

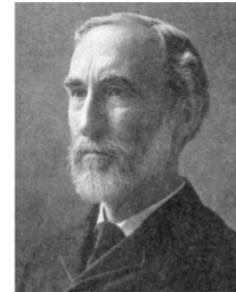
William Grove



Patrick Grimes



Robert Stirling



J Willard Gibbs

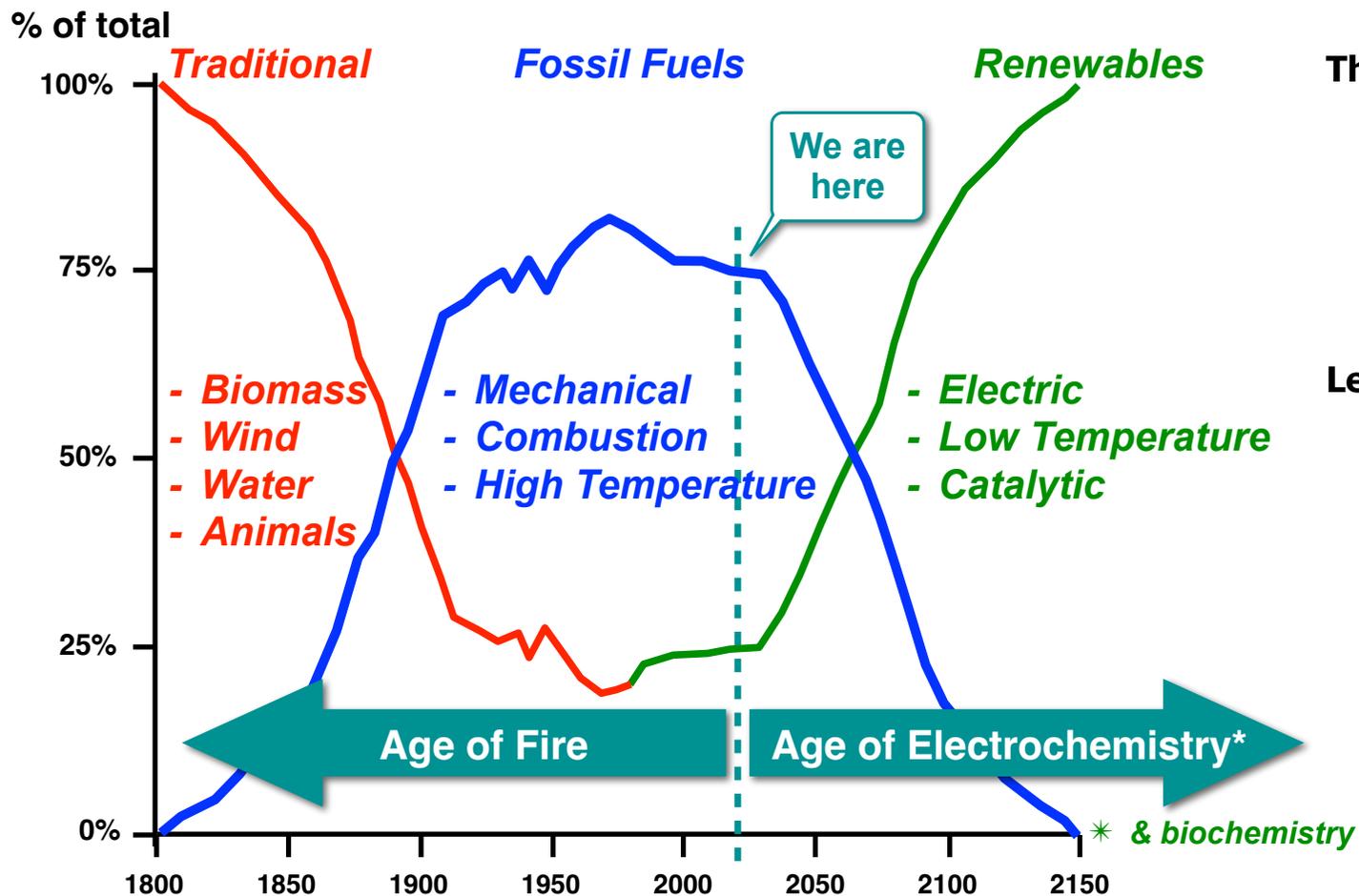
*Use heat to make
chemical bonds.*

California Bioresources Alliance Symposium

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The History & Future of Energy - according to Shell



Source: Ewald Breunese, Shell Netherlands, 14th IAMA Conference, Montreux, 14 June 2004

The World is at a Transition

- Energy demand is growing worldwide.
- The negative effects of climate change have become unacceptable.
- No coherent plans to manage the transition of the current energy industry are in place.

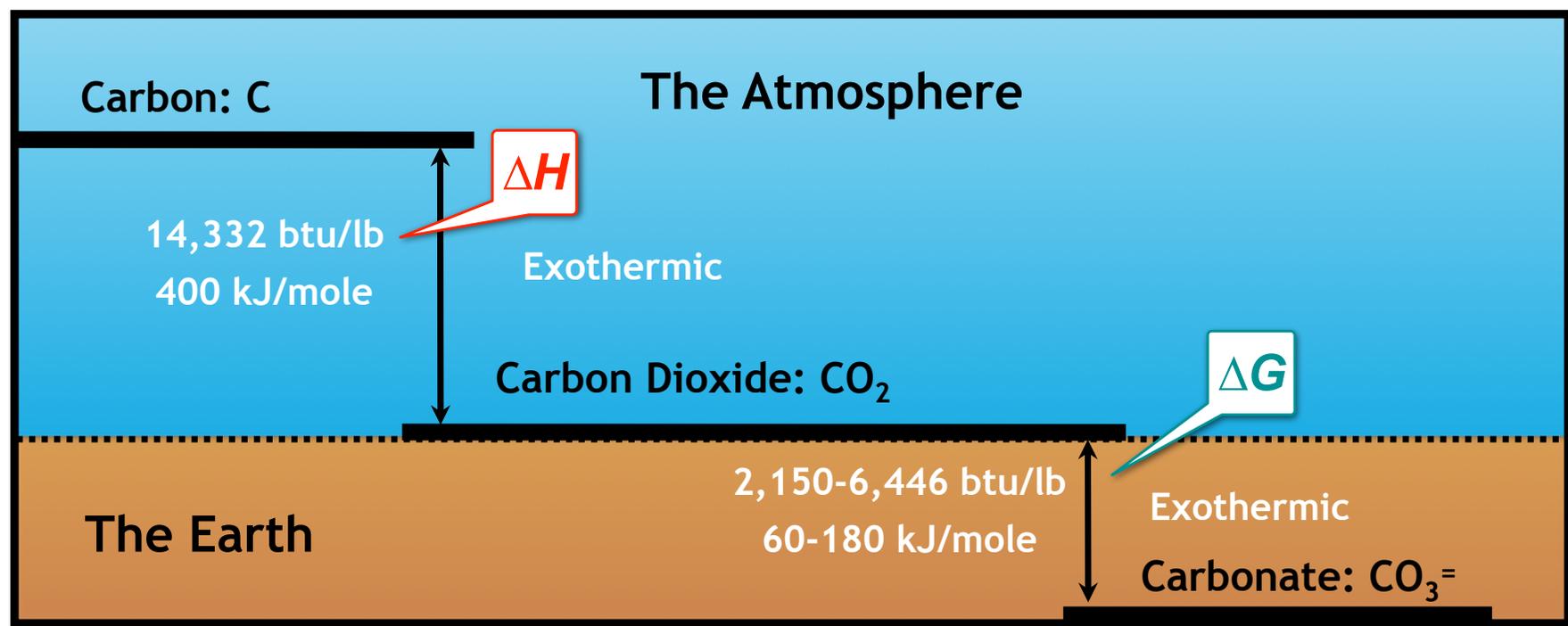
Leadership is Needed

- After building the first fuel cell vehicle, ever, in 1957, in 1961 Dr Patrick Grimes wrote his original Energy Depot report for the Department of the Army outlining his method for synthesizing fuels from atmospheric CO₂.
- Although his ideas were never commercially adopted while he lived, until his death in 2007, he kept investigating and experimenting to determine a practical path toward his goal of a properly managed carbon energy economy.
- Like Galileo, he was ahead of his time. However, he lived long enough to see his work validated in the lab, initial patents secured and left others to continue the pursuit of his vision.



Pat Grimes observed that...

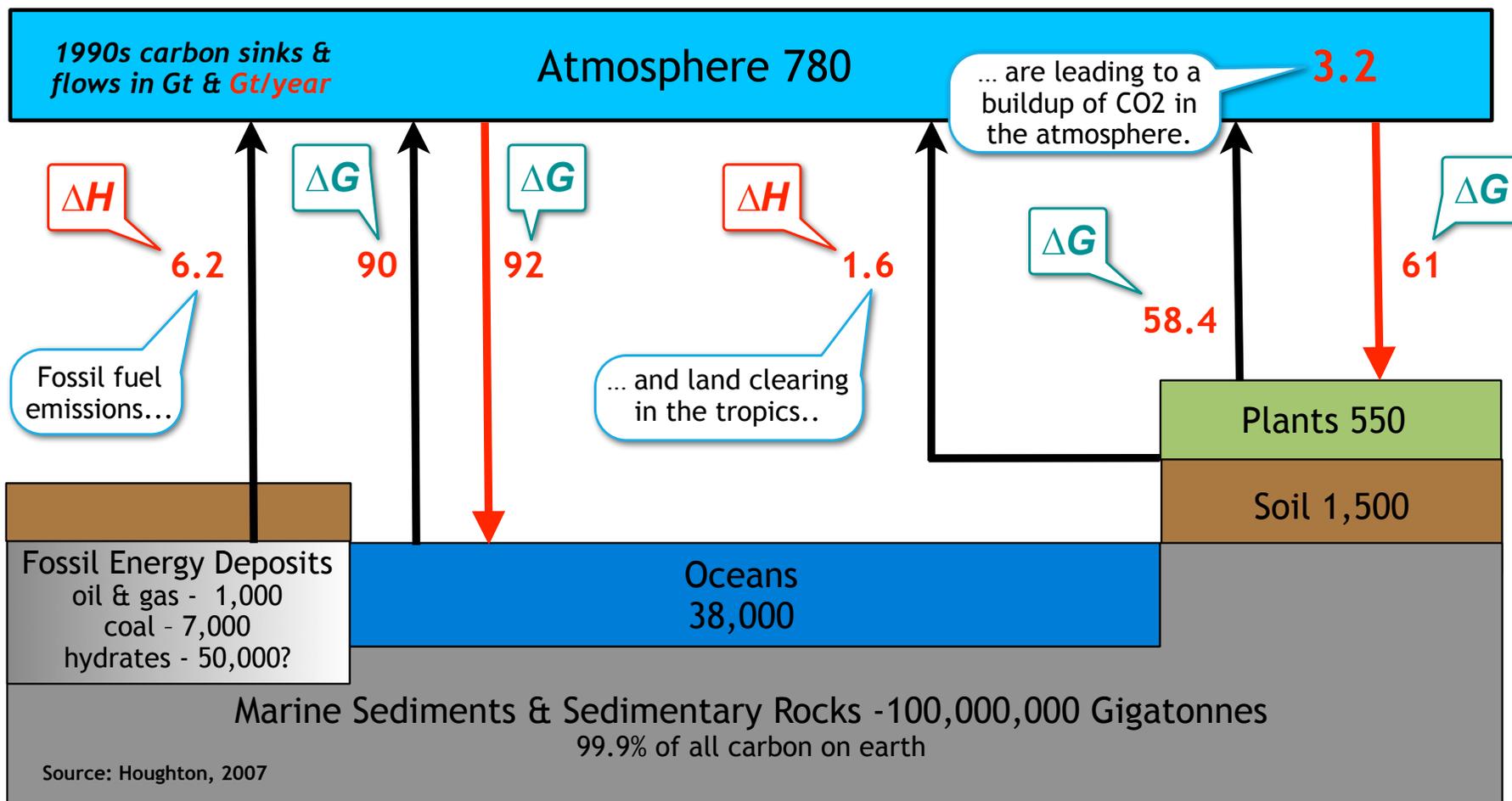
... the ground state of carbon is a mineral carbonate...



...and Carnot is leaving a lot of energy on the table.



Carbon Fluxes and Driving Forces



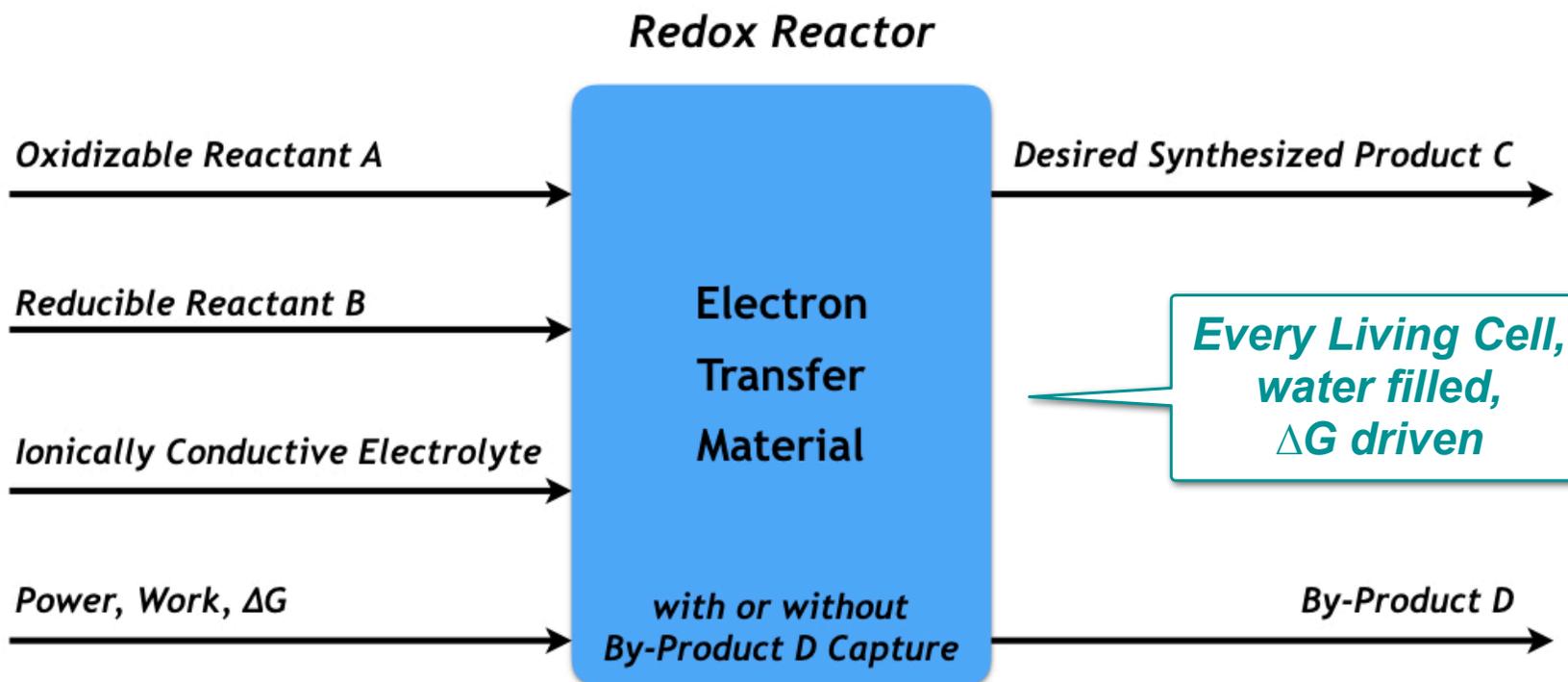


All Natural Processes Follow These Rules

Free Energy Driven Process

Occurs in Acidic, Buffer, Neutral & Basic Systems

Reactant A + Reactant B + Energy, Power, ΔG => Desired Product C + By-Product D



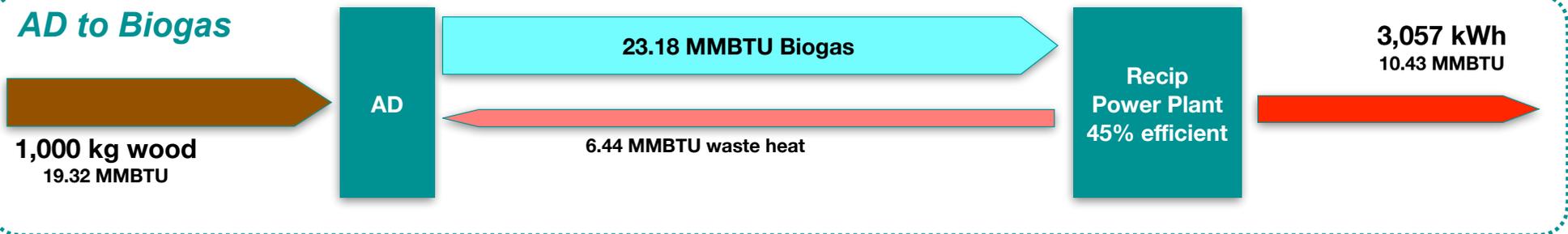


Example of Increasing Chemical Potential of a Fuel

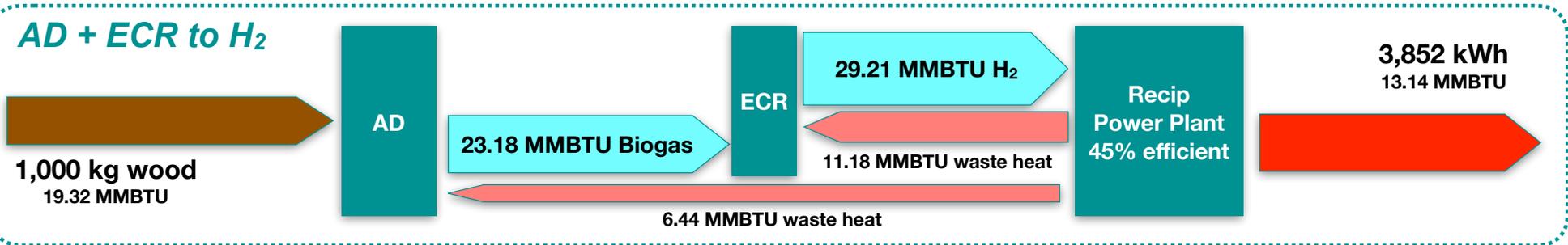
Conventional Biomass Fired Boiler



AD to Biogas



AD + ECR to H₂





Option 1: Biomass to Fischer-Tropsch Diesel

Hydrothermal Pretreatment

35,000 BDT
woody
biomass

Sawmill



230,000 tons
slurry

Anaerobic Digestion



20.22 Mm³ biogas

Integral to System

Water Cleanup
112.7 M tons

Biochar/Fertilizer
21,487 tons

FT waste heat drives HTC

Optional

Indoor Produce Grow Houses



Fischer-Tropsch Synthesis

7,829 tons
FT-Diesel

CH# = 0

2.6 million gallons
167 BOED



Option 2: Biomass to Conventional Green H₂

Hydrothermal Pretreatment

35,000 BDT
woody
biomass

Sawmill



230,000 tons
slurry

Anaerobic Digestion



20.22 Mm³ biogas

Integral to System

Water Cleanup
112.7 M tons

Biochar/Fertilizer
21,487 tons

reformer waste heat drives HTC

Optional

Indoor Produce Grow Houses



Biogas Reformer

1,555 tons
Green Hydrogen

CI# = 0

209,214 MMBTU
103 BOED



Option 3: Biomass to ECR Green H₂

Hydrothermal Pretreatment

35,000 BDT woody biomass

Sawmill



230,000 tons slurry

Anaerobic Digestion



20.22 Mm³ biogas

Integral to System

Water Cleanup
112.7 M tons

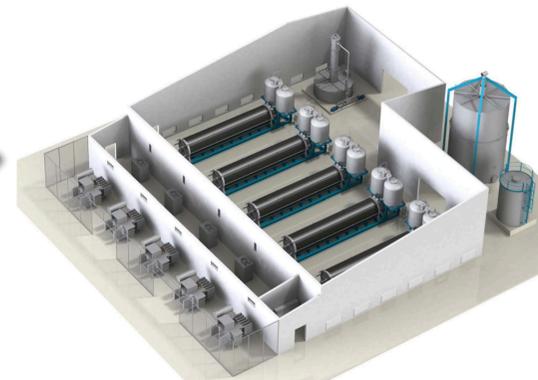
Biochar/Fertilizer
21,487 tons

Concentrated solar drives HTC & ECR



Optional

Indoor Produce Grow Houses



Electrochemical Reformer

4,044 tons Green Hydrogen

CI# = 0

544,090 MMBTU
268 BOED



Option 4: Biomass to ECR Green H₂ + Syngas

Hydrothermal Pretreatment

35,000 BDT woody biomass

Sawmill



230,000 tons slurry

Anaerobic Digestion



20.22 Mm³ biogas

Integral to System

Water Cleanup
112.7 M tons

Biochar/Fertilizer
21,487 tons

Concentrated solar drives HTC & ECR

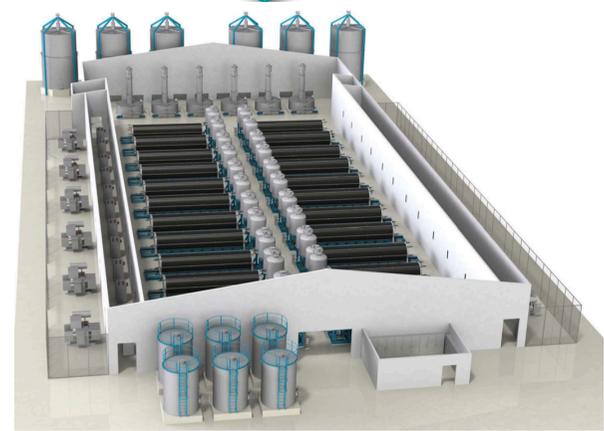


Optional

Indoor Produce Grow Houses



PV drives ECR



Integrated ECR/CCR

4,044 tons Green Hydrogen

544,090 MMBTU
268 BOED
CI# = 0

29,103 tons Green Syngas

446,641 MMBTU
220 BOED
CI# = -67



H₂ & Liquid Fuel Cost Comparison (as of April 8, 2020 - USDOE costs)

Target 2: \$1.50/kg (2025)

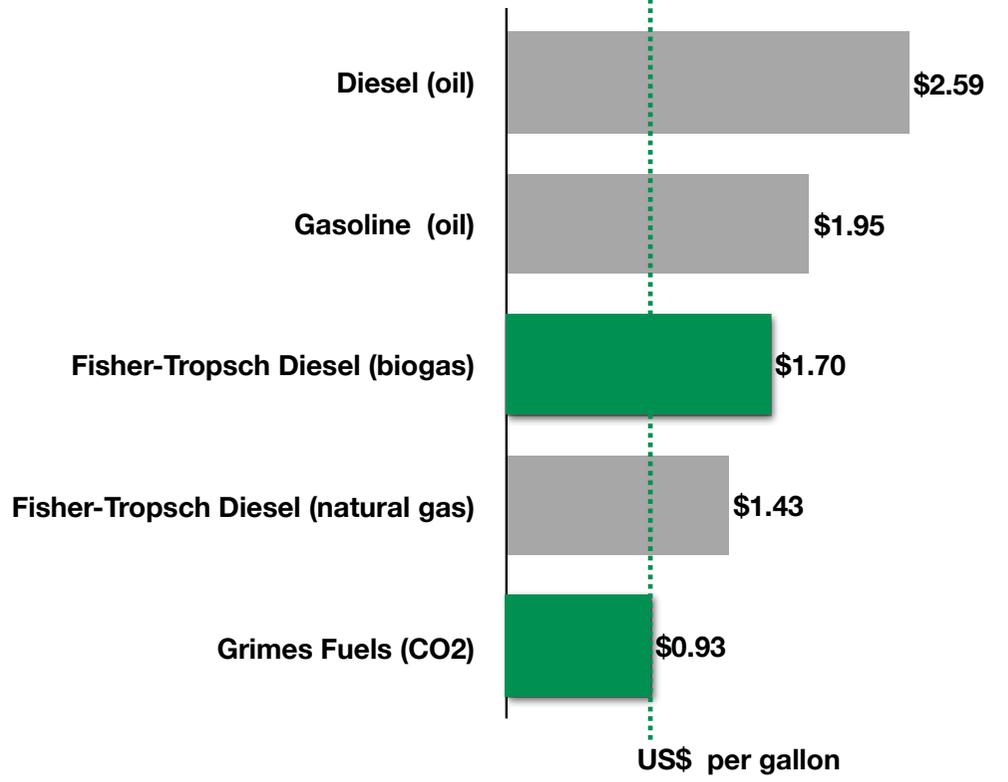
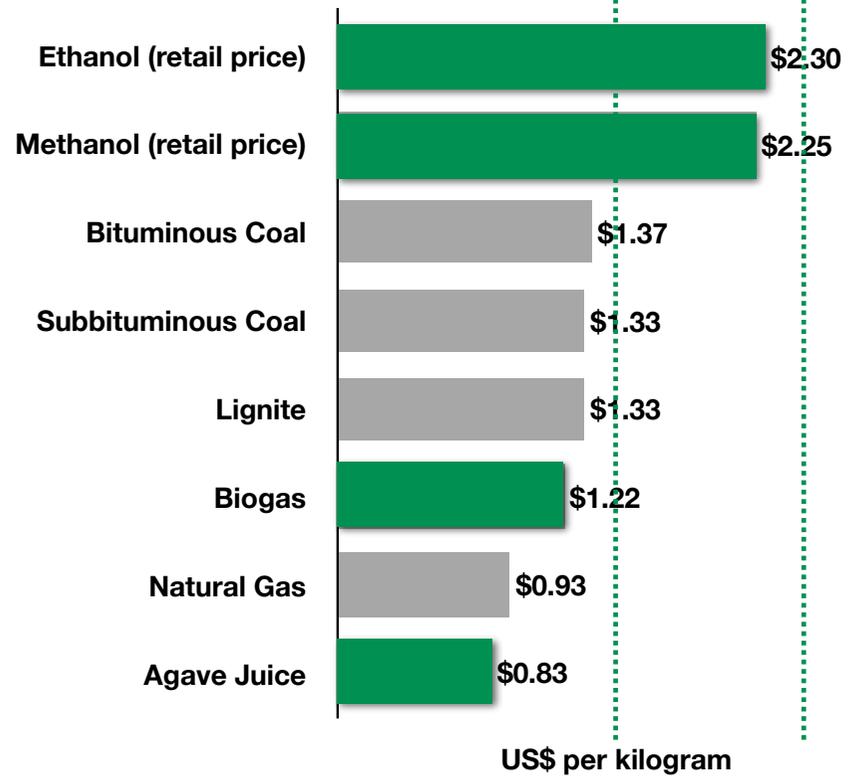
Target 1: \$2.50/kg (2022)

Cost-effective reuse of CO₂

Feedstock

Hydrogen US\$/kg

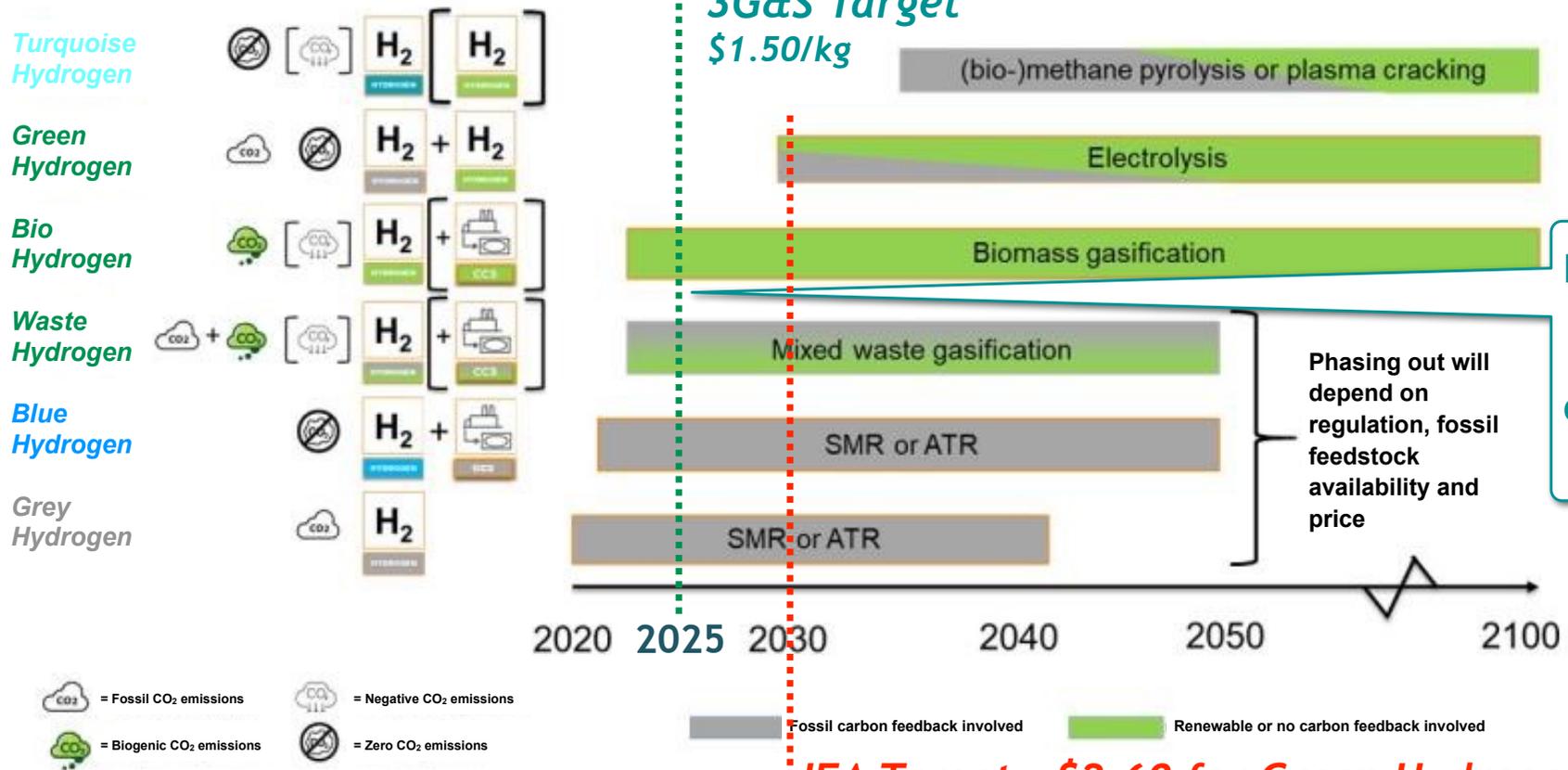
Fuel Cost US\$/Gallon





ECR v existing hydrogen solutions

The Green Hydrogen Transition



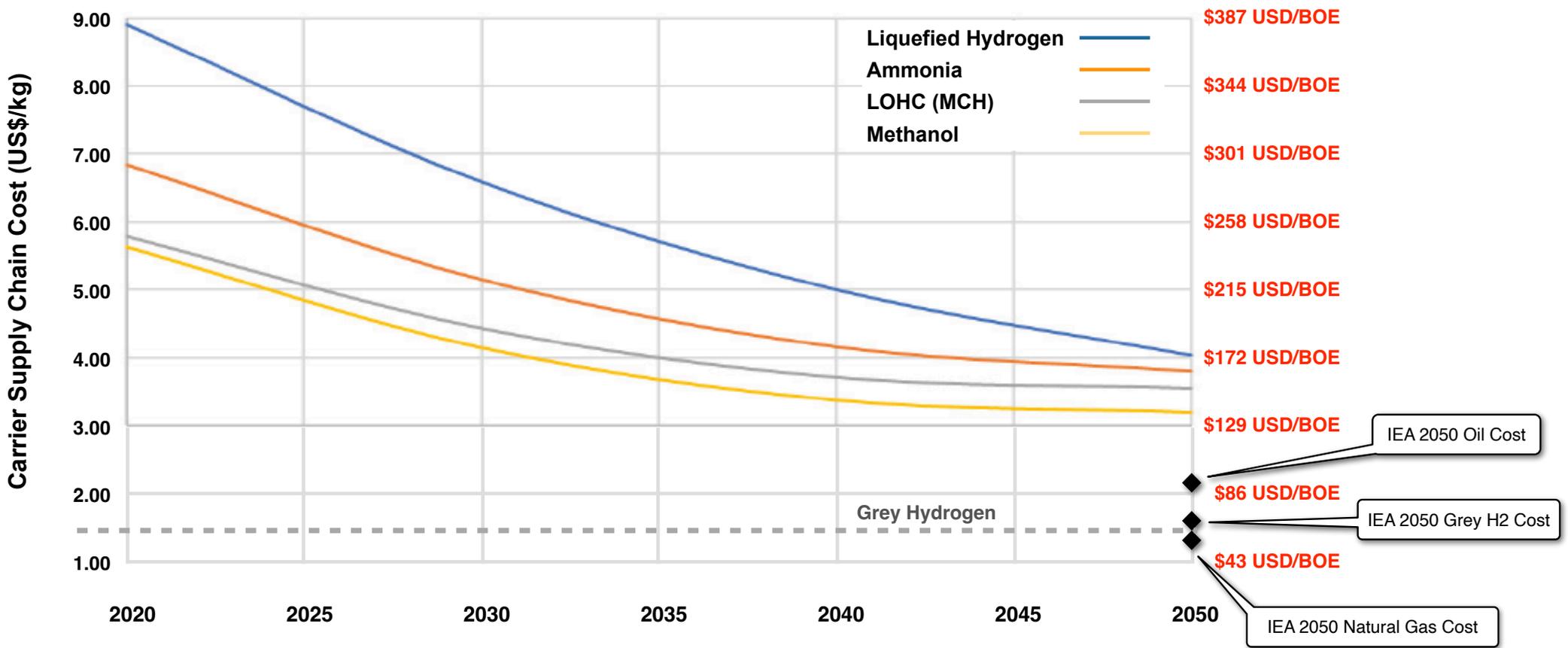
Graphic Source: Voltchem



Conventional Wisdom on H₂ Cost in Singapore



Comparison of LCOH to Fossil Fuels



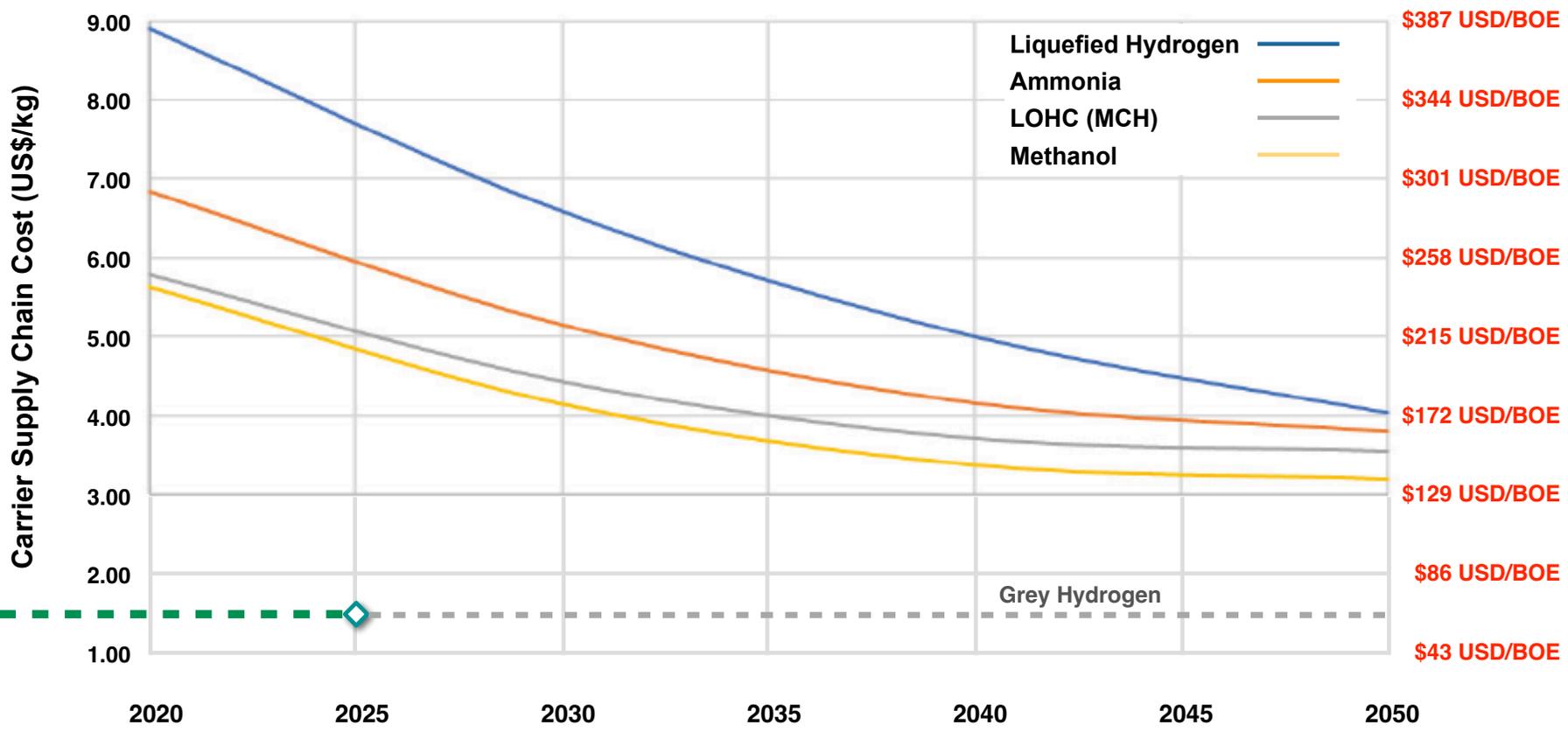
Predicted Cost Improvements of Each Carrier Supply Chain from 2020 - 2050

Source: Study of Hydrogen Imports & Downstream Applications for Singapore, Figure 5.14 - KBR - 2020



Comparison of projected hydrogen costs v bio-methanol (no subsidies)

3G&S
Delivered Price
in 2025 from
bio-methanol

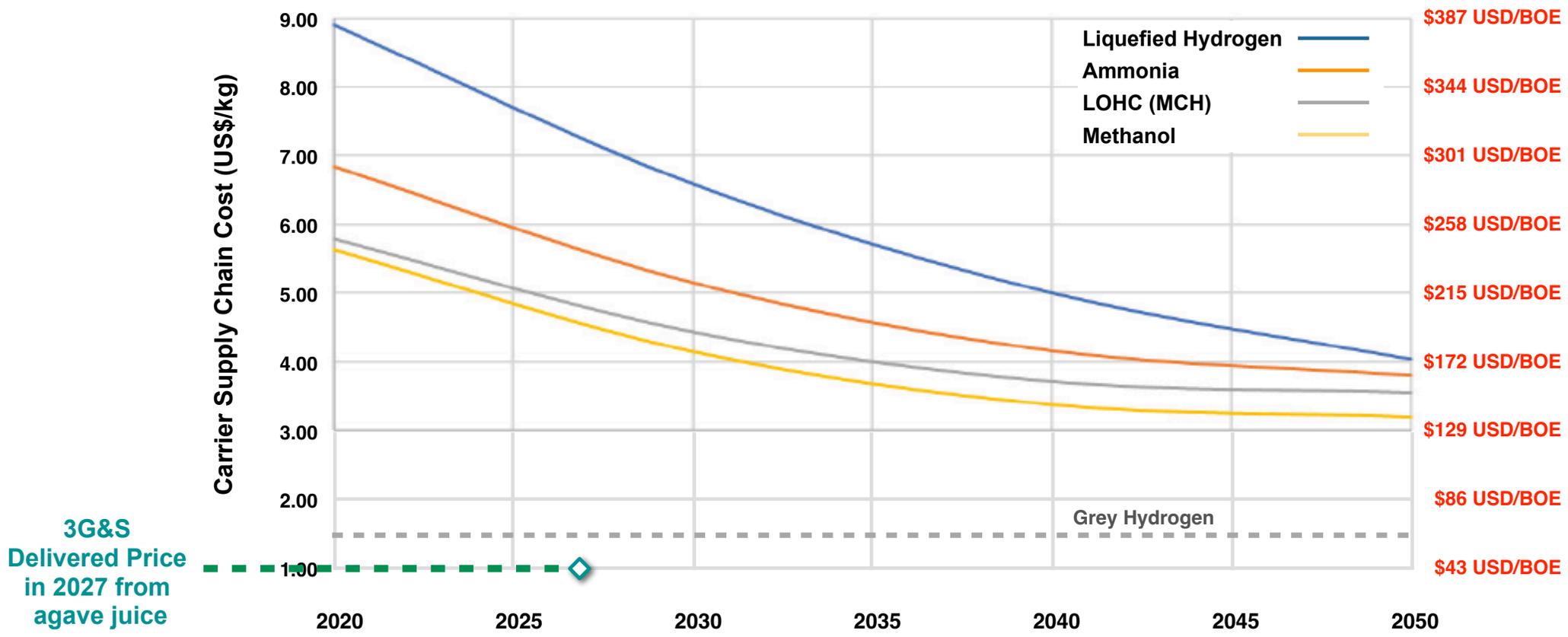


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Comparison of projected hydrogen costs v agave juice (no subsidies)

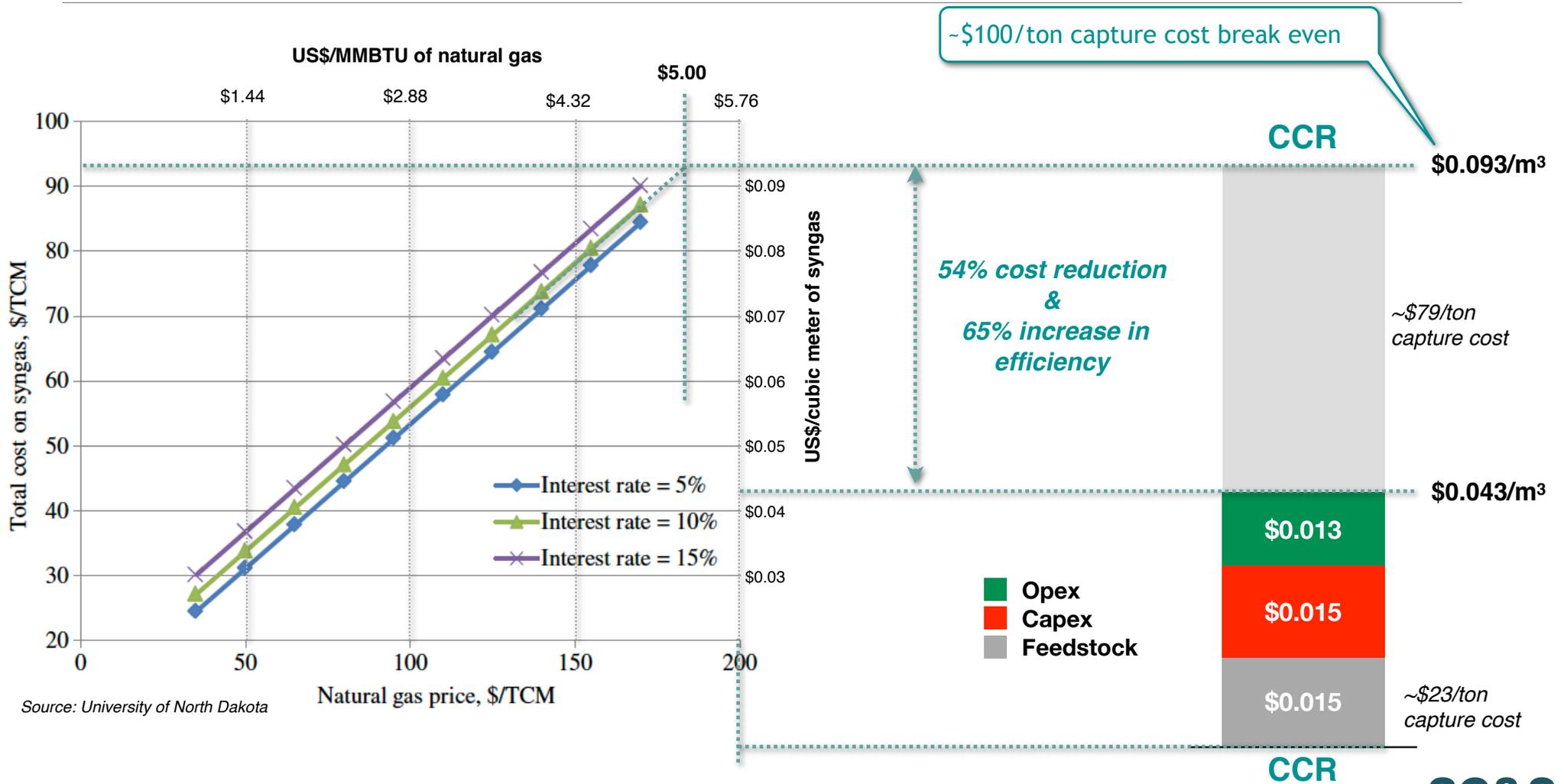


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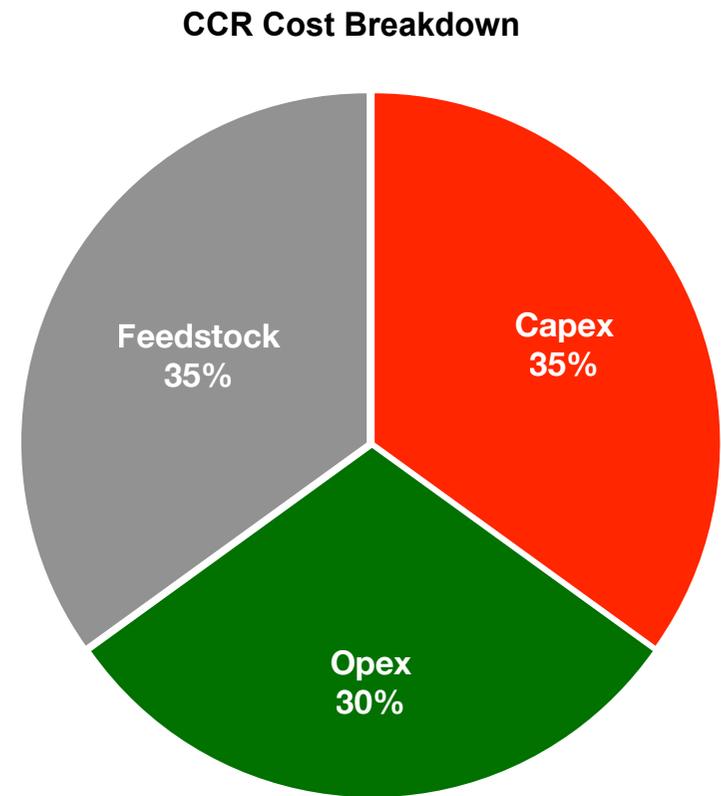
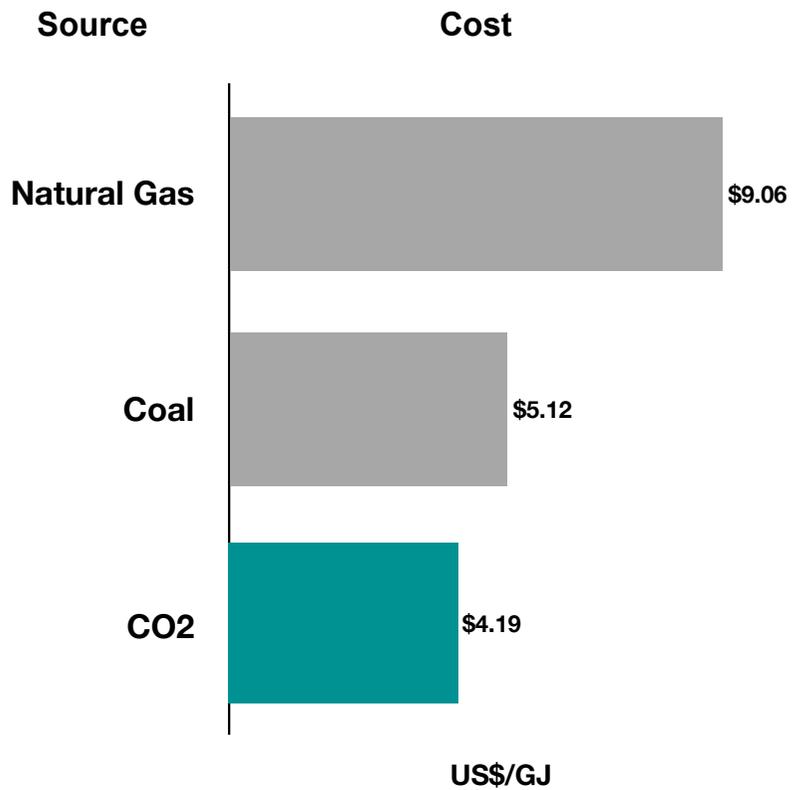
Syngas Costs (US\$/m³) - Natural Gas SMR



Source: University of North Dakota



Syngas Cost Comparison





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Background



Requirements for All Financeable Projects

1. Feedstock
2. Site
3. Permits
4. Offtakes



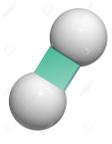
Definitions

Electrochemistry is the study of chemical processes that cause electrons to move.

Biochemistry is the branch of science that explores the chemical processes within and related to living organisms.

A **Chemical Reaction** is a change in which one or more chemical elements or compounds (the reactants) form new compounds (the products).

A **Chemical Process** is a method or means of somehow changing one or more chemical elements or compounds (the reactants) into new compounds (the products)..



Waste-to-Energy: Manure Example - NC I

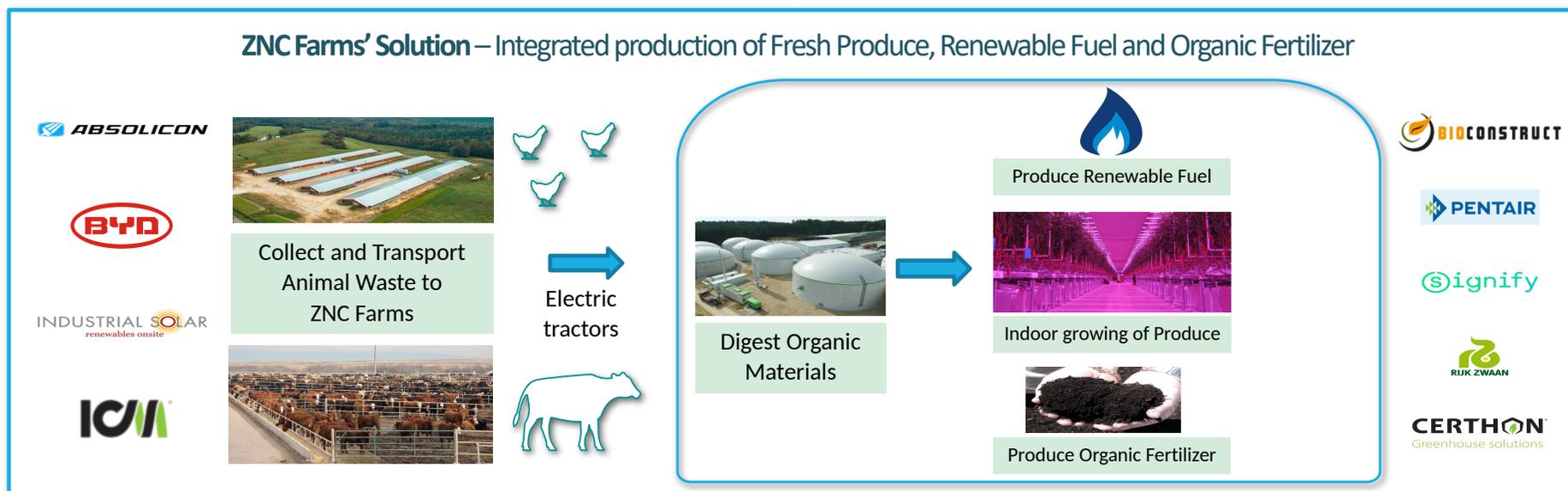
Opportunity & Problem → ZNC Farms' Solution

Opportunity

- Increasing global population and awareness on food safety
- High demand for organic fresh produce:
 - Year-round, consistent quality
 - Reduced field to shelf time
 - Reliable supply

Problem

- High carbon footprint of current agriculture:
 - Fuel use
 - Fossil fuel-based fertilizers
 - Distance from field to consumer
- Pollution from poultry and livestock manure
- Land use and demand for clean water



Financial Summary - NC I Project

			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
INPUT	amount	units					
Manure	457,000	tons		228,500	457,000	457,000	457,000
OUTPUT							
Organic Produce	28,400	tons	0	14,200	28,400	28,400	28,400
Renewable CNG	1,047,100	MMBTU	0	523,550	1,047,100	1,047,100	1,047,100
Organic Fertilizer	83,584	tons	0	41,792	83,584	83,584	83,584
REVENUES							
Organic Produce		\$USM	\$ 0.0	\$ 60.5	\$ 123.4	\$ 125.9	\$ 128.4
Renewable CNG		\$USM	\$ 0.0	\$ 8.4	\$ 17.0	\$ 17.3	\$ 17.7
Organic Fertilizer		\$USM	\$ 0.0	\$ 11.7	\$ 23.8	\$ 24.3	\$ 24.8
Total Sales Revenues		\$US	\$ 0.0	\$ 80.6	\$ 164.2	\$ 167.5	\$ 170.8
Total Expenses		\$US	\$ 0.0	\$ 36.0	\$ 73.4	\$ 74.9	\$ 76.4
EBITDA		\$US	\$ 0.0	\$ 44.6	\$ 90.8	\$ 92.6	\$ 94.5
		%	0%	55%	55%	55%	55%

CAPEX	
Category	US\$ M
Land	\$ 3.8
Collection	\$ 16.0
Digester	\$ 49.8
Fuel	\$ 5.0
Fertilizer	\$ 15.8
Growhouses	\$ 317.6
CHP	\$ 4.8
Total	\$ 412.8

Project is fully scalable and replicable.
North Carolina manure alone could supply 20 projects