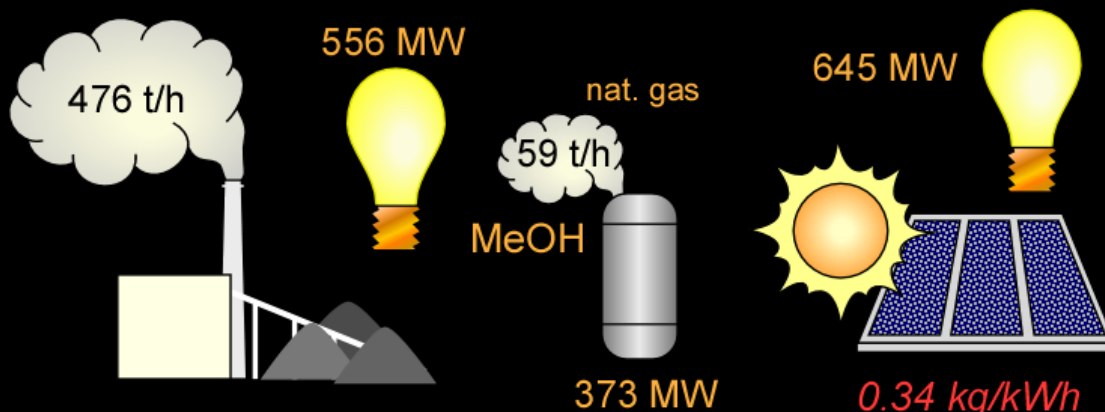
Just Not Practical

0.4 kg/kWh



red = coal + solar + MeOH

DOI:10.3303/CET1229078 Van-Del and Bouallou



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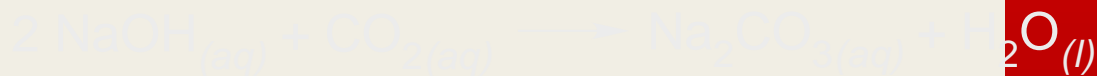
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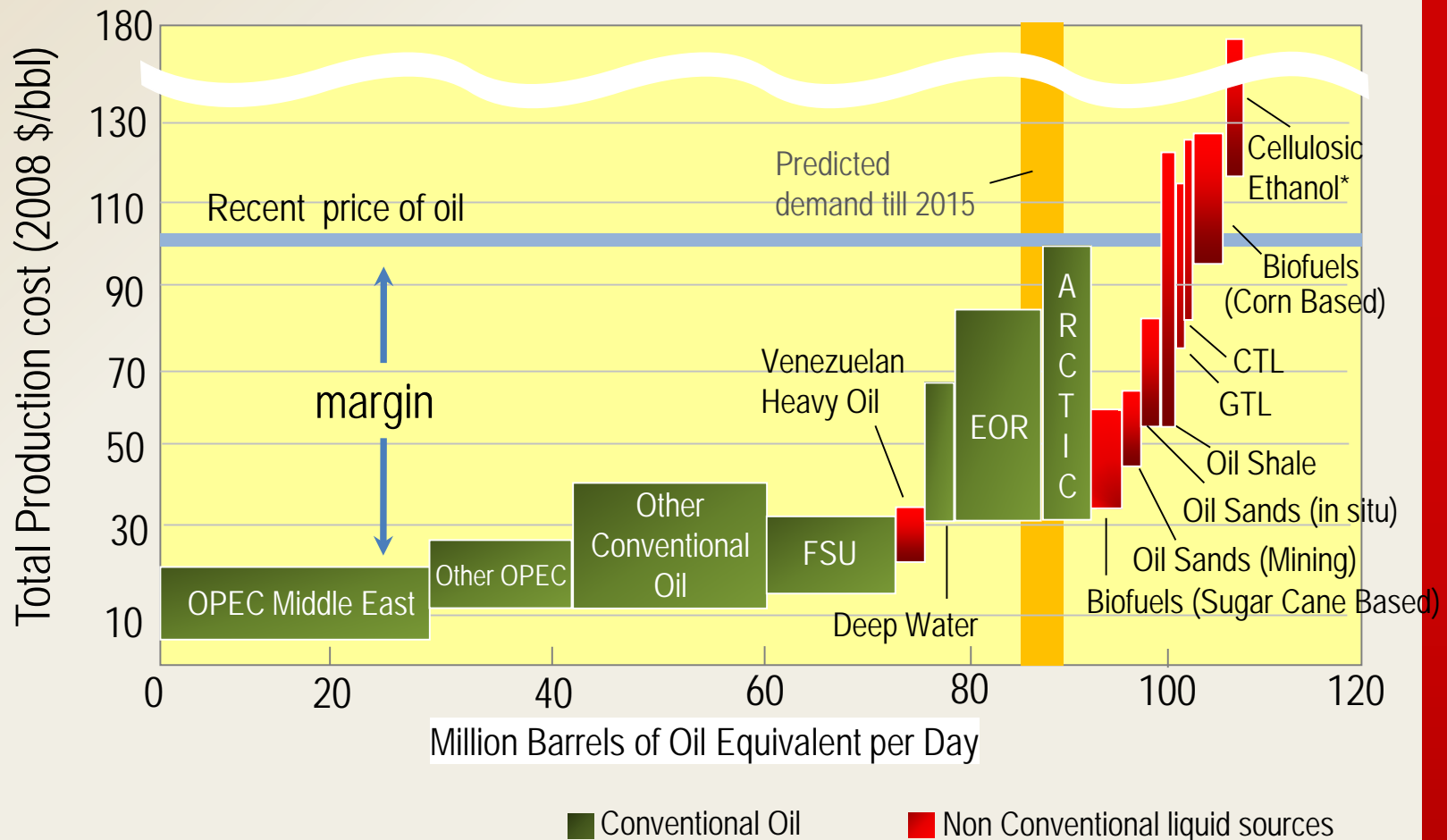
Carbon Engineering seeks to scrub atmospheric CO₂ by using alkaline solutions that are dried and thermally regenerated.



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Energy Industry Dynamics

As oil price rises, new capital will flow to EOR, Arctic, Oil sands, GTL, CTL before biofuels.



*Based on DOE volume projections for US in 2022. DOE price target is ~\$113/bbl

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Source: IEA, EIA, Booz Allen Hamilton, DOE Biomass Multiyear Program Plan April 2011, Dow Analysis

The Fundamentals are...FUNDAMENTAL



You can NEVER lose sight of these considerations:

- Thermodynamics ➤ In Your Favor
- Kinetics ➤ Fast
- Catalysis ➤ Controlled
- Separations/Transport ➤ Easy/Lower Energy
- Unit Operations ➤ Lower Capital



There isn't a useful process in the world that is exempt from these fundamentals

Hype Around Cleantech



Ivy League Brains Figure Out How to Make Biodegradable Plastic from Greenhouse Gases

September 28, 2012

cleantechnica.com

Two graduates from Princeton University and Northwestern University have developed a process for converting greenhouse gases from sewage treatment plants, landfills, and power plants into a biodegradable plastic called Airflex™

As described by Newlight, the process for making Airflex™ breaks down into a few simple steps. First, a mix of gases, including methane and carbon dioxide, is funneled into a reactor. Next, carbon and oxygen are separated out, and then they are reassembled into a long-chain thermopolymer.

September 25, 2012

presswire.com

"**We are pleased to receive this seventh patent,**" stated Newlight CEO, Mark Herrema . "While the size of our patent portfolio is a testament to Newlight's pioneering inventions and nearly decade-long leadership in this field, we expect our patent portfolio to continue to grow at a rapid pace, particularly in the areas of new product applications and commercial-scale manufacturing systems."

Permanent Exhalation Conveyance

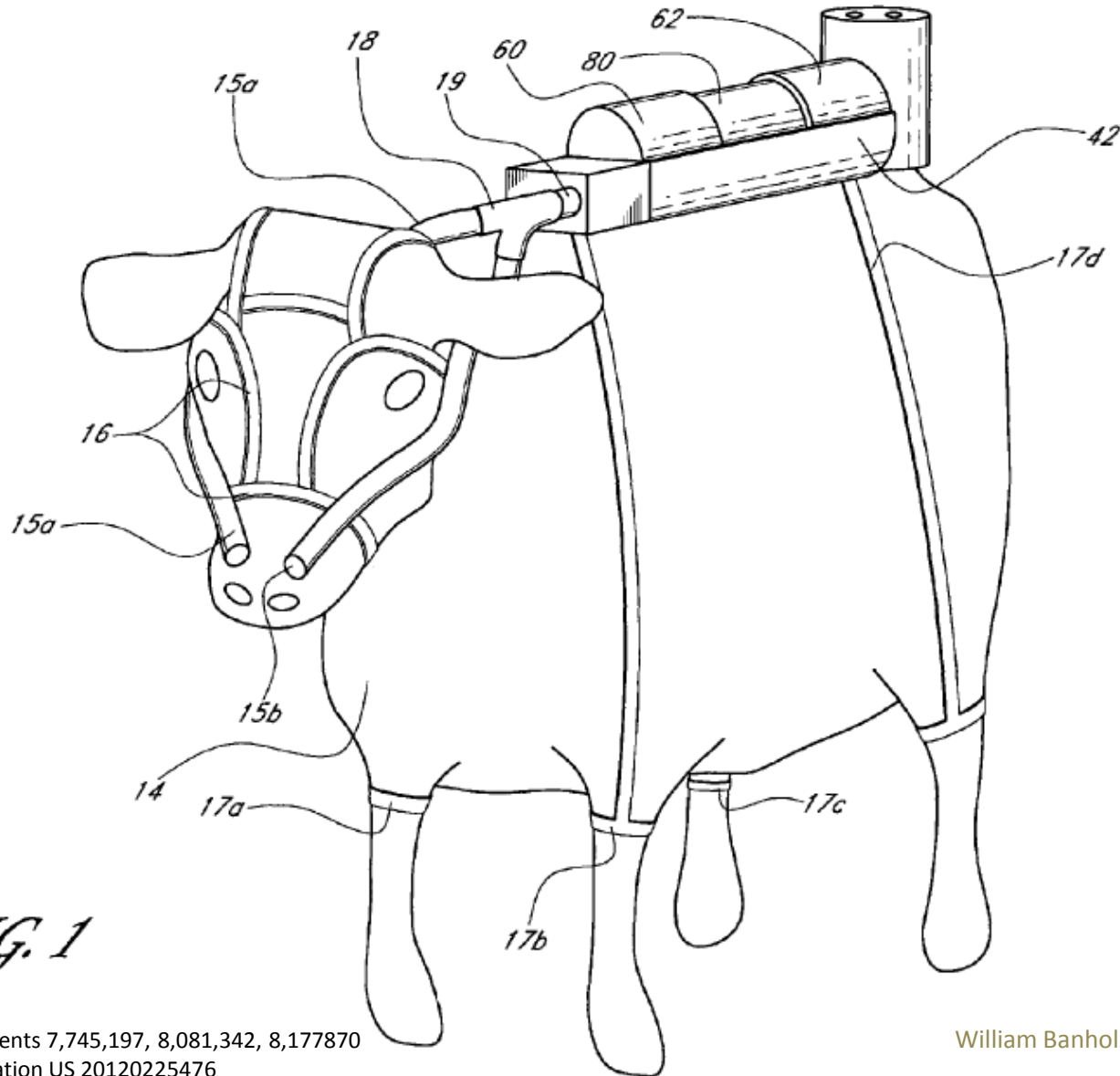


FIG. 1

US patents 7,745,197, 8,081,342, 8,177,870
application US 20120225476

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Timeline for Impact



Impact / Market Penetration

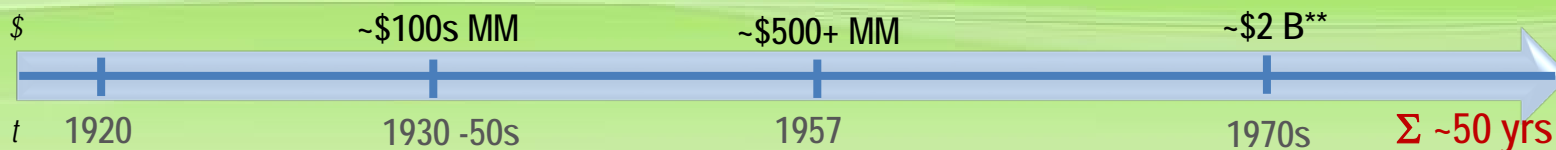
Invention Development Demonstration Deployment



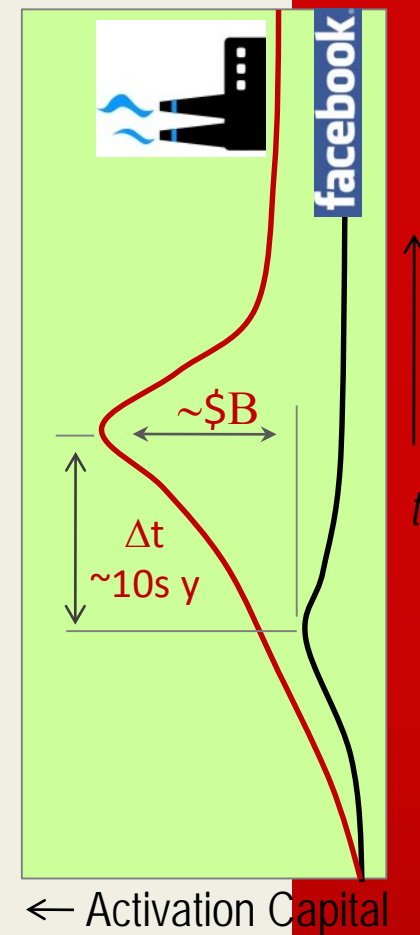
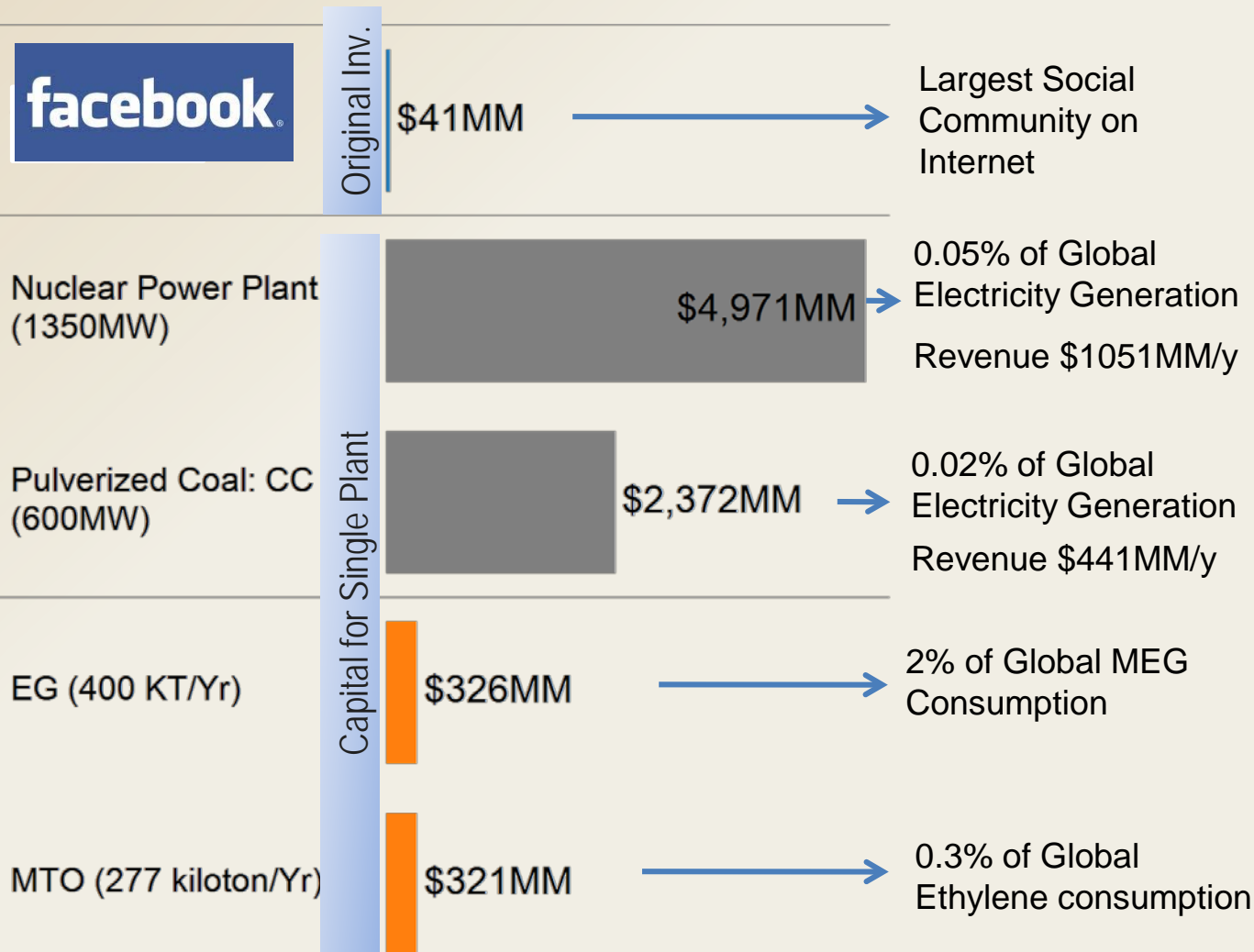
Single Site
Catalysis



Super Critical
Coal Power



Scale of Fuels Makes it Harder



Sources: facebook original investment showing combined amounts from Peter Thiel (PayPal cofounder), Accel Partners and Greylock Partners as described in the History of facebook on wikipedia; Power Plants: RL34746 report - Stan Kaplan - Congressional Research Service; MTO: PEP Report 261 – SR and EG PEP Report 21 – SRI; **Revenues** for Power Plants calculated using 2010 electricity average retail prices (all sectors) 9.88 cents/kWh (data from DOE)

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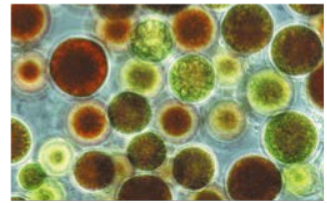
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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

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Photo: Associated Press

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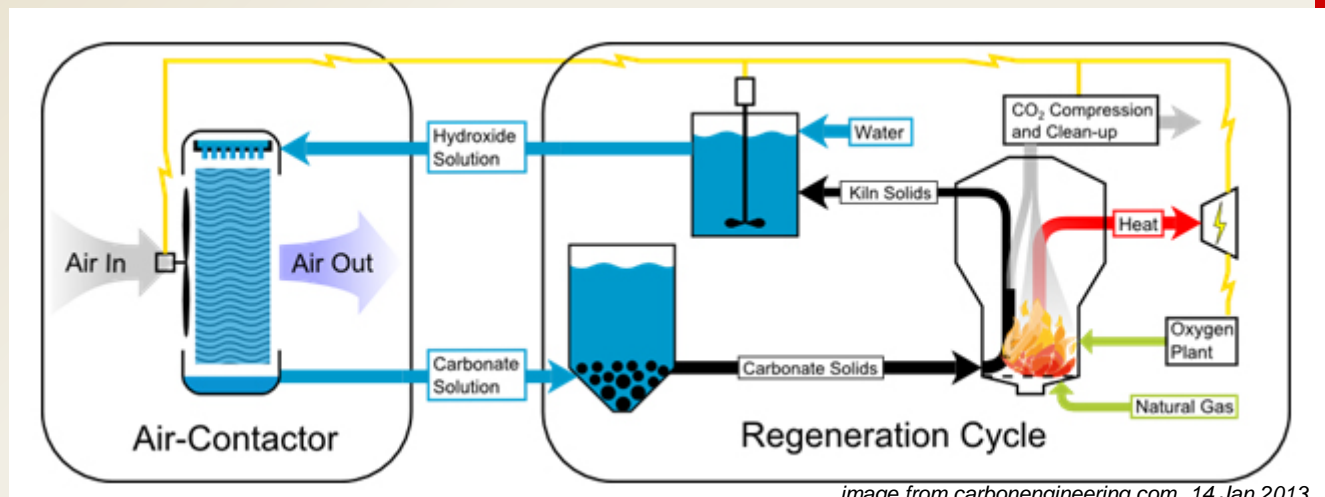
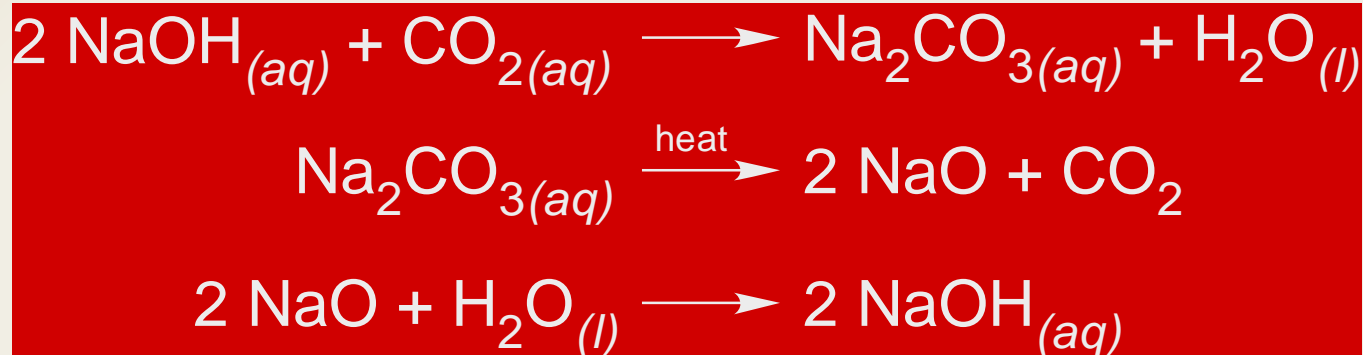
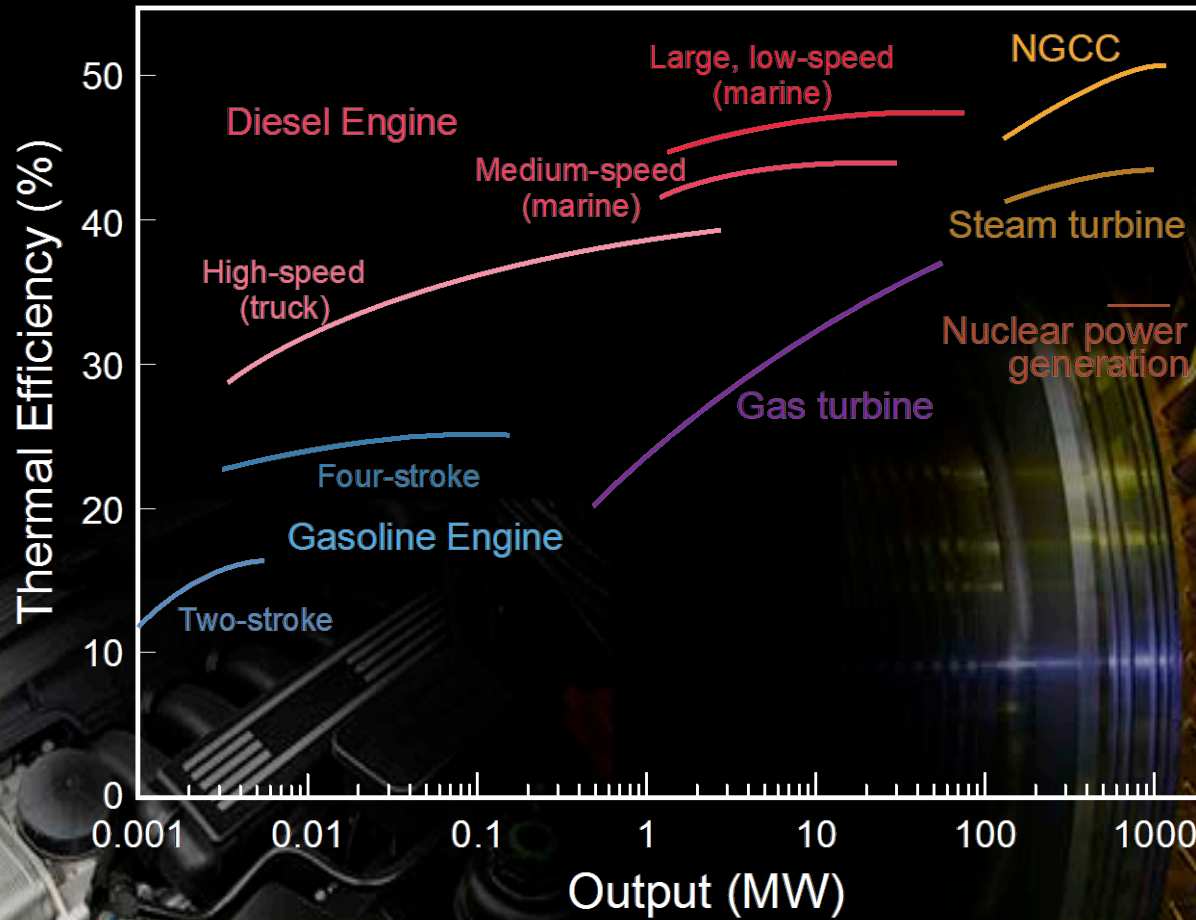


image from carbonengineering.com, 14 Jan 2013.



Problem: fuel use makes >50% of the CO₂ the system can scrub
Problem: CO₂ has no value (this is an added COST)

Scale Improves Efficiency



Recognizing Fads

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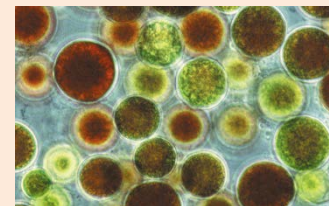
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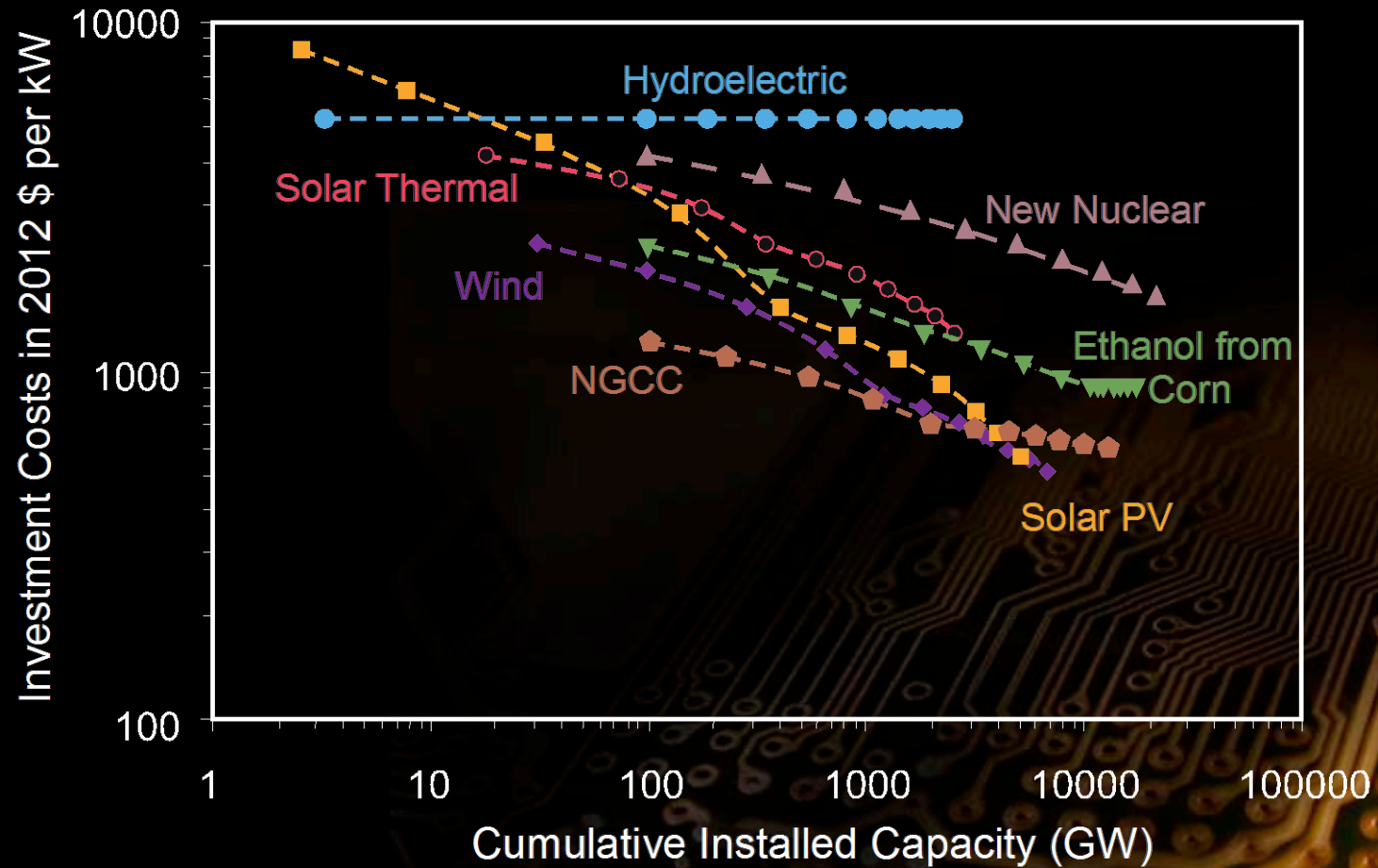
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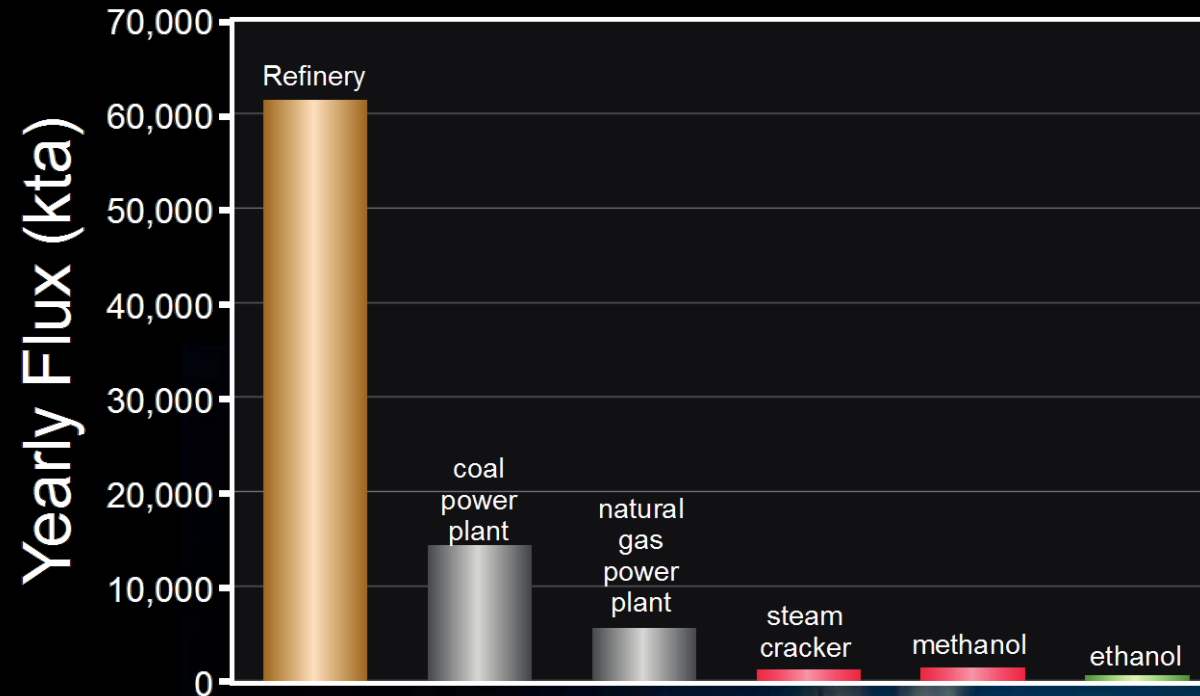
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Experience Curves



Energy Happens at Large Scale



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