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Energy: From Great Challenges to Innovative Solutions

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MEGATRENDS

Individual Empowerment

Individual empowerment will accelerate owing to poverty reduction, growth of the global middle class, greater educational attainment, widespread use of new communications and manufacturing technologies, and health-care advances.

Diffusion of Power

There will not be any hegemonic power. Power will shift to networks and coalitions in a multipolar world.

Demographic Patterns

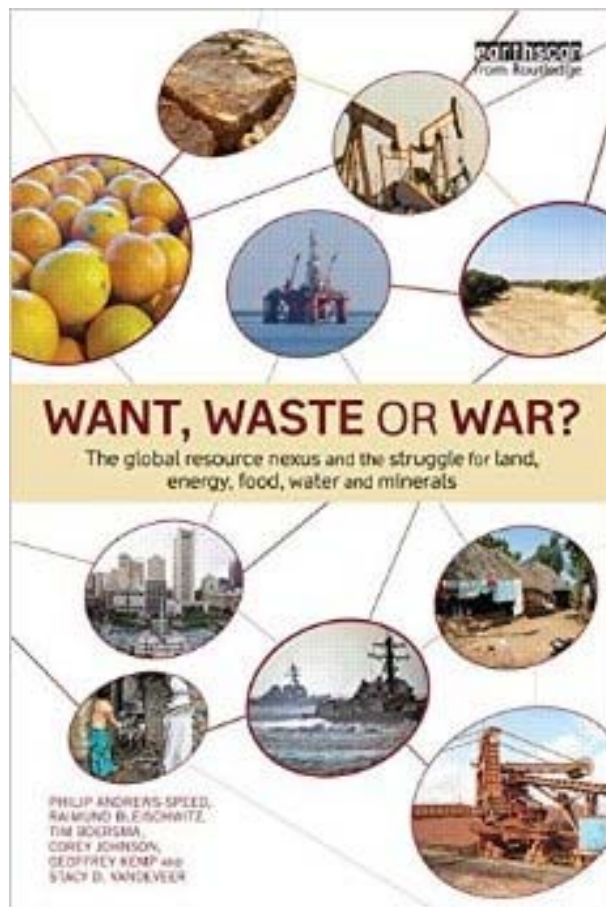
The demographic arc of instability will narrow. Economic growth might decline in "aging" countries. Sixty percent of the world's population will live in urbanized areas; migration will increase.

Food, Water, Energy Nexus

Demand for these resources will grow substantially owing to an increase in the global population. Tackling problems pertaining to one commodity will be linked to supply and demand for the others.

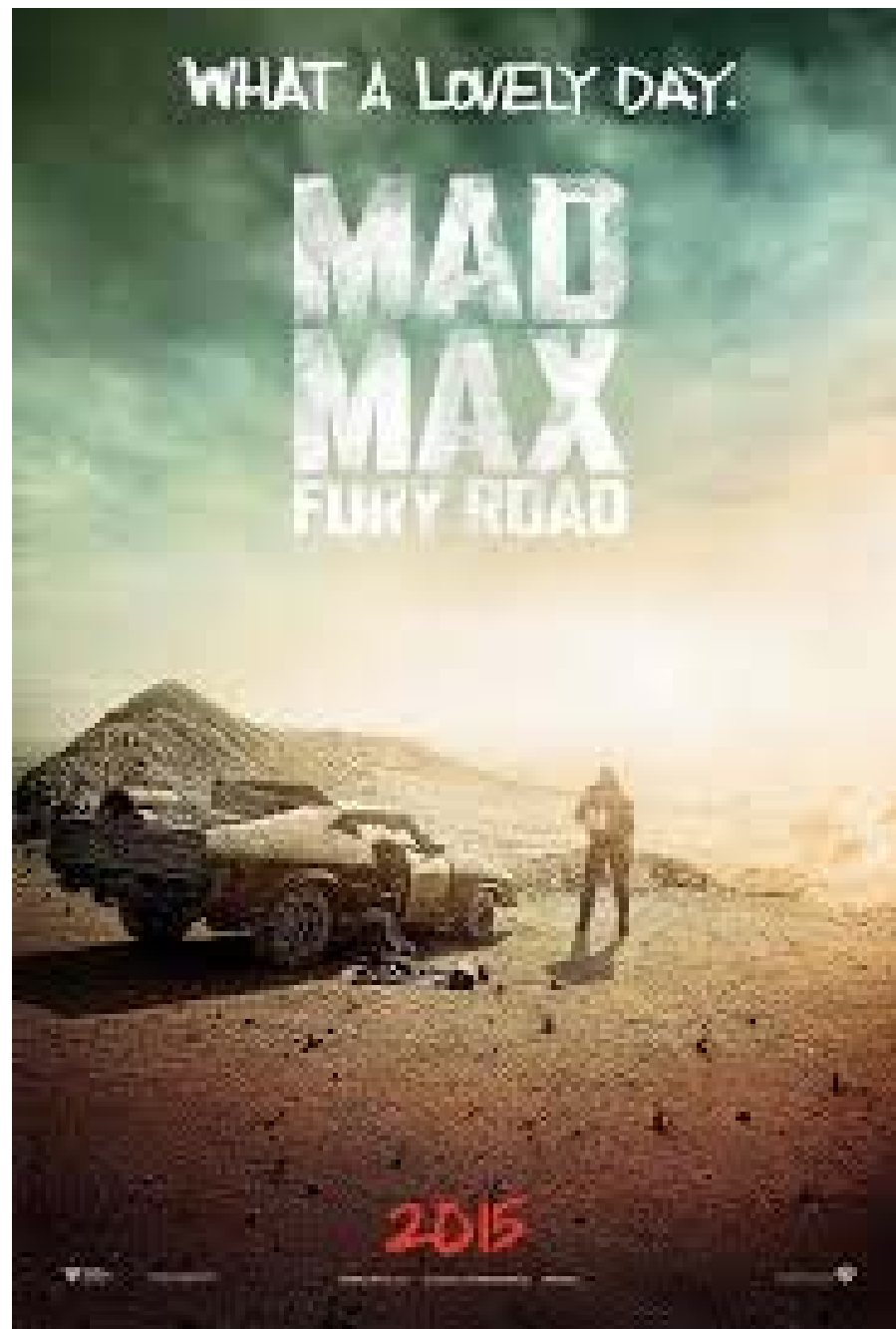
Want, Waste or War?

The Global Resource Nexus and the Struggle for Land, Energy, Food, Water and Minerals



...governance that fails to address the complexities of the resource nexus can lead to more waste, more want, more wars. If, however, a nexus approach is applied to achieve better governance, these effects of global resource use can be mitigated.

P. Andrews-Speed et al. (2015)



1st Industrial
Revolution

2nd Industrial
Revolution

Service
Society

Knowledge
Society

Holistic
Age

Collective-ness..... Individuality..... «Connected-ness»



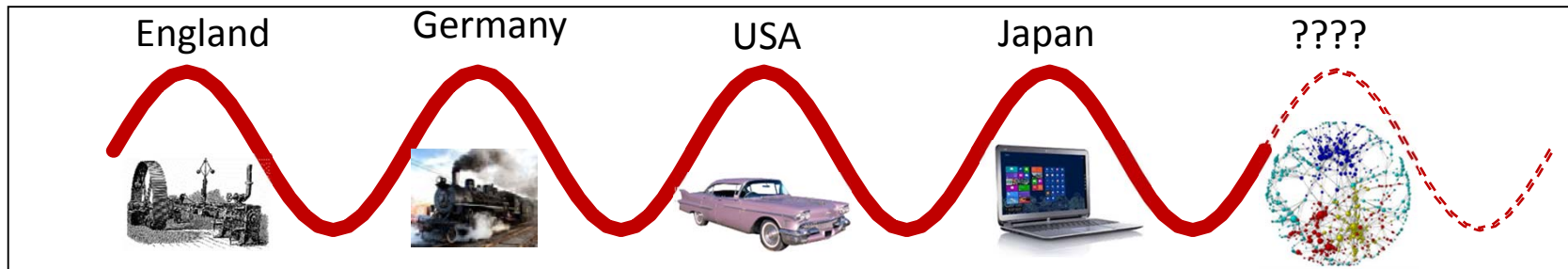
Clothing

Mass
Transport

Mass
Consumption

Information
Communication

Environment/Energy
Health/Food



1800

1850

1900

1950

2000

Water/Steam

Steam Engine
Textile Industry

Steel

Rail Road

Polymers

Alloys

Electric Cars
Appliances Petrochemical
Chemical Industry
Industry

Ceramics

Semiconductors

Composites

Information
Technologies
Electronics/Automation
Internet/Mobile Communications

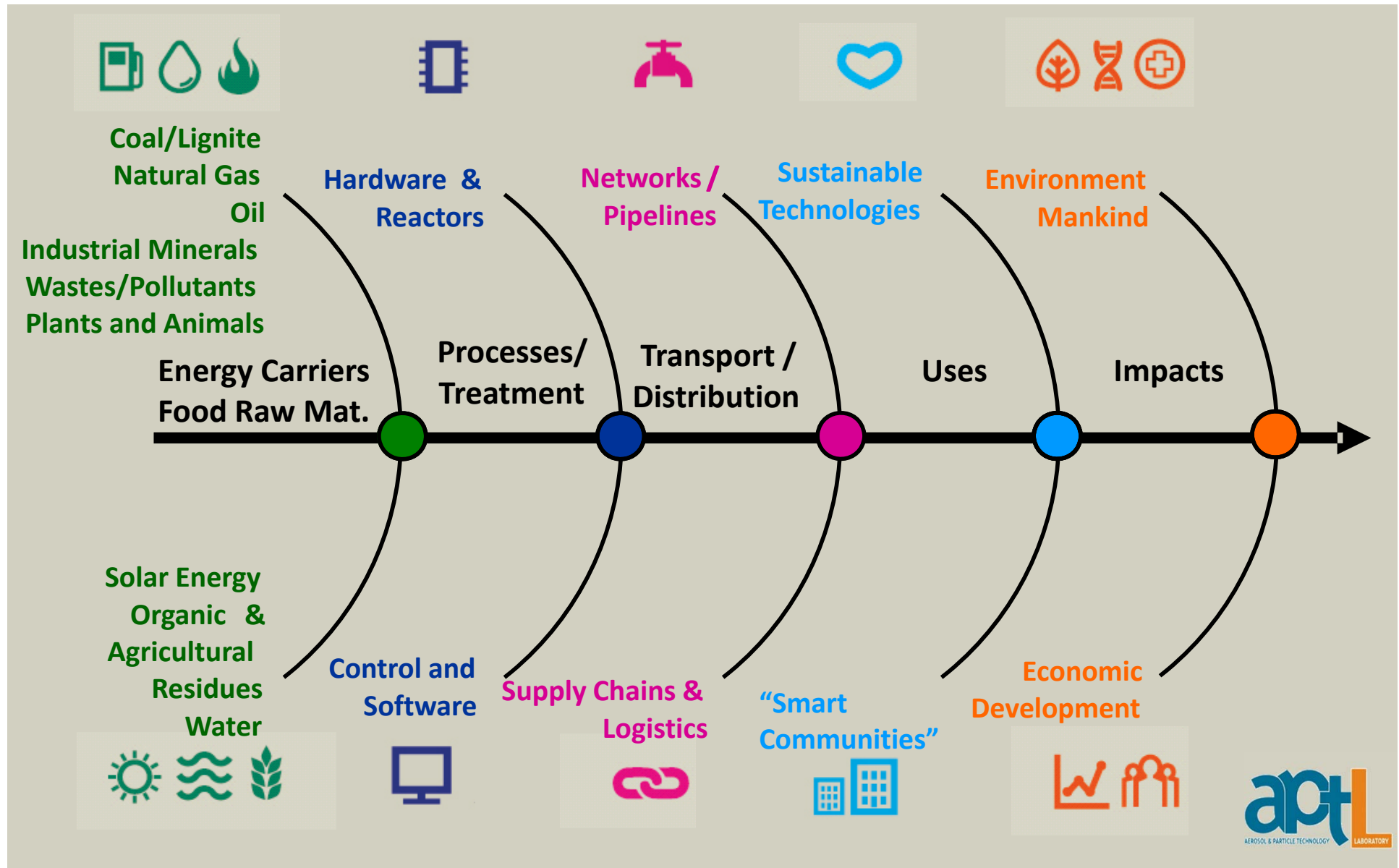
Nanomaterials

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3D Printing
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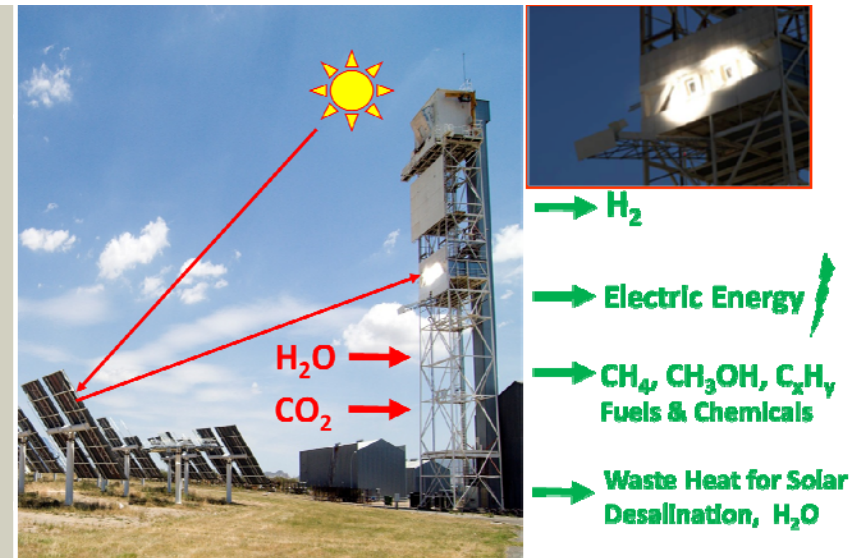
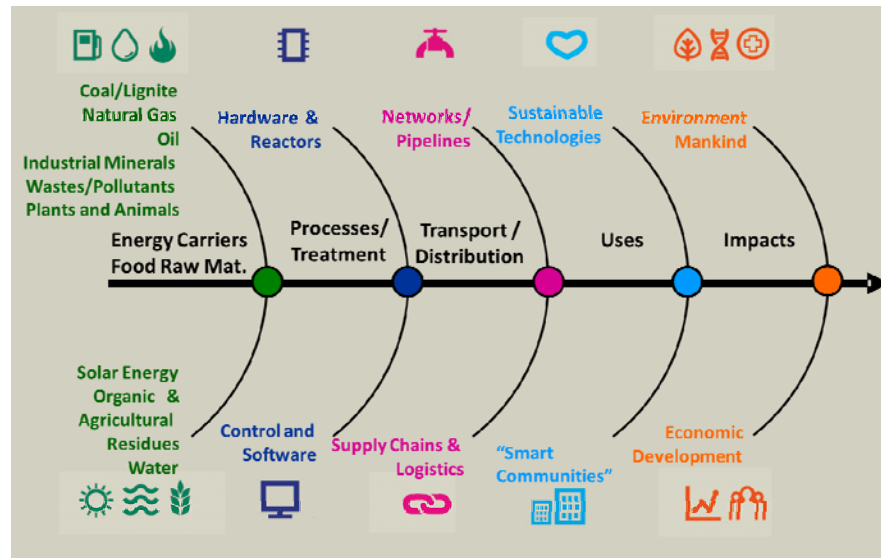
A Holistic Approach: PROMETHEUS

Sustainable Technologies (“Generalized Energy”) Corridor

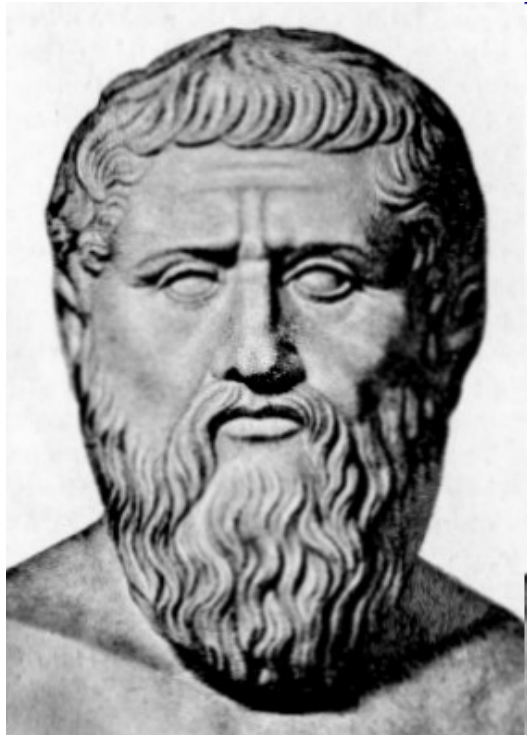


A Holistic Approach to Sustainability

The Concept of the “Generalized Energy” Corridor



The Challenge of Sustainable Development



*“...γῆ μὲν ὁπόση πόσους σώφρονας ὄντας
ἱκανὴ τρέφειν, πλείονος δὲ οὐδὲν
προσδεῖ...”*

Πλάτων, Νόμοι, 360 π.Χ.

*“...The land must be sufficient to
support no more than a certain number
of people living with moderation...”*

Plato, Laws, 360 B.C.

Individual Success is Difficult...



Only 1 out of 1000 baby turtles makes it to the sea...



Networks of Dynamic, Social, Non-linear Innovation



The Power of CLUSTERS!

KNOWLEDGE CREATION & TRANSFER

NOVEL PRODUCTS AND NEW MARKETS

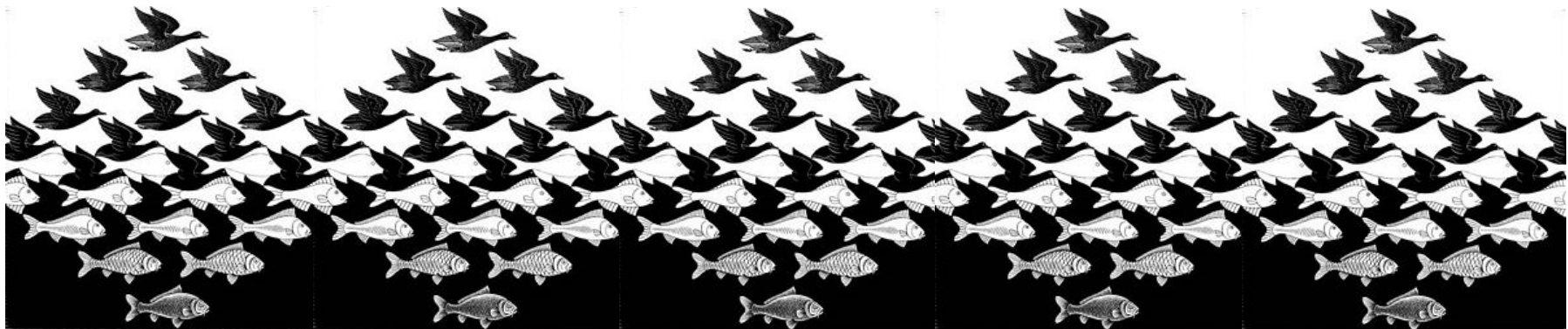


RENEWABLES

LOW CARBON PROCESSES

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

EMISSION CONTROL

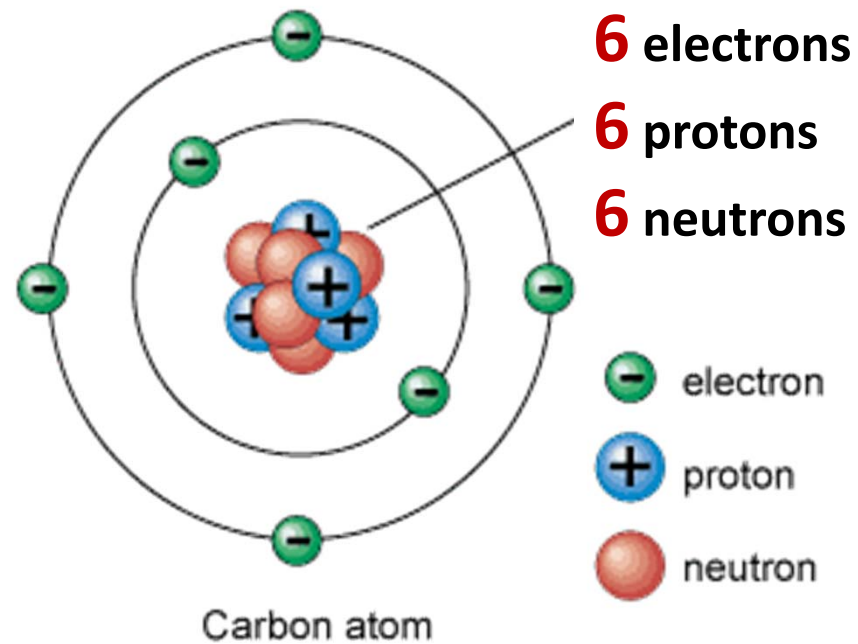
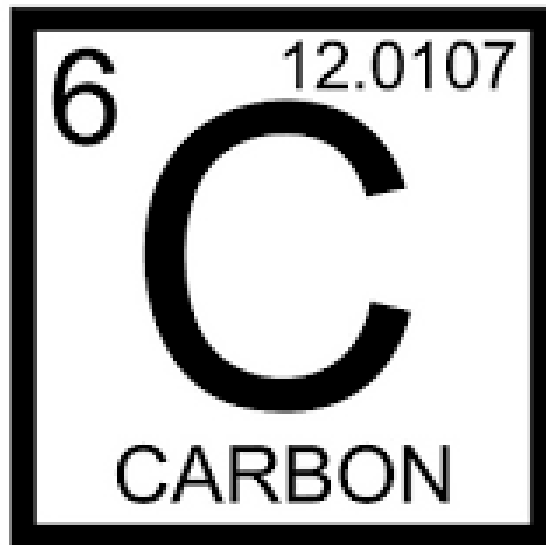


Backbone for Regional Growth

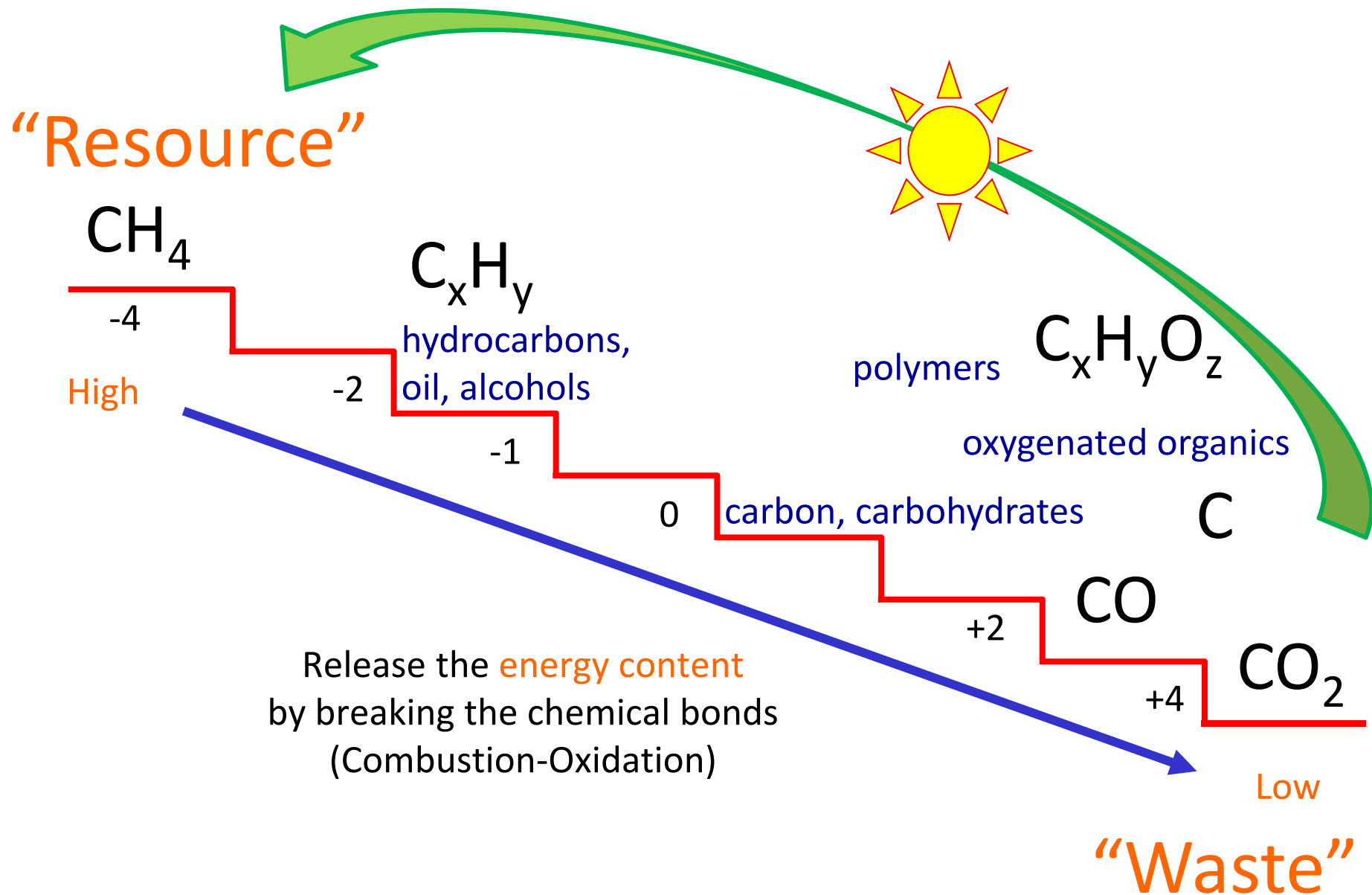
Regional Innovation and Smart Specialization



Why the Carbon Economy is so Resilient?



Carbon Cyclic Economy



Solar Thermochemical Technologies

SOLAIR



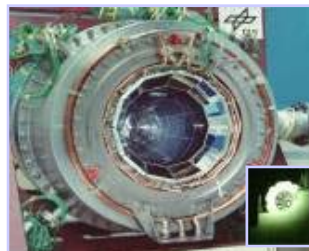
Solar Volumetric Receiver

HYDROSOL HYDROSOL II



Solar H₂ from H₂O splitting

SOLREF CONTISOL



Solar CH₄ Reforming

SOLHYCARB



CH₄ Solar Cracking

NANOREDSOL HYDROSOL+



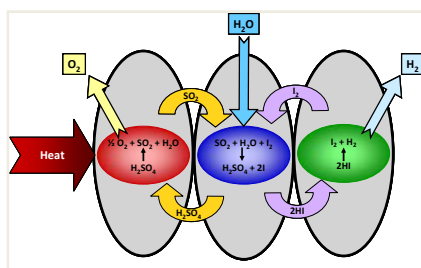
Solar Reactor manufacturing

HYDROSOL-3D HYDROSOL-PLANT



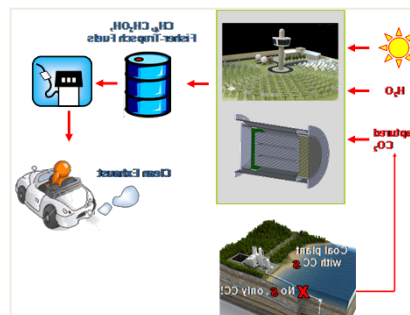
Solar H₂ Plant Design & Realization

HYCYCLES



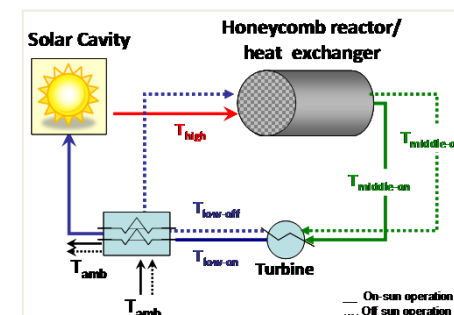
Solar Sulfur-Iodine Cycle

ARMOS CARDIOSOL



Carbon Neutral Solar Fuels

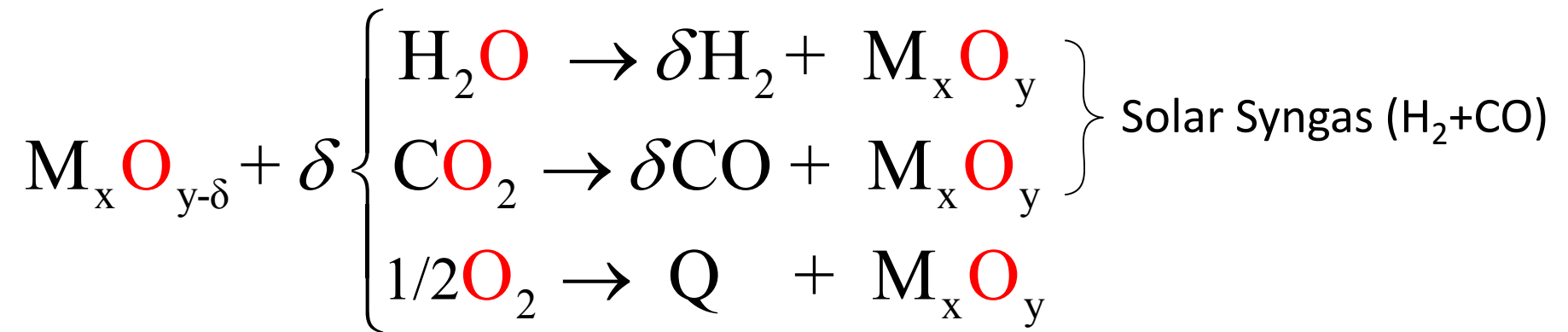
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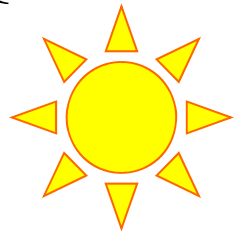
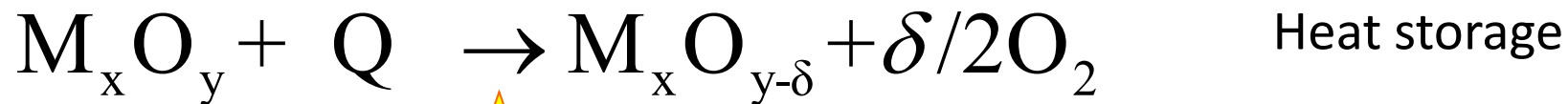
Thermochemical Storage of Solar Energy

Key Enabling Technology: Redox Materials

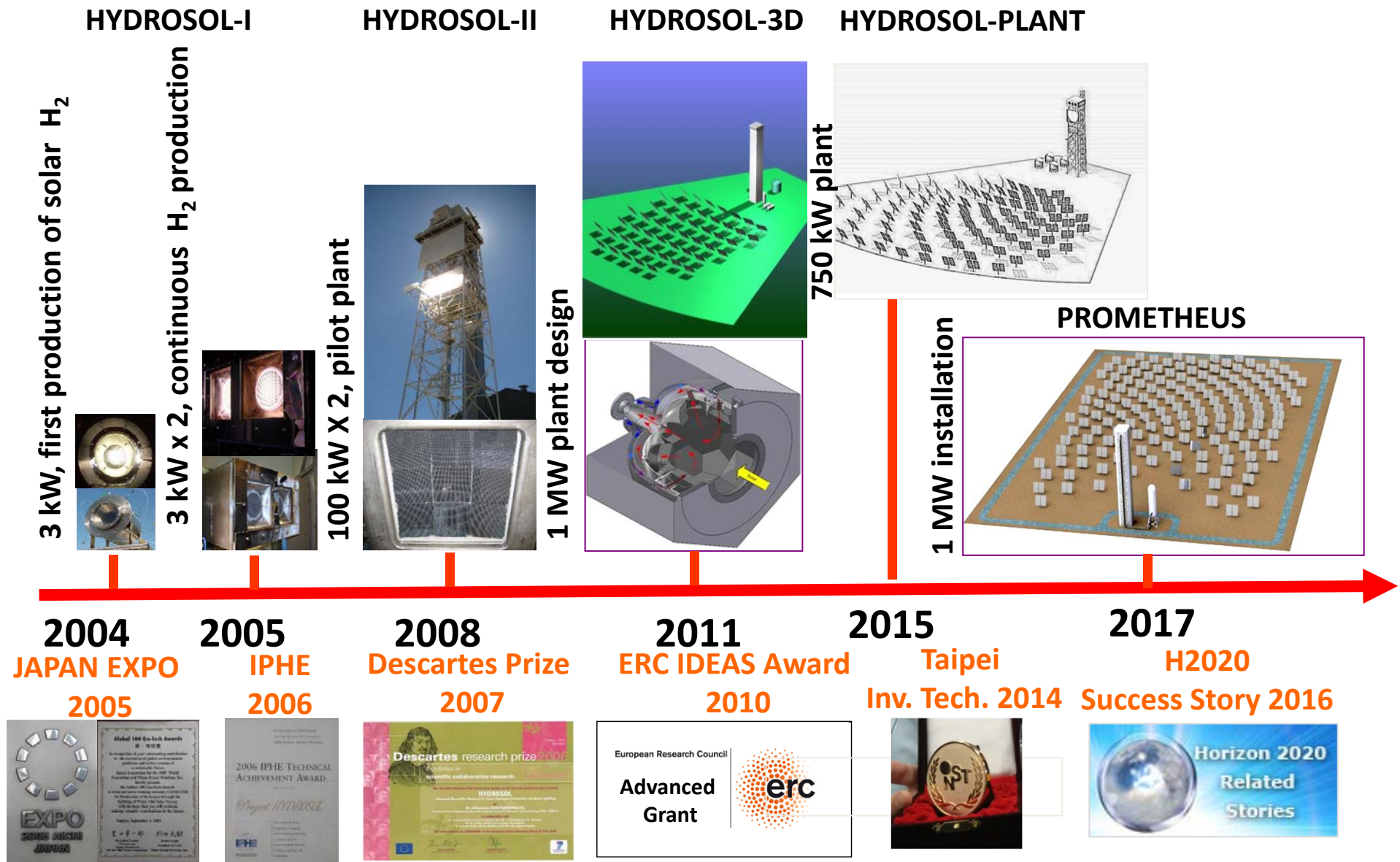
Oxidation of reduced oxide



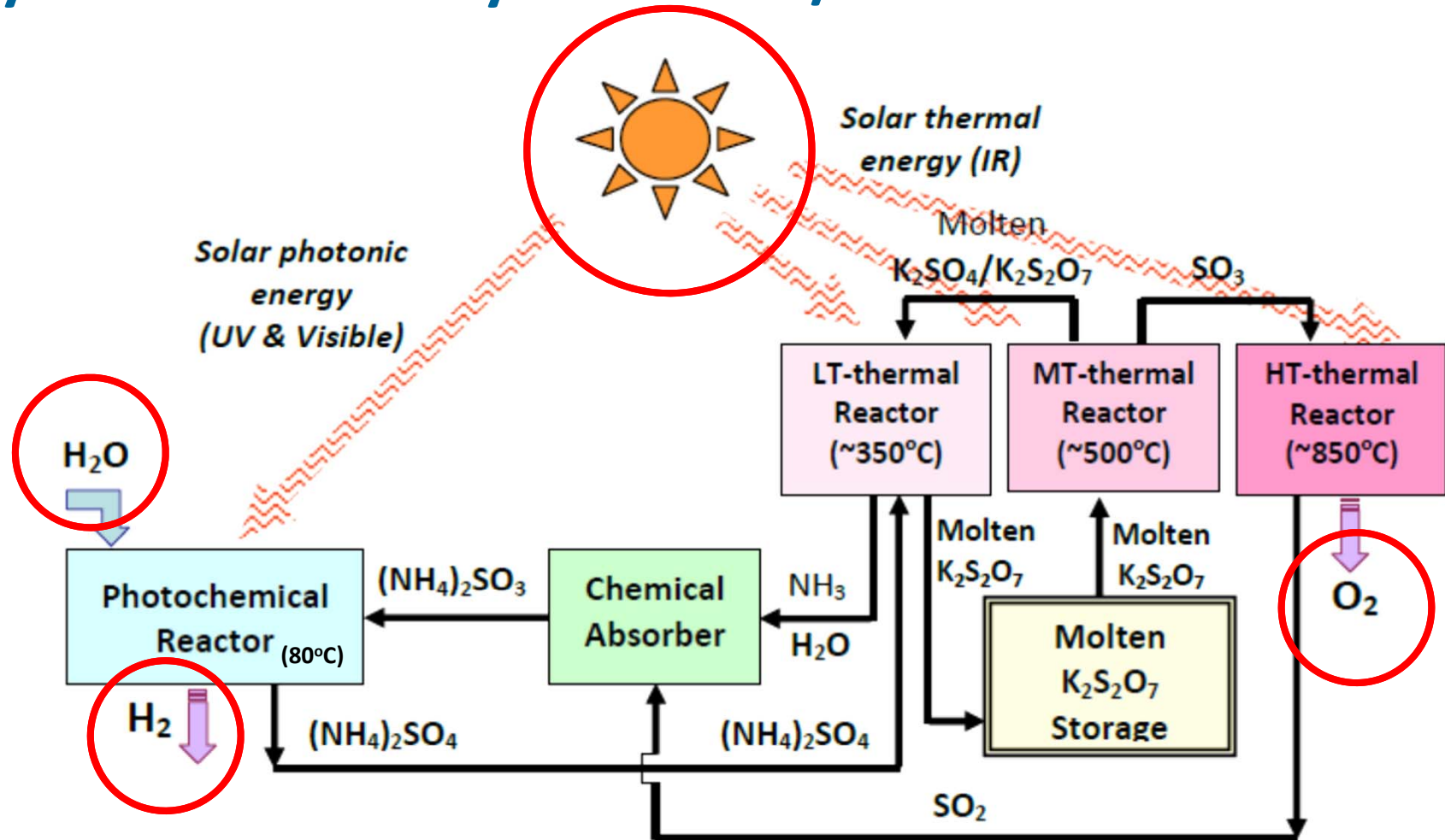
Thermal reduction of oxide



Solar Fuels Technology Evolution

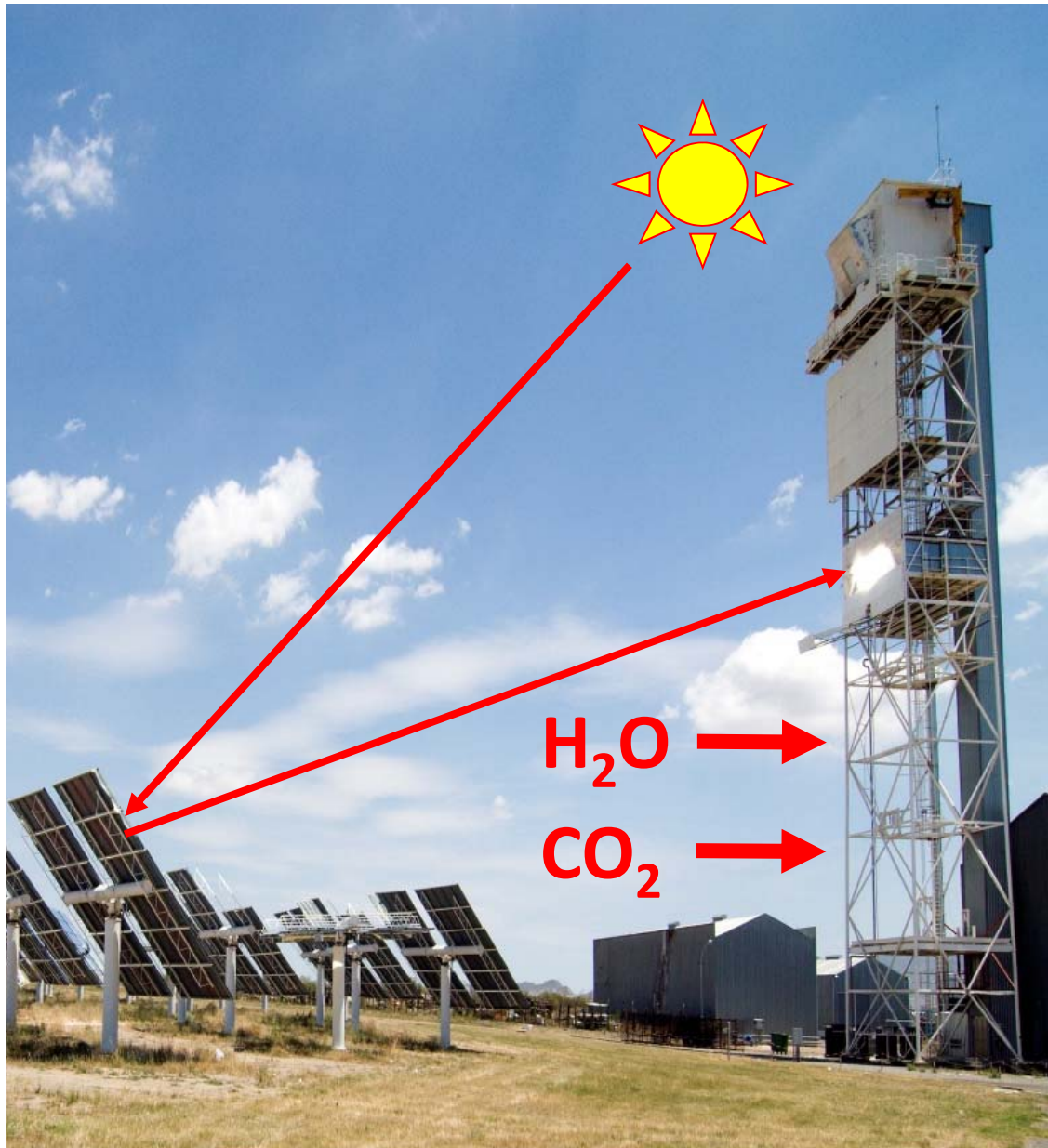


Hybrid Ammonia Cycle: Photo-/Thermo-Chemical



- In collaboration with TAMUQ/QNRF in Qatar
- Novel reactor concepts

Carbon Neutral Solar Fuel Plant



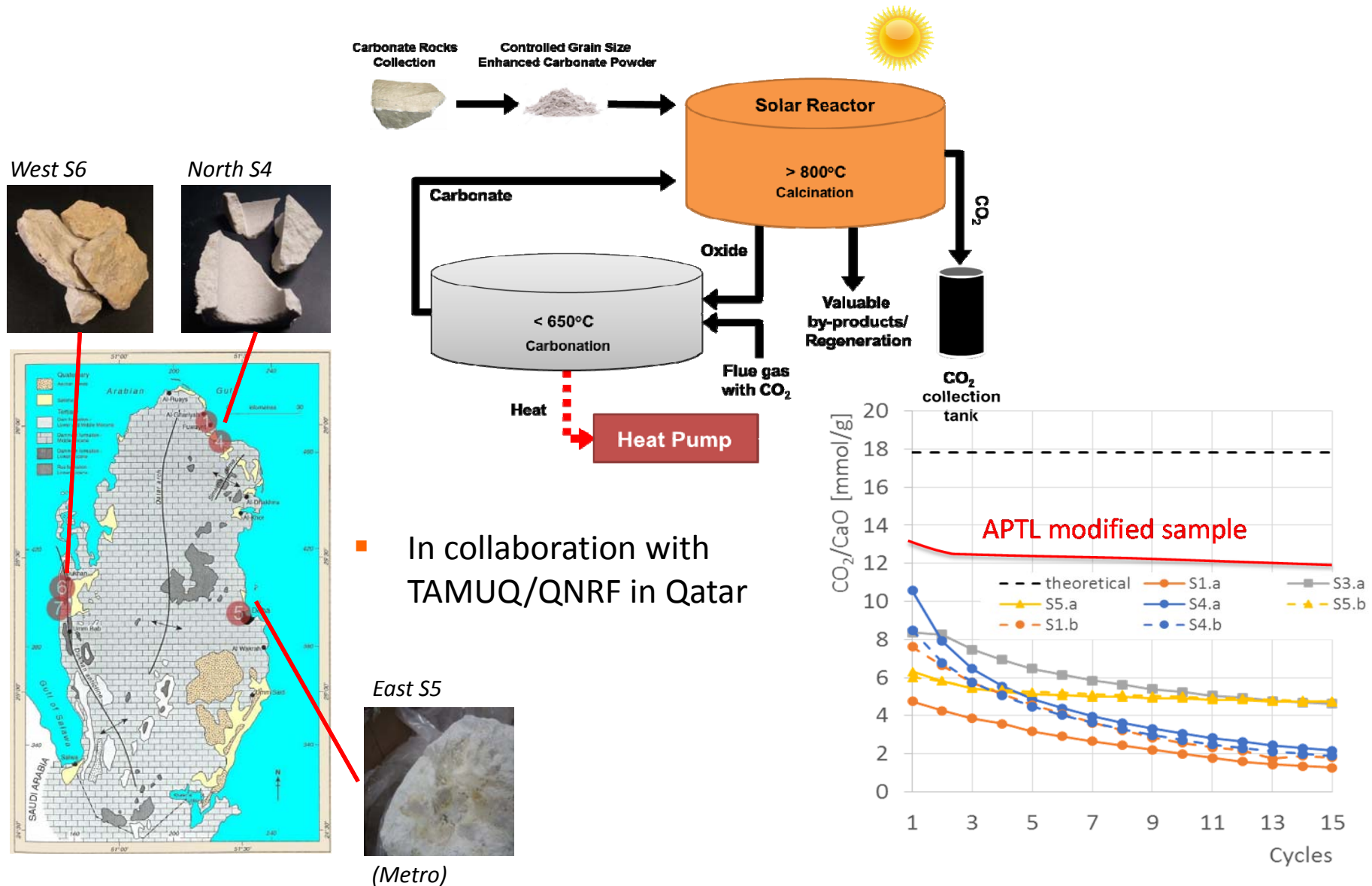
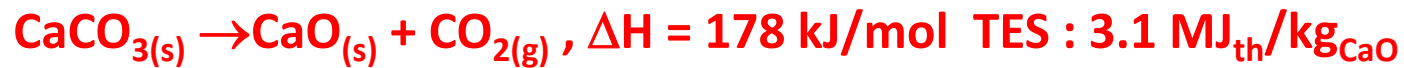
→ H_2

→ Electric Energy ⚡

→ CH_4 , CH_3OH , C_xH_y
Fuels & Chemicals

→ Waste Heat for Solar
Desalination, H_2O

Thermochemical Energy Storage in Minerals



Concluding Remarks

- Grand Challenges require holistic approach and synergies
- Sun+Water+Mineral Resources = Sustainable Prosperity
- Novel Solar Thermochemical Technologies for energy, solar chemicals (H_2 , $C_xH_y...$), water and material recovery are now at a Technology Readiness Level (TRL) which makes them suitable for pilot/demonstration projects.
- Let's face the challenges with innovative solutions!

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