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**dell'infrastruttura CO<sub>2</sub> Circle Lab – CCL**

**“CO<sub>2</sub> da problema a risorsa:  
processi e tecnologie per le imprese”**

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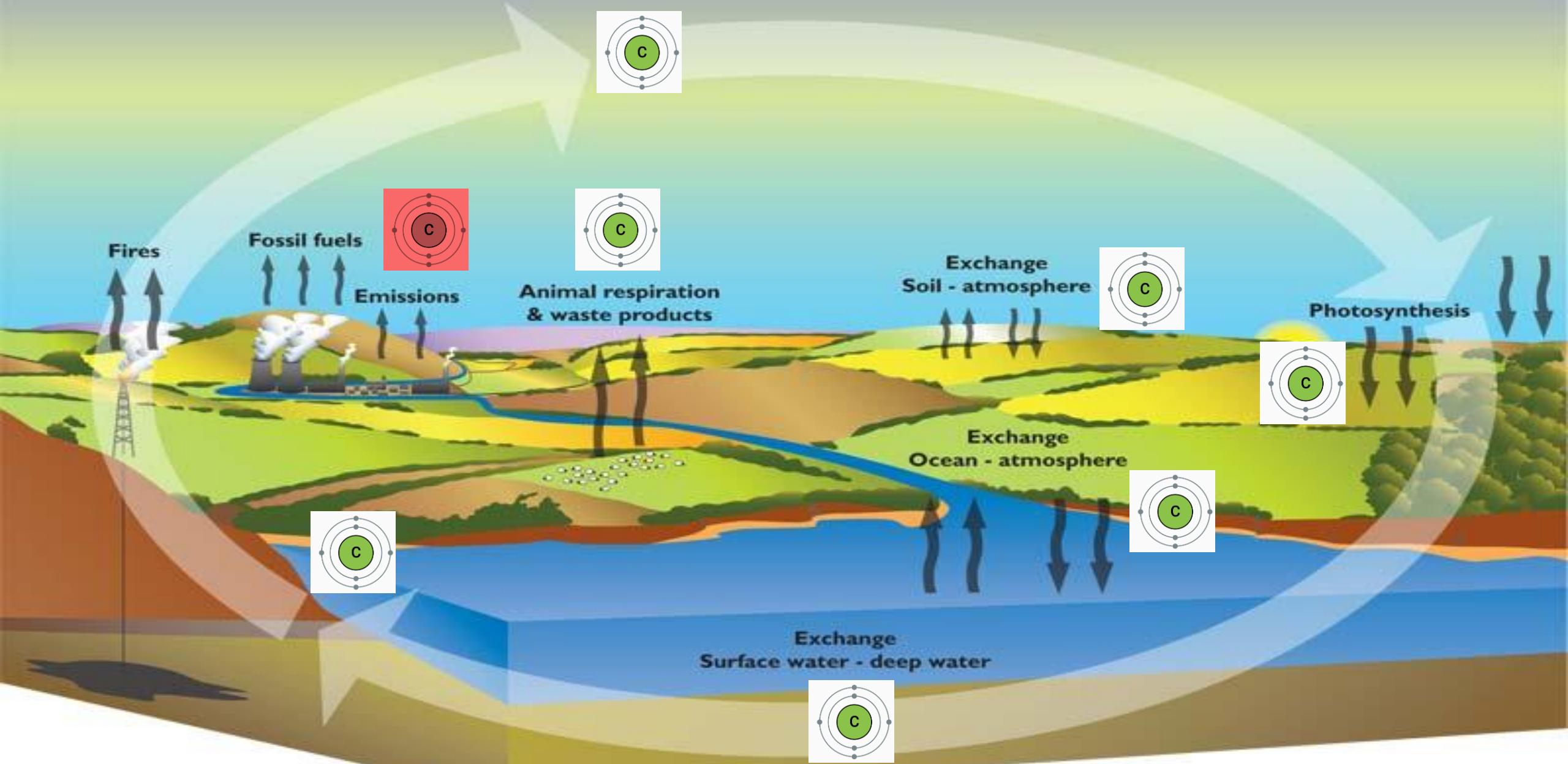
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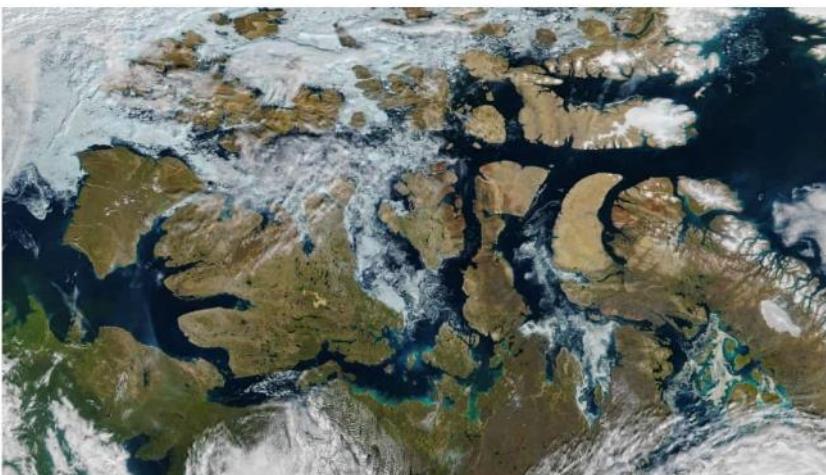
# THE CARBON CYCLE



# Il problema: Global Warming



▲ A firefighter battles a fire in California. The world is currently 1C warmer than preindustrial levels. P Ringo HW Chiu/AP



Source: The Guardian, July 30<sup>th</sup> - Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## UN: 'Life-and-Death' Action Needed on Climate Change

Rapid transformation within 12 years could limit worst effects

### ► Hurricane Michael: footage shows devastation in Florida's Mexico Beach - video



Aerial footage shows the extent of the damage along Florida's coastline after the devastating impact of Hurricane Michael, the strongest US storm in more than 25 years. It made landfall near Mexico Beach - as seen in this video - with winds of up to 155 mph

Elections have consequences. Denying science has consequences. And we are reaping what we sow.

#### ● Hurricane Michael - live updates



## The Swedish town on the frontline of the Arctic wildfires

A sleepy Lapland fire station is calling in help from all corners to fight the unprecedented wildfires sweeping the region



▲ Burnt forest: two hot, dry months in Sweden have turned the region into a tinderbox. Photograph: Maja Sustlin/TT News Agency/AFP/Getty Images

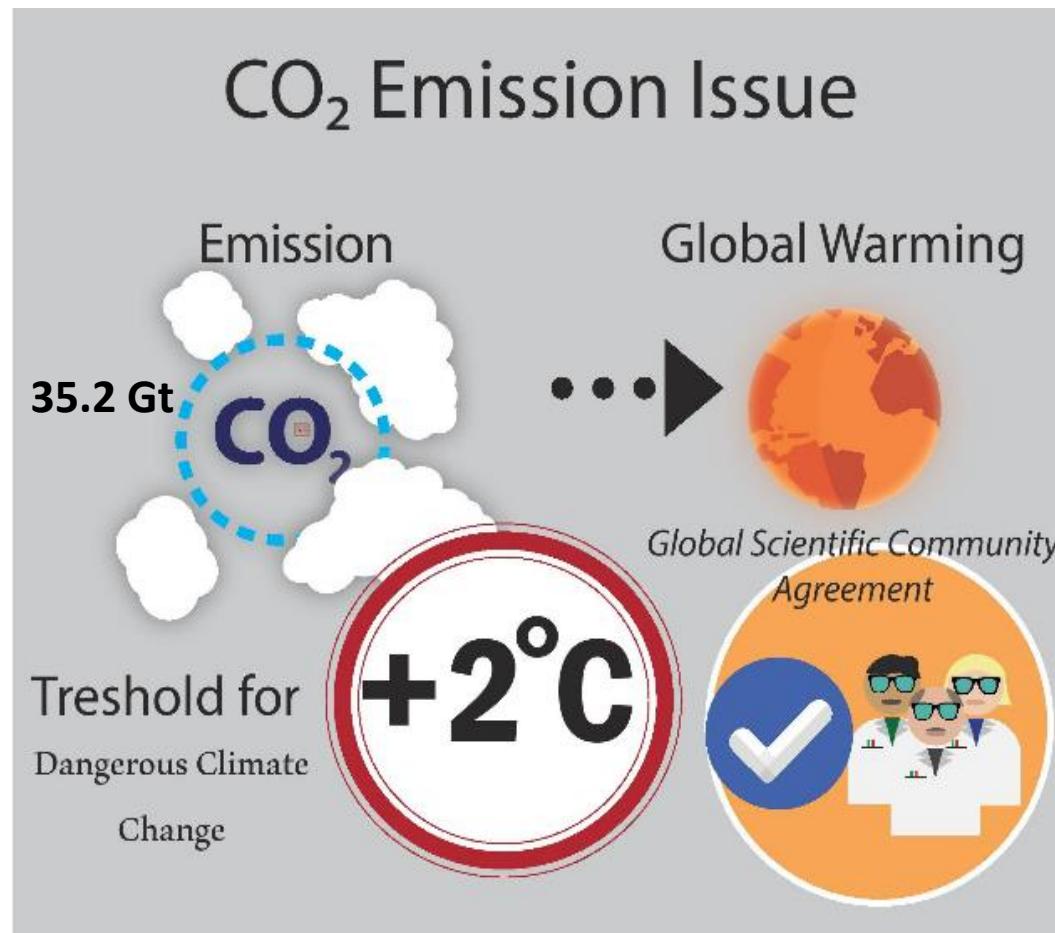


▲ Sweden has been hit by more than 60 forest fires this month. Photograph: Mats Andersson/AFP/Getty Images

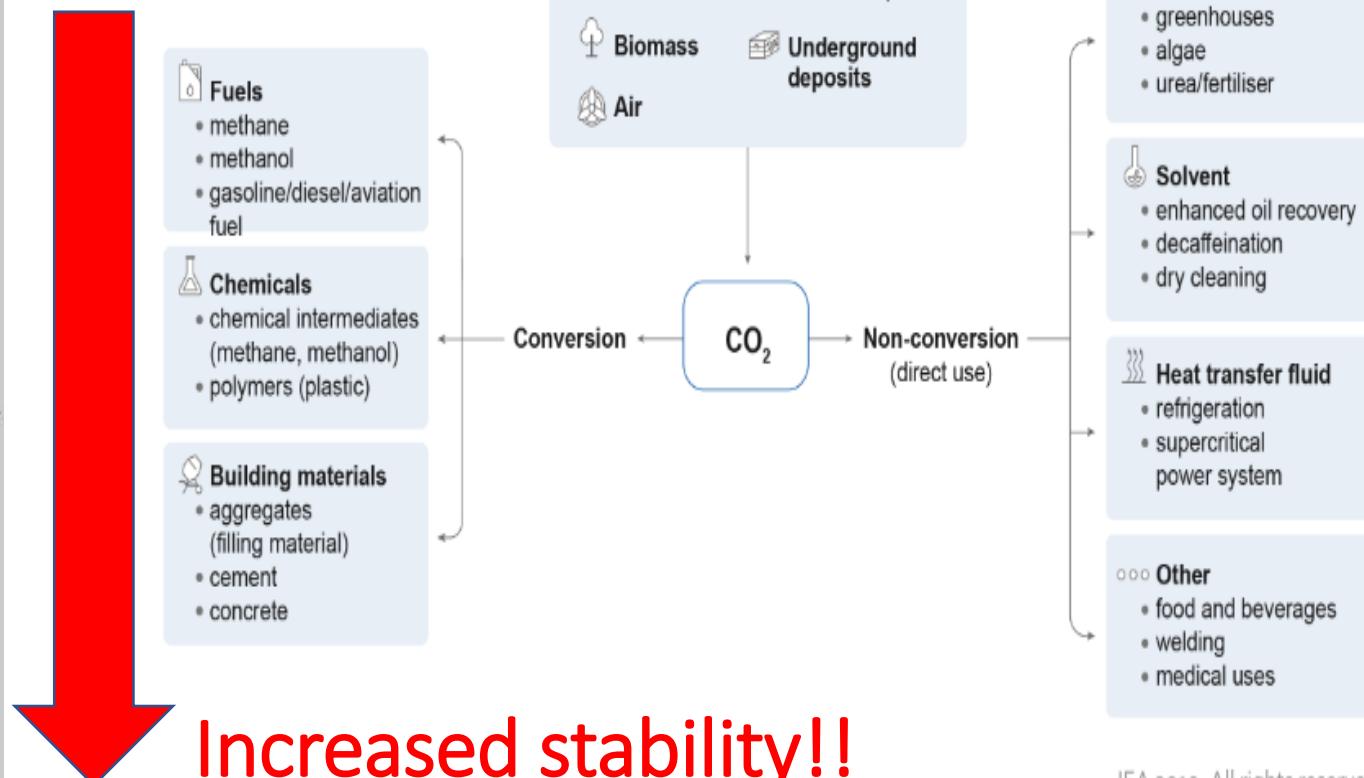


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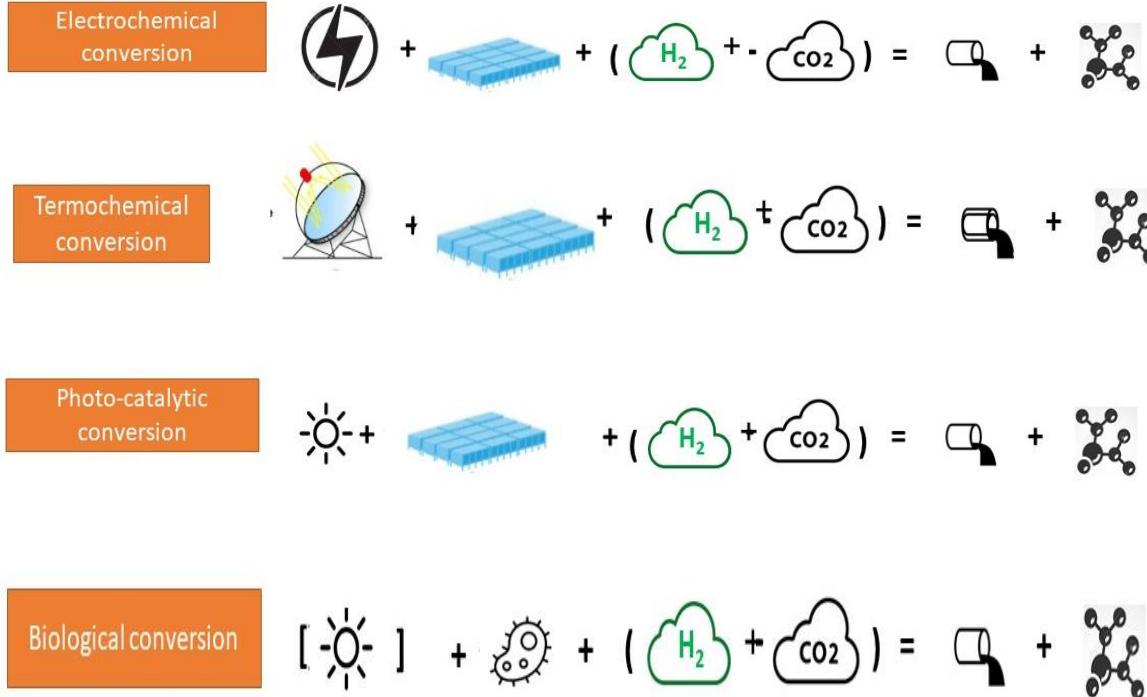
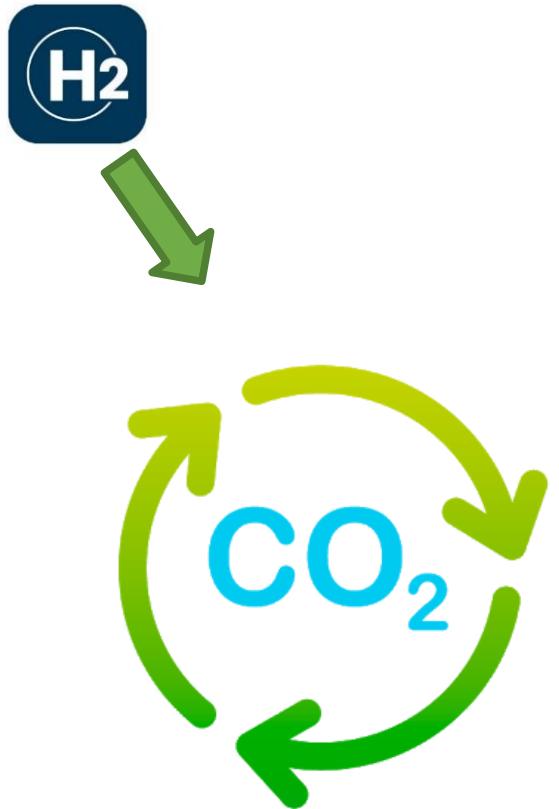
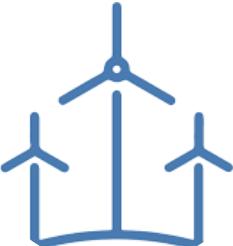
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Increased stability!!  
to deal with climate change



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## Test area at Environment Park

## Test area at departments labs

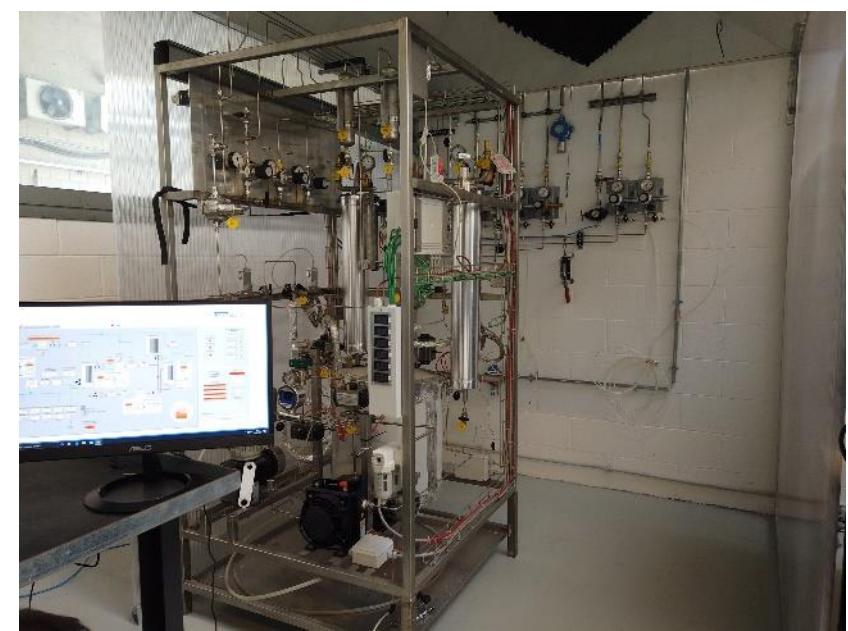
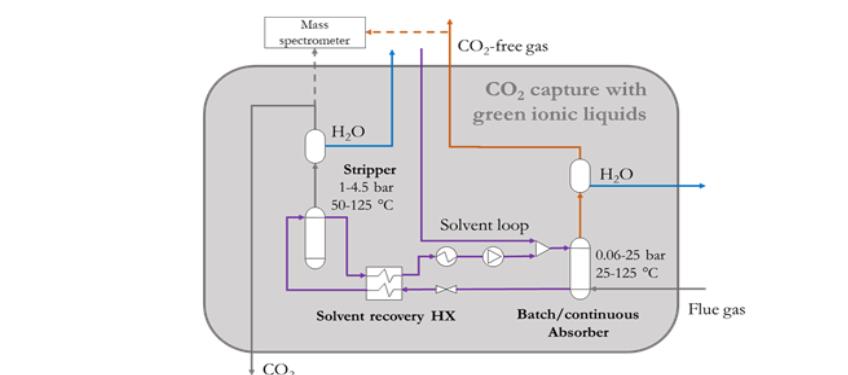
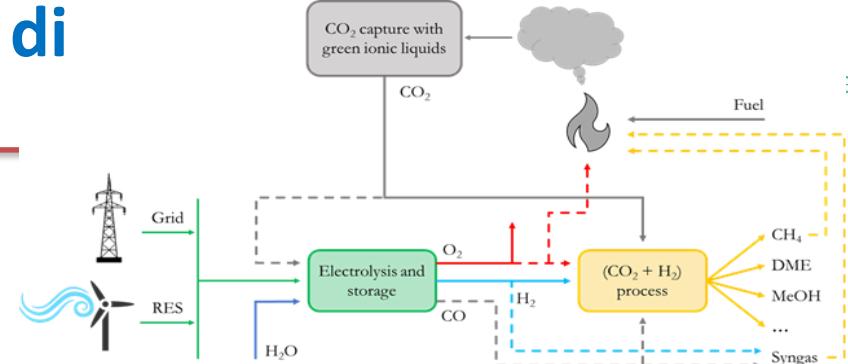
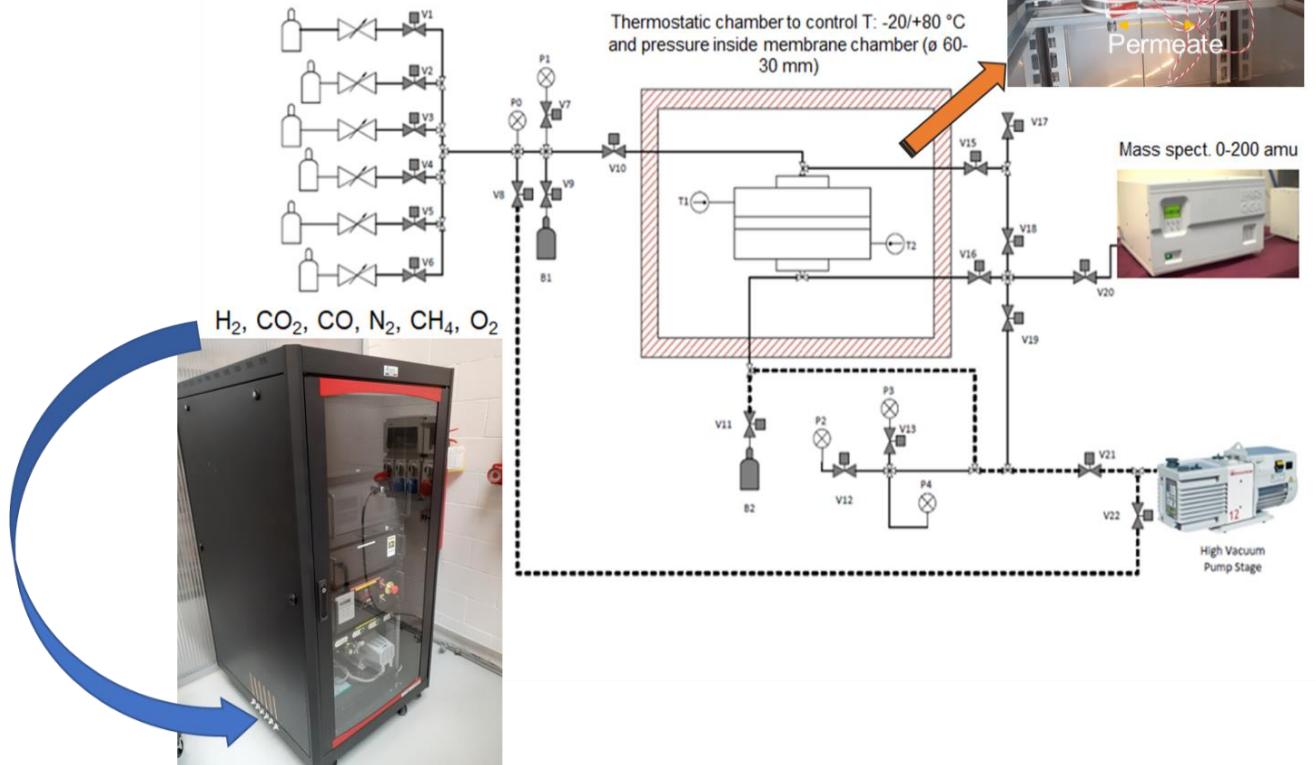
## Test area at Energy Center Lab

- ✓ Test benches for processes CO<sub>2</sub> / H<sub>2</sub>
  - CO<sub>2</sub> capture
  - CO<sub>2</sub> conversion
  - CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>
- ✓ Test benches for several CO<sub>2</sub> / H<sub>2</sub> activities
  - Electrolyzers (LT and HT)
  - Alternative processes (chemical looping, photocatalysis, biochemical processes)
  - Balance-of-Plant components
  - Renewable sources of energy (VRE)
  - VRE storage and management
  - Energy models and strategies

# CO<sub>2</sub> Circle Lab (Politecnico di Torino, Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia)

## CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

- CO<sub>2</sub> recovery test bench for absorption in liquid solutions (e.g. ionic liquids, including synthesis and characterization)
- Test bench for gas permeation (in particular CO<sub>2</sub>) in membranes



## CO<sub>2</sub> conversion to chemicals thermo-catalytic processes



Reactor system for thermo-catalytic tests



Production of synthetic chemicals through CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation tests

## Hydrogen, the partner of CO<sub>2</sub>

VRE-fed electrochemical pathway: electrolysis section



Alkaline and PEM single cells and stacks

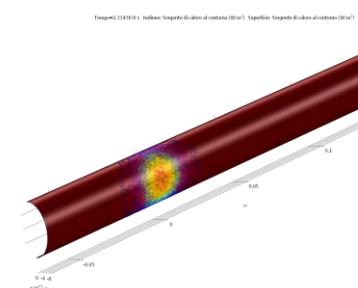
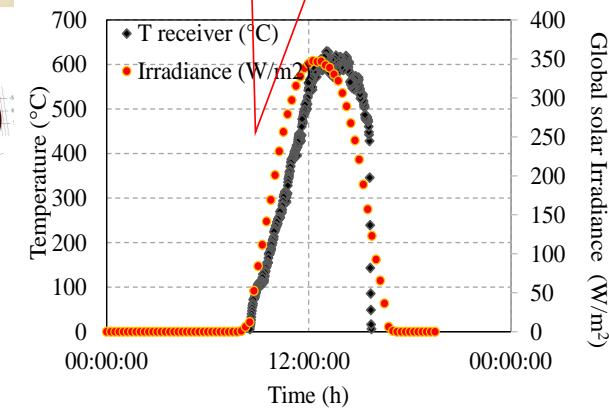
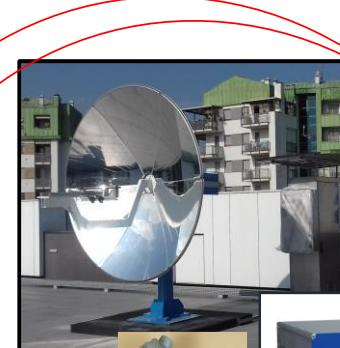
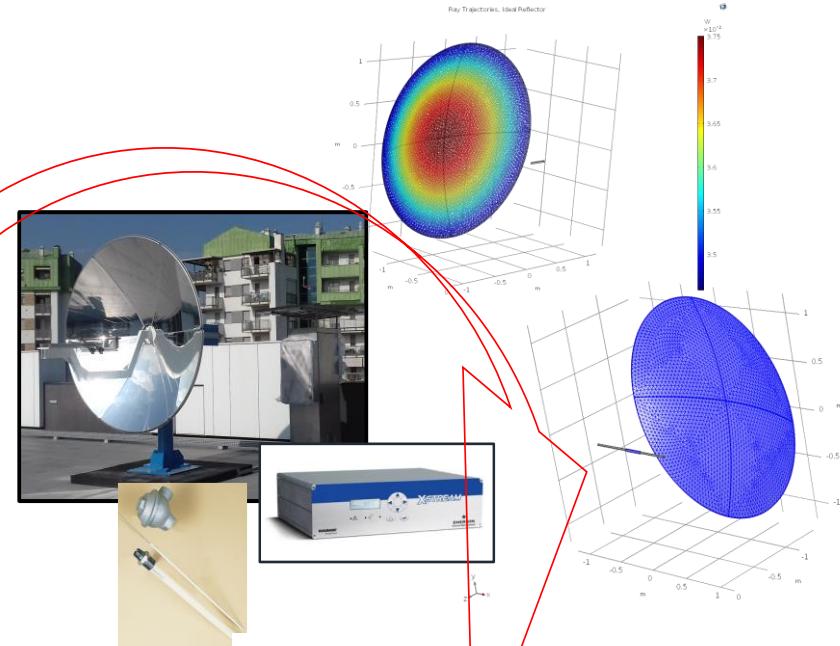
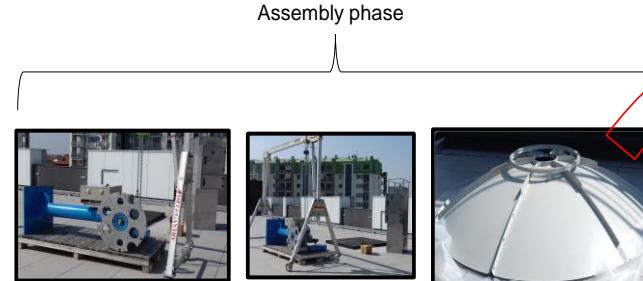
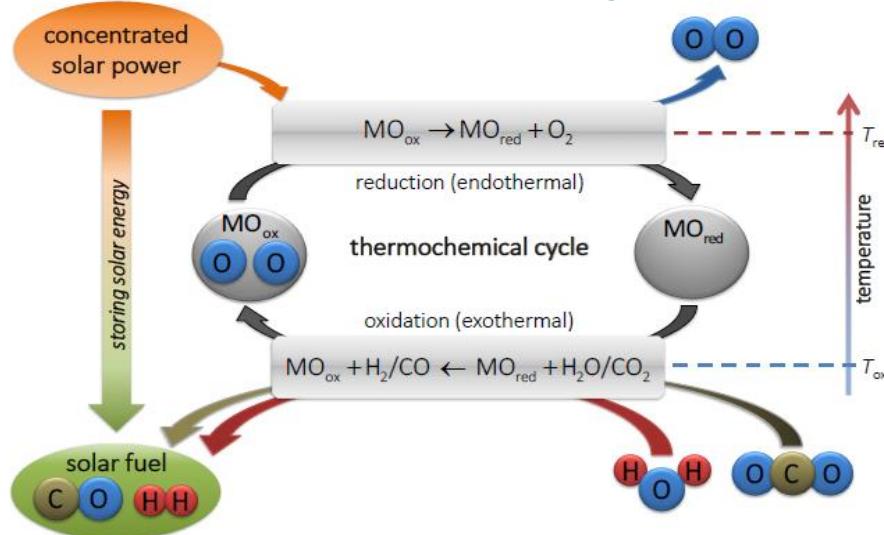


High pressure PEM stacks



SOEC (ceramic) single cells and stacks

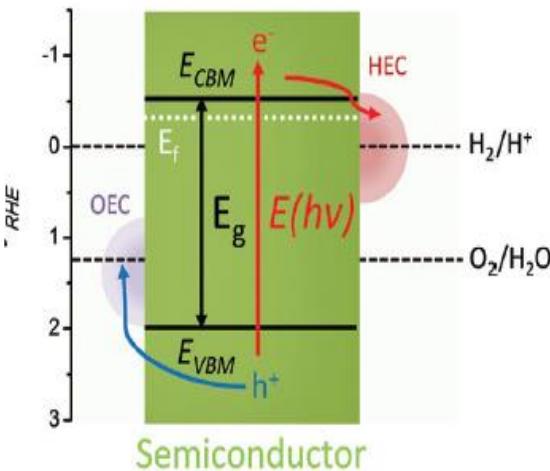
## CO<sub>2</sub> / H<sub>2</sub>O capture + conversion to CO/H<sub>2</sub> solar-fed chemical looping processes



## CO<sub>2</sub> / H<sub>2</sub>O conversion to chemicals

photo-electrochemical cells  
photo-catalysis

Photon driven-water electrolysis



$$E(hv) \geq E_g + \eta_{loss} > 1.23 \text{ V}$$

$$\eta_{loss} = \eta_{resistance} + \eta_{OER} + \eta_{HER}$$



Test-bench for photo-electrochemical tests

## CO<sub>2</sub>/biomass conversion to chemicals bio-chemical processes



Organic matrices pre-treatment pilot plants



Membranes filtration plant

## The sustainable energy input: renewable energy

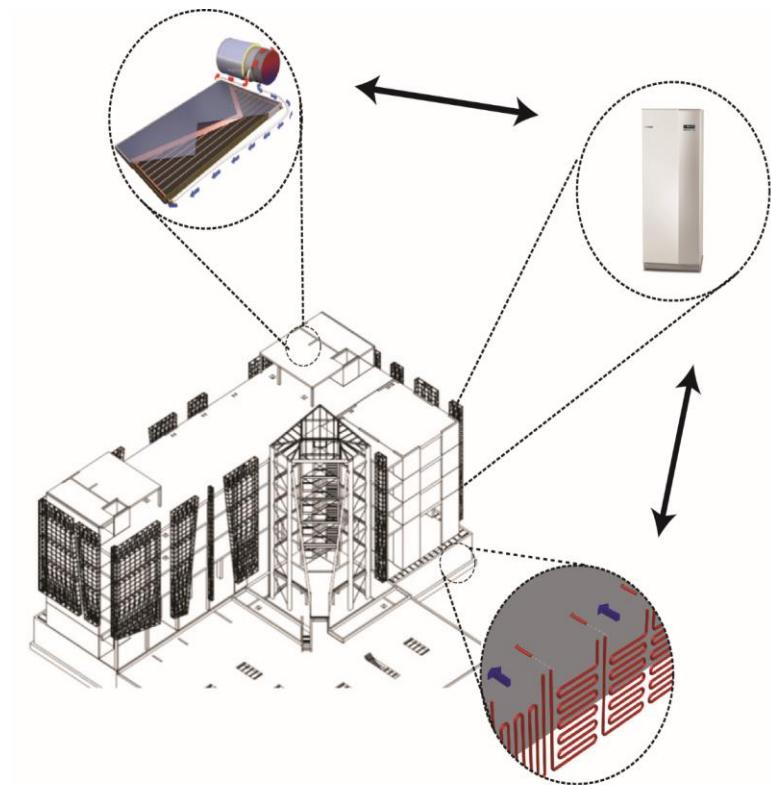
solar, wind, geothermal



Solar concentration

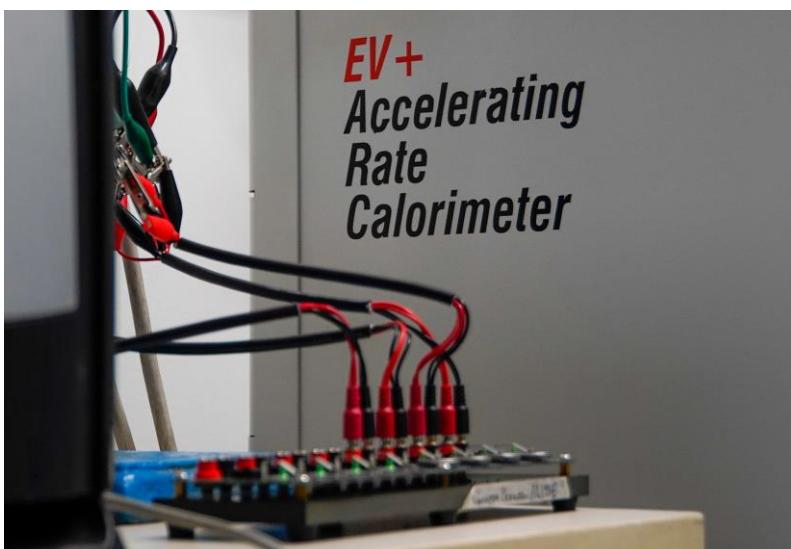
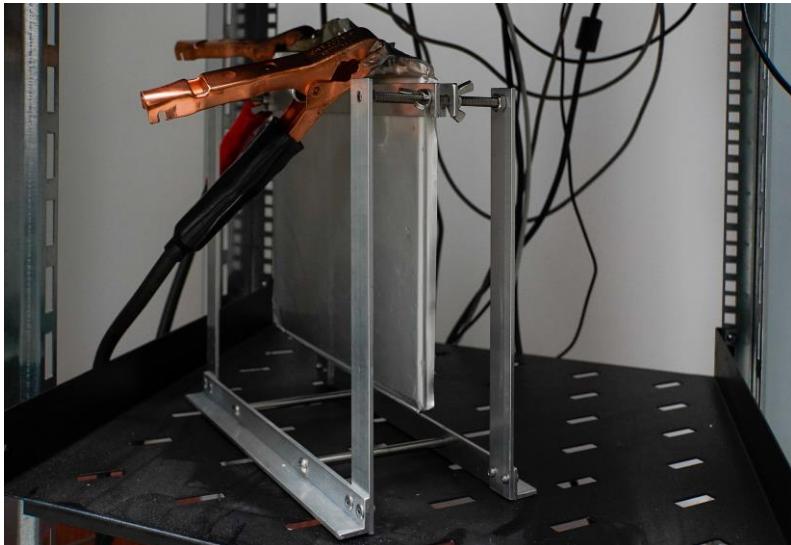


Wind energy



Low-enthalpy geothermal energy

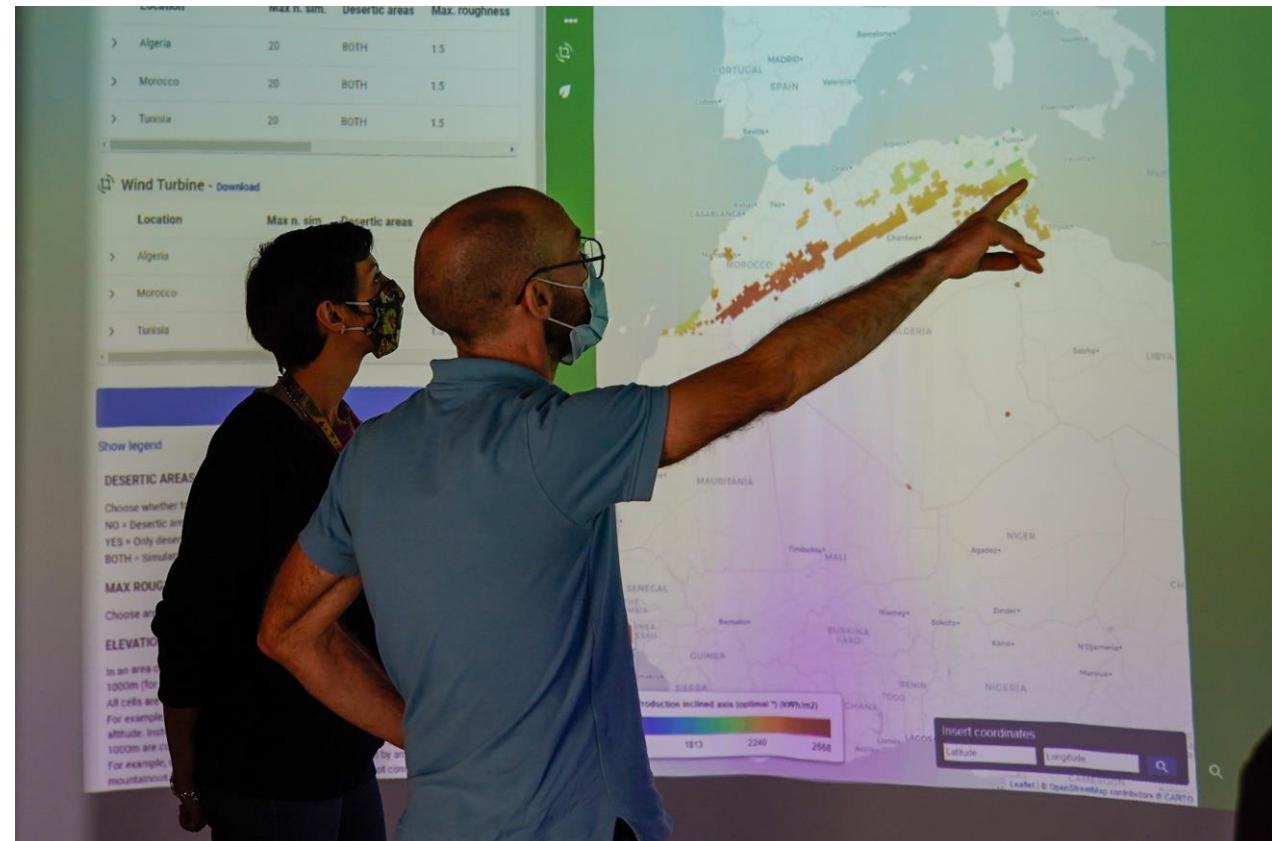
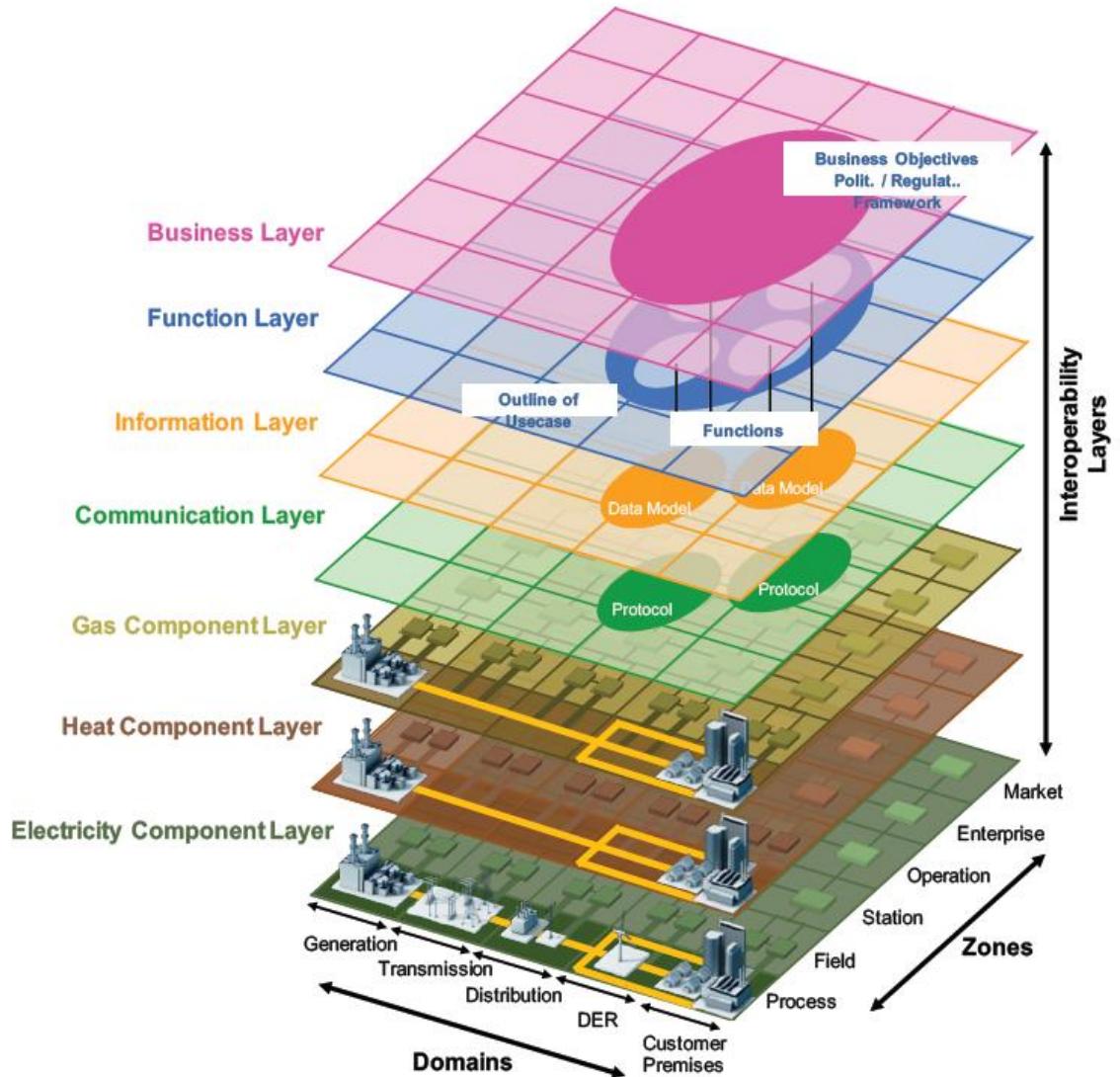
## The storage and management of the VRE sustainable input: batteries, power electronics, grid emulators



Emulators of grid-elements

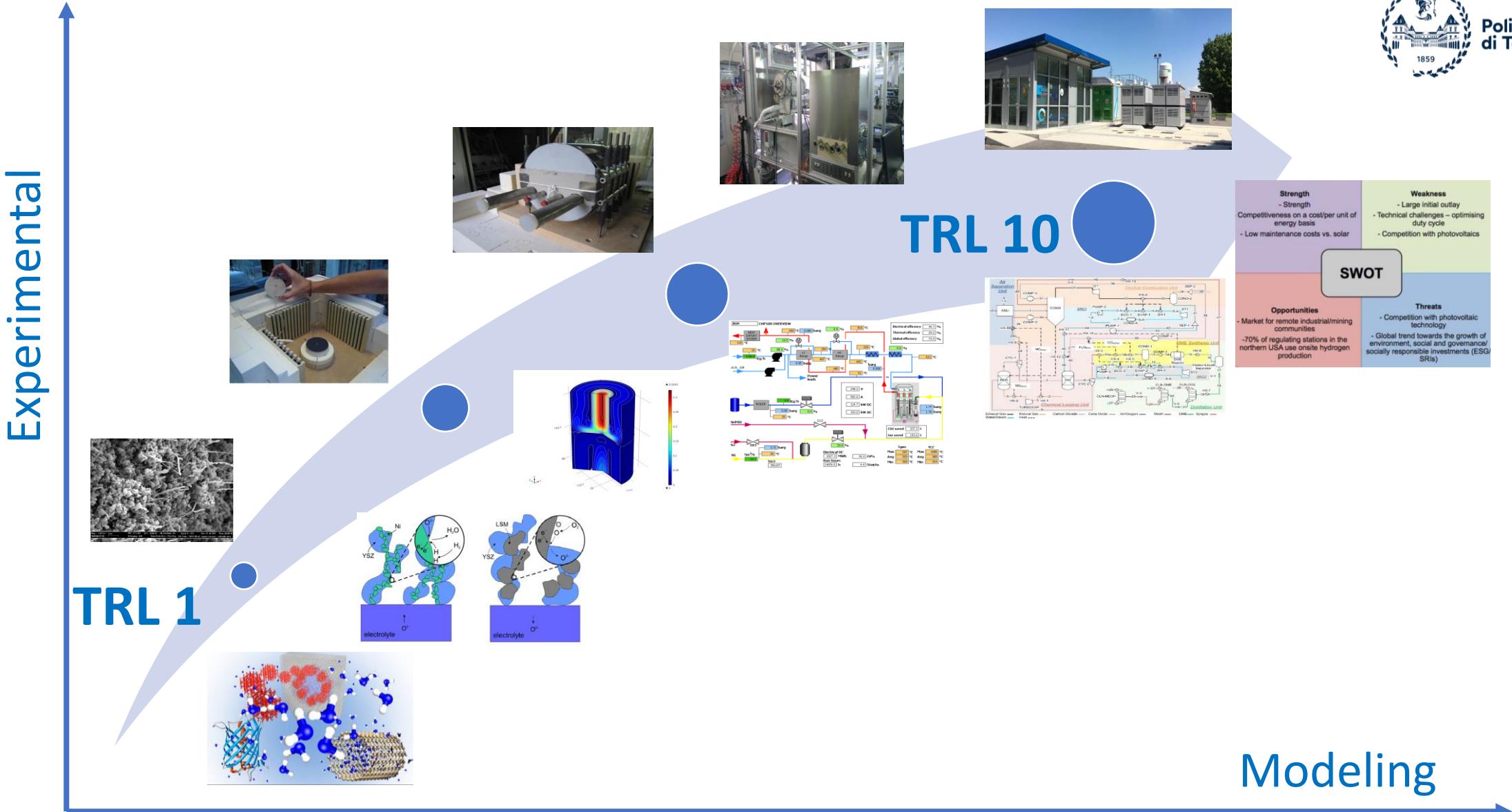
## **Finally: the global energy and environmental management (Energy Center)**

modeling and analysis of global energy and environmental scenarios: decision theater



Decision Theater @ Energy Center Lab

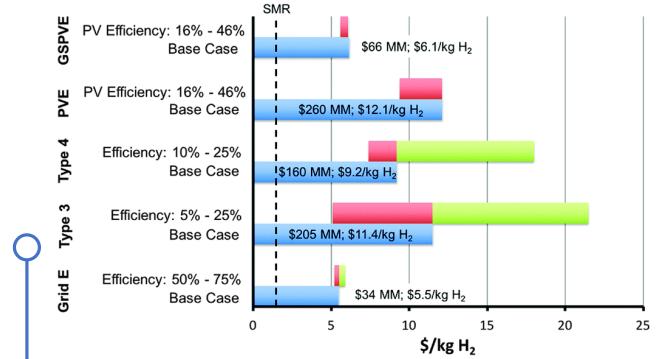
# R&D at several TRLs: from concept to market



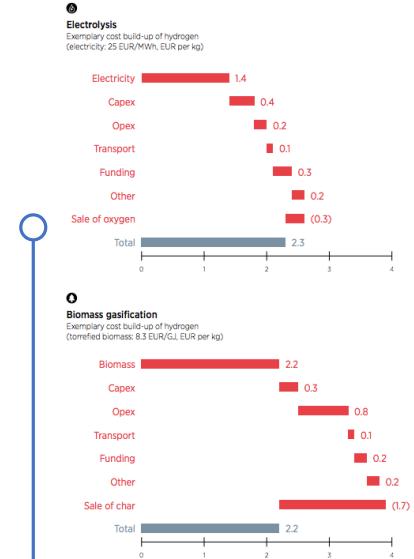
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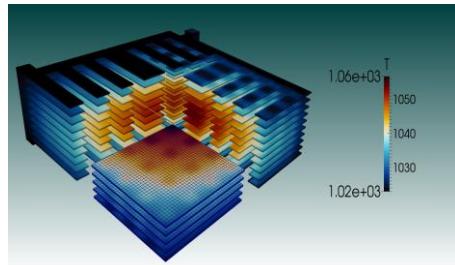
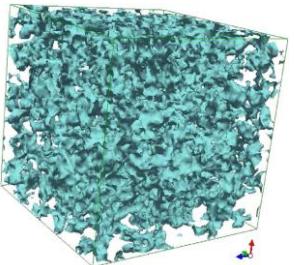
Test and experimental services



Feasibility studies,  
strategic consultancy,  
scenario analysis



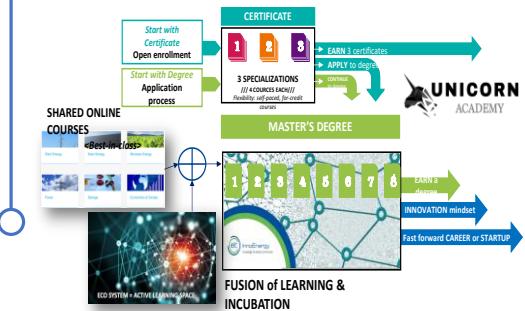
## Modeling



## Prototyping



## Training



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