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# Perspectives on the Development of Energy & Environmental Technology



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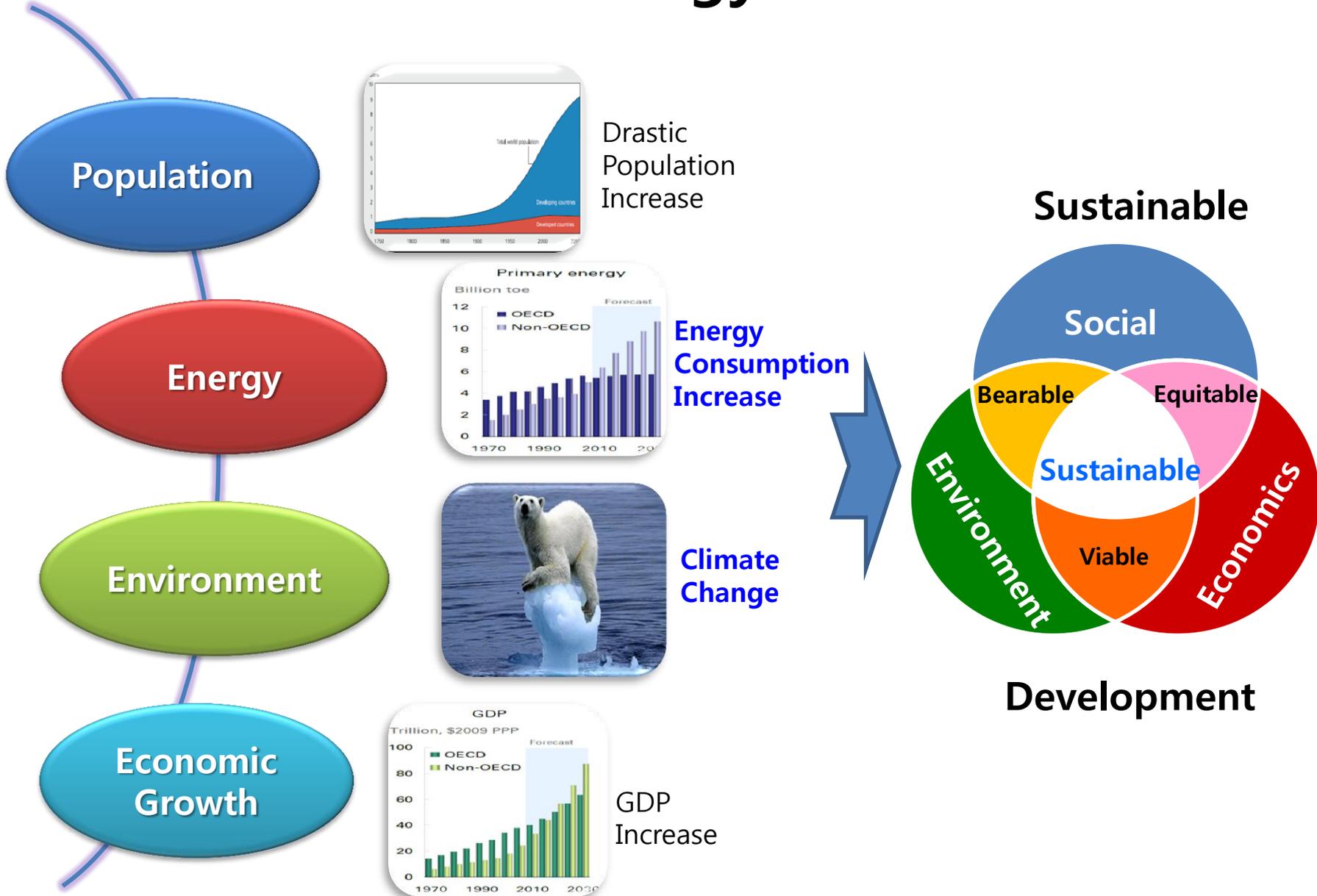
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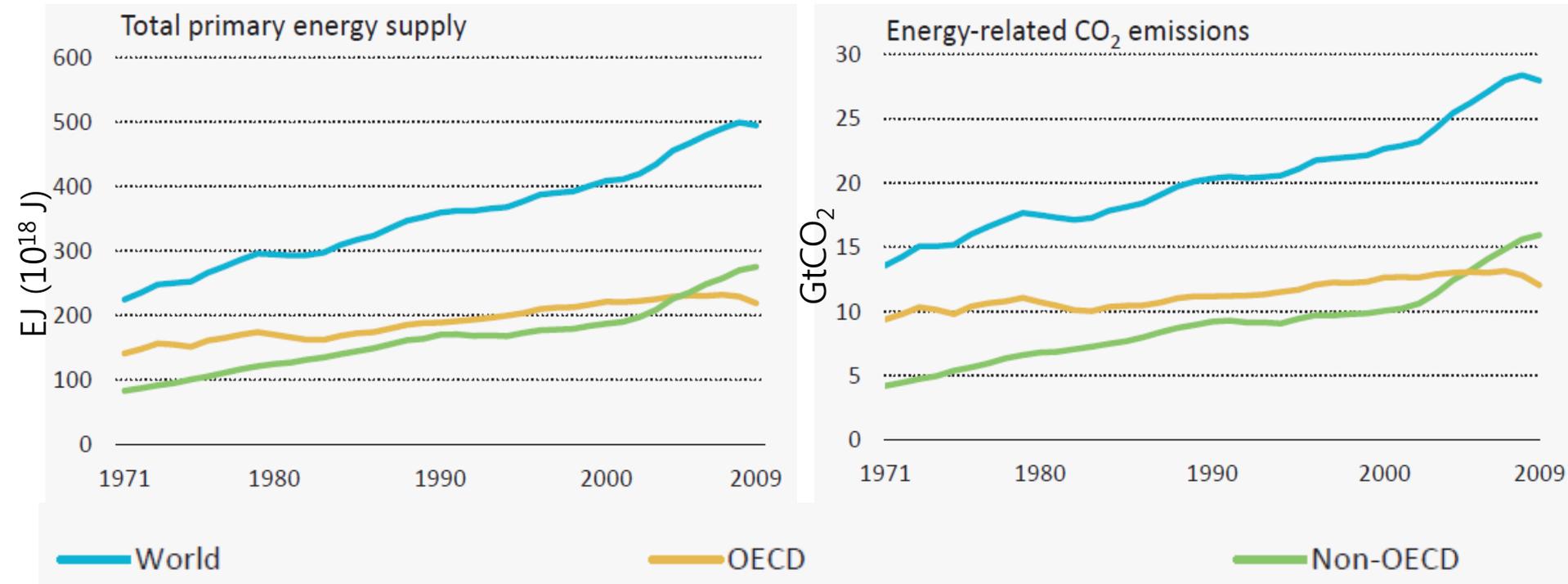
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# Global Issues on Energy & Environment



# World Energy Demand And Emissions

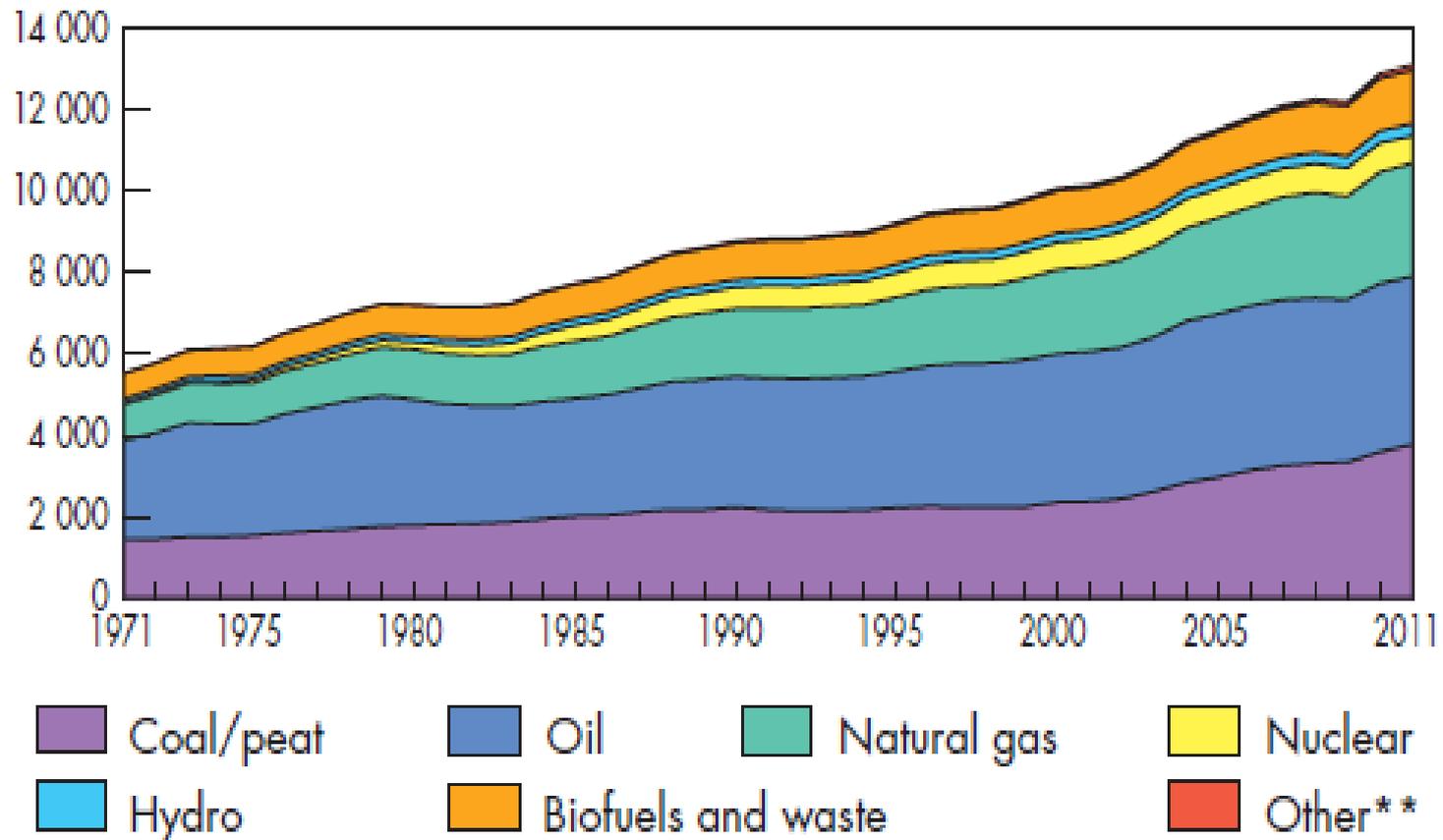


- *From 6,000 Mtoe to 12,000 Mtoe*
- *Rapid growth outside OECD after 2000 is remarkable*

- *CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 14Gt to 30Gt*
- *Since 2005, non-OECD countries emit more than OECD*

# World Energy Supply by Fuel

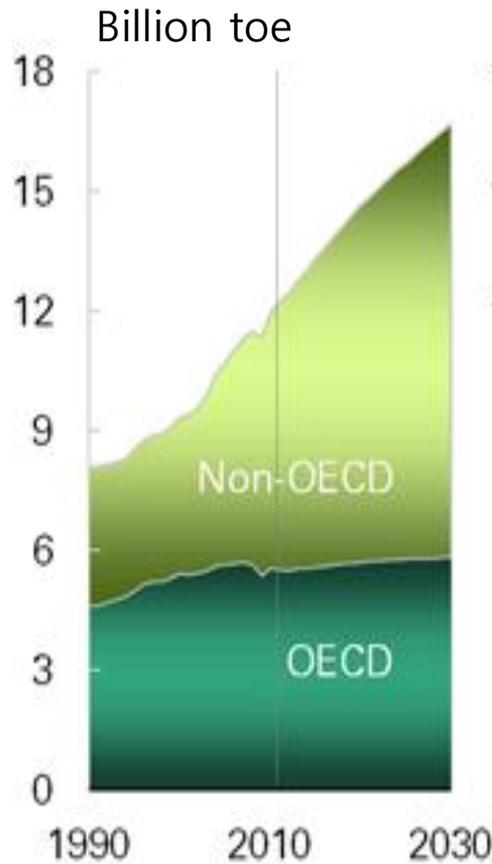
World total primary energy supply from 1971 to 2011 by fuel (Mtoe)



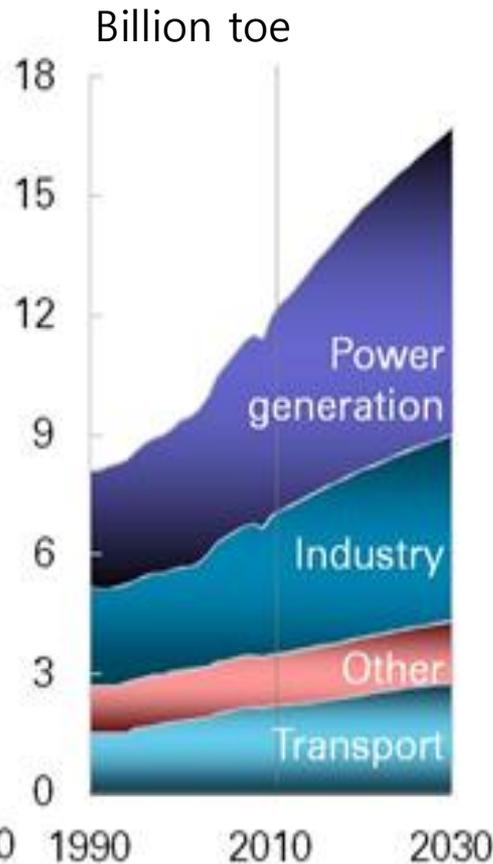
Source: IEA, 2013 Key world energy statistics

# Energy Outlook 2030

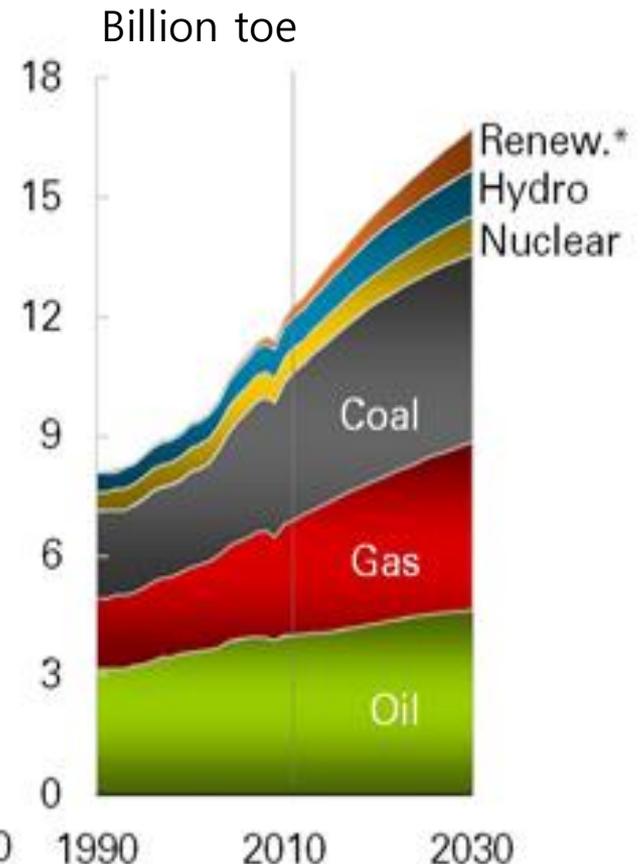
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By primary use



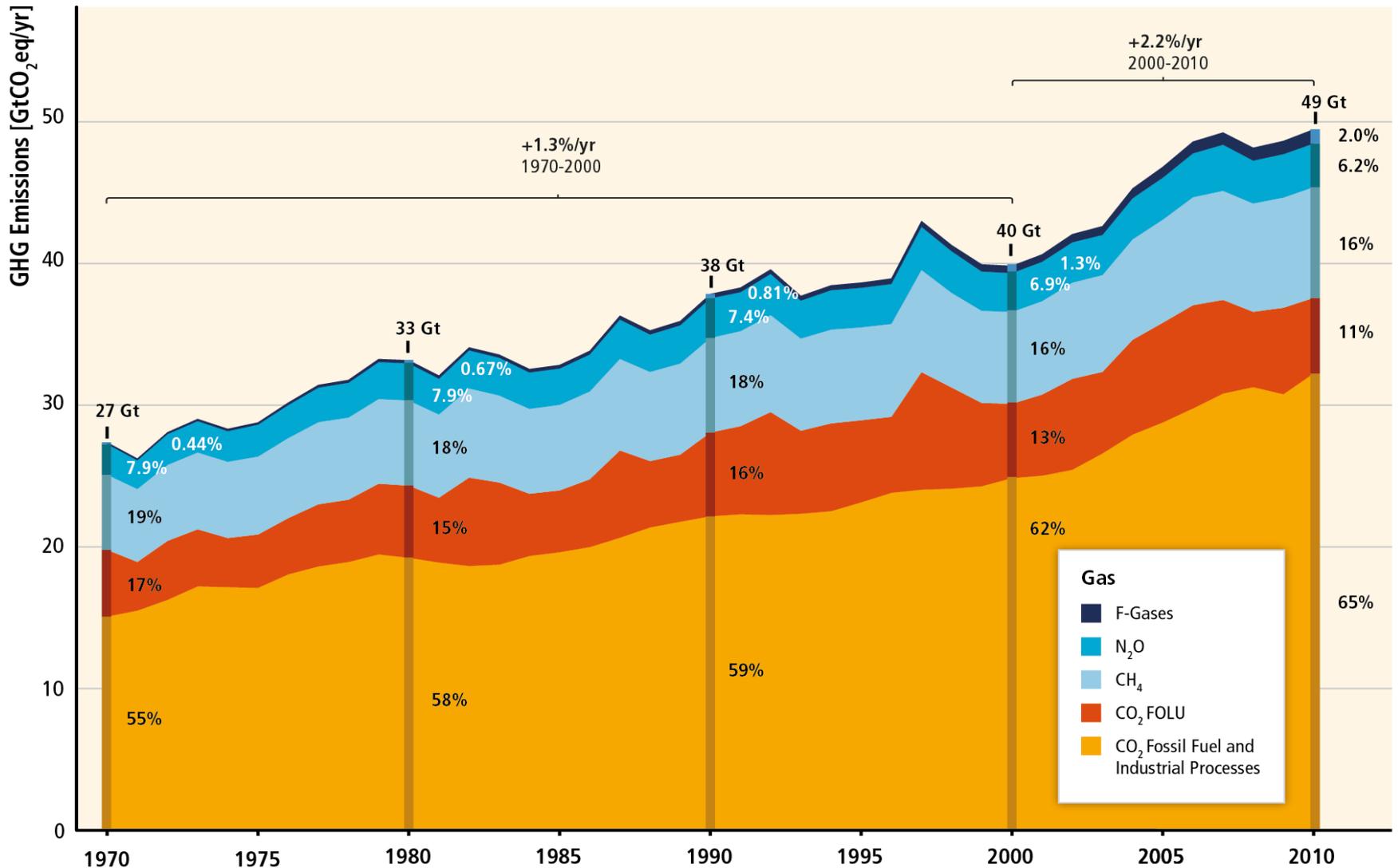
By fuel



Source: Energy Outlook 2030, BP 2013

# Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Total Annual Anthropogenic GHG Emissions by Groups of Gases 1970-2010



\* FOLU : Forestry and Other Land Use

Source: IPCC, 2014

# ETP 2012 – Choice of 3 Futures

## 2DS

a vision of a **sustainable** energy system of reduced CO<sub>2</sub> and other Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions

The 2°C Scenario

## 4DS

reflecting pledges by countries to cut emissions and boost energy efficiency

The 4°C Scenario

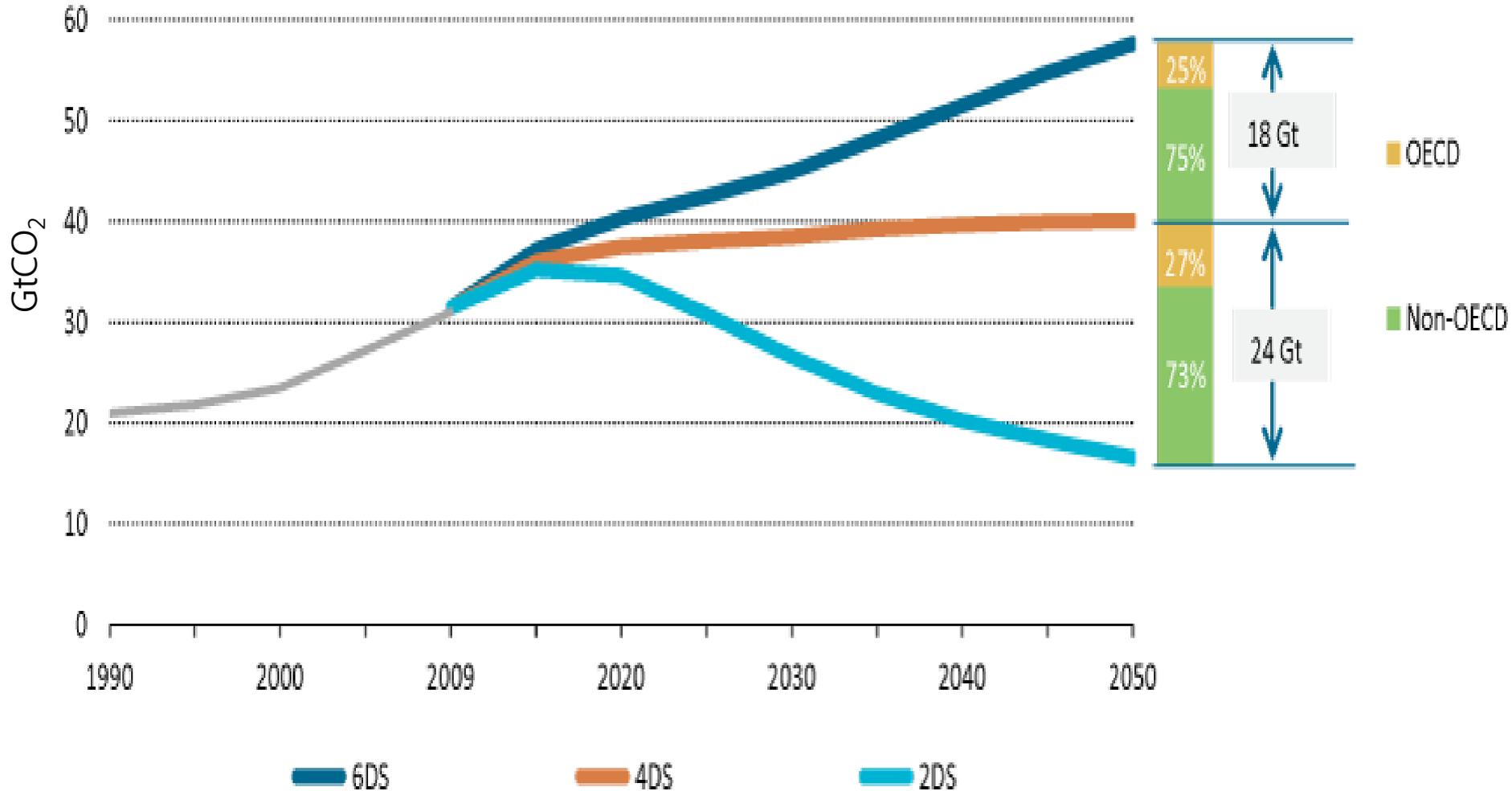
## 6DS

where the world is now heading, with potentially **devastating** results

The 6°C Scenario

# 2DS : Need to Halve CO<sub>2</sub> by 2050

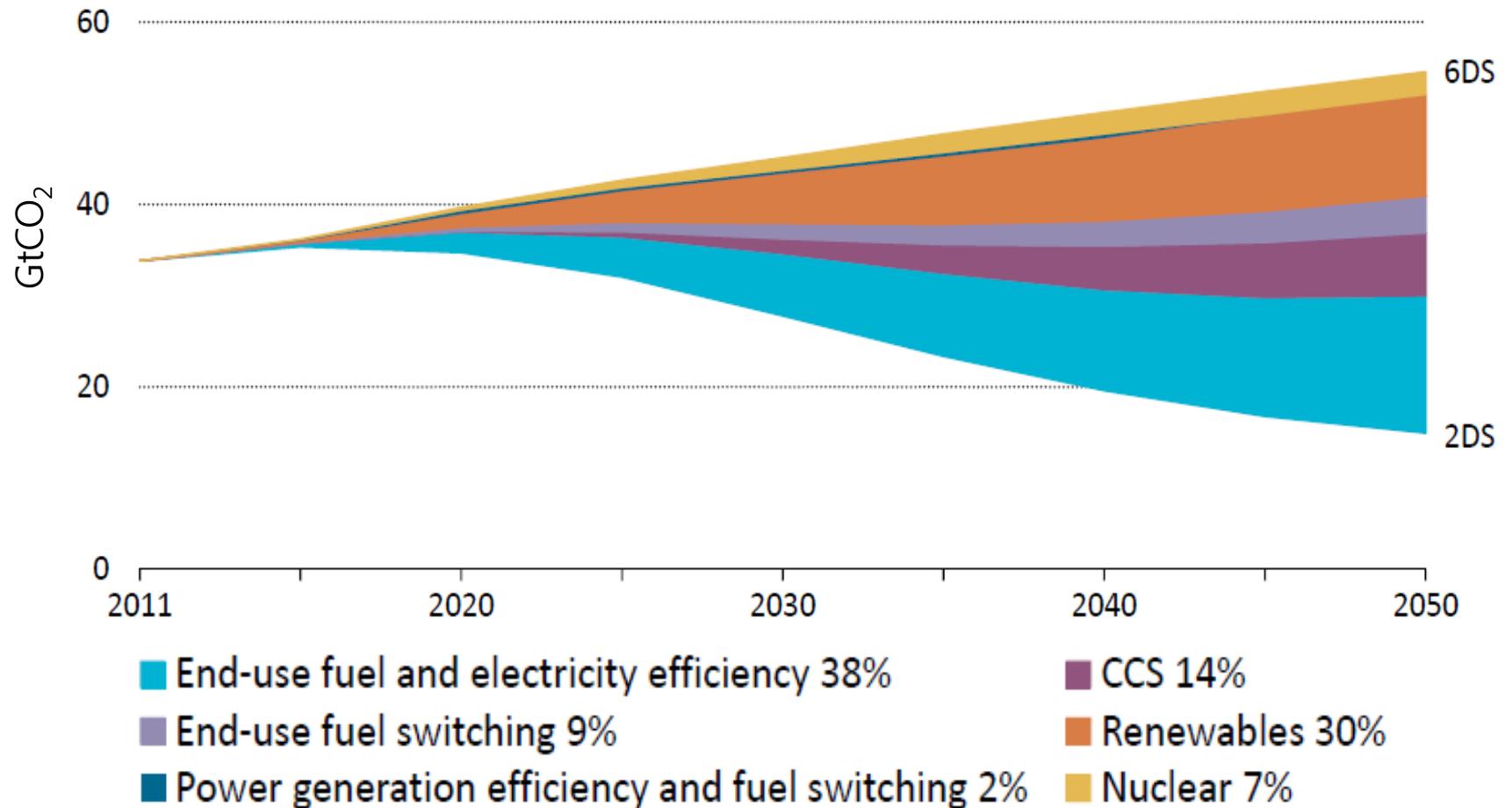
## CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by scenarios



Source: IEA , ETP 2012

# A Transformation Is Needed

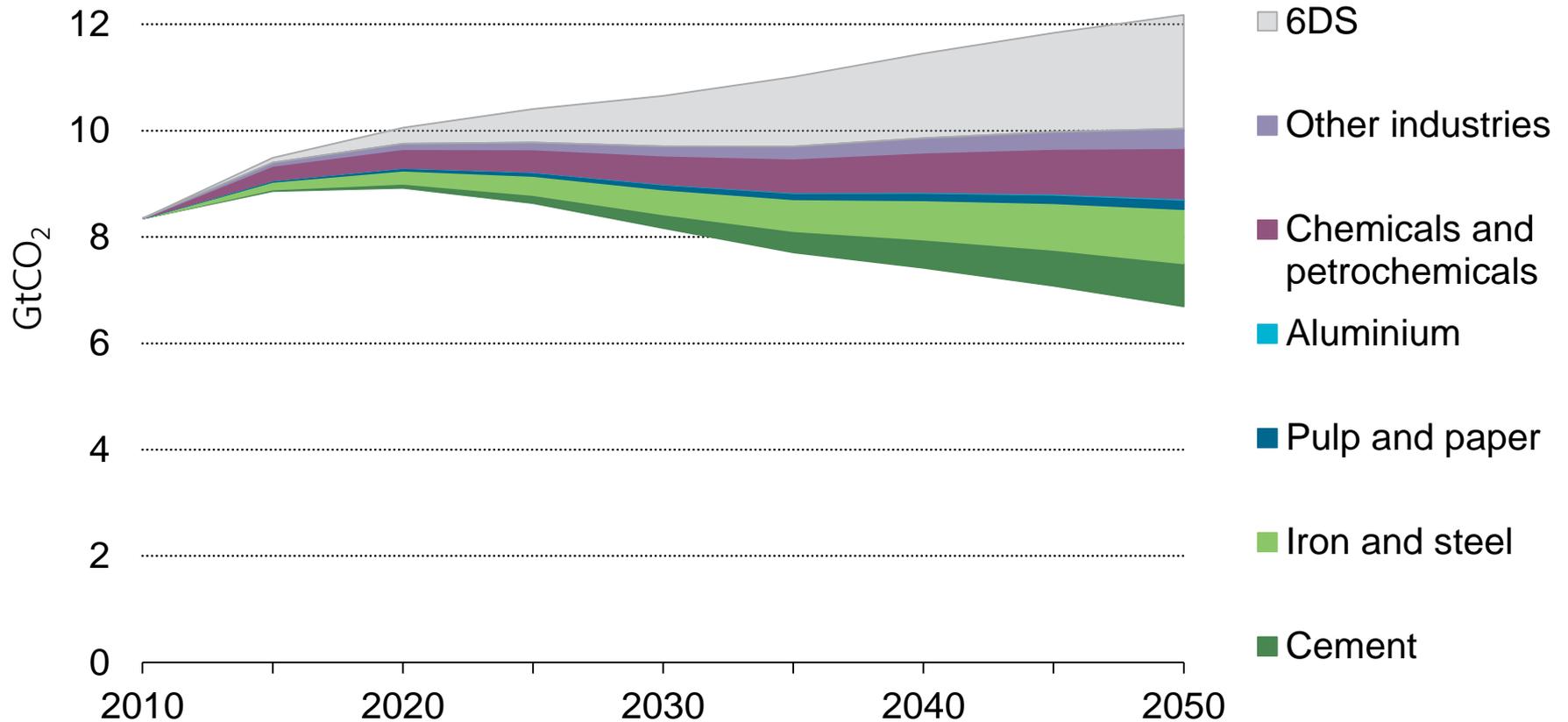
## Contribution of technologies to meet the 2DS target



Source: IEA , ETP 2014

# Industry Must Become More Efficient

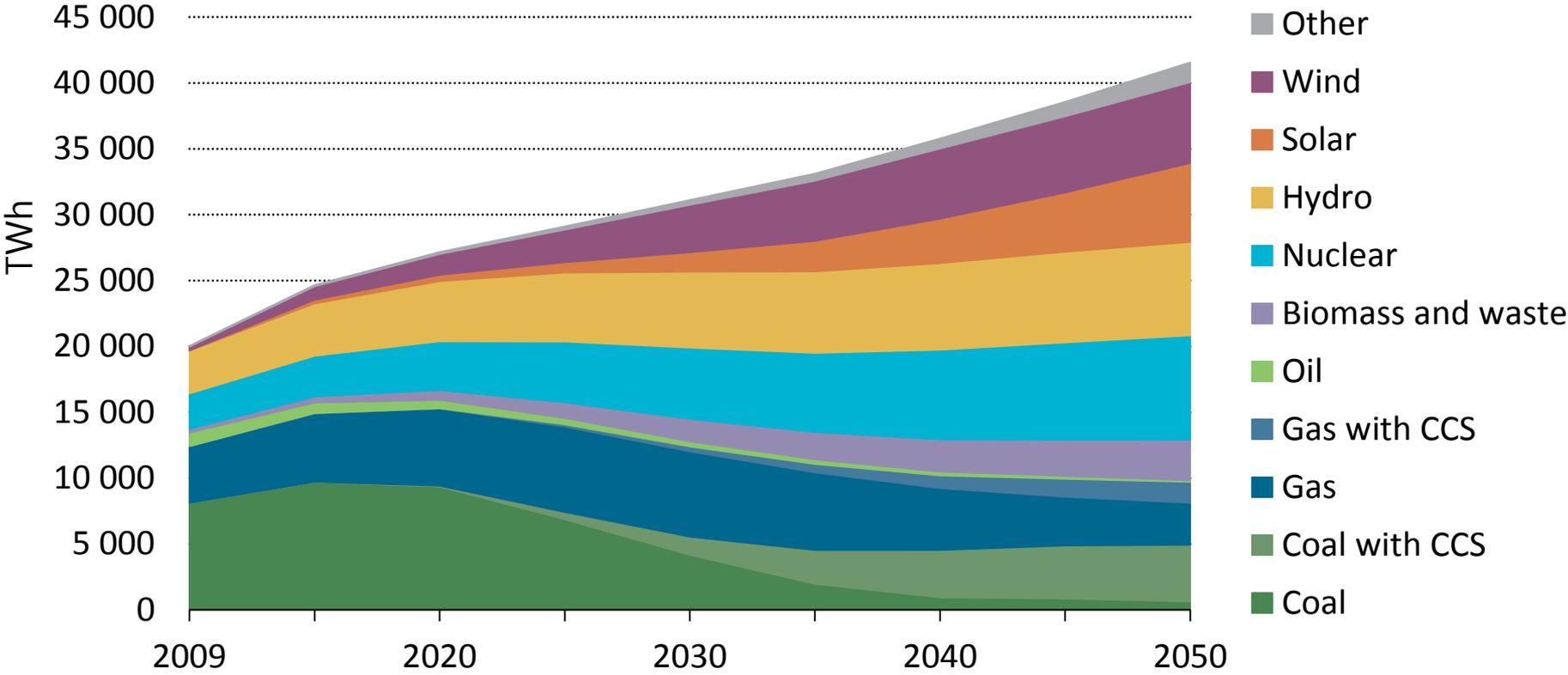
## Contribution of the industrial sectors



Source: IEA , ETP 2012

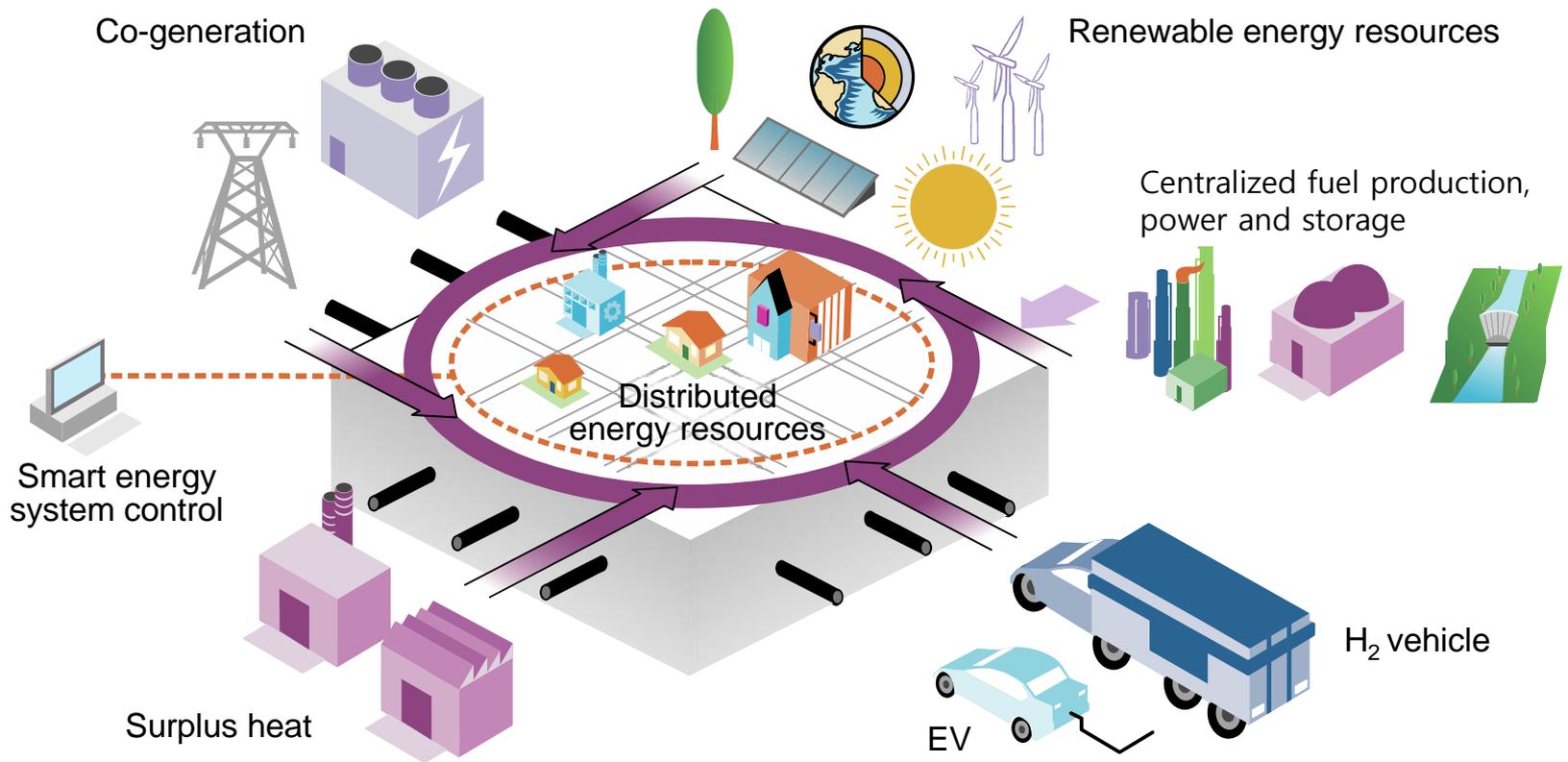
# Low-Carbon Electricity : a clean core

## Global electricity generation in the 2DS



Source: IEA , ETP 2012

# Target : a smart, sustainable energy system



# To get on track to a sustainable future

## Energy Efficiency

- Power, Industry, Transportation, Heating & cooling

## Environment

## CCS, CCU

## Clean Coal

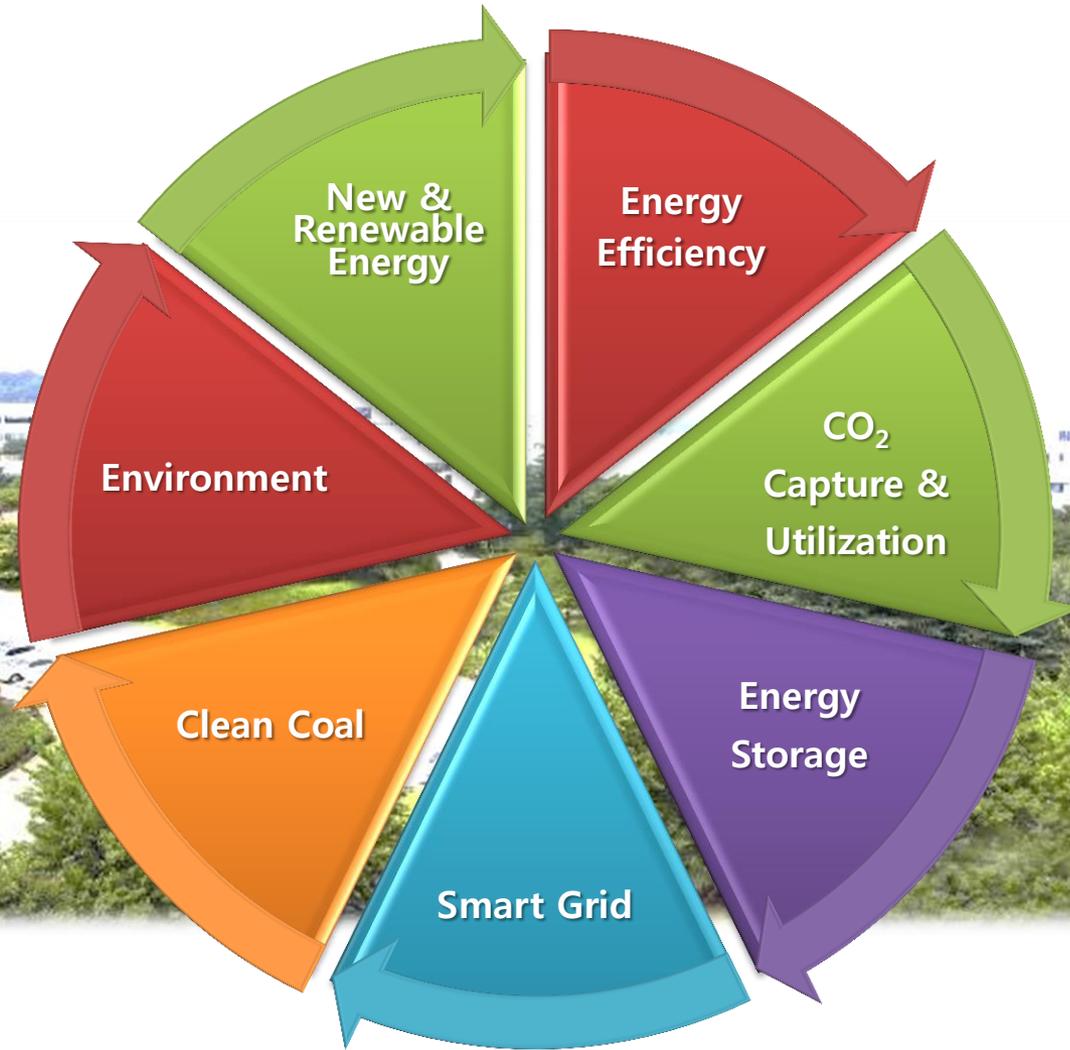
## Energy Management / Smart Grid

## Storage

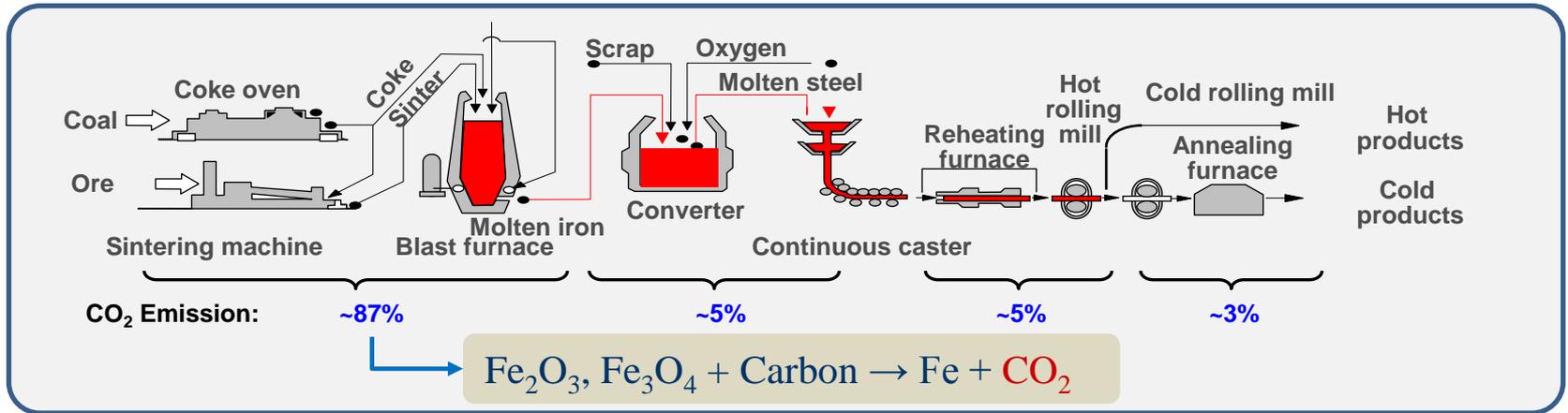
## Renewables

## Recycling

# Energy & Environmental Research at RIST



# Energy and CO<sub>2</sub> in the Iron & Steel Industry



## √ Features of iron & steel-making

- energy-intensive: ~ 25 GJ/t-steel
- high burden: ~ 2t-CO<sub>2</sub>/t-steel (~5% of global emissions: 6.5Mt-CO<sub>2</sub>/yr)

## √ Activities for CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction

- Routes for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction at iron and steel industry

Carbon  
-free

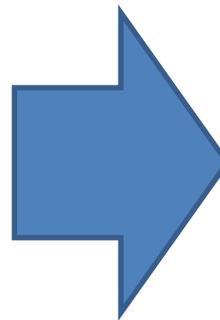
- Hydrogen
- Renewables

Carbon  
-lean

- Energy efficiency improvement
- Waste heat recovery

CCUS

- CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage
- CO<sub>2</sub> utilization



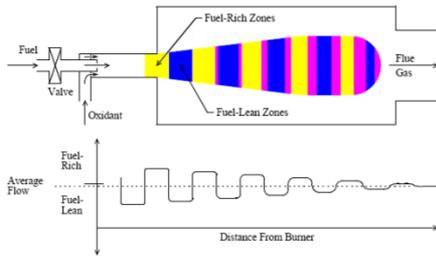
## Regional programs:

- √ ULCOS (Europe)
- √ AISI CO<sub>2</sub> BP (US)
- √ COURSE50 (Japan)
- √ POSCO CO<sub>2</sub> BP (Korea)

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# Energy Efficiency

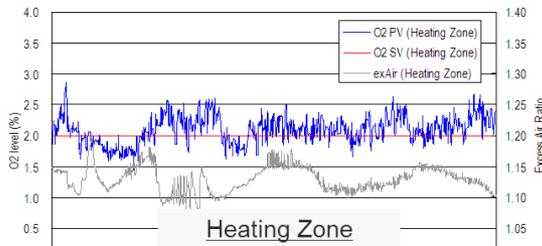
- **Oscillating Combustion** : Control fuel lean & rich to induce mild combustion



## Major Achievements

- Application to radiant tube burners for indirect heating furnace ('09~'10) ~30% NO<sub>x</sub> reduction & 3% fuel saving
- Demonstration for large scale direct heating burners ('12~)

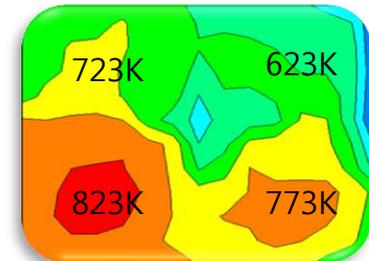
- **Oxygen control using TDLS (tunable diode laser spectroscopy)**



**Control Performance at reheat furnace**



**Mount 1x1 TDLS at RF**



**2D T-profile by 3x3 TDLS**

## Major Achievements

- Automatic combustion control was enabled by using TDLS oxygen sensing
- Application : Reheat & forge furnaces ~5% energy saving and prevention of ~ 20% scale loss

# Waste Heat Recovery

- **Waste heat**

The recovery of waste heat below 300°C is very restricted by lack of technology. Total amount of world-wide waste heat being able to recover is 1,109GW ('11, Wasabi co.). Market forecasts of power generation using waste heat ('17) : 65.0 billion won/yr

- **Waste heat power recovery**

<b>ORC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Technically mature</li> <li>•Commercially available</li> </ul>
<b>Kalina cycle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•R&amp;D in progress (long term run-test)</li> <li>•Commercially available</li> </ul>
<b>TPG</b> (Thermoelectric power generation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•R&amp;D in progress</li> <li>•Modular/Compact</li> </ul>

**Major Achievements**

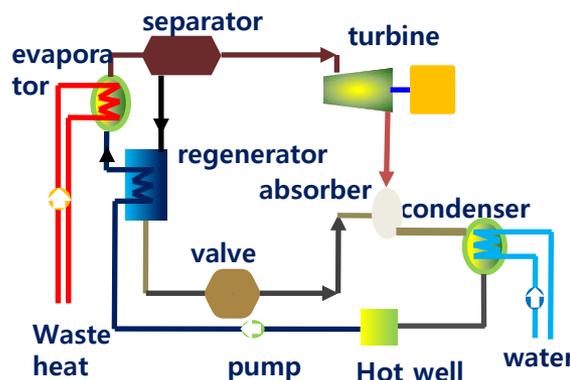
- Pilot-plant(600kW) operation and process optimization ('13)
- Demo plant underway for geothermal generation (Pohang, '15~)

## Kalina cycle power generation

### Characteristics

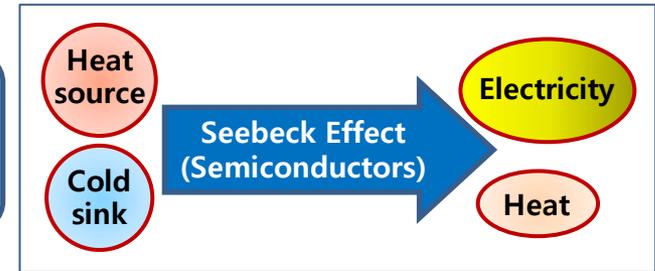
- Working fluid is NH<sub>3</sub>/water mixture with low boiling point

### Kalina cycle & pilot plant



## ● Thermoelectric power generation

Thermoelectric generator produces electricity using semiconductors through a temperature difference (Seebeck effect)



<Thermoelectric Generator Schematic>

## Development of TEG system

### Characteristics

- To enhance power output with compact design → stacking technology

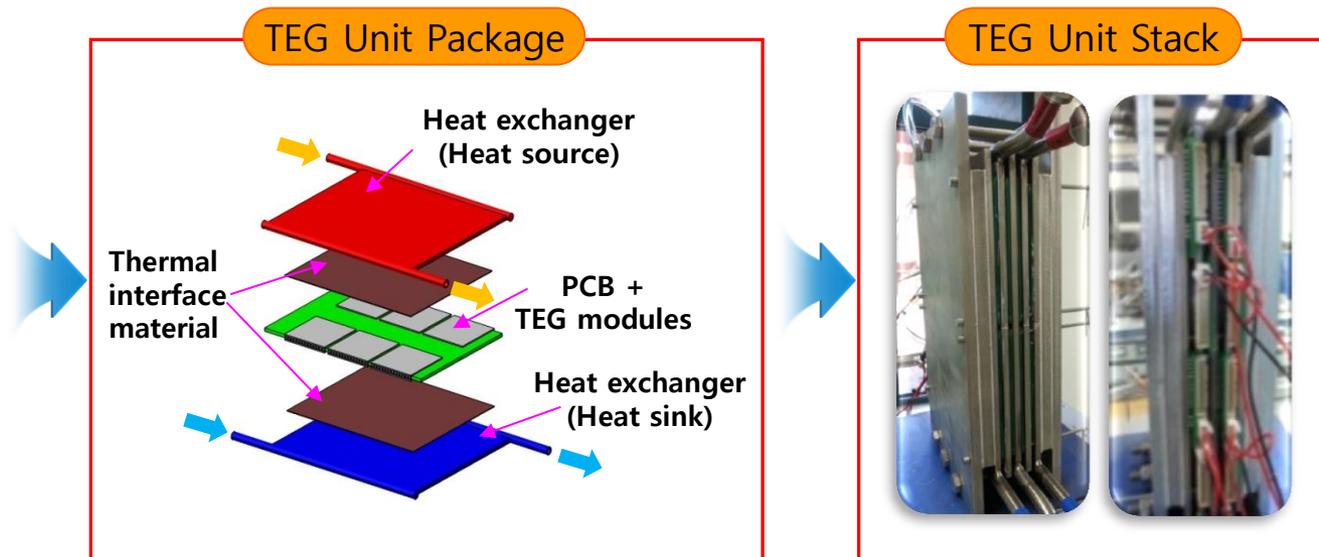
TEG module



PCB+TEG modules



Heat exchanger



### Major Achievements

- Development of TEG unit stack: 235W with 4 packages stacked ( $\Delta T=150^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- Power density > 23.5kW/m<sup>3</sup>, Net power ratio > 50%
- Field test of pilot scale (5kW) system using furnace exhaust gas ('14.12~)

# CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Using Aqueous Ammonia

## ● CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

CO<sub>2</sub> capture is the term of technologies aimed at capturing carbon dioxide emitted from industrial and energy-related sources before it enters the atmosphere



Ref) <http://www.nanocat.co.in/co2-capture-and-conversion.html>

## ● Type of CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

### Absorption

- Amine, **ammonia**, ...
- Technically mature

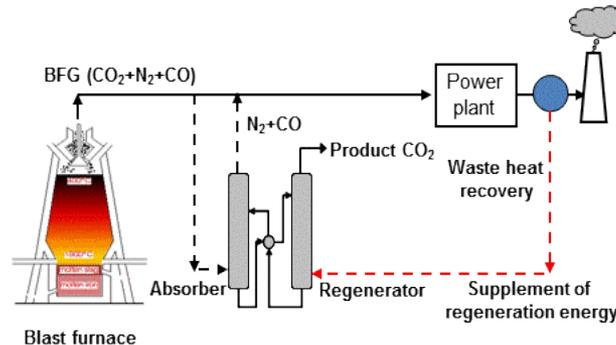
### Adsorption

- Pressure/Temp swing
- Limited application

### Membrane

- Polymeric, inorganic, ...
- R&D at early stage

## RIST capture process



**Aqueous ammonia-based CO<sub>2</sub> capture utilizing waste heat from boiler stacks**



**CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Pilot Plant (10 t-CO<sub>2</sub>/d) @ POSCO-Pohang Works**

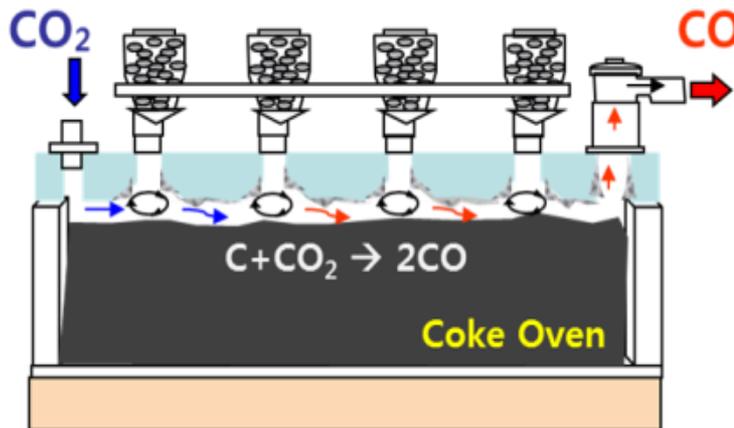
## Major Achievements

- Absorbent regeneration at low temp (~80 °C) utilizing waste heat (~150°C)
- CO<sub>2</sub> capture pilot operation at 90% removal w/ 99.8% purity
- Commercial design (1kt/d) completed

# CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization : Conversion into CO

- CO<sub>2</sub> conversion using coke oven: steel-industry specific CO<sub>2</sub> utilization tech.

CO<sub>2</sub> utilization means the conversion of CO<sub>2</sub> into CO, fuel, other valuable chemicals. We develop the conversion technology of CO<sub>2</sub> into CO via Boudouard reaction utilizing waste carbon and heat in the coke-making process.



## Boudouard reaction



- C : Waste carbon in coke oven
- CO<sub>2</sub> : Captured from steel industry
- $\Delta H$  : Waste heat in coke oven (900~1,000°C)

## Major Achievements

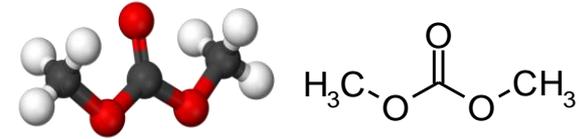
- CO<sub>2</sub> conversion to CO: ~65%
- COG (Coke Oven Gas) production amplification: 10%
- Pilot testing at POSCO: optimization & long-term operation

# CO<sub>2</sub> utilization : DMC Synthesis

## ● DMC(dimethyl carbonate)

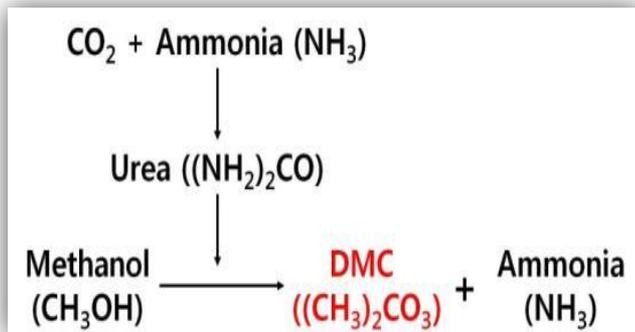
DMC is used for

- Raw material for engineering plastic (Polycarbonate): 1 Mt/yr
- Potential fuel additive for MTBE substitute : 7~8 Mt/yr

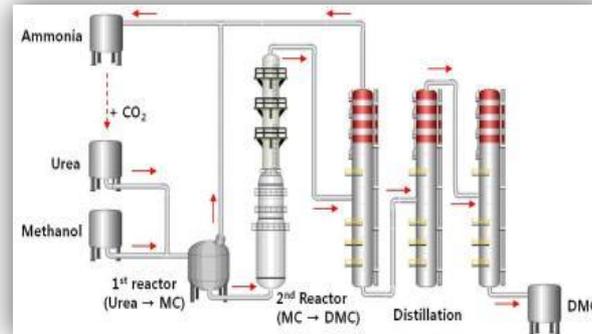


[chemical structure of DMC]

## RIST DMC process



[DMC synthesis]



[DMC process]



[Pilot plant]

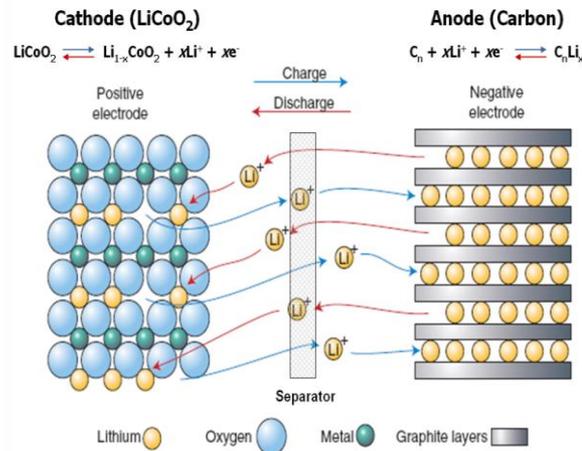
## Major Achievements

- Lab ('11~'12): feasibility study for a new catalytic synthesis system
- Pilot ('12.7~present): pilot-scale (30 ton/yr) operation and process optimization
  - Continuous operation: 600 hrs
  - DMC Yield: 85%, Purity: 99.9%
- Chemical utilization of CO<sub>2</sub> : **0.5 t-CO<sub>2</sub>/t-DMC**

# Energy Storage : Lithium-ion Battery

## ● Lithium-ion battery (LIB)

LIB is a rechargeable battery based on Li intercalation reaction. It has much higher energy density and longer life cycle compared to the conventional Pb or Ni batteries. LIB will be used for next generation EV and/or mobile devices



<Schematic reaction diagram of LIB>

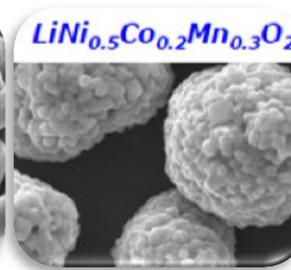
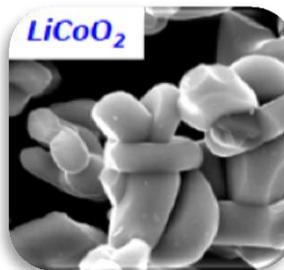
## ● Cathode development

Raw Material	Precursor	Cathode
Li Extraction from Brine Ni/Mn/Co Ore Smelting	Ni/Mn/Co Compound Li Compound	Oxide Synthesis

• Smelting Technology

• Powder Technology

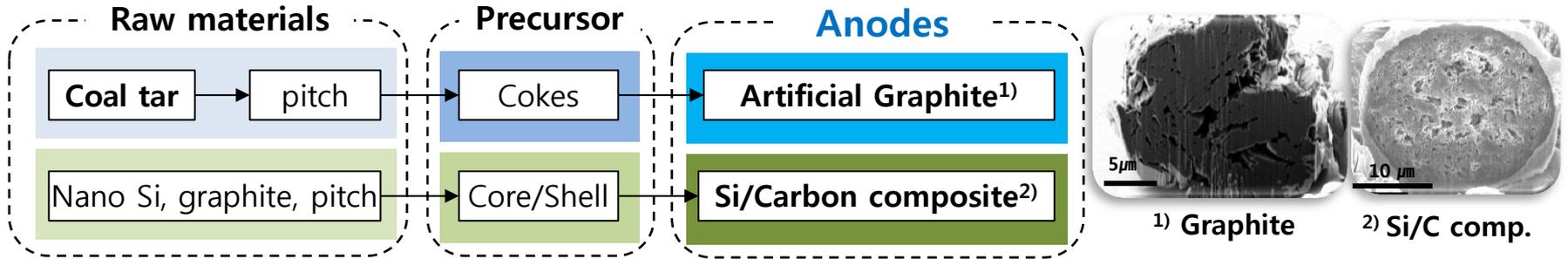
• Composition & Size Control



### Major Achievements

- High capacity & high stability cathode materials (Ni-rich Gradient NMC)
- Enhanced the life cycle of cathode materials through coating method

## ● Anode development



### Major Achievements

- High capacity and cyclic life of artificial graphite anode
- Si-carbon composite anode with higher capacity than natural/artificial graphite

## ● Performance comparison of developed materials

### <Posco Gradient-NMC vs conventional NCA>

Cathode Mat'ls	Discharge capacity (0.1C)	Cap. retention @ 50 cycles
PG-NMC (Ni 80%)	209 mAh/g	98 %
NCA (Ni 80%)	194 mAh/g	95.8 %

Higher performance than conventional one

### <Artificial graphite vs commercial one>

Anode Mat'ls	Discharge capacity (0.1C)	Efficiency(%)
Developed	357 mAh/g	92 %
Commercial	355 mAh/g	94 %

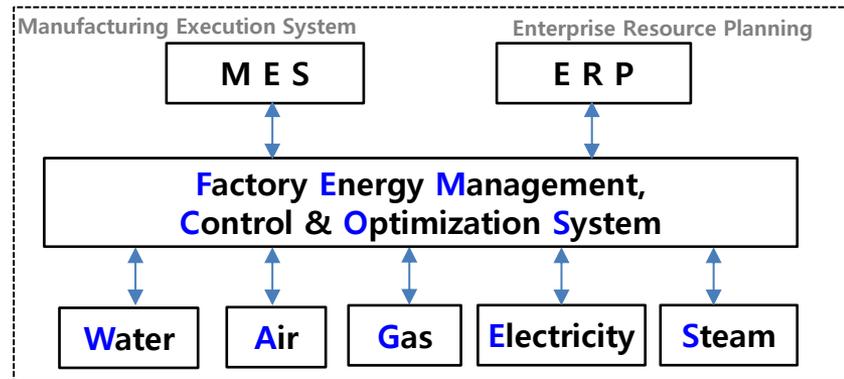
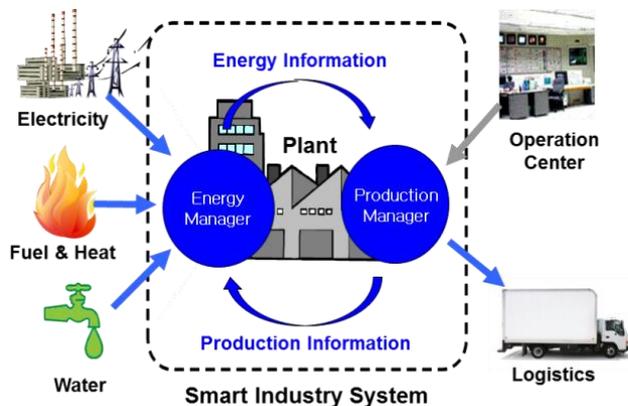
Similar performance with lower price

# Smart Industry

- **Smart industry**

System-wide energy efficiency improvement by optimizing energy and production process with sensor network and IT system based on the smart grid methodology

- **Technology progress of Smart Industry**



## Major Achievements

- **Demo stage research and application**

- New concepts establishment for the industrial system(POSCO)
- Energy demand prediction & efficiency evaluation of energy facilities
- Application of energy saving solutions
- Achievement of 2 million \$/year energy cost reduction

# Clean Coal Technology

## ● Coal to Fuel and Chemicals

Coal to SNG(Synthetic Natural Gas), Diesel & DME  
 CO<sub>2</sub> to Chemicals and Fuel Gas  
 Steel By-products (Tar, Light Oil, By-product Gases) to Diesel & Chemicals

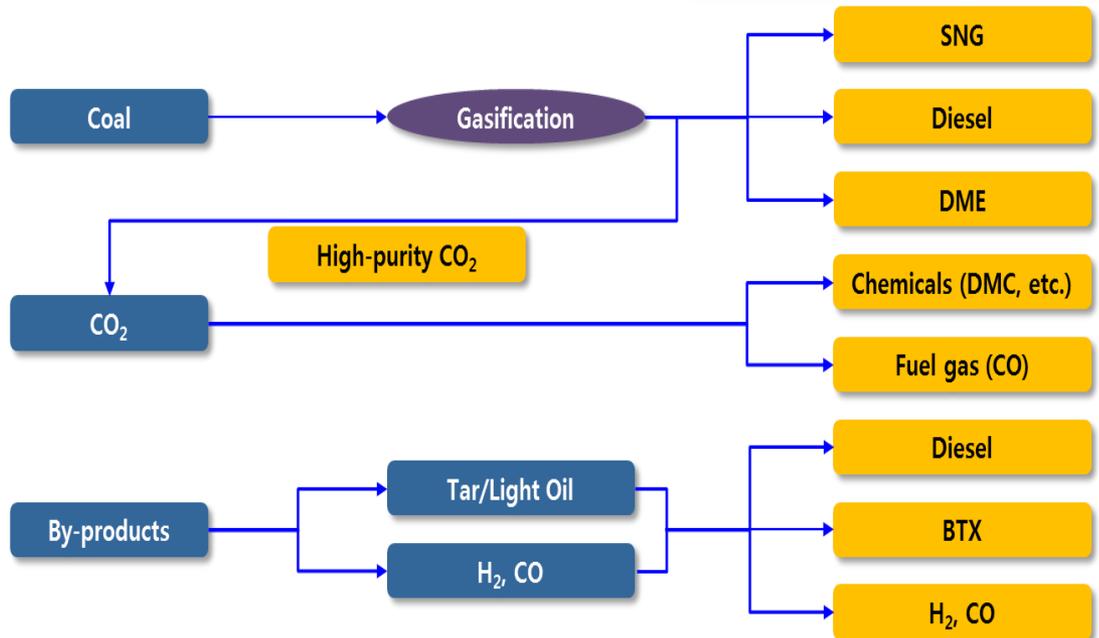


## ● Type of Coal to Fuel / Chemicals

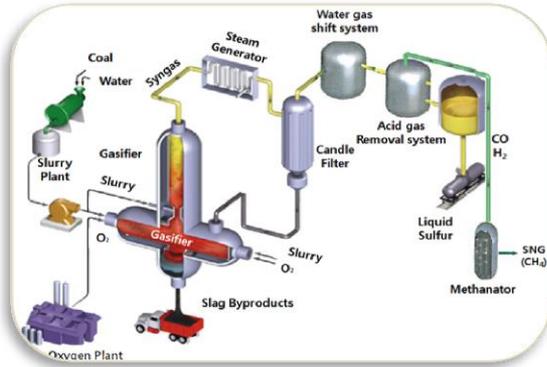
**SNG**  
 (Synthetic natural gas)  
 • Similar property of natural gas(LNG)

**CTL**  
 (Coal to liquid)  
 • Liquid fuel like gasoline and diesel

**DME**  
 (Dimethyl-ether)  
 • Substitute for propane in LPG



## ● Technology progress of SNG development



[SNG Process Scheme]



[Catalyst for SNG]



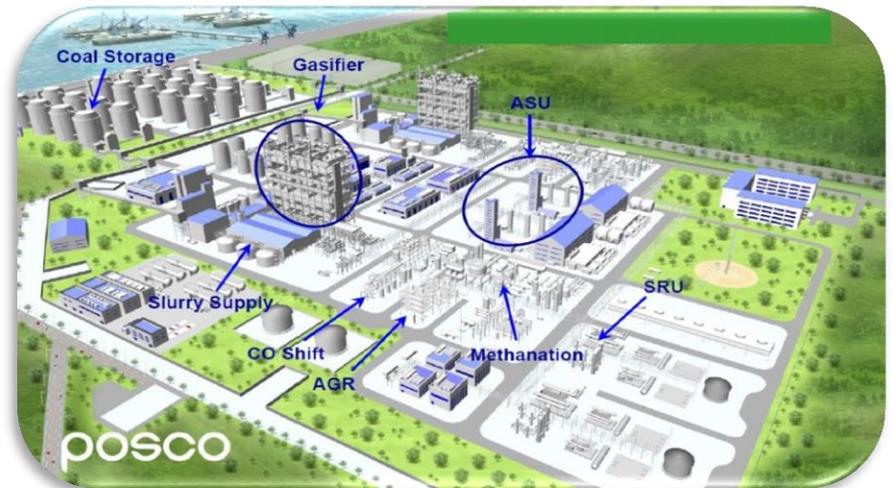
[Pilot plant]

### Major Achievements

- Catalyst : High performance catalyst for SNG synthesis (847 L/kg.cat-h)
- Pilot plant : High performance reactor(6→4ea) (capacity : 5,000 Ton/yr)

## ● Business Activity

- The First SNG plant in Korea (~ '15.5)
- Location : Gwangyang (POSCO site)
- Capacity : 500,000 ton of SNG /year



[Commercial plant of SNG]

# Environment : Air Pollution Prevention

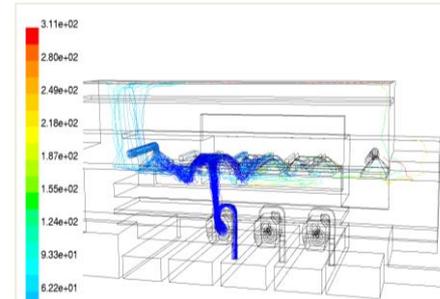
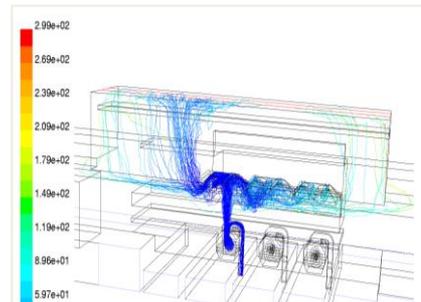
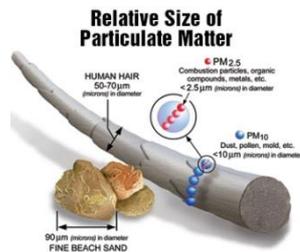
## ● Air Pollution Prevention

Air pollution includes particulates, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub> and VOC etc. in the effluent gas.

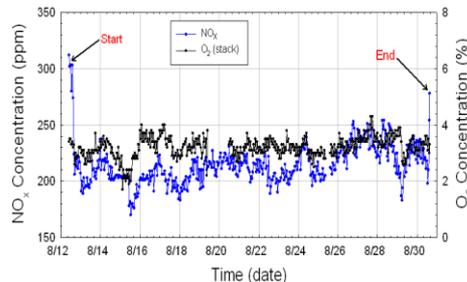
Measurement, modelling, treatment and engineering of facility is necessary for preventing air pollution.



## ● Particulate removal modeling Using CFD

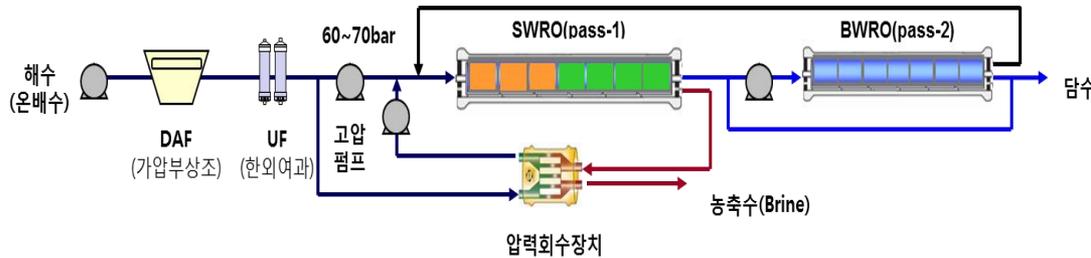


## ● Improvement of De-NO<sub>x</sub>, De-SO<sub>x</sub> Efficiency



# Environment : Water Supply & Clean Tech.

## ● Wastewater Reuse and Seawater desalination



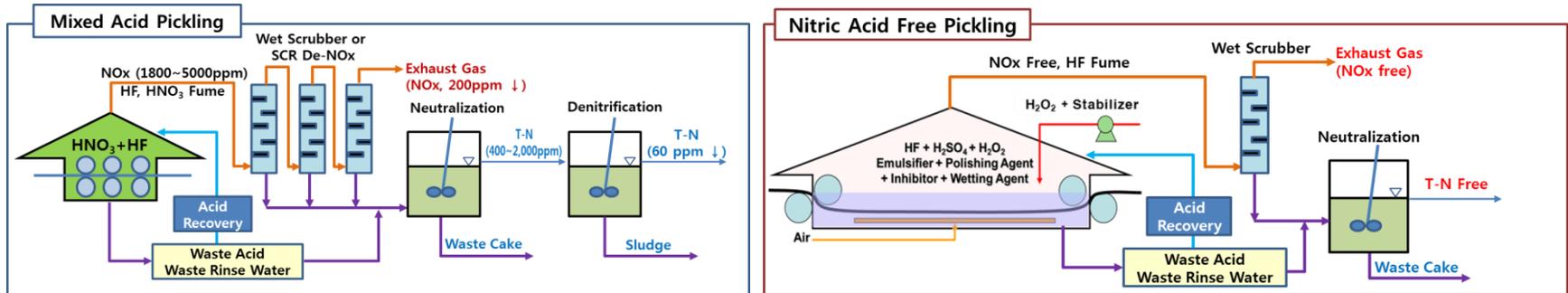
[Seawater desalination process]



[Commercial plant near Gwangyang Works(30,000t/d)]

- Major Achievements**
- ISD(internally staged design) improved the recovery to 55% (45% is typical)
  - Operational energy is reduced to below 3.0 KWh/m<sup>3</sup> (4.0 is typical)

## ● Nitric Acid Free Pickling Technology of Stainless Steel



- Major Achievements**
- NOx emission prevented by blending H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in pickling solution instead of HNO<sub>3</sub>
  - Commercial application to STS pickling plants of POSCO SS and DKC.

# Environment : By-product Reuse

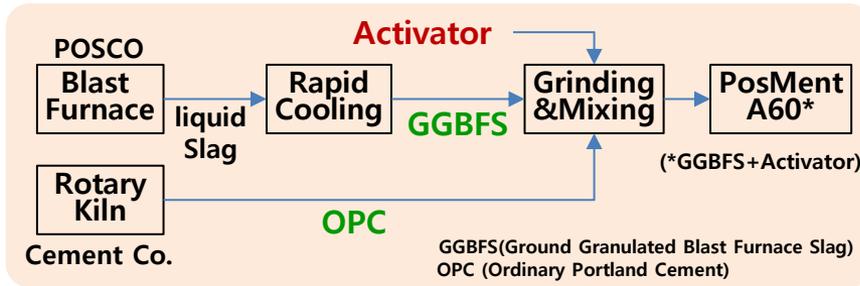
- **Slag from steel industry**

Slag is a by-product from blast furnace and steel-making process. It is composed of silicon/calcium/aluminum and other metal oxides.

- **Type of Slag and Its Application**



# PosMent<sup>®</sup> (Posco CeMent : slag cement with higher content BF slag)



Materials flow in PosMent manufacturing



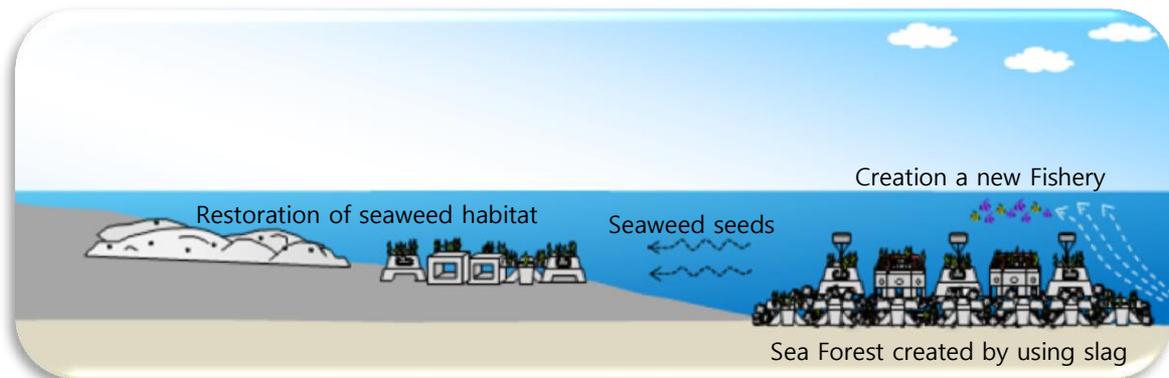
Application to mass structure and apartment construction.

## ○ Development of high volume slag cement

-Mixing ratio of BF slag : Conventional Slag Cement(40%) → PosMent A60(60%)

○ Commercialization: 530kT in 2013. (Use; Mass/Mat concrete, Soil Improvement, Building, etc.)

## Sea Forest



Artificial Reefs made of slag(TRITON<sup>®</sup>)



Sea Forest (Yeosu, Southern Sea of Korea)

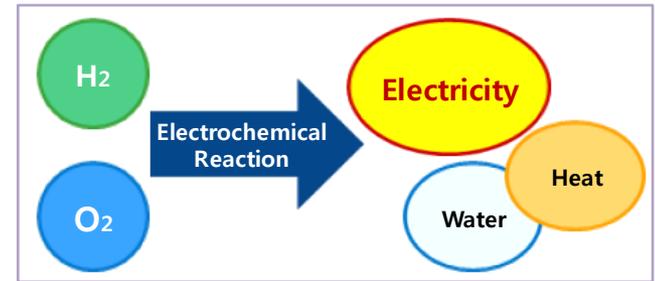
○ Utilization of slag as seaweed reefs for overcoming desertification in coastal area

○ Application : Participation in national marine afforestation projects since 2010

# New & Renewable Energy : Fuel Cell

## ● Fuel Cell

Fuel cell produces electricity using electrochemical reaction of fuel ( $H_2$ ) and air ( $O_2$ ), with by-products of heat and water without  $CO_2$  production



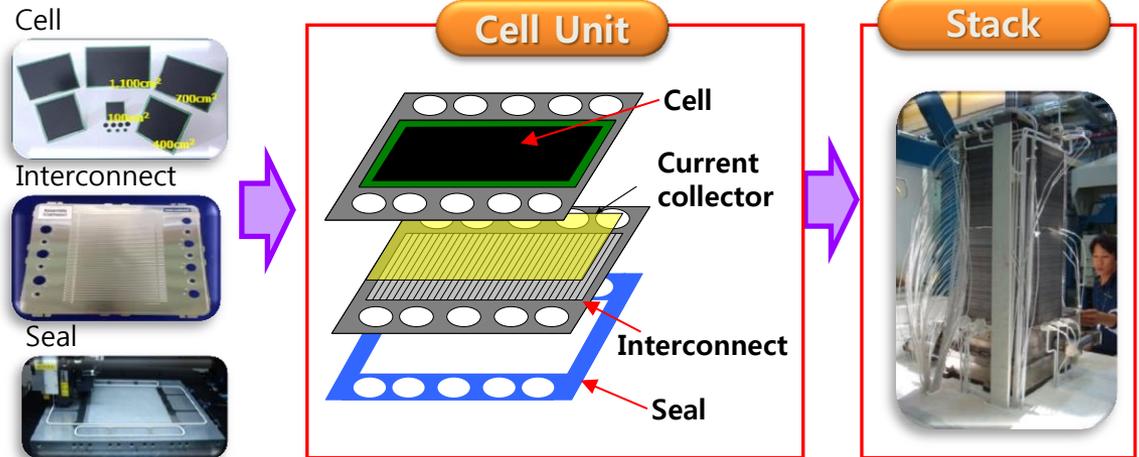
<Fuel Cell Schematic>

## ● Fuel cell type

	Power	Application
PEMFC	1~200KW	House, Building, Automobile
MCFC	1~200kw	Power generation
SOFC	1~100KW 300~MW	House, Building, Power generation

## ● Technology progress of SOFC

- High Efficiency, wide range of power generation



## Major Achievements

- Cell unit : WB-class size and performance achieved (1,100cm<sup>2</sup>, 0.44W/cm<sup>2</sup> : 480W/Cell)
- Stack : >13kW with 96 cells stacked, 50% or higher efficiency

# Concluding Remark



**RIST endeavors to create  
a prosperous future with  
eco-friendly green  
technology**

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