



# Generation strategies from biomass and waste heat

(Estrategias de generación a partir de biomasa y calores residuales)

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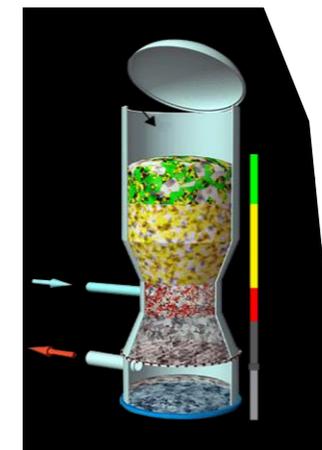


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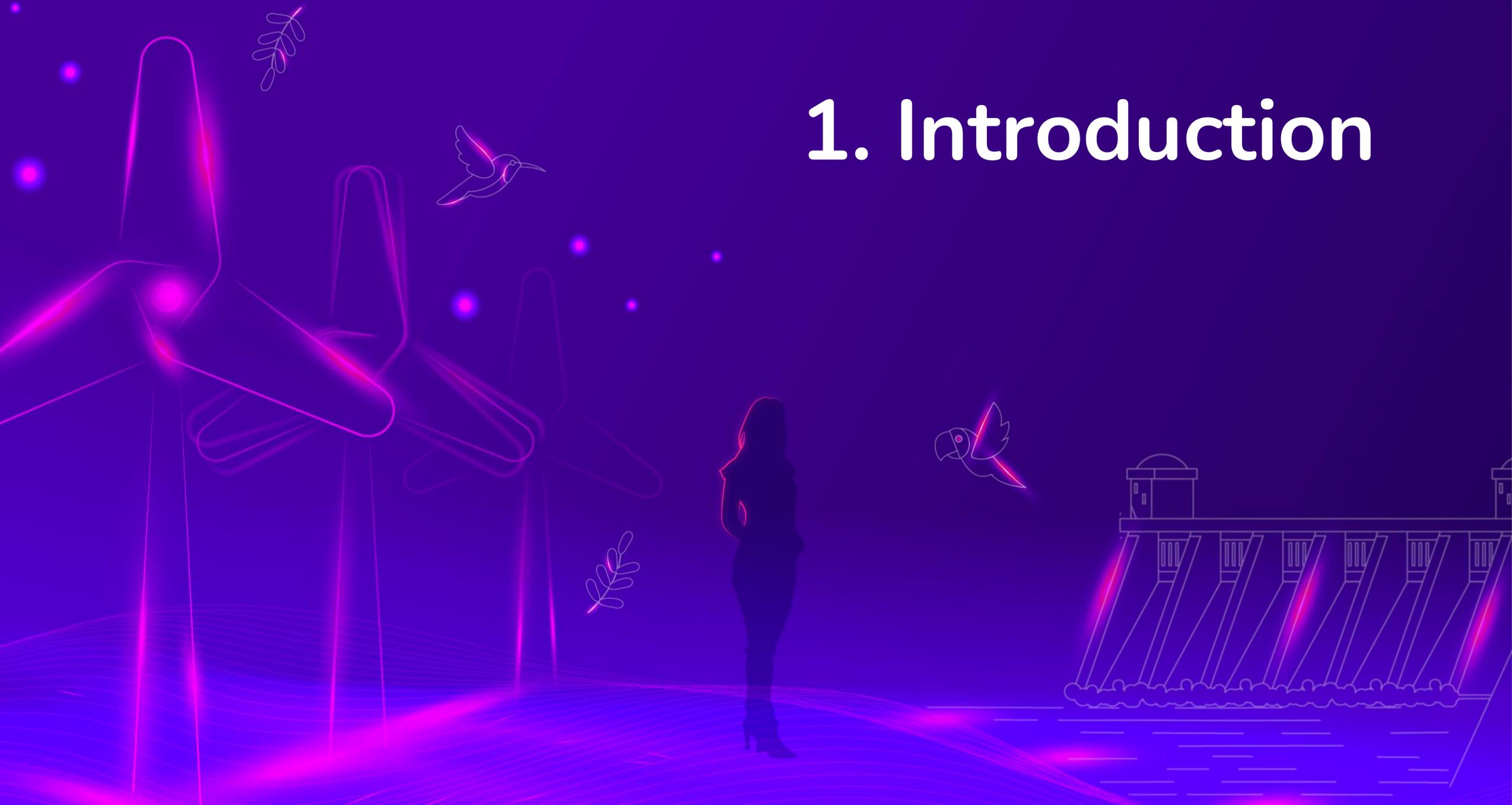
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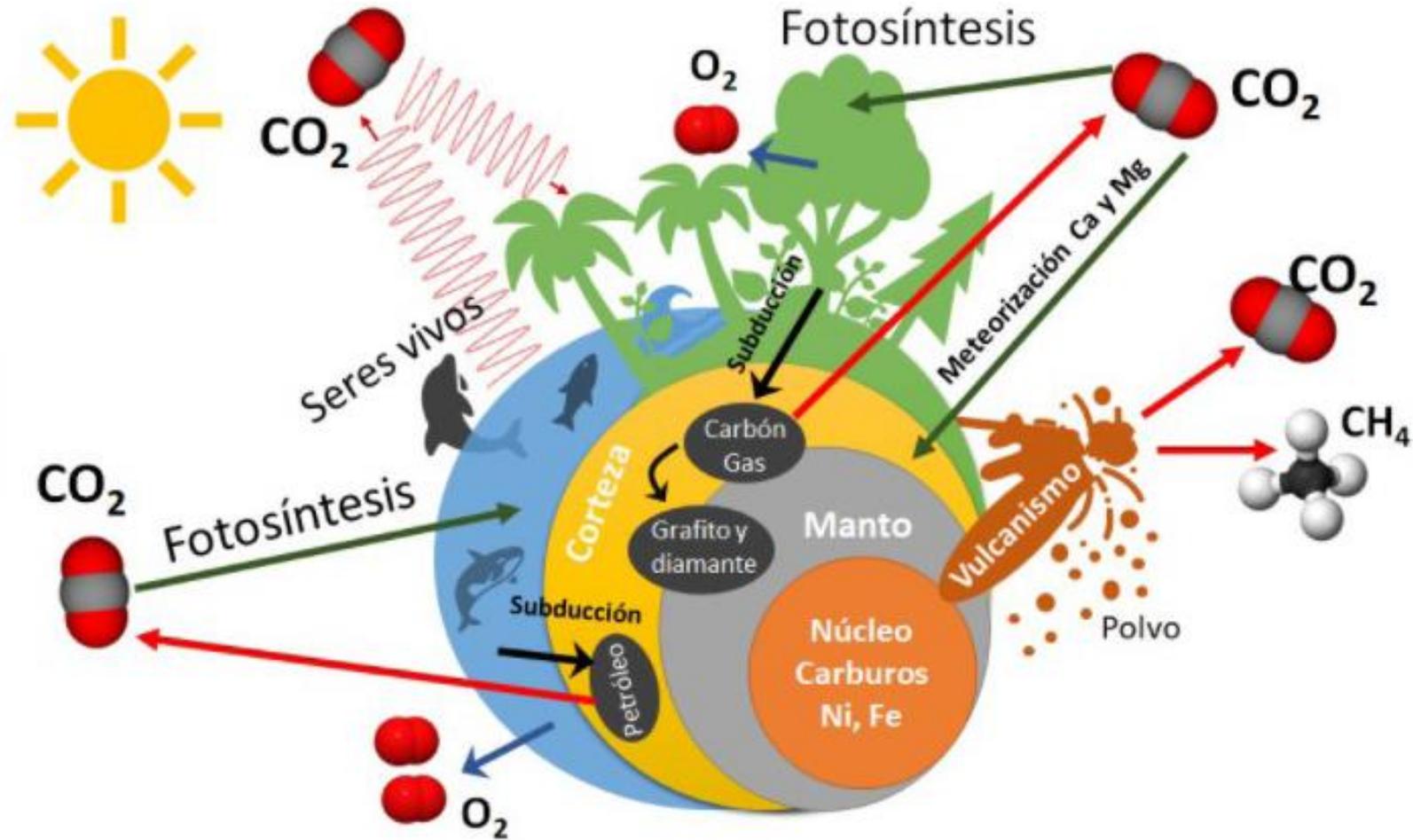
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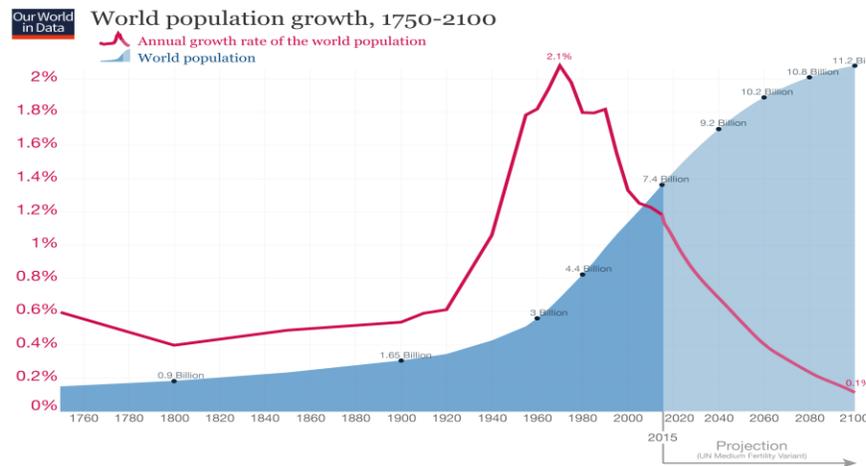
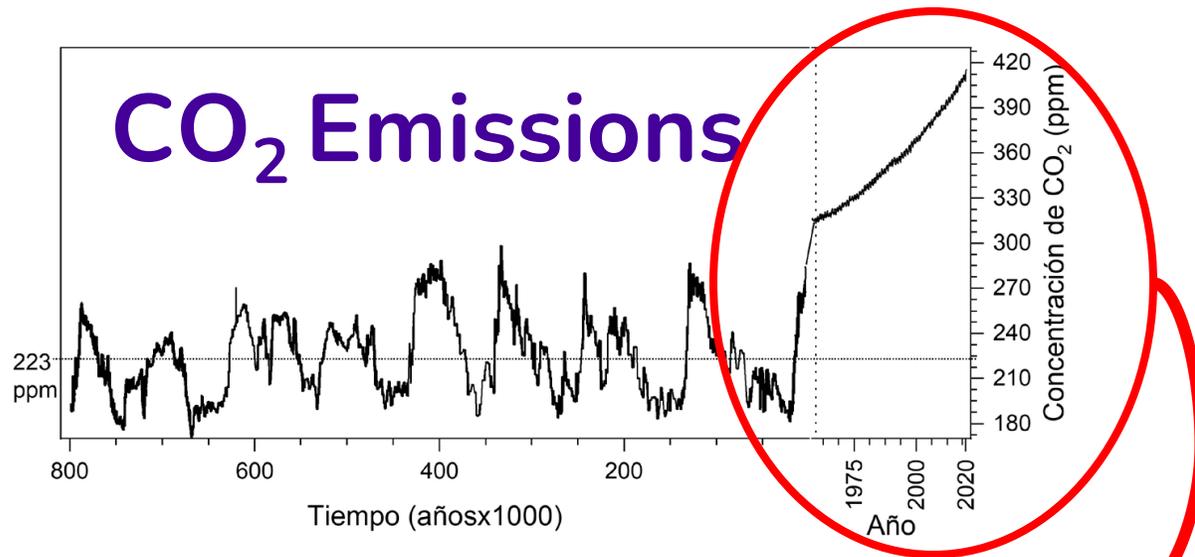


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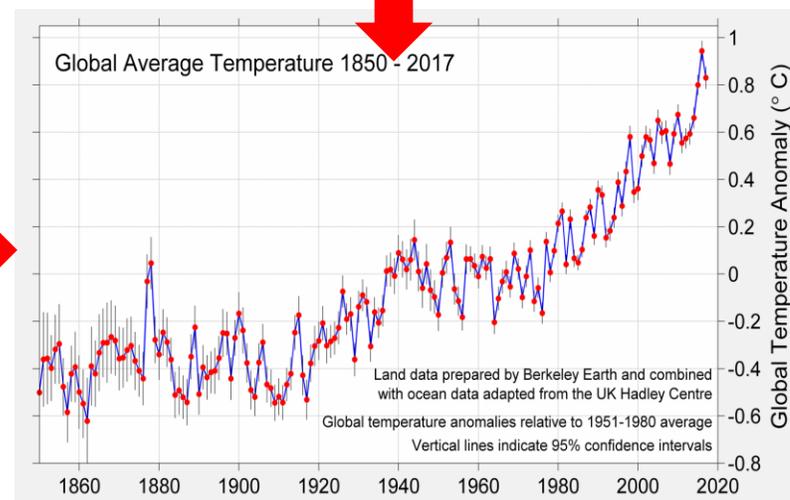
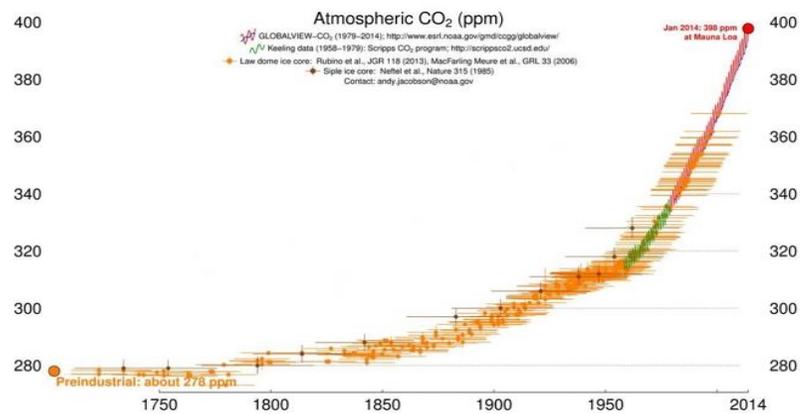


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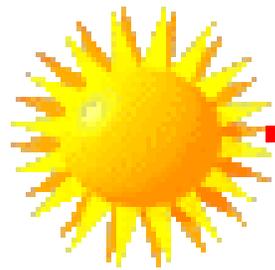


Data sources: Up to 2015 OurWorldInData series based on UN and IPCC. Projections for 2015 to 2100: UN Population Division (2015) - Medium Variant. The data visualization is taken from OurWorldInData.org. There you find the raw data and more visualizations on this topic. Licensed under CC-BY-SA by the author Max Roser.

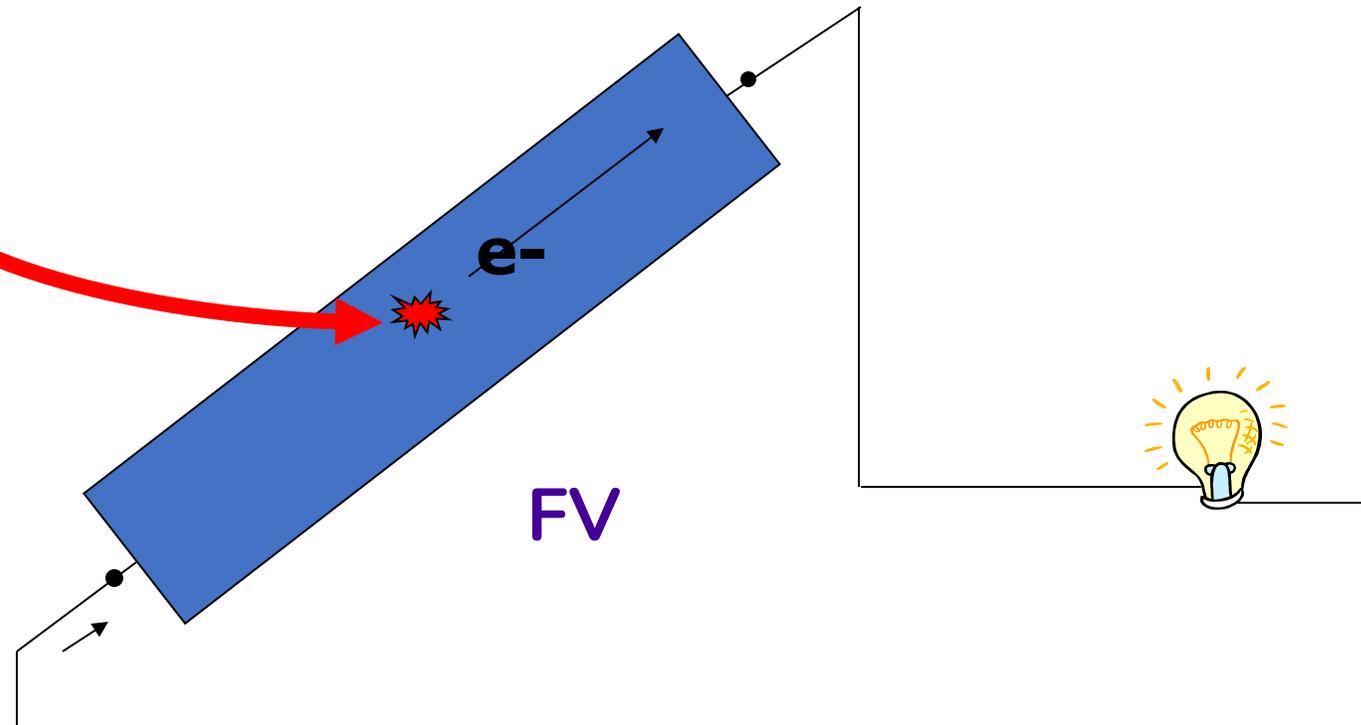
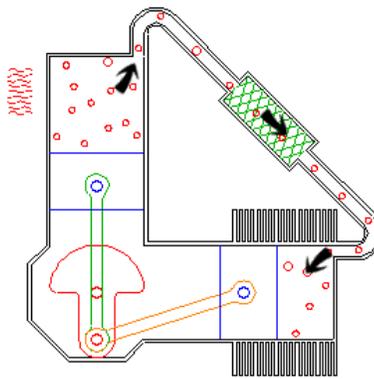


# Stirling cycle

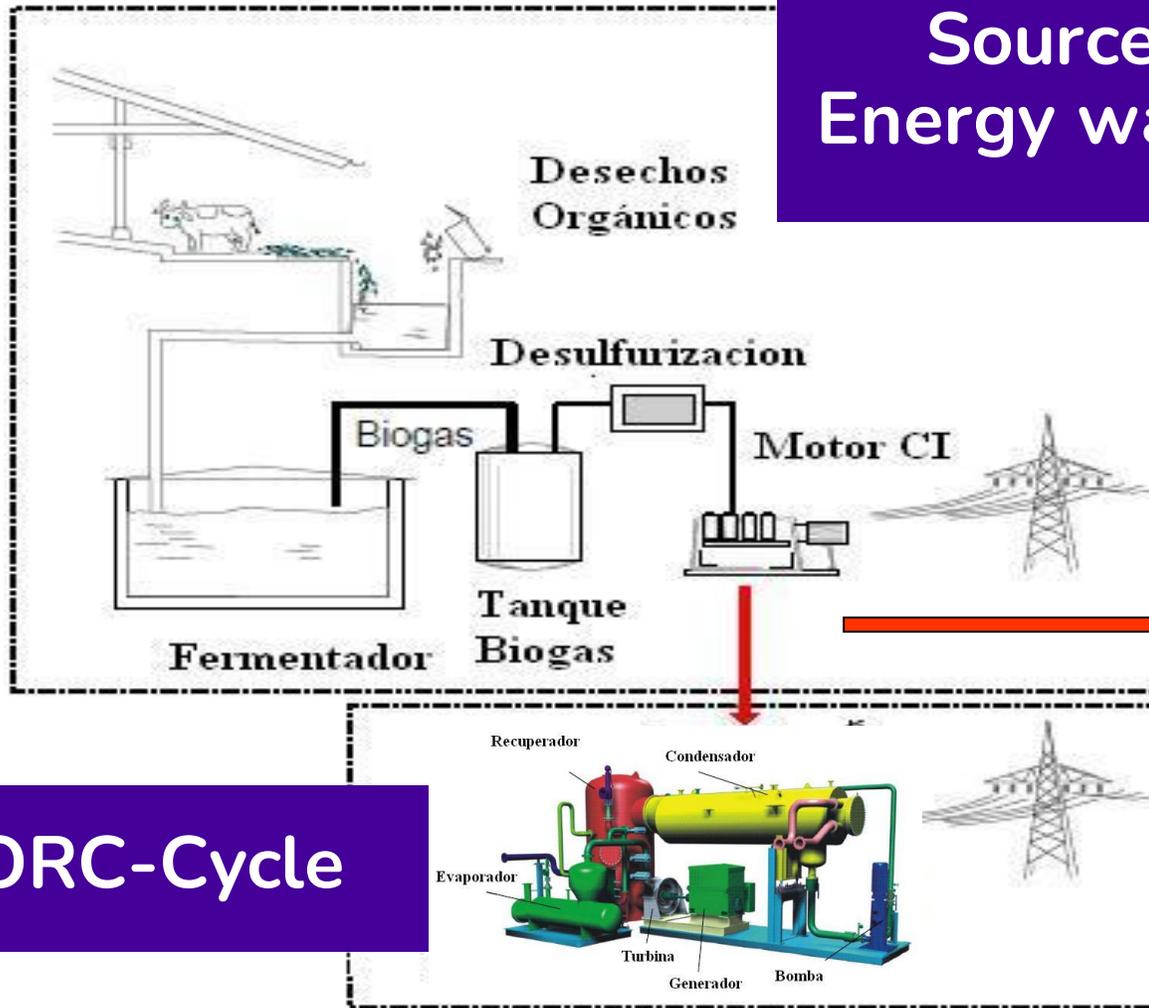
Source: sun



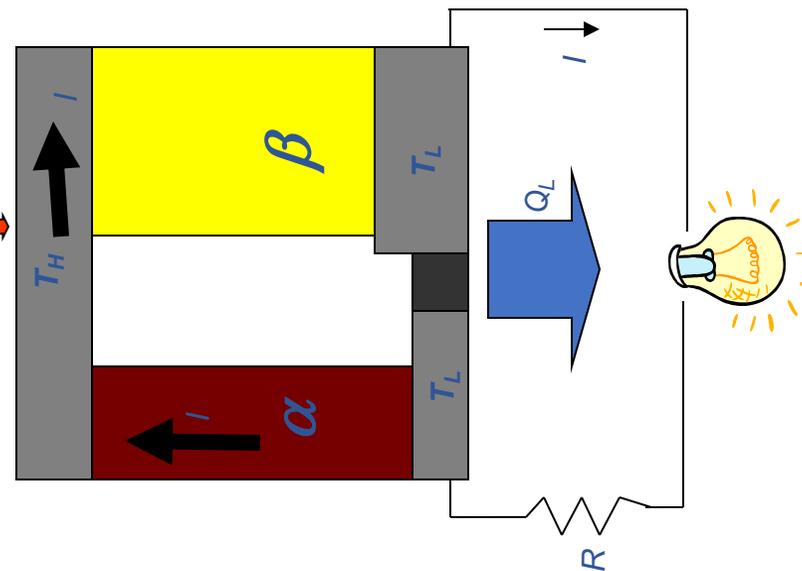
Biomass



Source:  
Energy waste



ORC-Cycle



# Energy by Saline Gradients

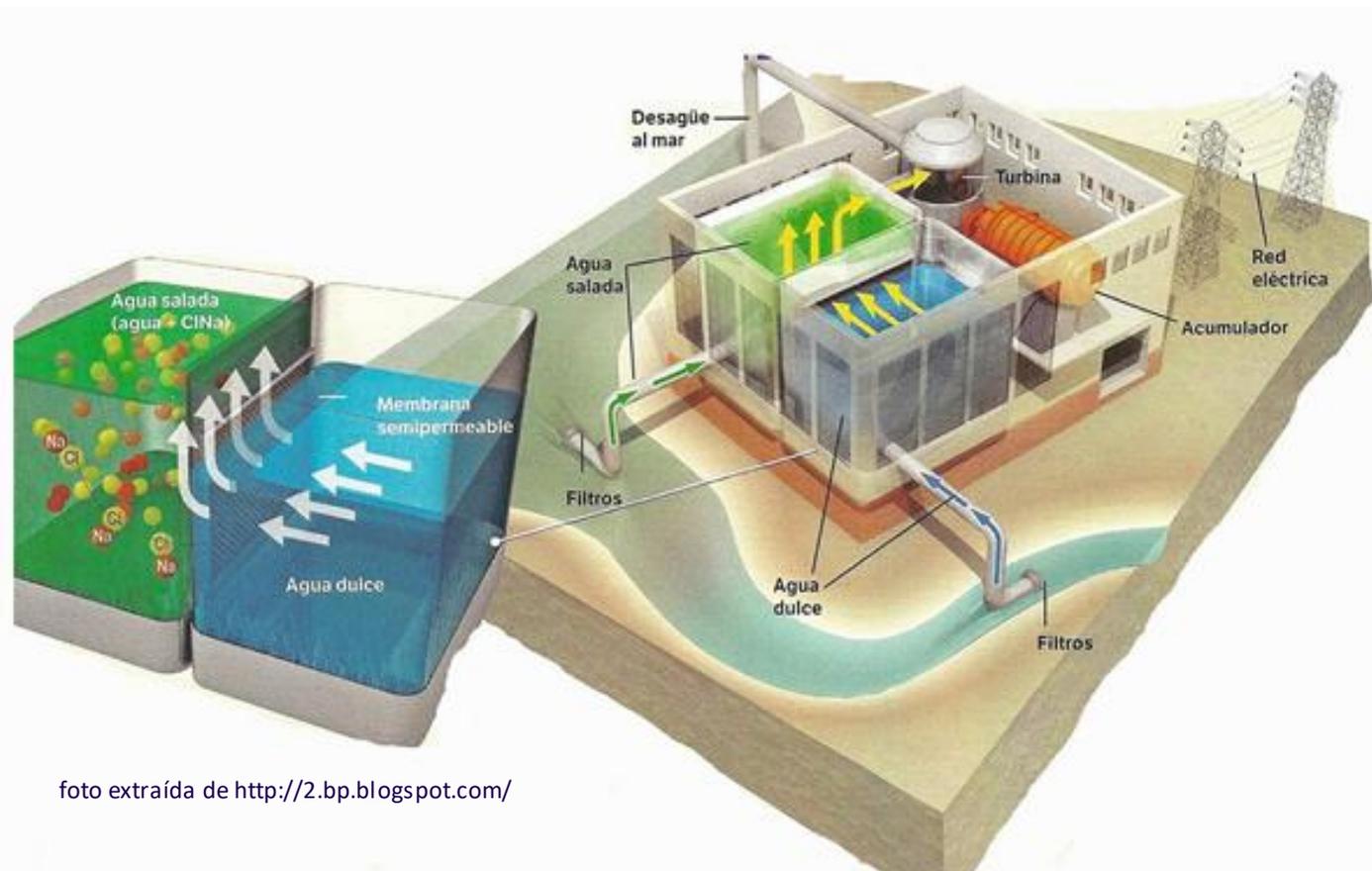


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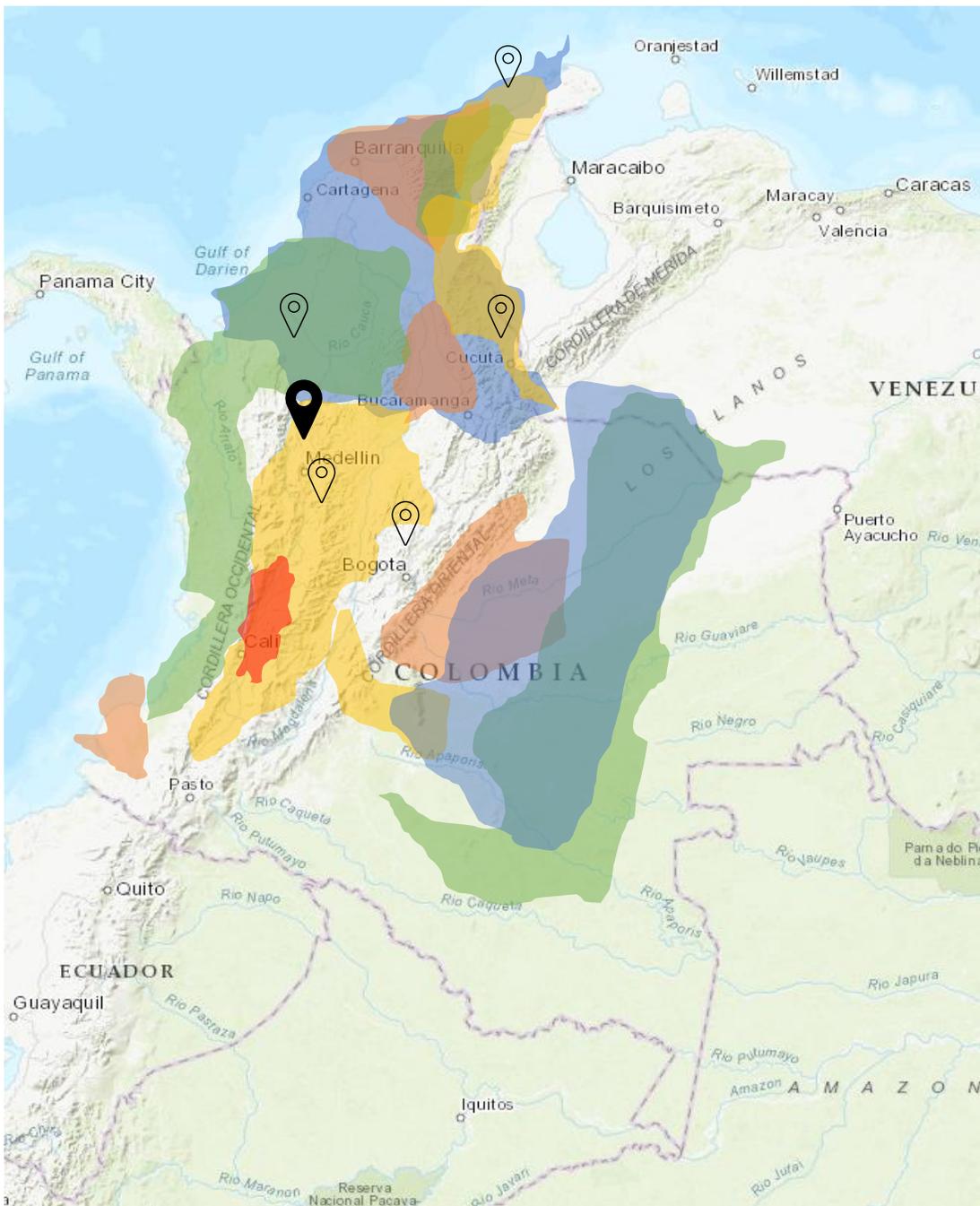
The difference in osmotic pressure between fresh water and seawater is equivalent to 240 m of hydraulic head. In theory, a current flowing at 1 m<sup>3</sup>/s could produce 1 MW of electricity.

## 2. Biomass



# Biomass sources





## Oil Palm (kernel shell)

Ton/Year *10 <sup>3</sup>	TJ/Year
1660 (189)	16013 (2627)

## Coffee (husk)

Ton/Year *10 <sup>3</sup>	TJ/Year
5051 (194)	49106 (3338)

## Corn

Ton/Year *10 <sup>3</sup>	TJ/Year
1937	20795

## Rice (husk)

Ton/Year *10 <sup>3</sup>	TJ/Year
6282 (492)	27836 (7136)

## Sugar Cane

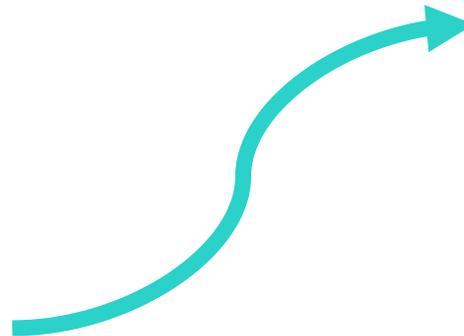
Ton/Year *10 <sup>3</sup>	TJ/Year
25047	199363

Source: Self elaboration, data from UPME, 2010. Atlas de potencial energético de la biomasa residual en Colombia



## Biomasa

- En 2019, el área sembrada de **cultivos agrícolas y forestales** en el país superó los **5.6 MILLONES** de hectáreas.
- La **producción agrícola** en 2019 alcanzó las **33.1 MILLONES** de toneladas.
- La **producción pecuaria** llegó en 2019 a los **5 MILLONES** de toneladas.
- Contamos con un potencial de **biomasa residual vegetal** superior a **43 MILLONES** de toneladas año.

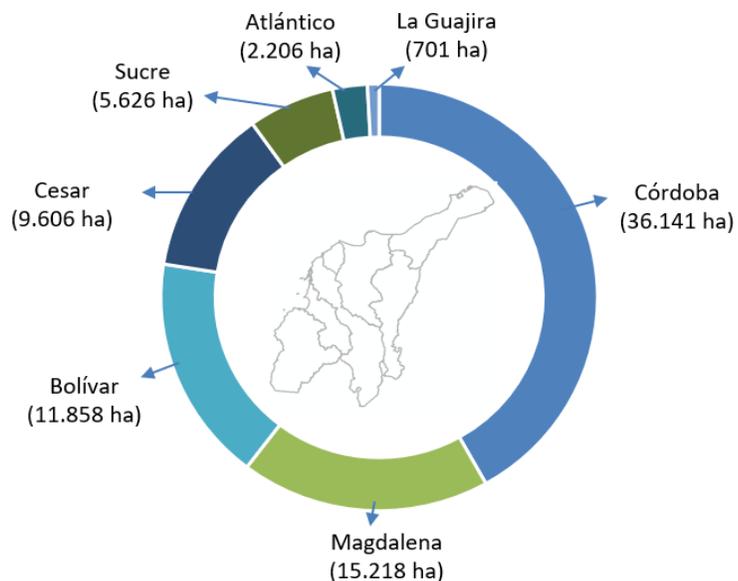


**10000 MW<sub>ele</sub>**

Value estimated by Farid Chejne

Misión de sabios 2020

# Area of commercial forest plantations established in the Colombian Caribbean region



Example: Using only the “entresacas” in the Colombian Caribbean and with a rotation of 25 years and available area close to **3,000 ha**, the biomass production will be between **65,000** and **130,000 tons/year**

**538,762** hectares of forest plantations for commercial purposes.

**81,356 ha (15%)** are located in the Caribbean region

Source: prepared from the Ministry of Agriculture (2022)

Value estimated by Sergio Orrego

**16-30 MW<sub>ele</sub>**

**400-800 MW<sub>ele</sub>**

Value estimated by Farid Chejne

## Distributed generation from biomass in Colombia (projects)

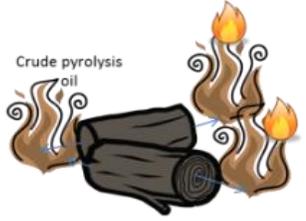
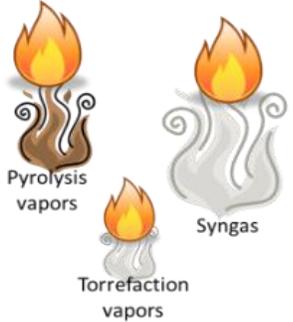
Department	Capacity gap	Project number	Capacity [MW]
Antioquia	10-100 kW	1	0,03
Cundinamarca	>1 MW	2	11,5
Magdalena	>1 MW	1	2,25
Meta	>1 MW	2	21,5
Risaralda	>1 MW	1	15,0
Valle del Cauca	>1 MW	6	72,7
		<b>Total</b>	<b>122,0</b>

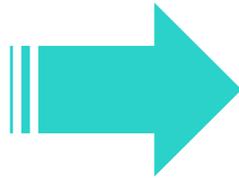
Values gotten by Carlos Mario Ceballos

# 3. Biomass opportunities

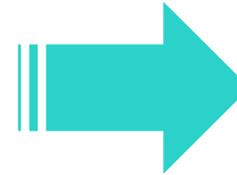
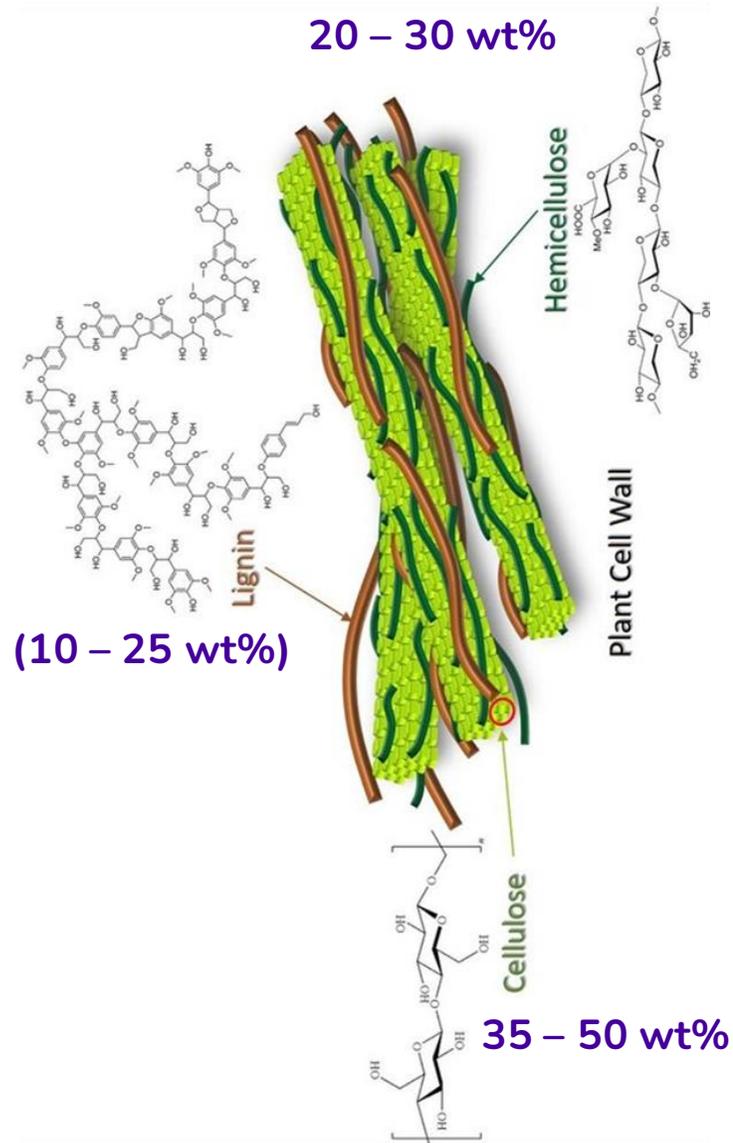


# Diagram illustrating the process that can be felt near a campfire

	1. Evaporation	2. Torrefaction	3. Pyrolysis	4. Gasification	5. Combustion of Vapors
					
°T	100-200 °C	225-300 °C	300-650 °C	700-850 °C	450-2000 °C
Products	Solid: Dried wood Vapor: Water	Solid: Roasted wood Vapor: Water, volatile organics	Solid: Charcoal Vapor: Light organics, heavy organics	Solid: Ash Vapor: Syngas (CO, CO <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O)	CO <sub>2</sub> , CO, H <sub>2</sub> O
Description	Endothermic; Evaporation; External heat penetrates particle	Endothermic; Hemicellulose and amorphous cellulose decomposition, Light extractives evaporation, Intermolecular dehydration reactions; Mass density decreases; Volatile organics can combust	Endothermic for fast pyrolysis, exothermic for slow pyrolysis; Solid, liquid, and vapor reactions; Cellulose decomposition, Lignin decomposition; Mass density decreases; Volatile organics can combust	Endothermic if water is oxidizing agent, exothermic if oxygen is oxidizing agent; Volatilization of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen in char; Gasification of volatile pyrolysis oil; Syngas can combust	Exothermic; Consumption of oxygen; Requires ignition at high temperatures and/or pressures
	Time & Temperature →				



Ordoñez (2021)



Peletizing

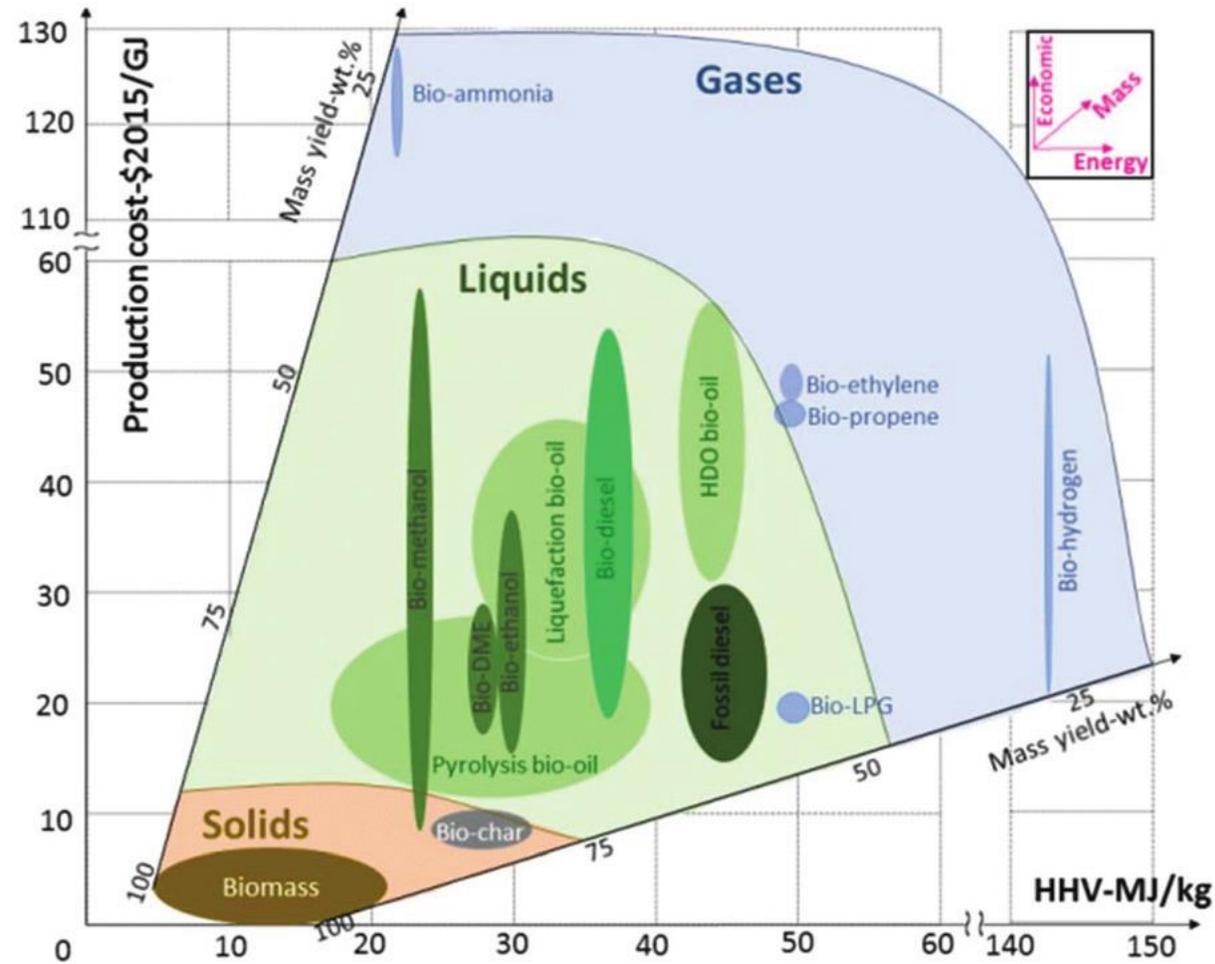
Pyrolysis

Torrefaction

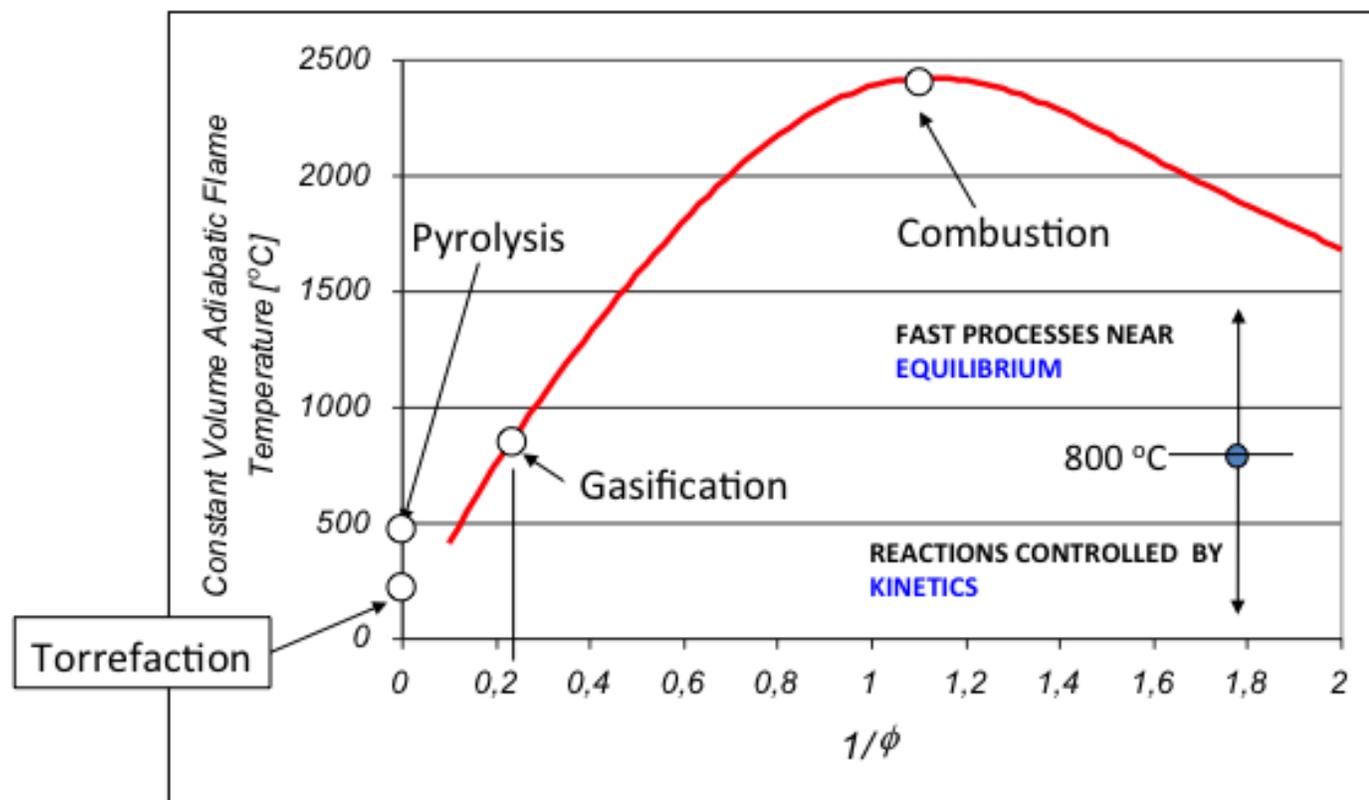
Gasification

Hydropyrolysis

# Mass-energy-economic comparison of second-generation bio-fuels generated via thermochemical conversion processes

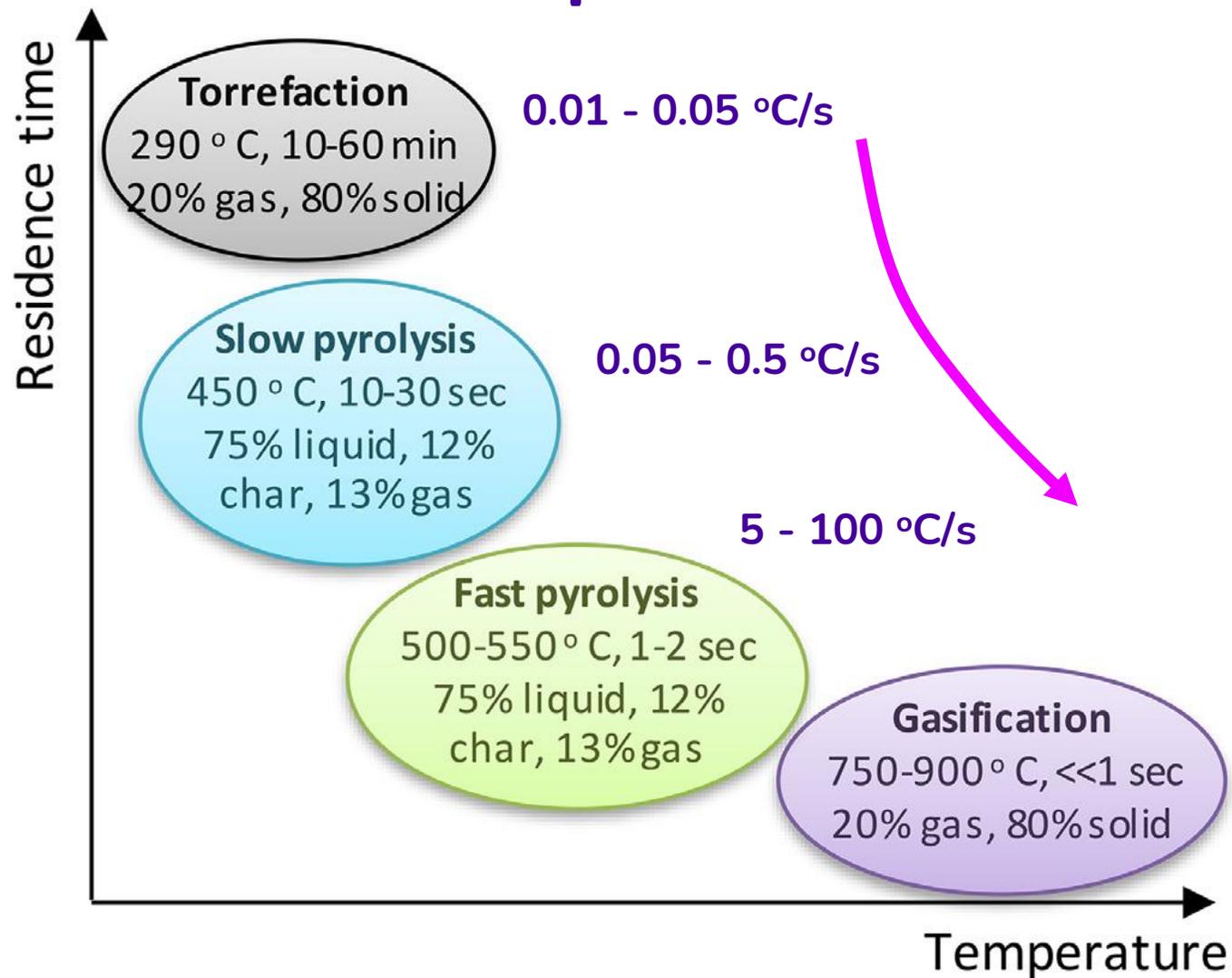


# Solid, gaseous, and liquid product distribution diagram



Combustion > 1500 °C, Gasification 600 – 1400 °C, Fast Pyrolysis 350 – 600 °C, Torrefaction: 220 – 300 °C

# Operation conditions



M. Sharifzadeh, M. Sadeqzadeh and M. Guo et al. / Progress in Energy and Combustion Science 71 (2019) 1–80

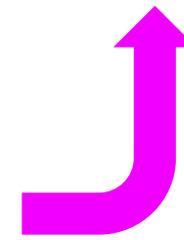
# PYROLYSIS: heating process without oxygen



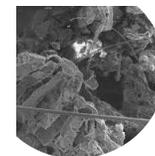
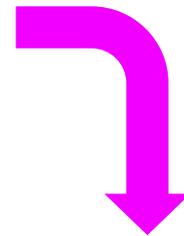
Biomass



Gas

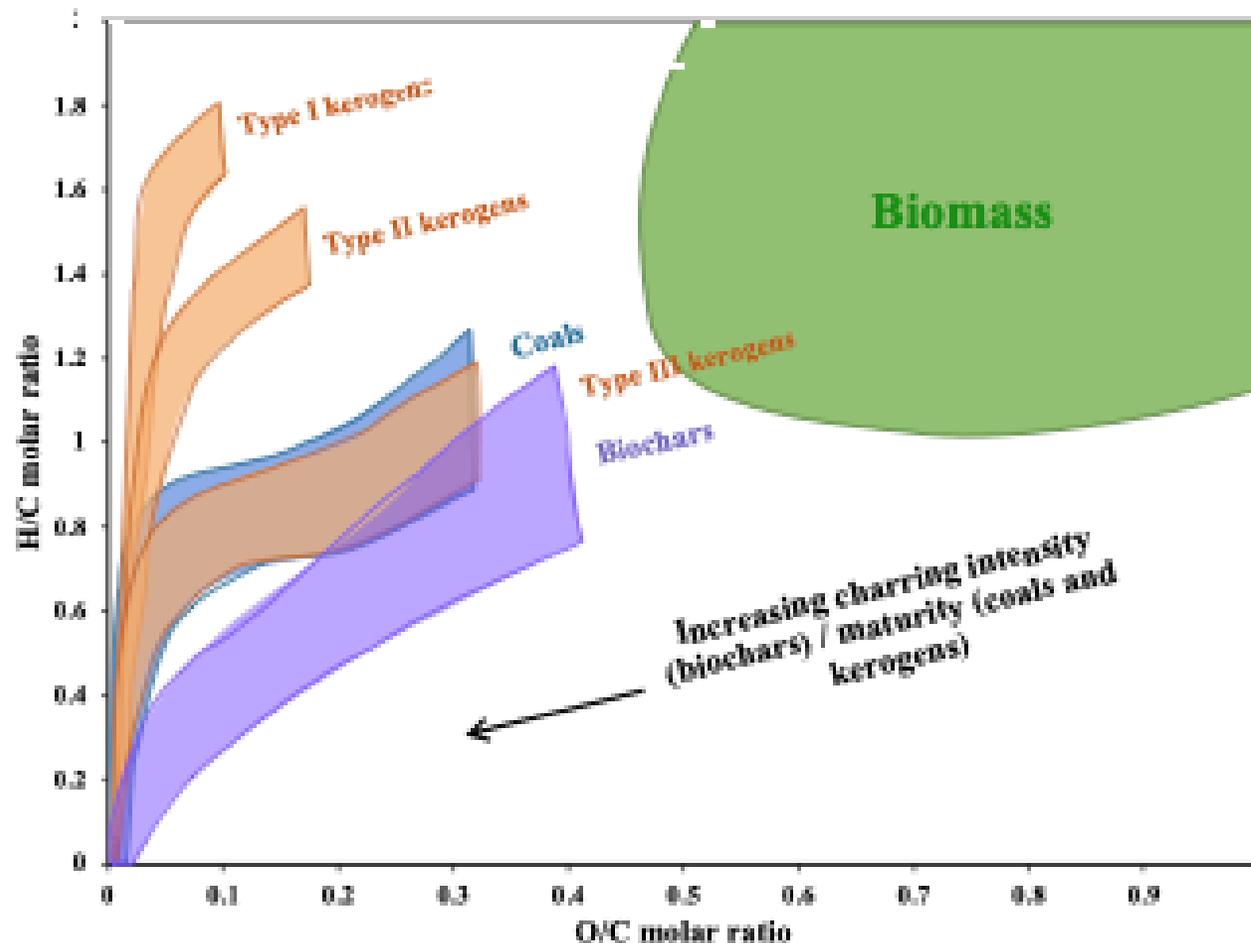


Liquid

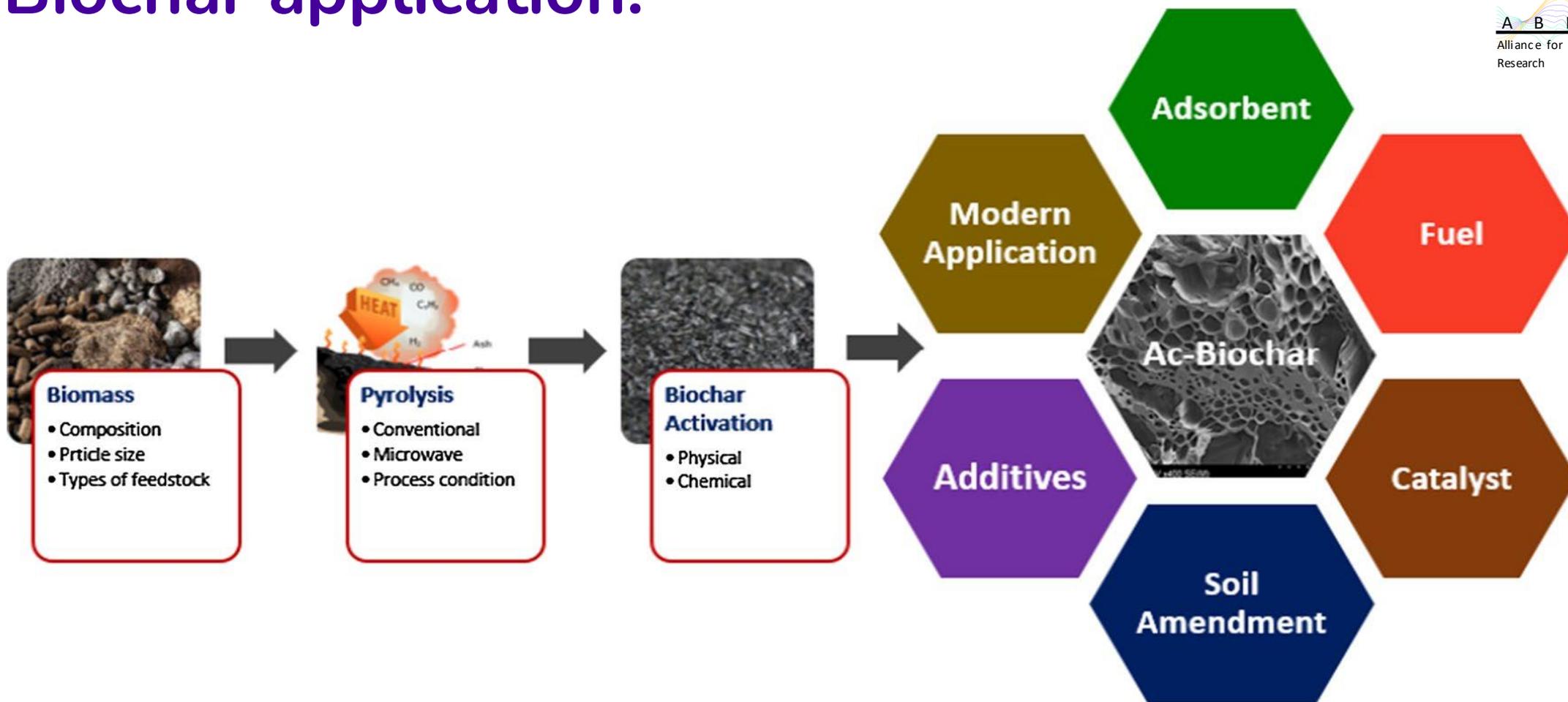


Biochar

# Path from biomass to becoming biochar



# Biochar application.



# Bio-oil upgrading

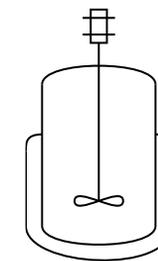


Bio-oil

Cracking for obtaining  
chemical blocks



Liquid fuels



HDO process  
(Upgrading)

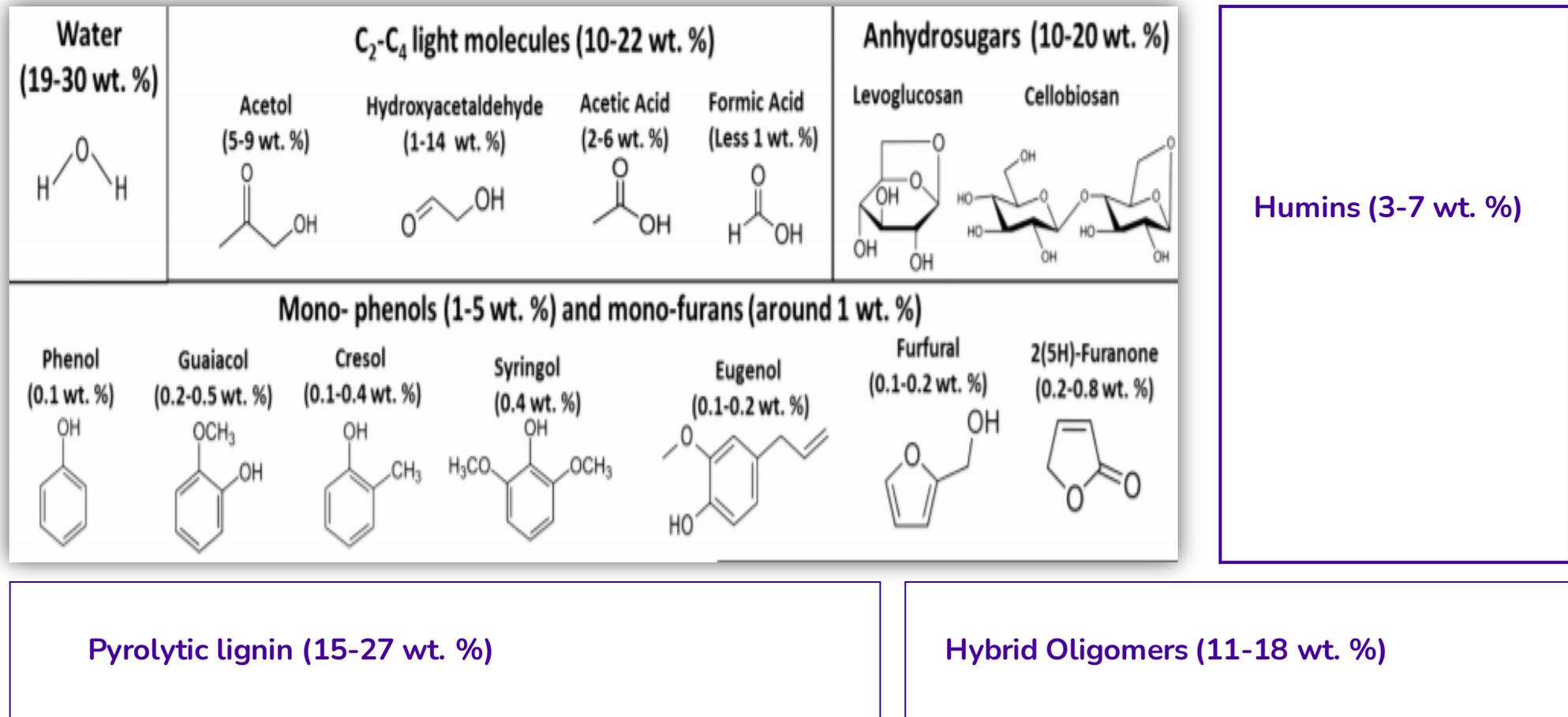
Combustion



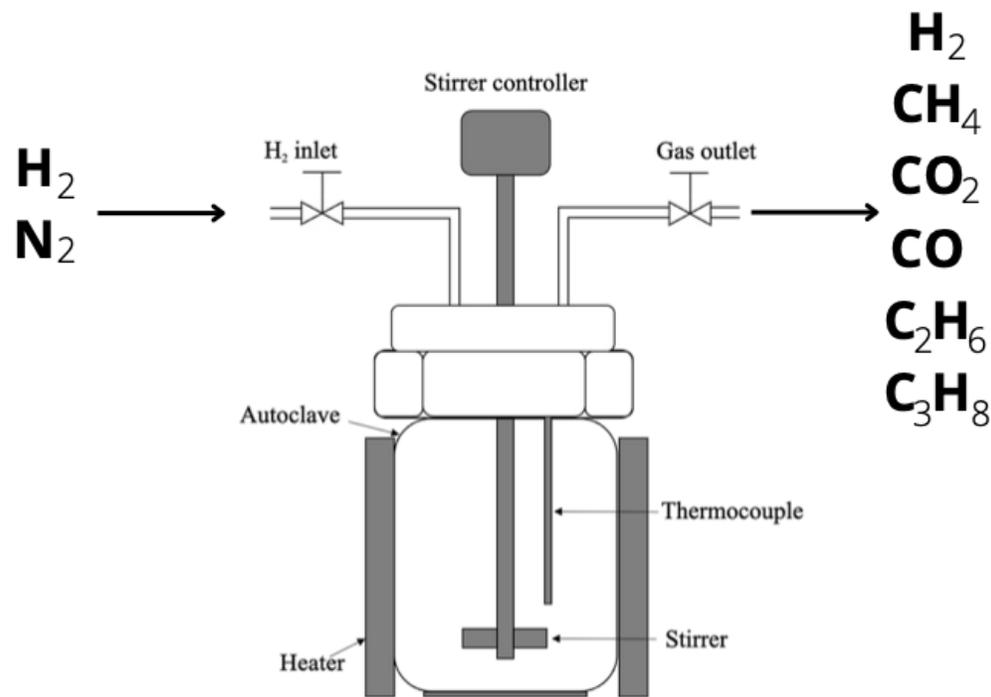
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# BIO-OIL Production



# Hydrotreatment process



Initial pressure: 1100 psi

Catalyst: PNNL

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## 1 Stabilization

100-300°C

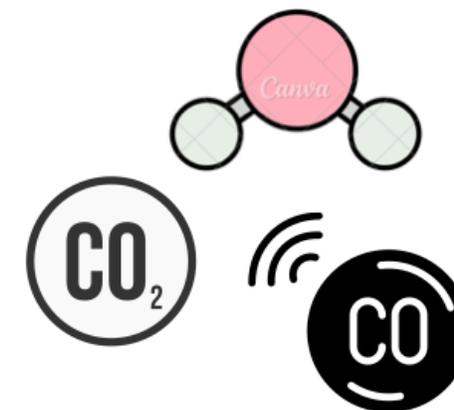
Carbonyl and  
carboxyl groups



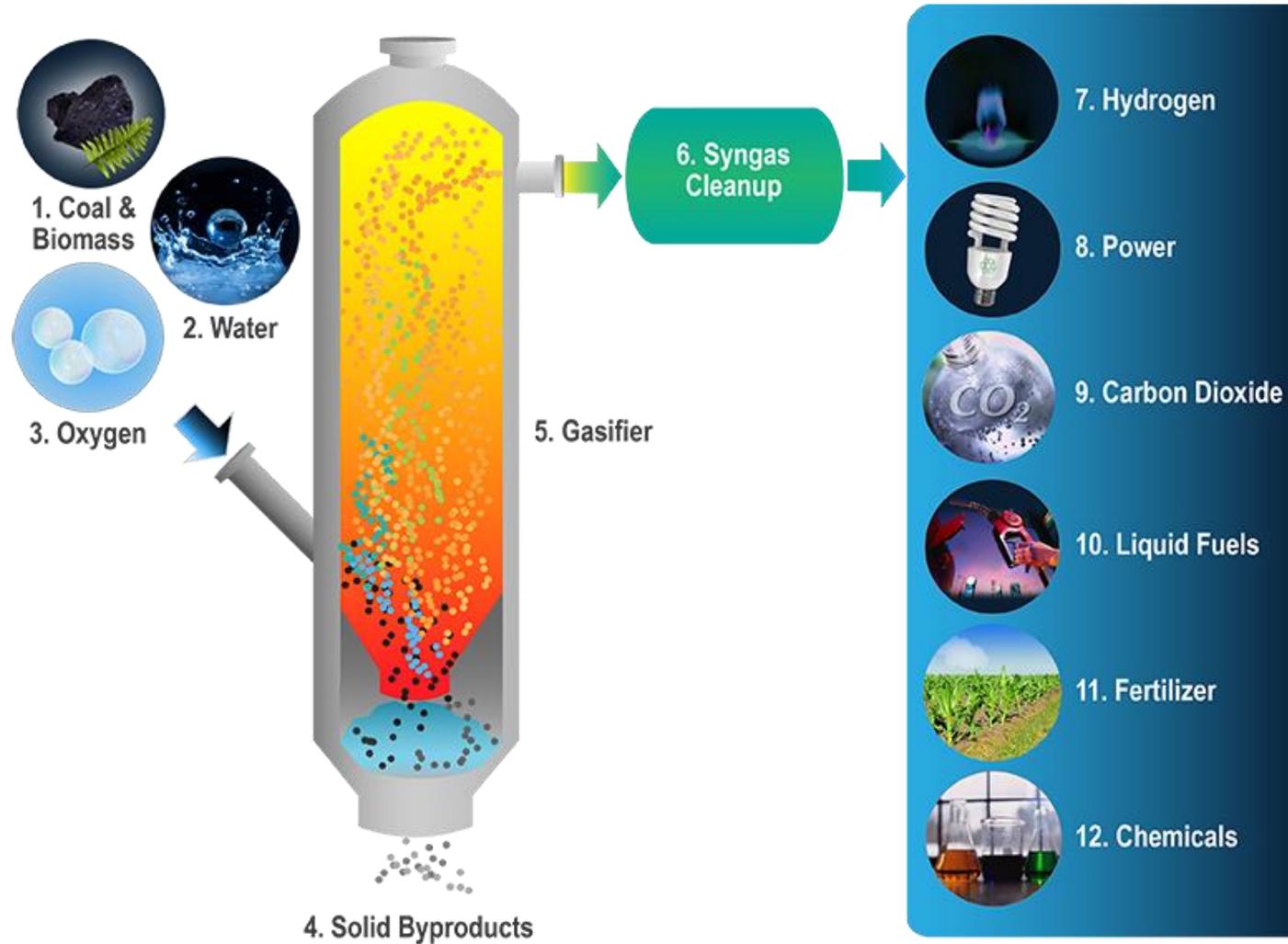
## 2 Deoxygenation

350-400°C

Cracking and  
HDO occur

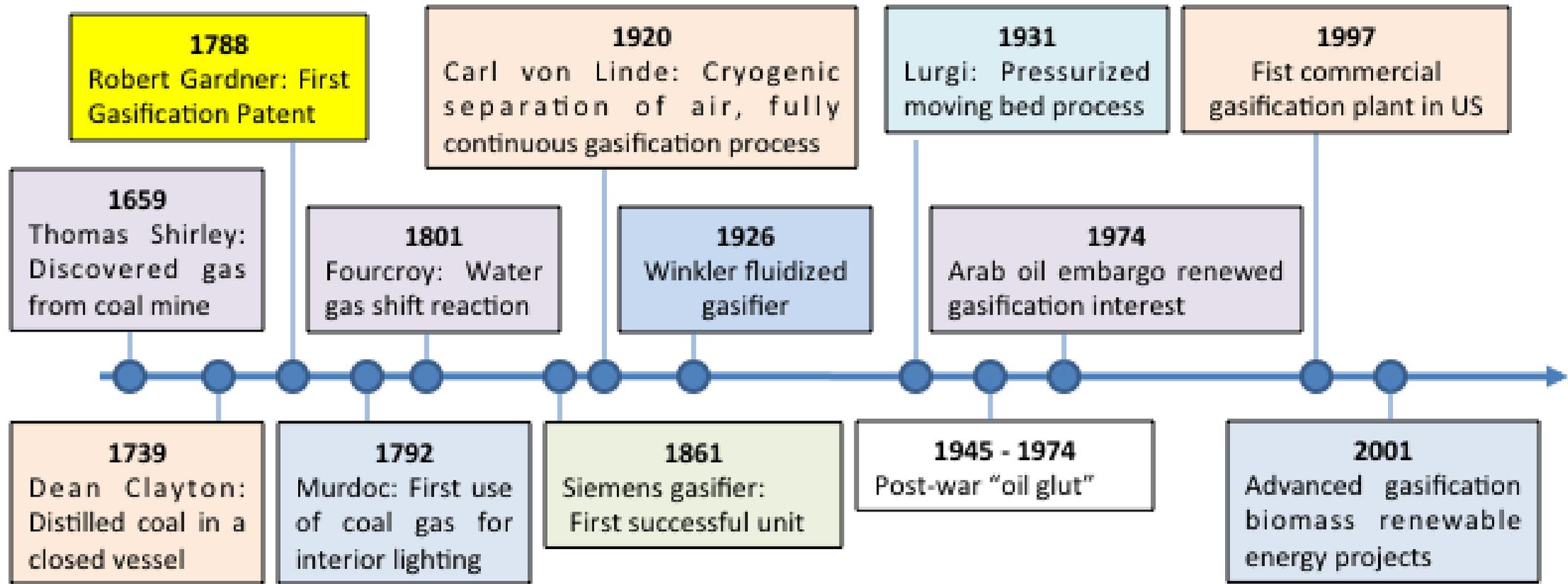


# Gasification: Oxidation process

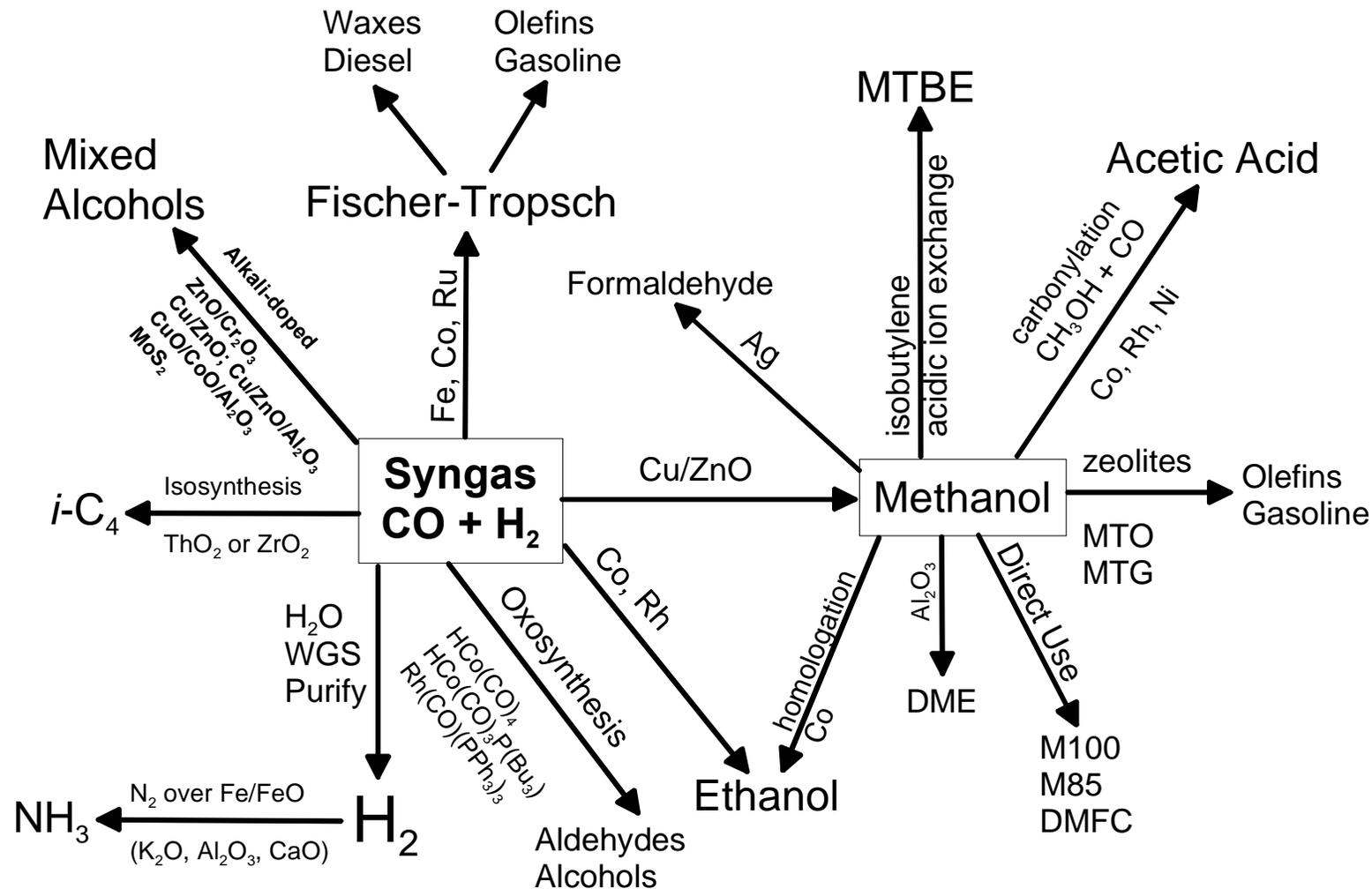


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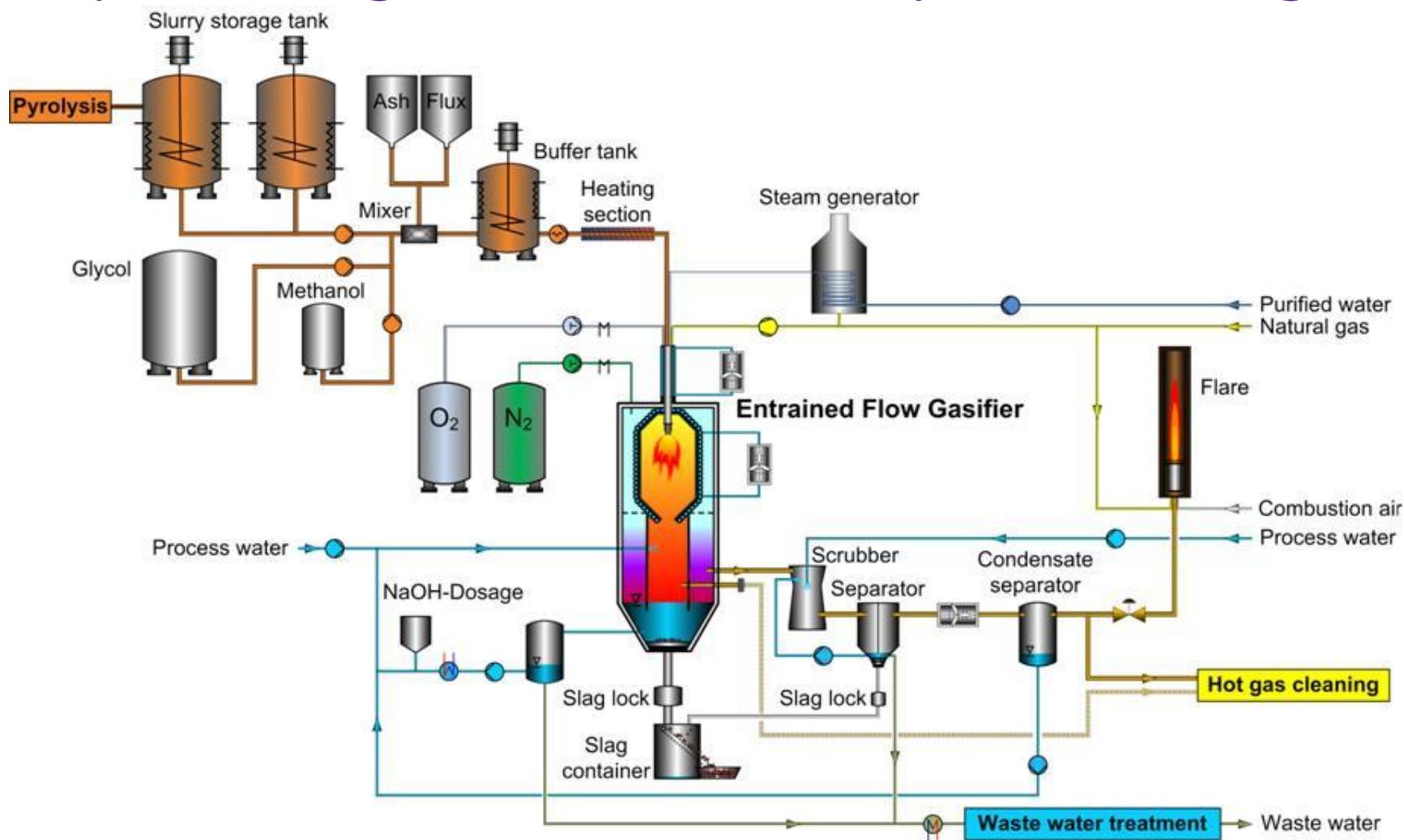
# Milestones in the Development of gasification



# Products from Syngas



# Bio Syncrude gasification flow process diagram



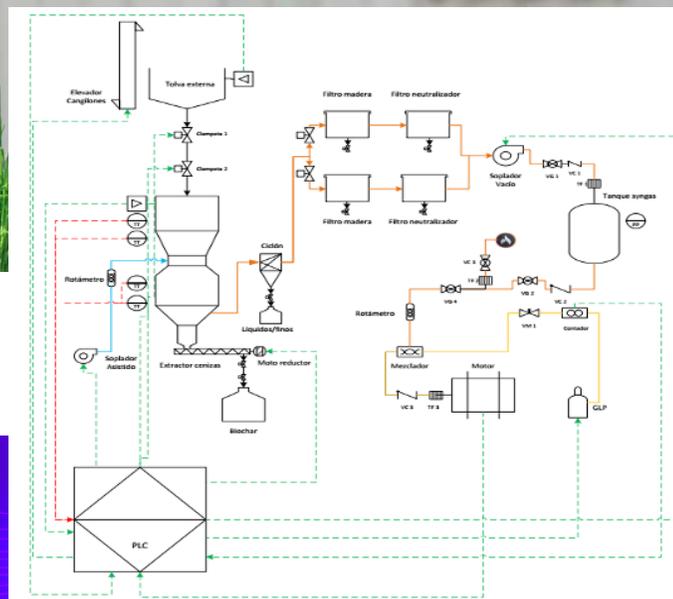
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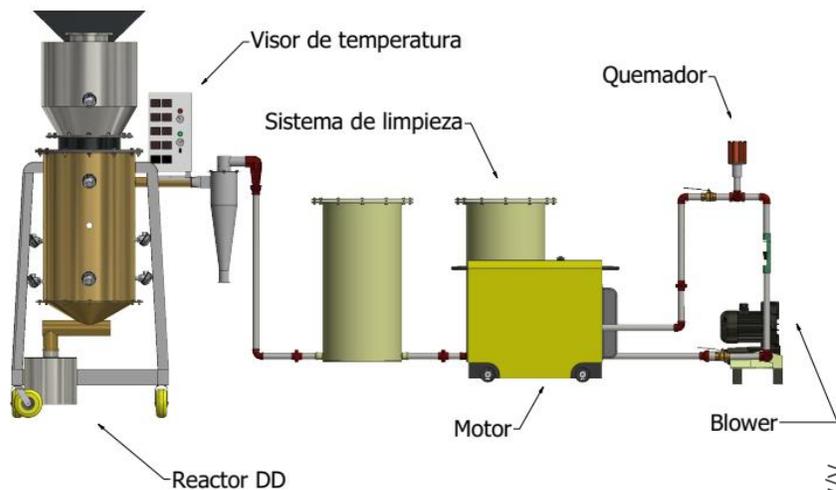
# Mobile laboratory, Universidad de la Guajira



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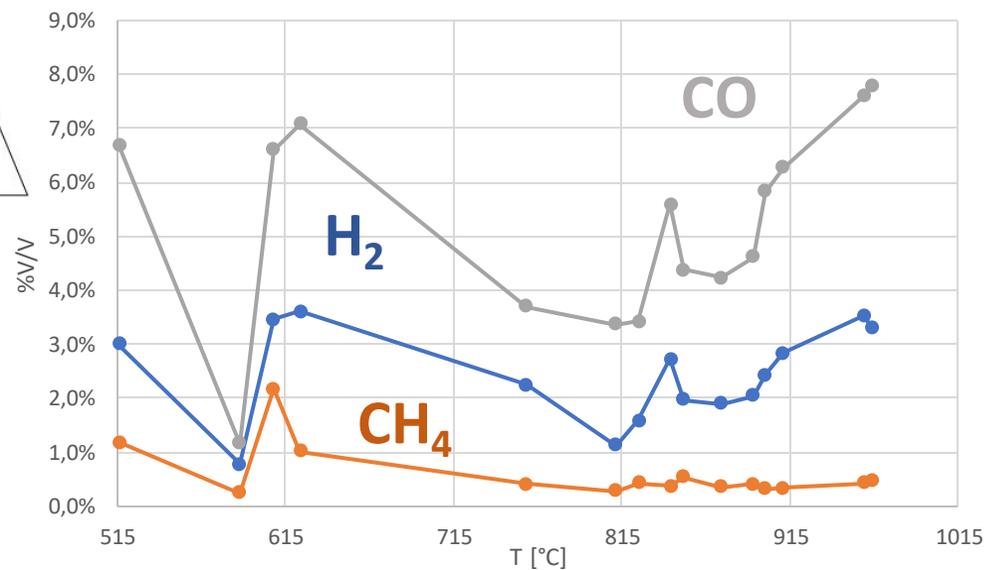
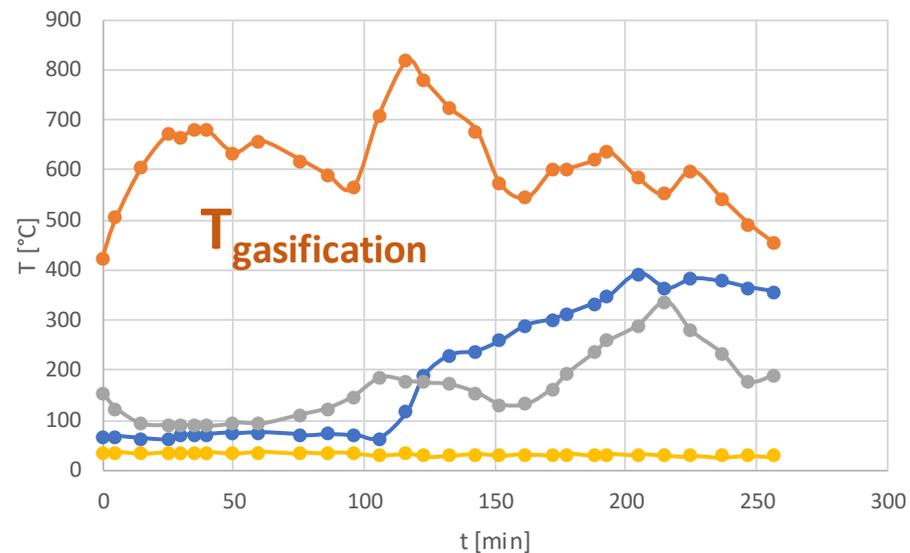


# Experimental essays

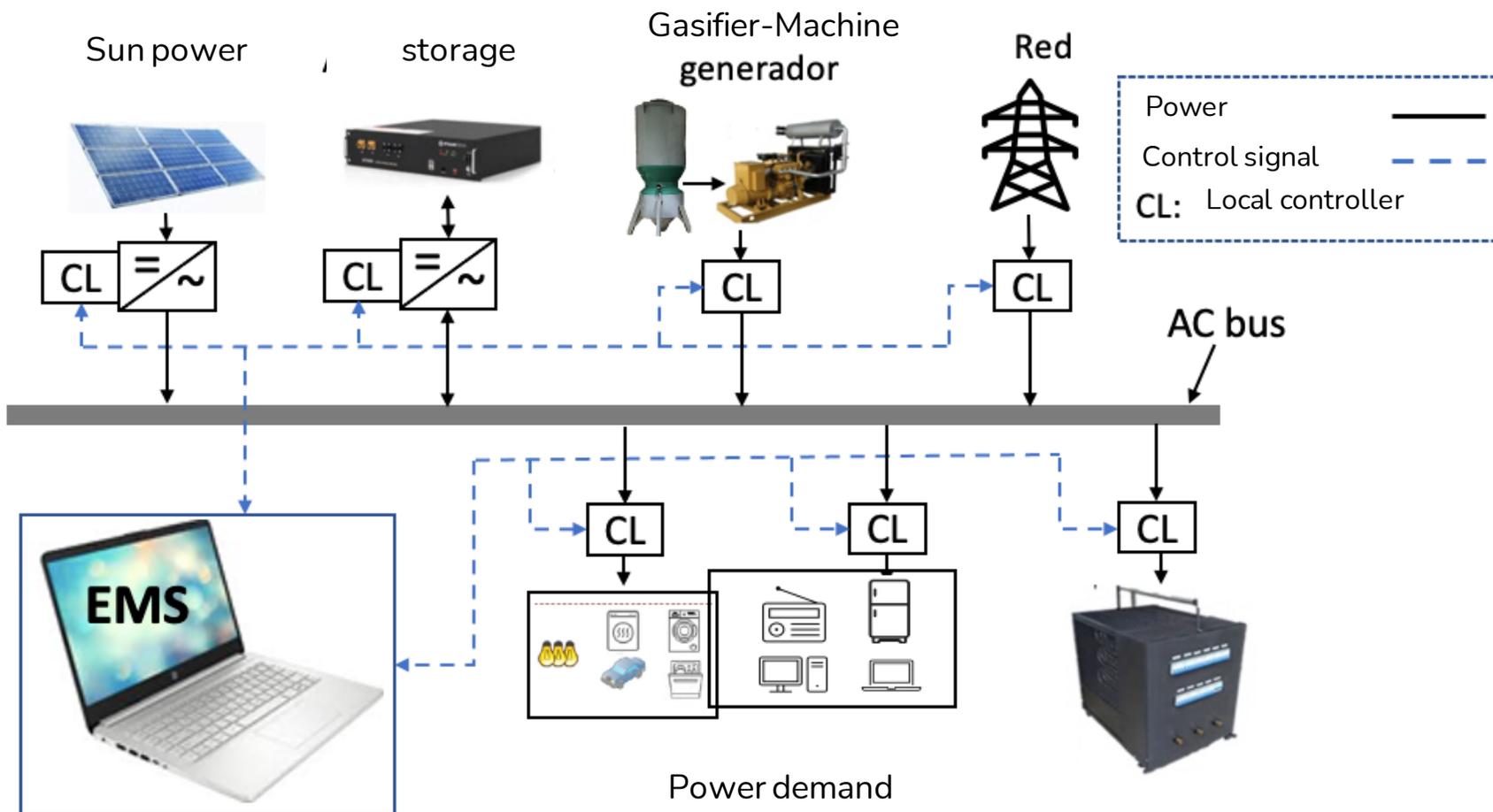


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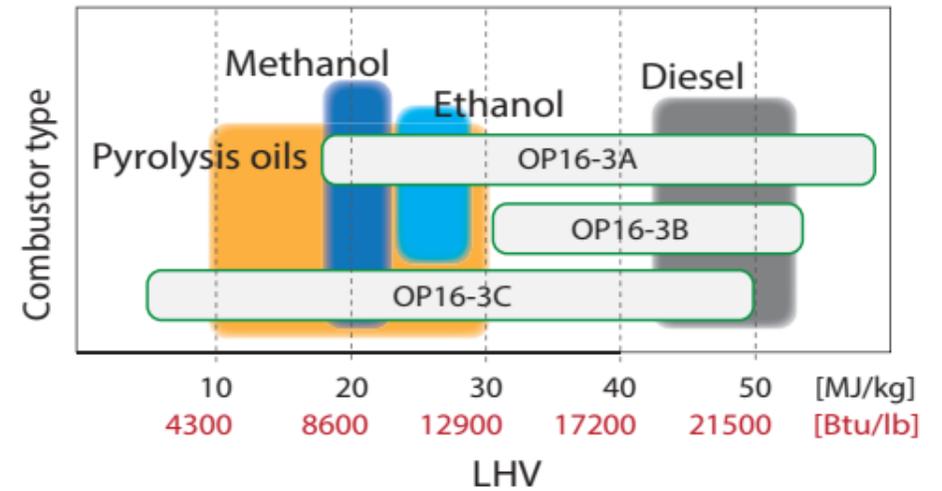
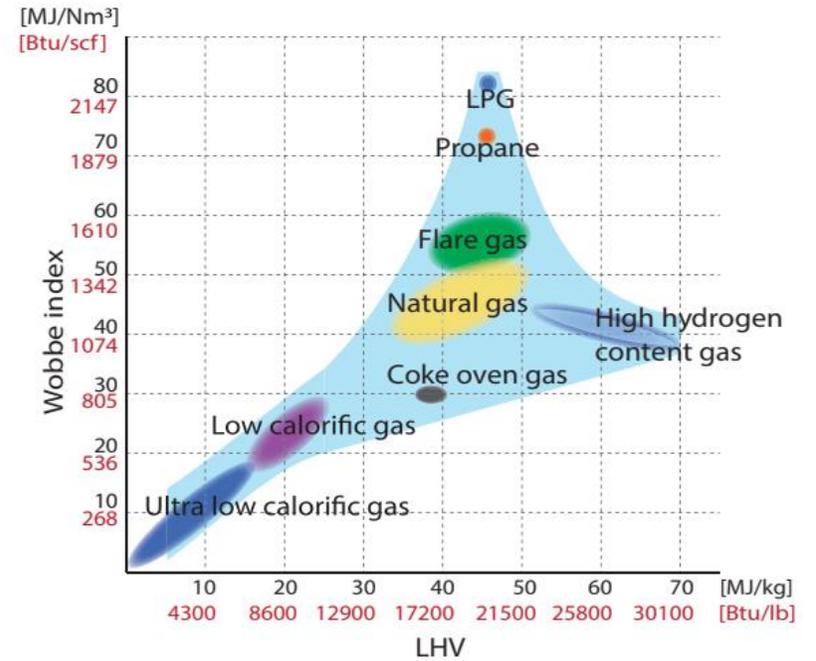
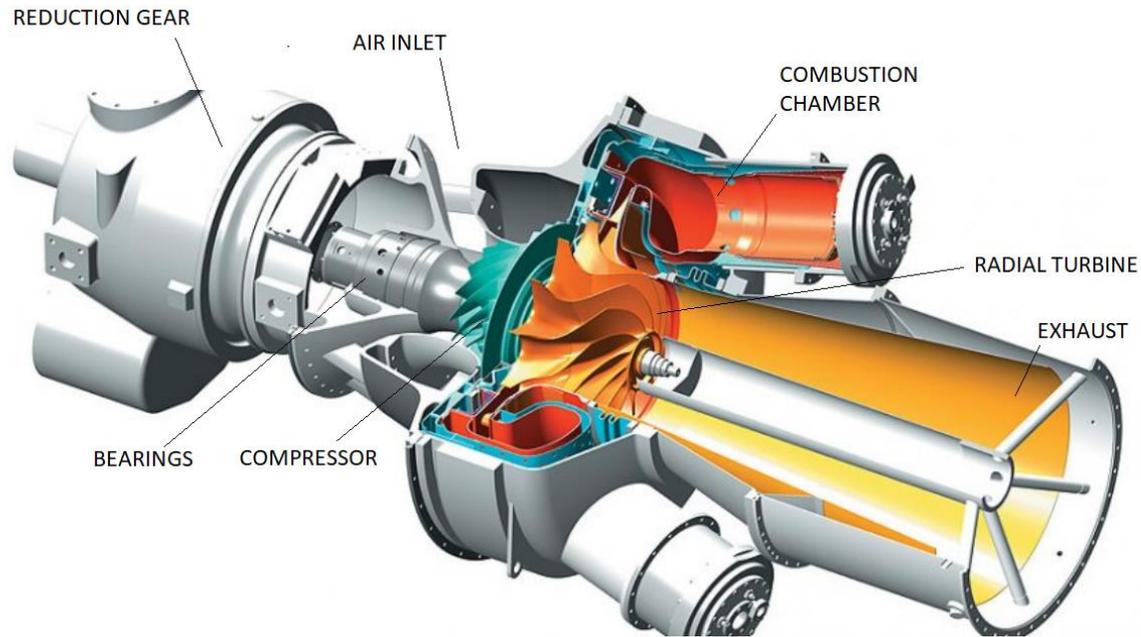
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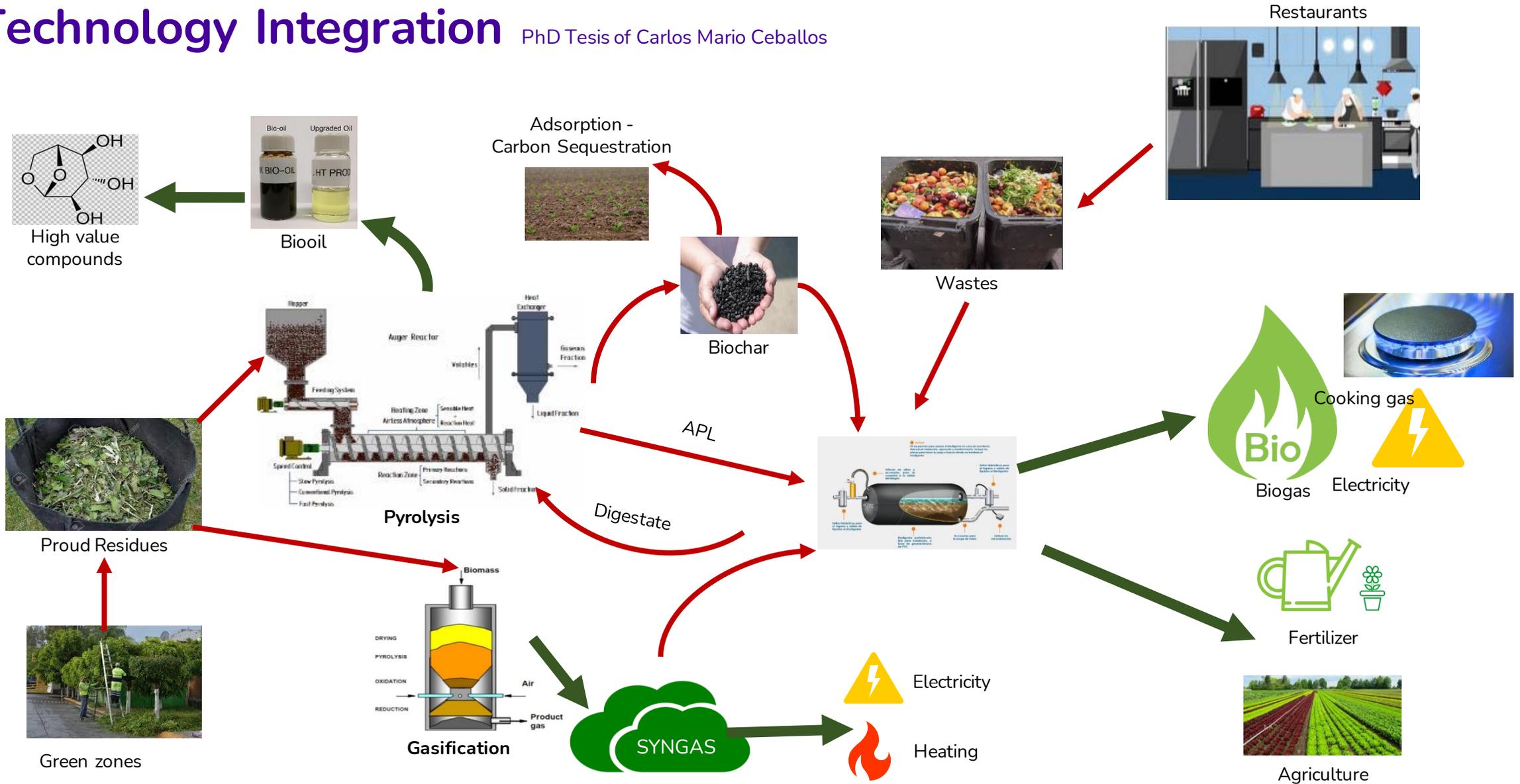


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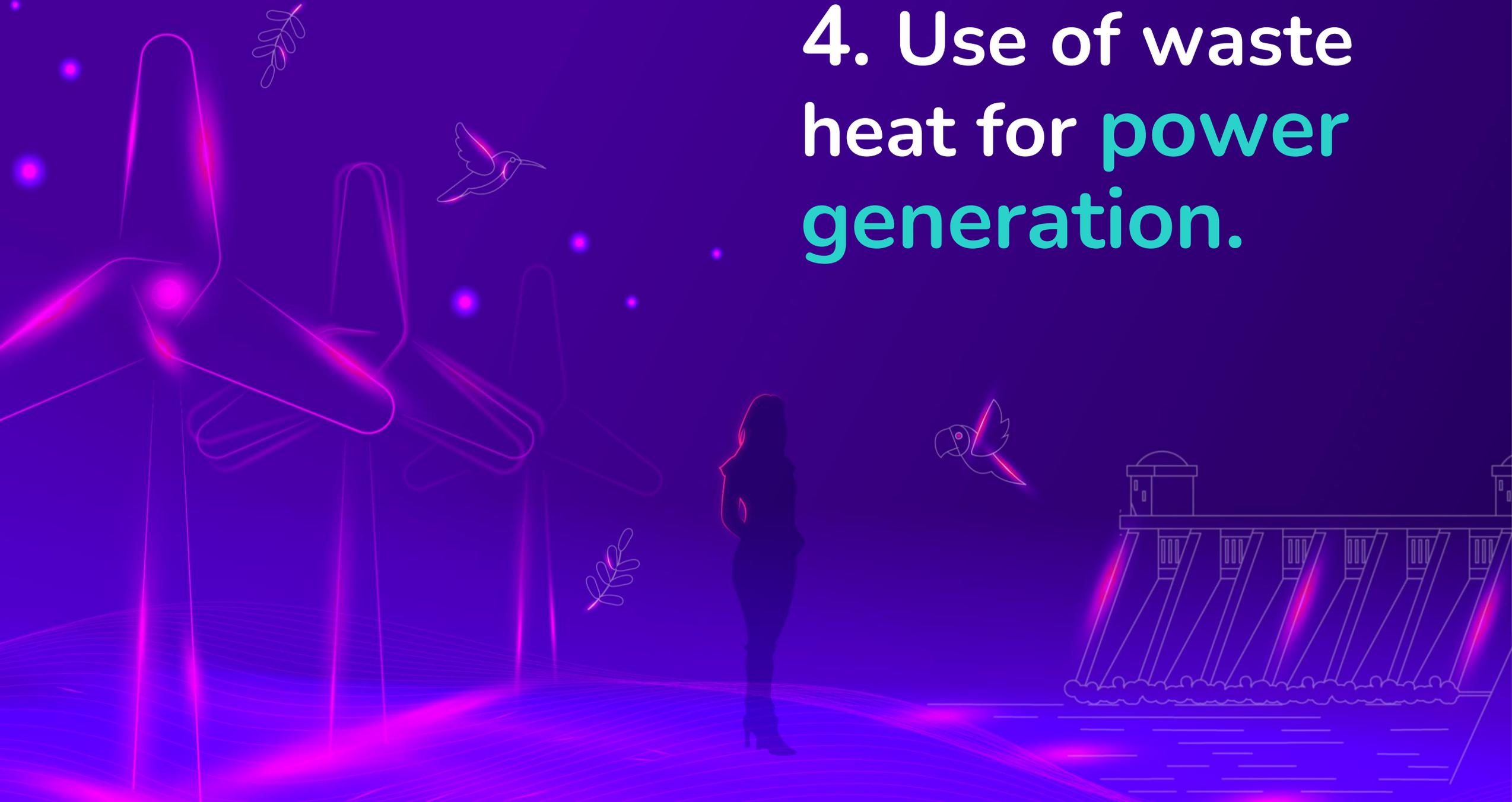


# Technology Integration

PhD Tesis of Carlos Mario Ceballos

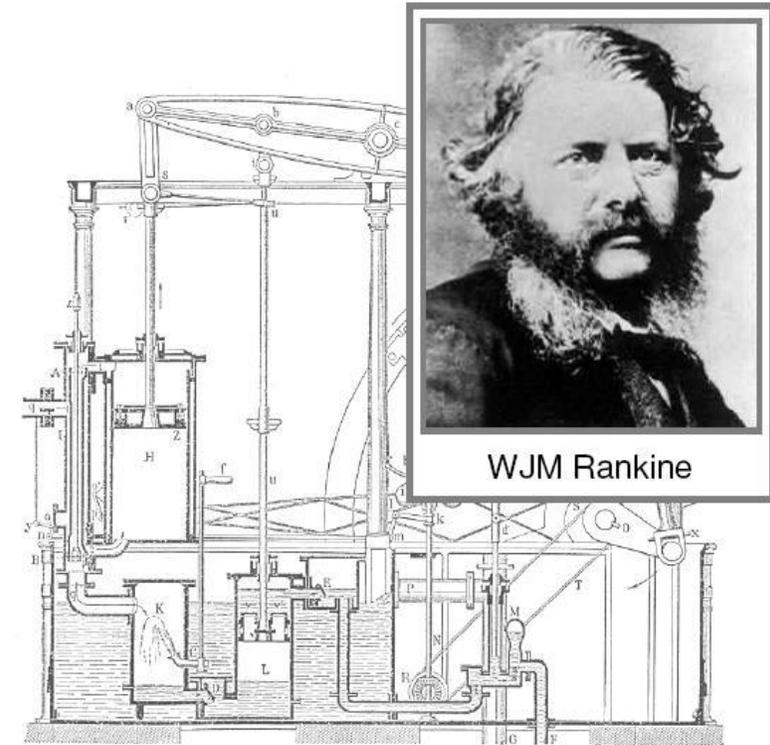
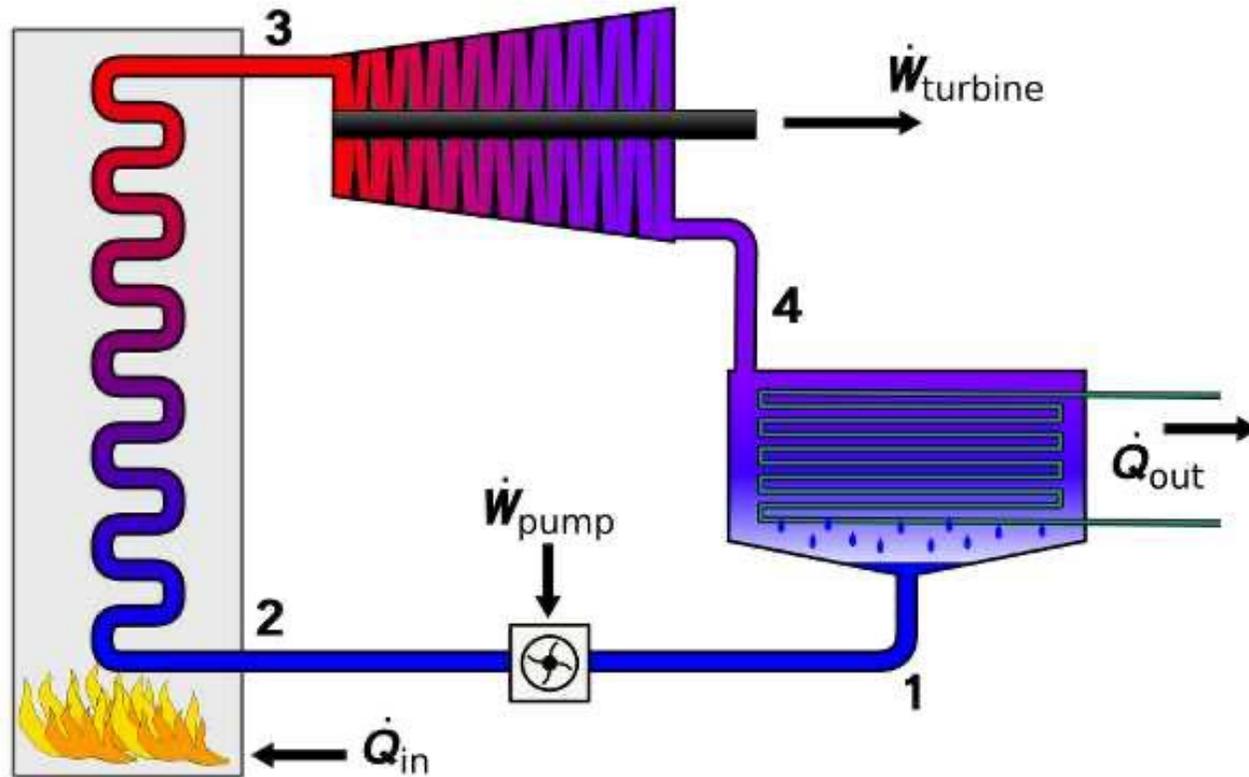


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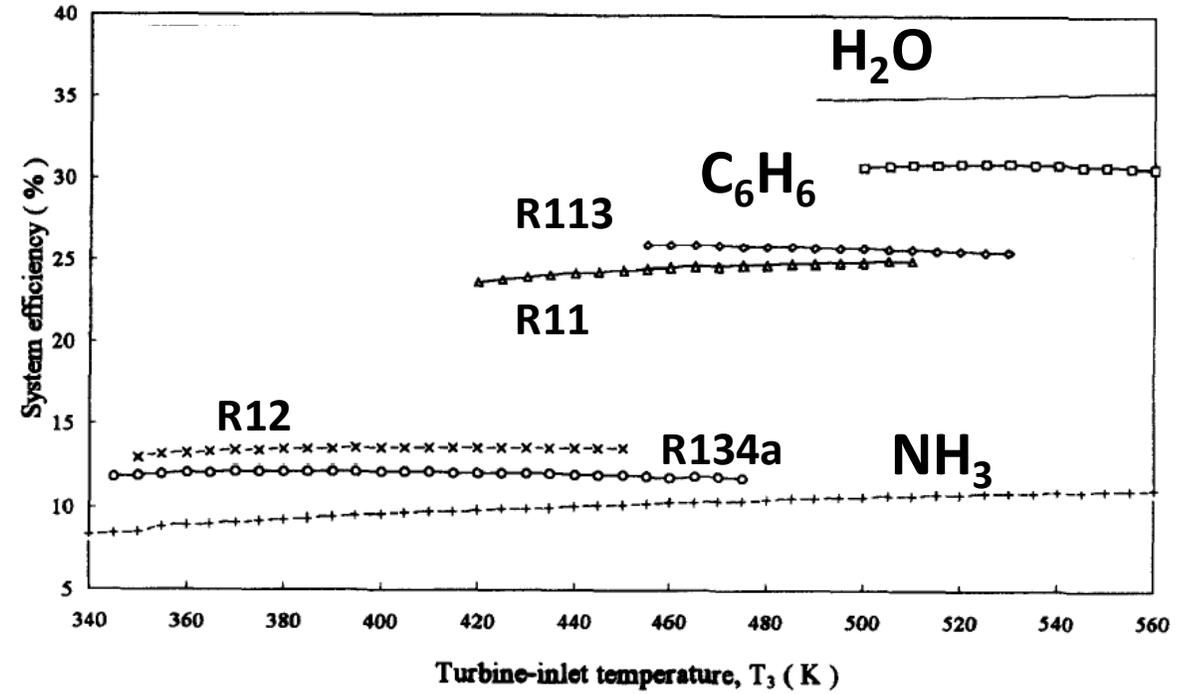
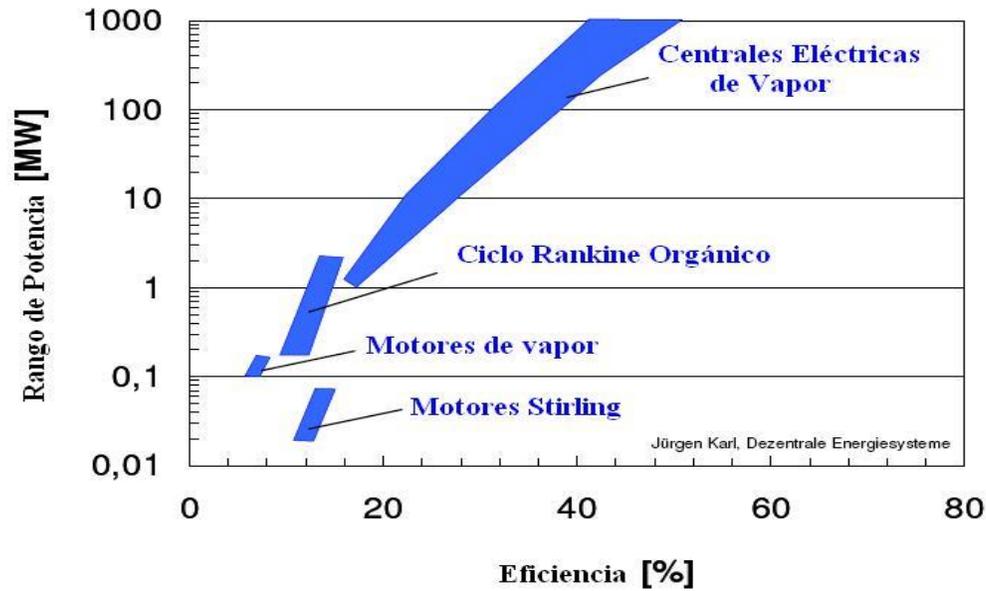
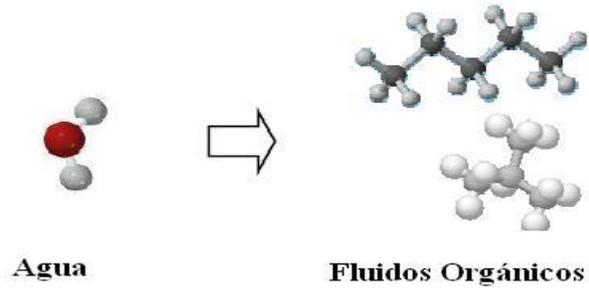
# Organic Rankine Cycle-ORC

William John Macquorn Rankine,  
Escocés, Físico e Ingeniero(5 Julio 1820 -  
24 Diciembre 1872).



<https://www.ideegreen.it/orc-ciclo-rankine-31439.html>

# ORC for low power plant



Variations of system efficiency with turbine-inlet temperature for various working fluids ( $P_3 = 2.5$  MPa,  $T_1 = 293$  K).

PhD thesis of Fredy Vélez, Spain

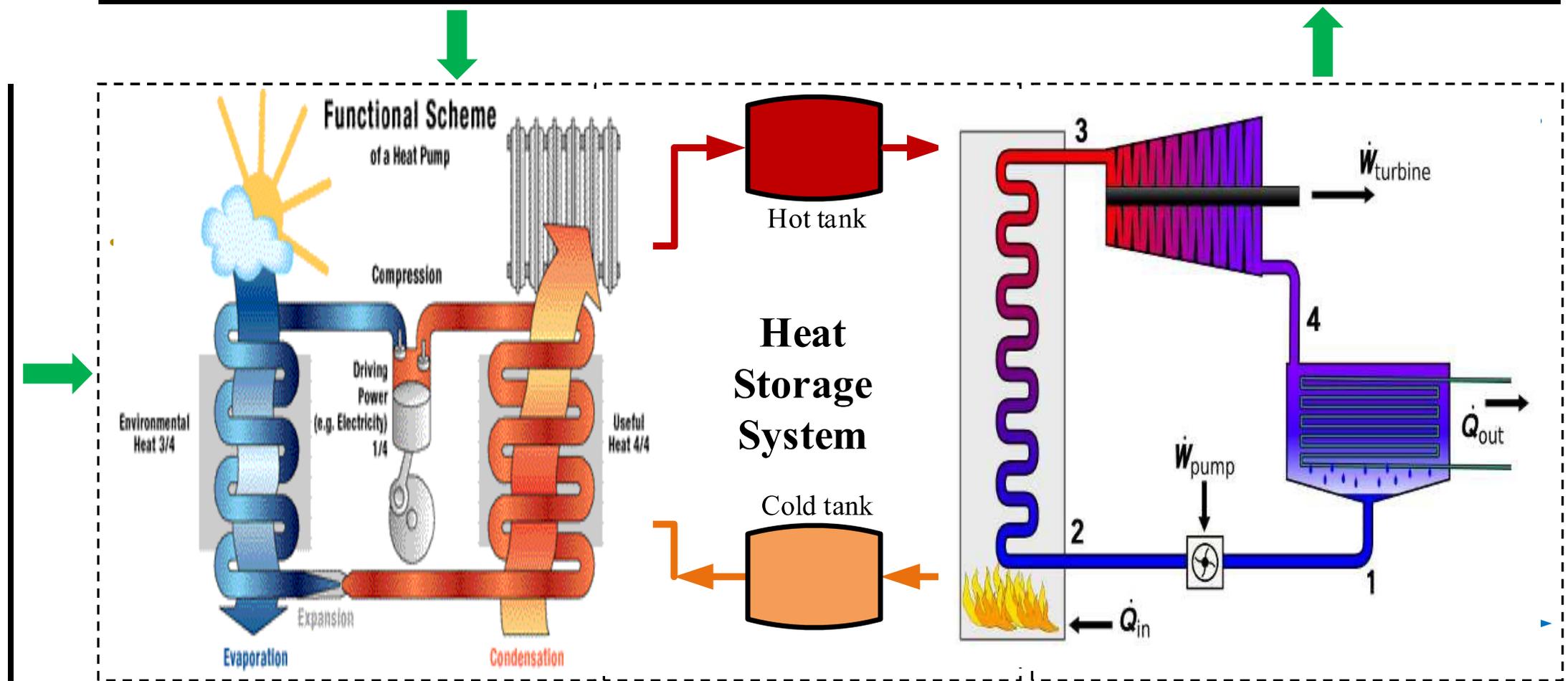
# Integration of solar energy-E.E. generation-water desalination



# Heat waste- Power generation integration.

## Power Grid

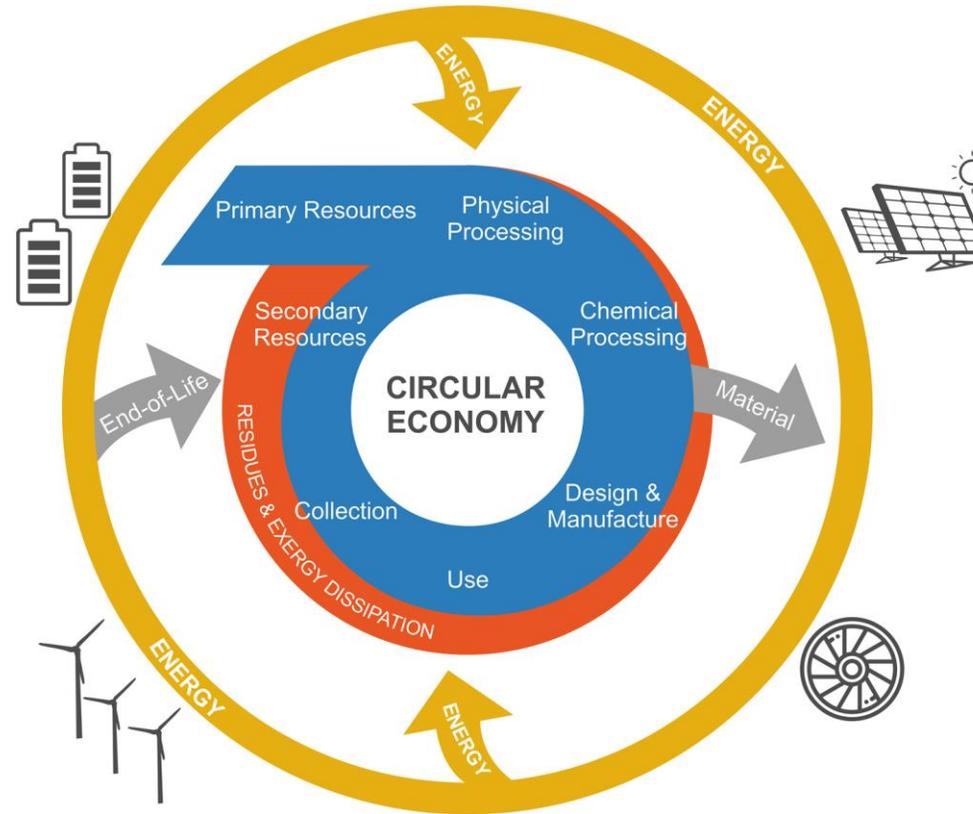
Waste Heat



# 5. Final remark



# Representation of the circular economy



A. Abadías Llamas · N. J. Bartie · M. Heibeck · M. Stelter · M. A. Reuter; Simulation-Based Exergy Analysis of Large Circular Economy Systems: Zinc Production Coupled to CdTe Photovoltaic Module Life Cycle; **Journal of Sustainable Metallurgy** <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40831-019-00255-5>

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This entropy creation means that resources, which include materials, minerals, metals, energy

**It is important**

**Hard engineering: high-level technology.**

**Soft engineering: advanced mathematical modelling.**

**Basic science: generating new efficient processes**



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