



Advancing Industrial Decarbonization and the Green Economy

Through Academic R&D in Frontier Technologies

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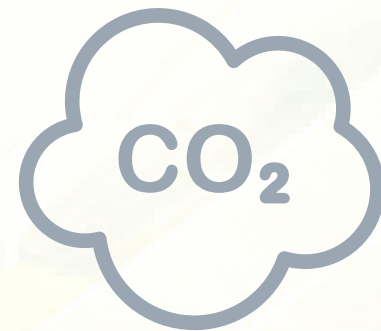
Confederation of Indian Industry



GreenCo Rating System

Why There Is Need For Decarbonization?

**Concentration of
carbon dioxide in
atmosphere??**



Jun. 11, 2025

429.36 ppm

Jun. 10, 2024

427.59 ppm

1 Year Change

1.77 ppm (0.41%)

co2.earth/daily-co2

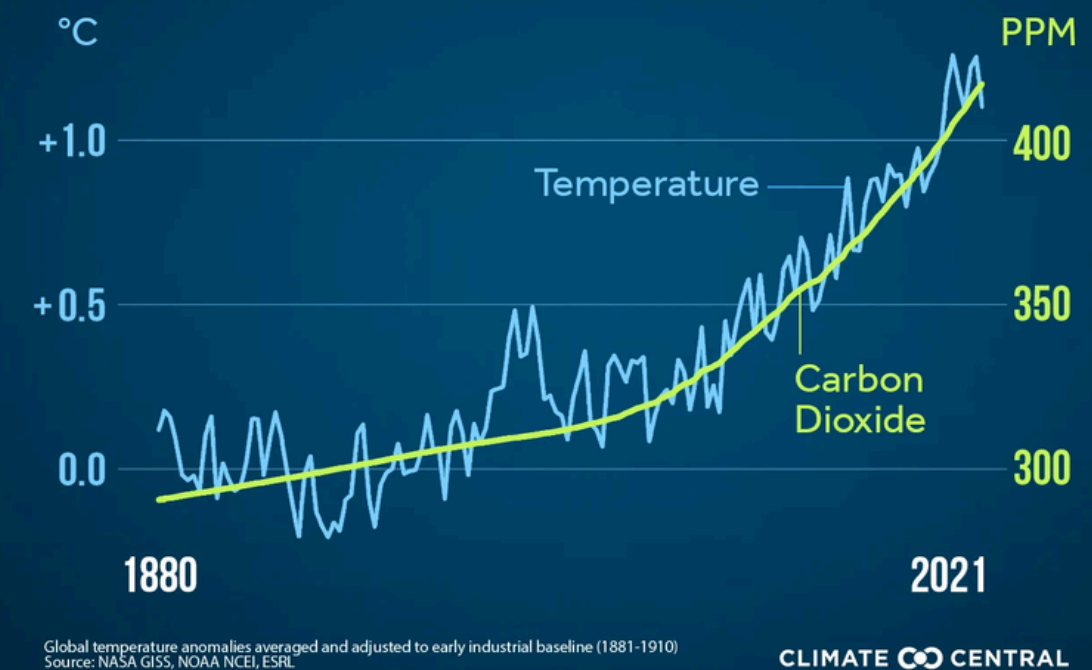
December 2024



+1.55 °C

2nd Warmest December since
1880

TEMPERATURE & CARBON DIOXIDE



**2024 becomes warmest year on record,
first to breach 1.5-degree Celsius
guardrail**

According to scientists at the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S), 2024 was the hottest year since global temperature tracking began in 1850.

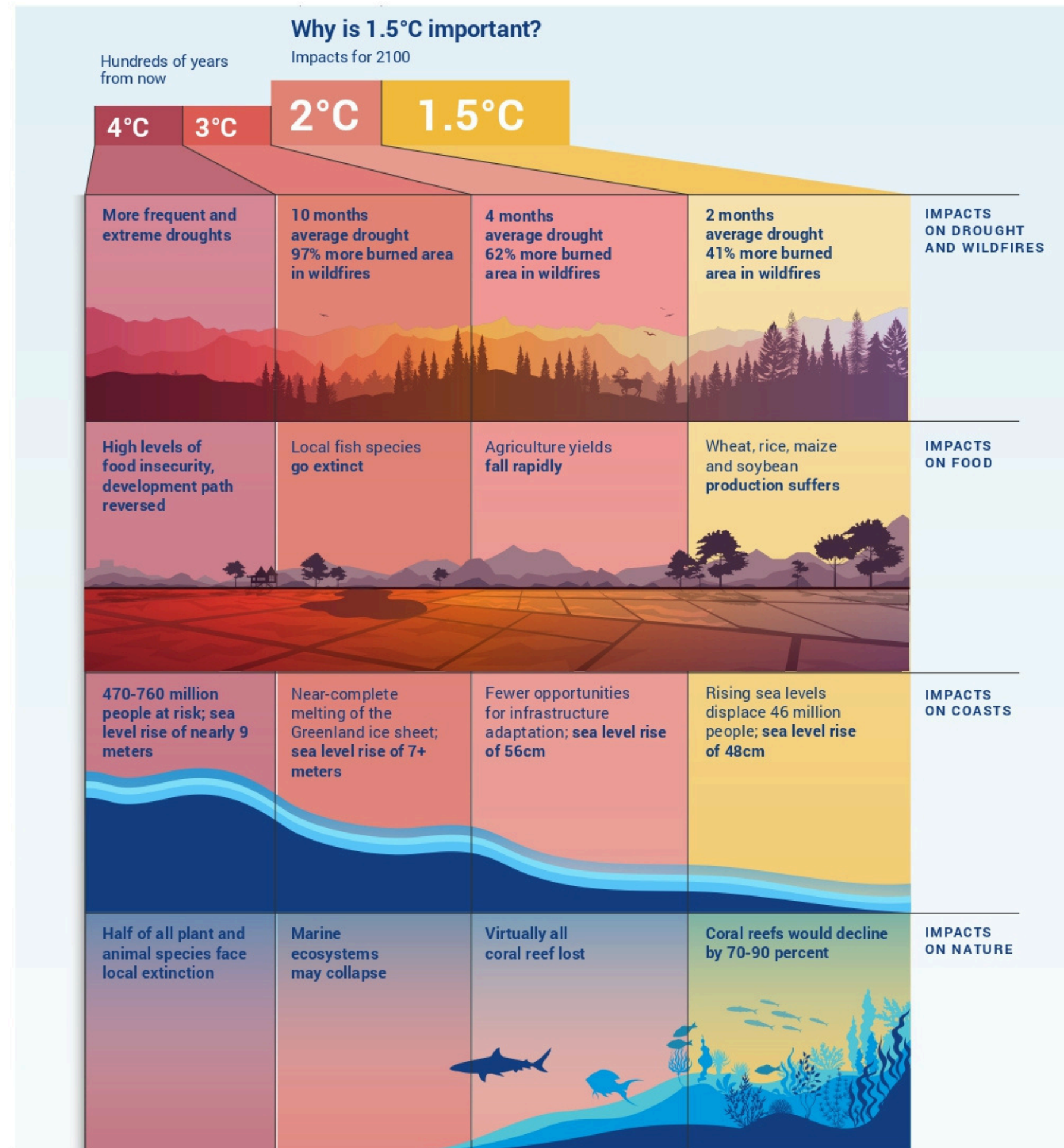
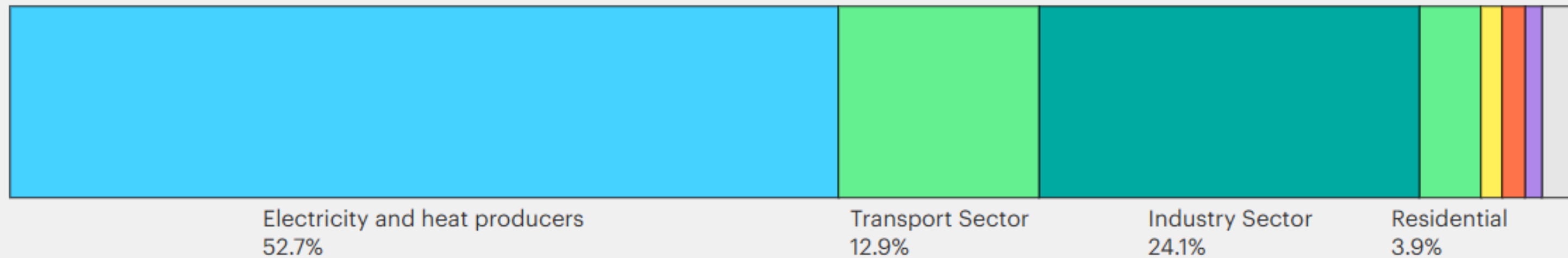


Figure 3. There would be a severe escalation of impacts if the world were to warm above 1.5°C.
Source: United Nations Environment Programme 2021b⁸

Industrial Emissions

- Industrial emissions contribute for ~30% of India's total CO2 emissions
- Major 'hard-to-abate' sectors include : Cement, Steel and Oil & Gas
- Emissions are projected to grow by ~80% by 2040 without intervention

CO2 emissions by sector, India, 2022



Decarbonization Pillars

Digitalization
Smart Manufacturing, IOT, AI



Solar, Wind
Green Hydrogen
Bioenergy...



Energy Efficiency



**Industrial
Electrification**

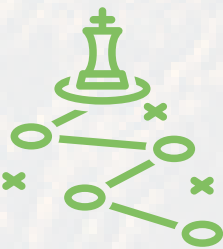


**Low Carbon Fuels,
Feedstocks, Energy
Sources and
Storage**



CCUS

Policy and Management



Roadmap



**Green
Procurement**



Financing

**Li-ion, Na-ion, Zn-ion
Flow Batteries
Thermal Storage**



Circular Economy



IITB

**National Centre for Photovoltaic Research
and Education (NCPRE) & POTIC**



**Technocraft Centre for
Applied Artificial
Intelligence (TCAAI)**

**Centre for Machine
Intelligence and Data
Science (CMInDS)**

**Centre of Excellence in
Oil, Gas and Energy
(CoE-OGE)**



**TIH Foundation for IoT &
IoE**



**Centre of Excellence in Steel
Technology**



GESH IITB



**Centre for Semiconductor
Technologies**



**Ashank Desai
Centre for Policy Studies
Indian Institute of Technology Bombay**
Insight ♦ Dialogue ♦ Impact

**Ashank Desai Centre for
Policy Studies (ADCPS)**

**National Centre of Excellence in
Carbon Capture and Utilization
(NCoE-CCU)**



**Industrial Energy Assessment
Cell (IEAC)**

**EV Power Train
Lab**

**Centre for
Climate Studies**



**EV Power Train Lab
Advanced Batteries and Ceramics Lab
Hydrogen Storage and Applications Lab**

National Centre of Excellence in CCU



MUSK FOUNDATION

- Nanofluid amine based solutions
- Modified membrane based CO₂ separation
- Aqueous solution-based CO₂ capture

Carbon Capture

- CO₂ valorization
- Methanol production
- High value organics
- CO/CH₄ generation

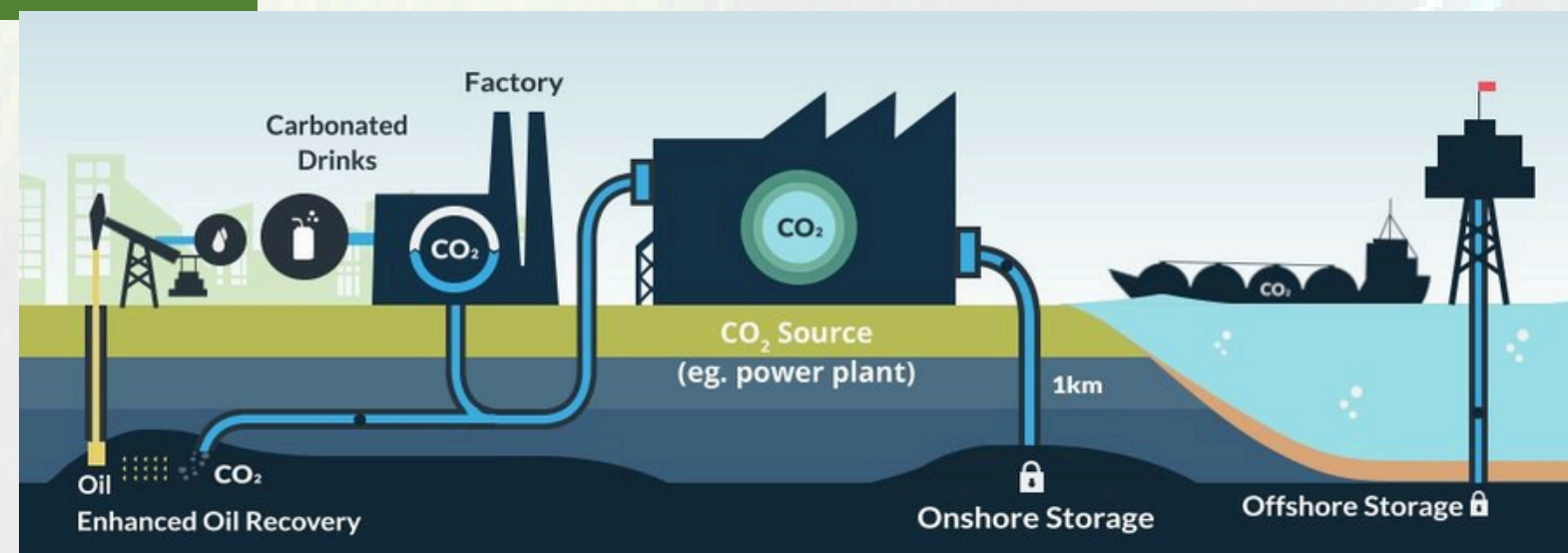
CO₂ utilization

- Country-wide capacity assessment
- Source-sink matching
- Enhanced oil recovery
- Enhanced CBM recovery

CO₂ sequestration

- CO₂ transportation
- Life-cycle analysis
- Bioenergy based CCS
- Techno-economic analysis
- Environmental Assessment

Cross-cutting systems

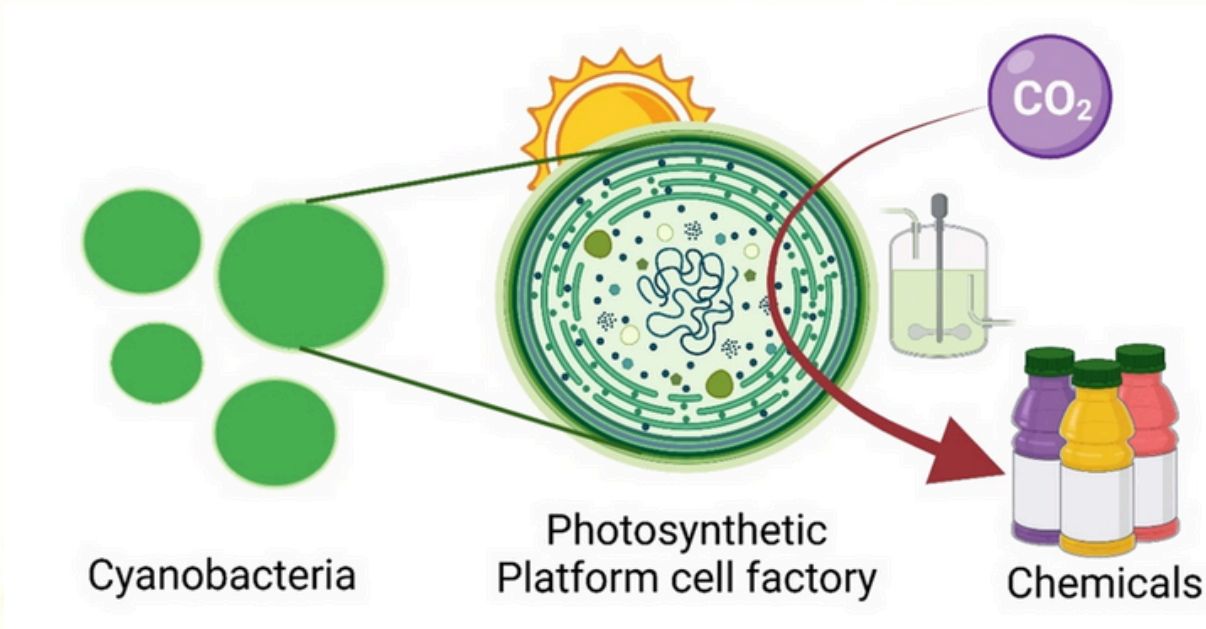


Indian Patent No : 538214
Arnab Dutta and Vikram Vishal

Indian Patent No. 435947
Arnab Dutta, Vikram Vishal et al.

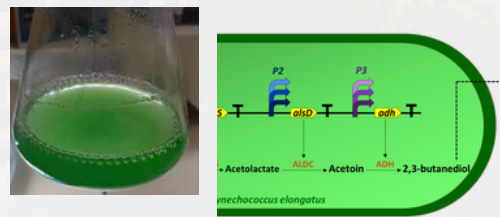


Engineered cyanobacteria for sustainable biomanufacturing and carbon capture



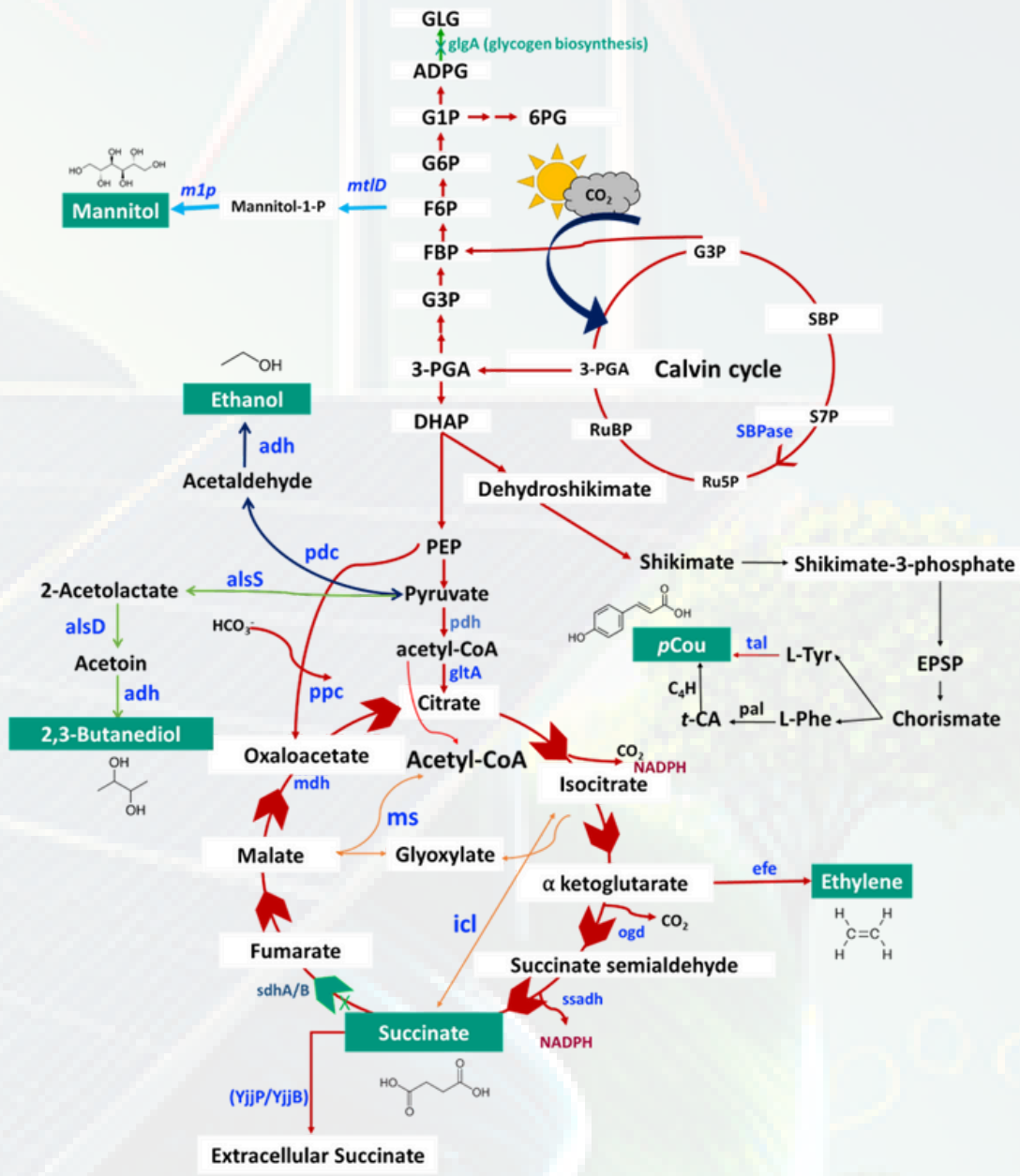
- Photosynthetic cell factories that can enable sustainable production of chemicals and biofuels from CO₂
- **Fast-growing and environmentally robust *Synechococcus elongatus* strains from Powai lake**
- **Promising leads for tech translation and scaleup**

Current TRL: 3/4
(Lab scale validated PoC process)



Strain engineering and process optimization to further increase product yield

Potential collaboration/Industry support (Reliance, TATA Power, Praj Industries) for scaleup



Translation to TRL: 7 (Demonstration in photobioreactor)

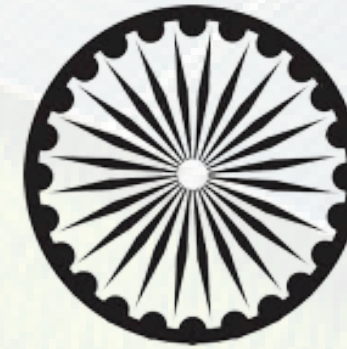




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प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS



Centre of Excellence in Oil, Gas & Energy (CoEOGE) IIT Bombay Initiated by MoPNG





Bimodular CCUS technology based on bio-inspired catalysts (Collaborators: ONGC, BPCL, IOCL, HPCL, EIL)

Objectives:

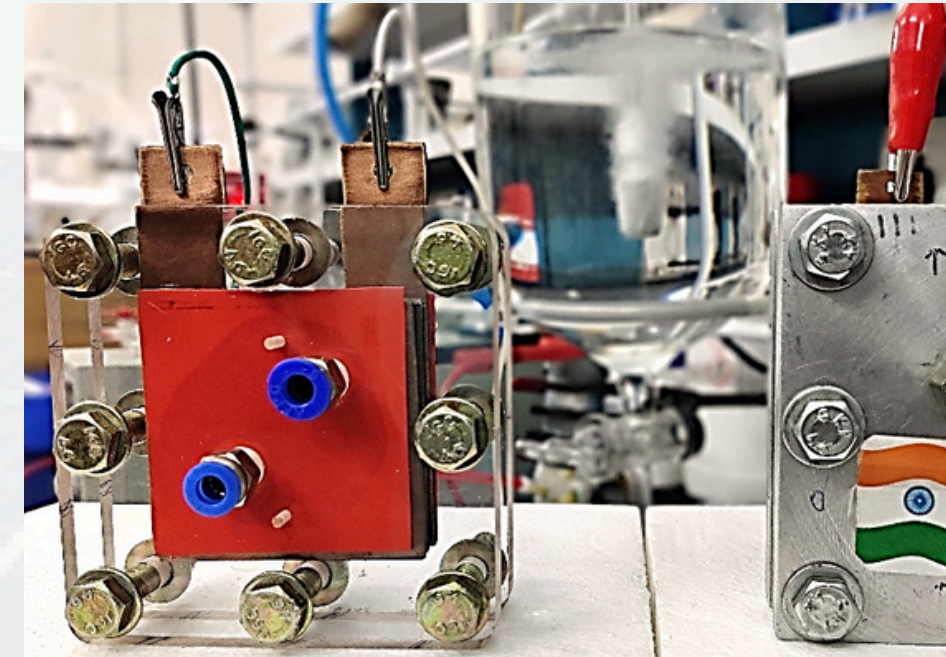
- Develop and fine-tune low-cost and efficient bio-inspired catalysts for CO₂ capture and Utilization (CCUS)

Outcome:

- Fine-tuned a bio-inspired catalyst for CO₂ capture from refinery flue gas and demonstrated in a 1 kg CO₂/hr lab-scale unit.
- Developed an energy-efficient, bio-inspired catalyst for the CO₂/CO converter
- Demonstrated a 1 kg CO₂ to CO/hour converter

Commercial relevance and implementation status:

- The developed process can be applied for the removal of CO₂ from Coal Bed Methane (CBM) and utilizing the CO₂ for the synthesis of CaCO₃. CaCO₃ can be sold to cement manufacturers and other commercial purposes for an additional revenue stream.





Anomaly Detection and Root Cause Identification in Refineries (Collaborator: HPCL)



Objectives:

- To enhance root cause detection in a refinery using operational data in real time

Outcome:

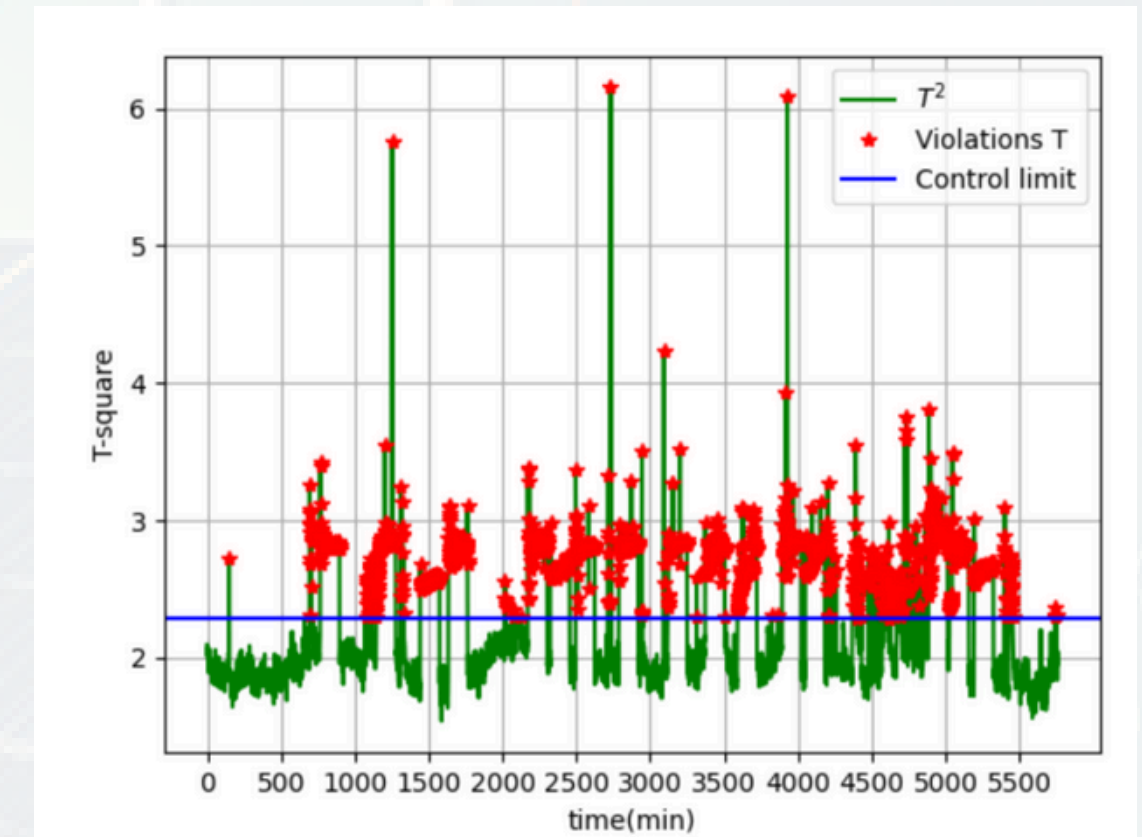
- An advanced software product developed and tested in collaboration with **HPCL**, Mumbai refinery - Real-time using DCS data

Commercial relevance and implementation status:

- This technology helps achieve operational excellence in refineries through early detection of faults the root cause.
- Improves system reliability, prevents failures, and enables optimal operations, thereby improving process efficiency

Digitalization

- Early prediction of flare events and prognosis of possible sources
- Toolchain for oil and gas leakage through drones
- Software tool development for pinch analysis based targeting for oil and gas industry



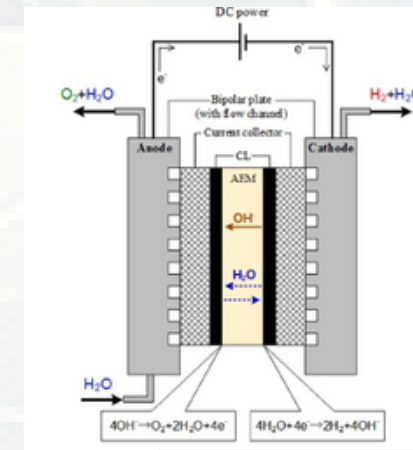
Solar Photovoltaics



Areas

- Si and Perovskite solar cells and materials
- Power electronics for grid integration
- Photovoltaic deployment and reliability

Green Hydrogen



Indigenous development of end-to-end solution for water Electrolyser in India

Development of AEM water electrolyser

Catalyst design & development

Anion exchange membrane

Scale-up of AEM stack

Balance of plant

Accelerated Testing and development Routines

Production, Utilization & Storage

Biomass to Hydrogen



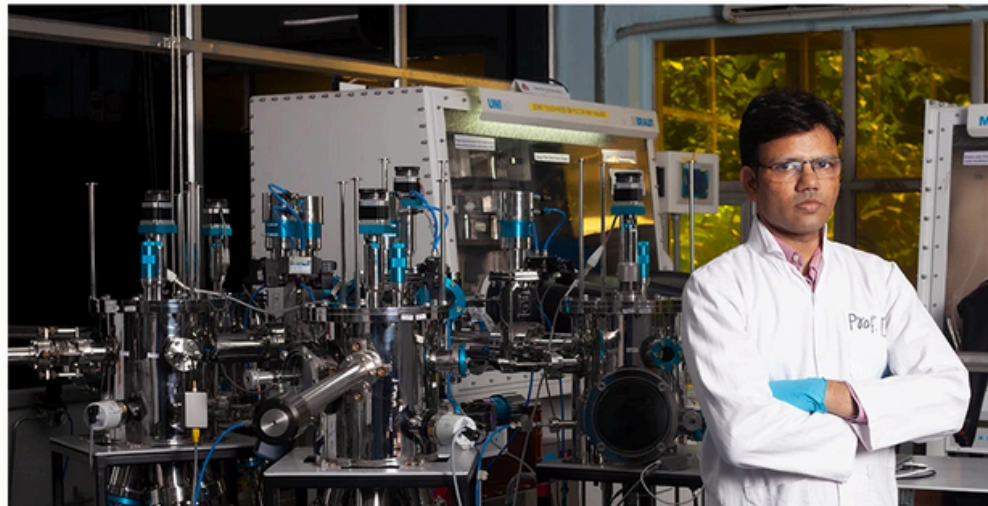
4T- Silicon-Perovskite Tandem Solar Cell

Nature team profile coverage

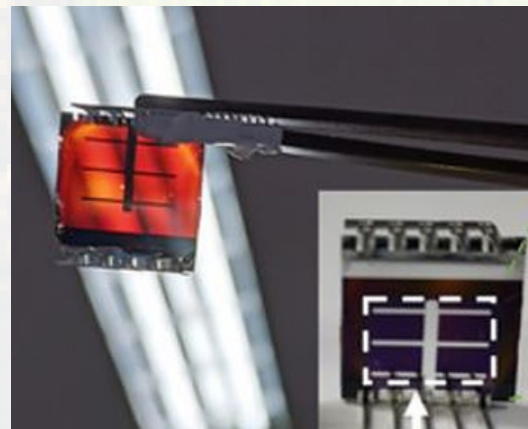
Unconventional materials that do more with light

Dinesh Kabra is working with the next generation of optoelectronic materials for solar cells and display technologies.

James Mitchell Crow



PV Global magazine
Coverage!
May 2023



New solar cell tech by IIT Bombay to sharply cut costs, enhance efficiency

The Maharashtra government and ART-PV India Pvt Ltd, a start-up founded at IIT Bombay are working to provide a complete commercial wafer size solution for this technology by December 2027

**Vertically stacked RGB
Tandem OLEDs:** Lighting
High resolution Displays

**Silicon/perovskite
Tandem Solar Cell:** PCE > 30%
Efficiency gain per unit area!



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TOWERS

WAAREE
One with the Sun



PILKINGTON
NSG Group Flat Glass Business


Reliance

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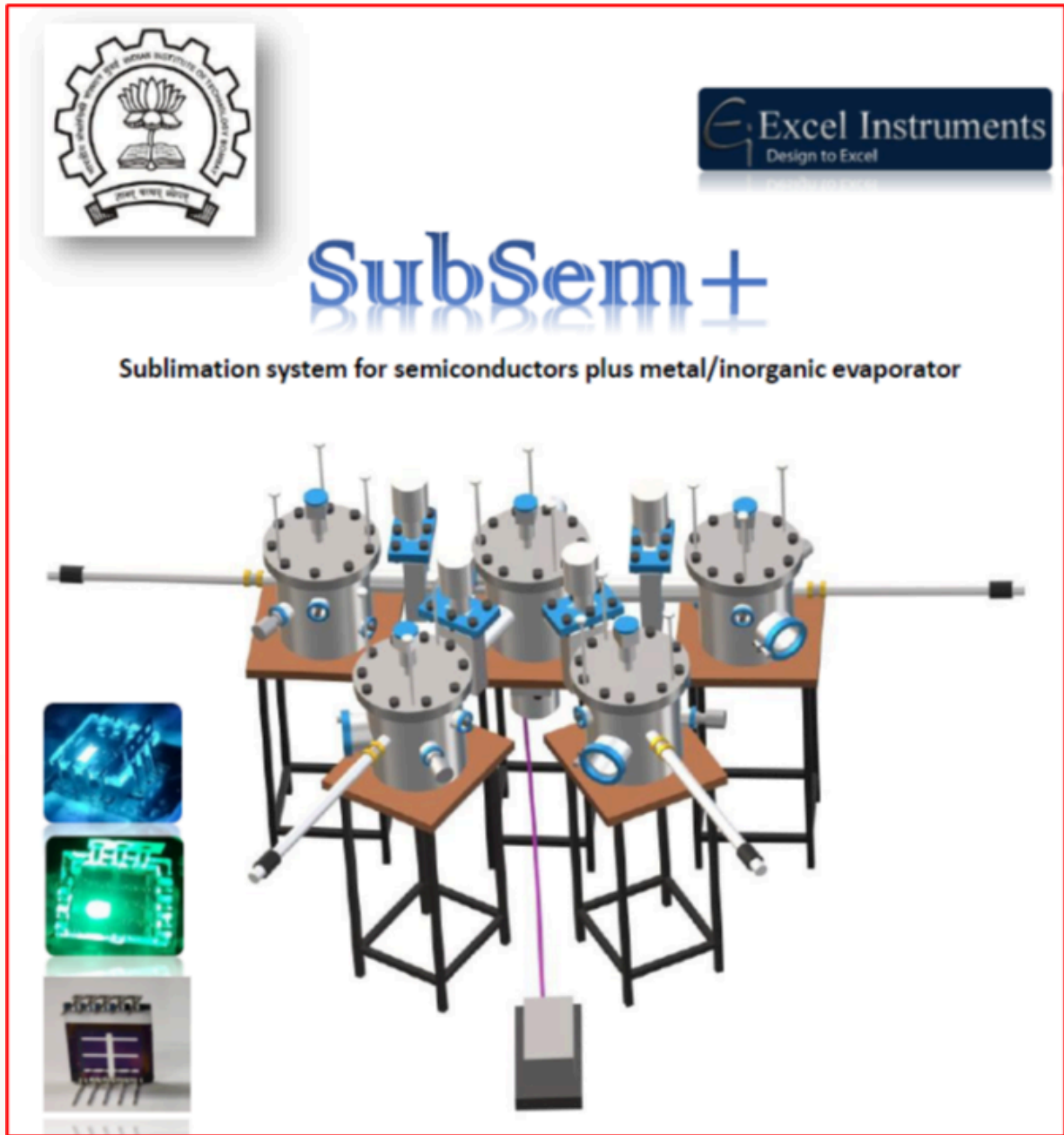
Public Funds:
IOE, MoE-India
DST-India
MNRE-India
MEITY-India


EXCEL INSTRUMENTS

 APPLIED
MATERIALS
make possible

Technology Transfer and licensing of IPs

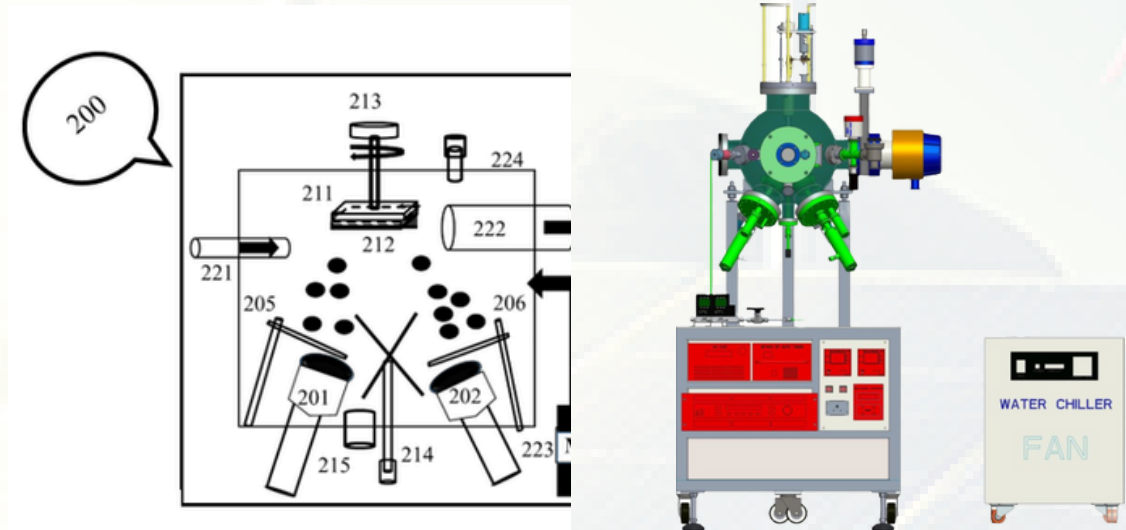
Optoelectronic device fabrication tool



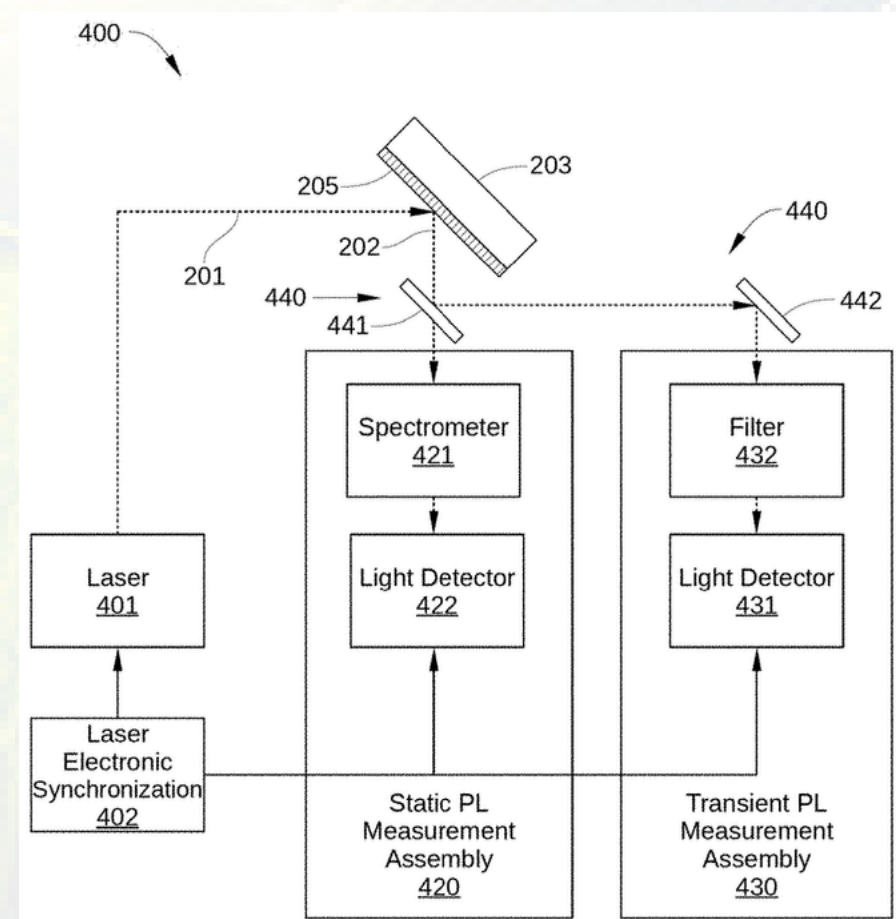
Patent granted

Patents filed
Countries includes: India, US, China, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, Europe

TCE on soft materials fabrication tool
Optoelectronics and bio-photonics



OLED manufacturing meteorology tool



Applied Materials Inc., USA

FIG. 4

Research Highlights

Nature – where I work
IOP – Physics world
AIP- SCilight x 2
Global PV Magazine

Method of forming perovskite film via vacuum approach

US 20220325398A1

(19) United States
(12) Patent Application Publication
Sharma et al.

(10) Pub. No.: US 2022/0325398 A1
(43) Pub. Date: Oct. 13, 2022

(54) METHOD OF FORMING A HALIDE-CONTAINING PEROVSKITE FILM

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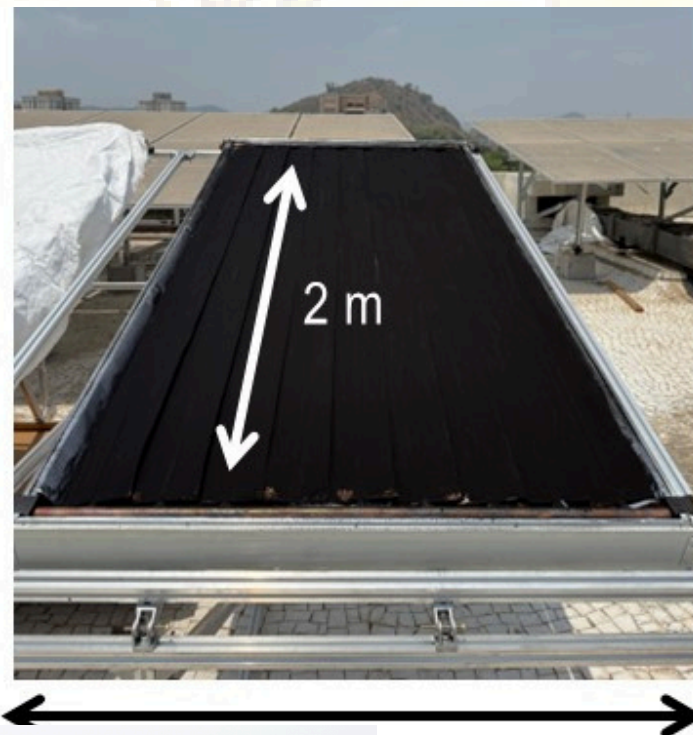
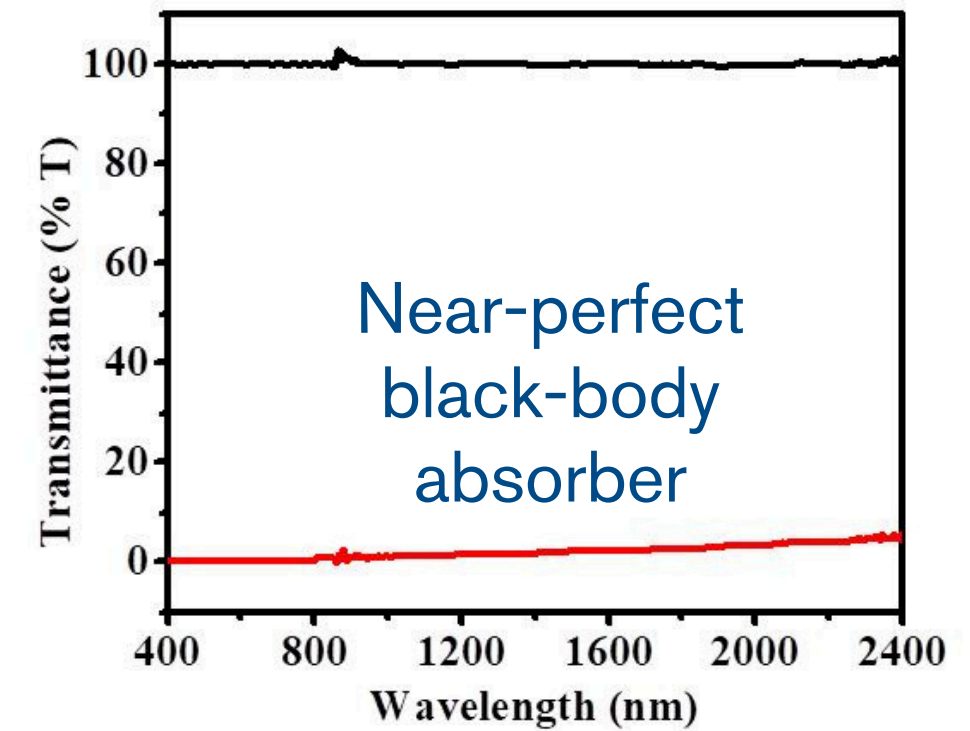
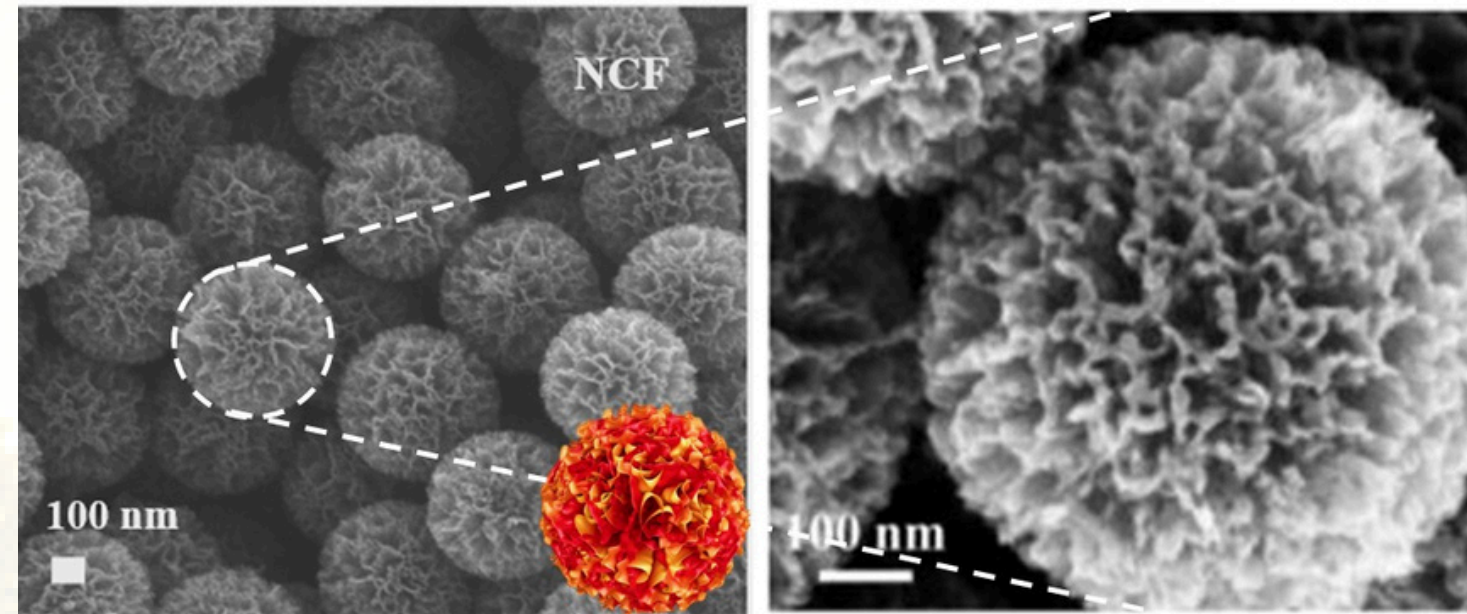
(21) Appl. No.: 17/229,492
(22) Filed: Apr. 13, 2021

(57) ABSTRACT
A hybrid halide perovskite film and methods of forming a hybrid halide perovskite film on a substrate are described. The film is formed on the substrate by depositing an organic solution on a substrate, heating the substrate and the organic solution to form an organic layer on the substrate, depositing an inorganic layer on the organic layer, and heating the substrate having the inorganic layer thereon to form a hybrid halide perovskite film. In some embodiments, the hybrid halide perovskite film comprises a CH₃NH₂MX₃ compound.


Applied Materials Inc., USA

Solar Thermal

Material :
Porous hard-
carbons (NCFs)



- 22 lit/m² of clean water output in a day (3 x of conventional solar-stills)
- Inlet : 5000 – 7500 ppm TDS
- Output TDS < 10 ppm
- Single step comprehensive purification
- 150 lit/day capacity pilot plant in a govt school through Arid Communities & Technologies.

Tiny carbon 'flowers' turn light to heat at unrivalled efficiency, IIT team finds 

Carbon nanoflorets made by IIT Bombay researchers can convert incident sunlight to heat with 87% efficiency.

Published - October 30, 2023 10:30 am IST - Sri City



Solar-water purification

Space heating for Indian army



Decarbonising Rural Industries: Solar Hydrodistillation (SHD) for Rosewater Production



Technology developed and disseminated by:

Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas (C-TARA)
Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai, India

Characteristic	Value
Production Ratio	1 kg petals to 3 liters
Daily Production	4-5 liters
Revenue	INR 50-60 per 100 ml
Monthly Profit	INR 2,000-12,000
Payback Period	Approximately one year
Impact	Scalable economic opportunity

EV Powertrain Lab: Objectives & Deliverables

Vision: Excellence as **R&D lab** for EV Technology, **L&D hub** for **E-mobility** Talent, **Centre for Innovation**

Aim: Indigenous & robust **products** for EV powertrain and world-class **talent** for E-mobility ecosystem

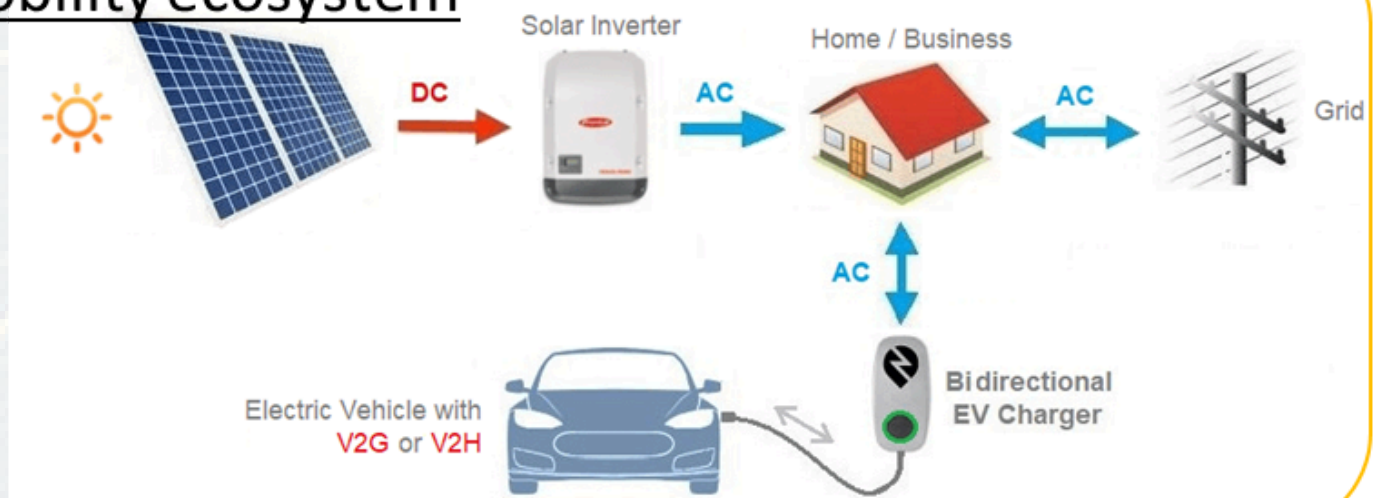
Goals: EV powertrain products for e2w/e3w/e4w

G Genteel: good QRD (**Q**uality, **R**eliability, **D**urability)
O Optimal: hi power:weight ratio, versatile, compact
A Affordable: frugal, cost-effective, value-for-money
L Local: indigenous, scalable, import-free
S Sustainable: lean-green, energy-efficient

Innovation in E-mobility ecosystem

Energy devices:

- Generation
- Storage
- Conversion
- Distribution

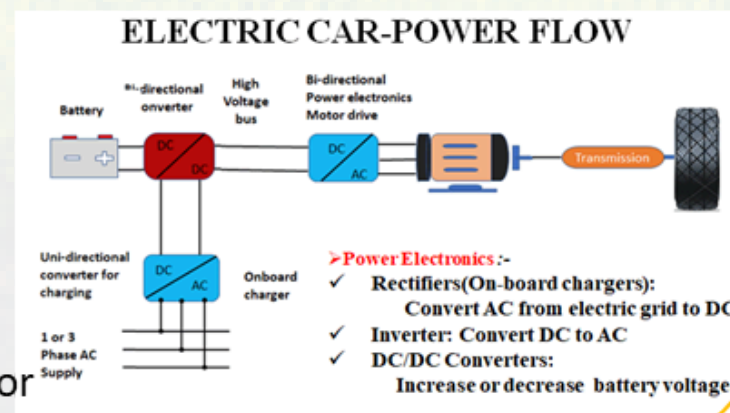
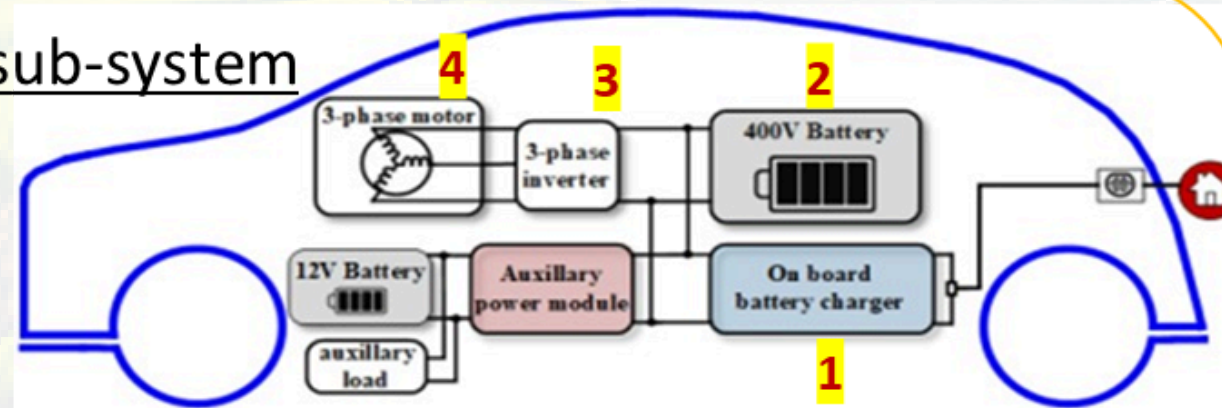


R&D in EV powertrain sub-system

- 1) Charger: OBC, V2G
- 2) Battery: BMS, Na-ion
- 3) Inverter: WBG, SiC/GaN
- 4) Motor: BLDC, PMSM

+ Ancillaries: VMU

- 1) On-Board Charger, Vehicle-to-Grid charging
 - 2) Battery Mgmt. System, (Na) Sodium ion battery
 - 3) Wide Band Gap devices, Silicon-Carbide/Gallium-Nitride
 - 4) Brush-Less Direct Current, Permanent Magnet Sync. Motor
- + Vehicle Monitoring Unit



L&D and HR (Human Resource) talent nurturing

- Instructor-led webinar series – *Evolution*: E-mobility/EV themes
- Short-term courses - *EVolve*: Tutor-led online technical training
- MOOC eLearning – *EVOKE*: Topic-specific recorded class via LMS
- ePost-Graduate Diploma Program (ePGD*): *E-Mobility* (1.5 yrs)
- Masters of Engineering (M.Engg): Approved by IITB; 2 years PG
- Technical Workshop / Seminar / Webinar – *EV Tech-Day '24-'25*
- Corporate L&D: Customised training for R&D and Sr. Mgmt.
- Student internships, PhD and M.Tech fellowships

EV Powertrain Lab: Associations & Achievements



Government: Govt of India (**ANRF** – MAHA EV: *E-RIDES*), **DST** (Sustenance project): **Product** innovation, **Patent**

Industry*: Industry-Academia Partnership Program, **TRL** L.4/5/6 & Technology-Transfer **project**, Lab service

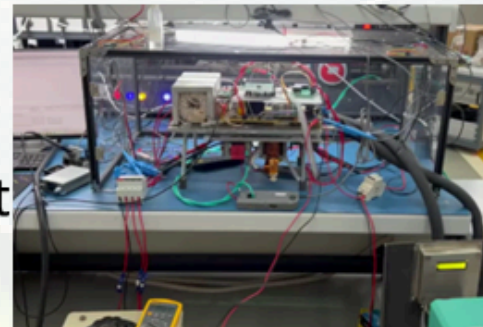
Agency: **GESH, SINE, ASPIRE, ACR, EO** - **Training** course, **Incubation** aid, **CSR** initiative, **L&D** program, **Talent**

ANRF: Anusandhan National Research Foundation (Rs.65cr, '25-'28), MAHA: Mission for Advancement in High-impact Areas @ Power Electronics, Machines, Drives
IITB bodies: Green Energy Sustainability Hub, Society for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Research Park, SemiX, Alumni & Corporate Relation, Educational Outreach

Technology projects in E-mobility: success showcase

EV powertrain functional areas:

Charger: *Cummins* – high efficiency & temp range, compact



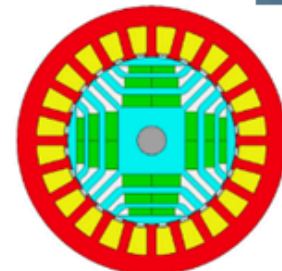
R Battery: Na-ion perfo. model dvpt., optimal charging, capacity-fed mechanism

&

D Inverter: *Kinetic* - Si MOSFET motor-controller, frugal, compact



Motor: Ferrite based IPM synchro reluctance motor



Idea > Concept > Design > Simulation > Proto > Validation >> **PRODUCT**

Facilities: instrument, machine, measuring device

**E
V
L
a
b**



- Active Dynamometers, 50kW
- Tesla / Gauss Meter
- High end Oscilloscopes (1GHz)
- High power DC source
- High response Thermal imager
- Wire-cut EDM & CNC milling M/c
- Temperature chamber
- Battery cycler
- Potentiostat
- Motor design & CAD-CAE s/w

*Industry: I-APP partnership, R&D project alliance

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1) John Deere | 5) Hioki |
| 2) Hella Forvia | 6) Nayak Power |
| 3) Dana | 7) Techtronix |
| 4) Matter Motor | 8) TapFin |



Battery Research

Advanced Li-ion
& Li-metal
(regular,
solid-state,
printed) battery

Lithium-Sulphur
&
Sodium-Sulphur
battery

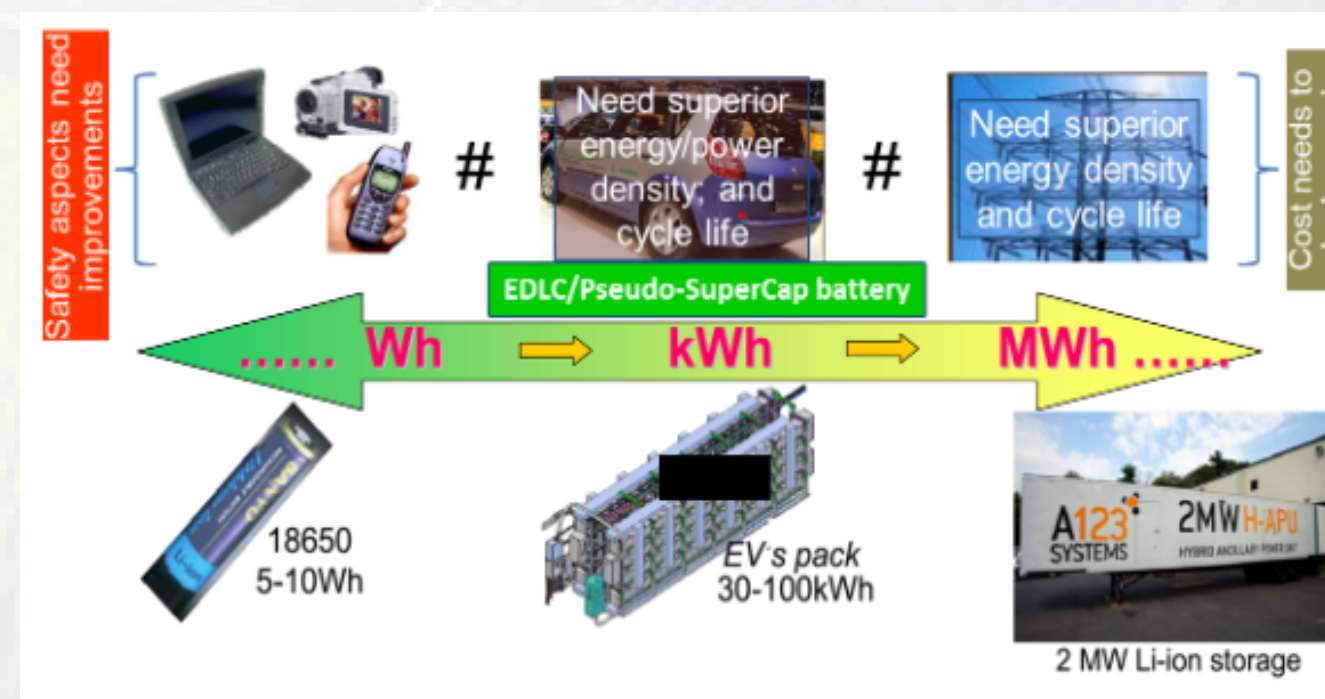
Potassium-ion
&
multi-valent
battery
chemistries

Sodium-ion battery,
including solid-state,
battery

Metal-air
&
Redox flow
battery

Areas

- Concepts
- Chemistry
- Electrode
- Cell
- Prototype
- Diagnostics/Predictions
- Recycling





High-performance and air/water-stable cathode materials for high energy density and low-cost Na-ion batteries

Development of high capacity, stable and highly rate-capable Na-ion battery cathode.

Trials underway for technology translation to Indi Energy



[**Patent granted**; Indian Patent No.: 406595, dated: 14/09/2022]

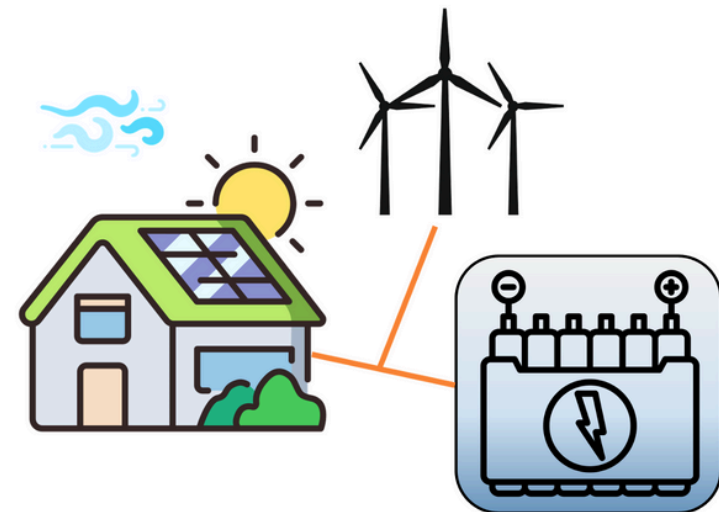
Development of Na-ion battery cathode via health/environment friendly and cost-effective 'aqueous processing'.



Scalable Sn-based high-performance and safe anode materials for high volumetric energy density Na-ion batteries

Trials underway for technology translation to KPIT (now, Trentar Energy Solutions)

Zn Batteries for Stationary Storage



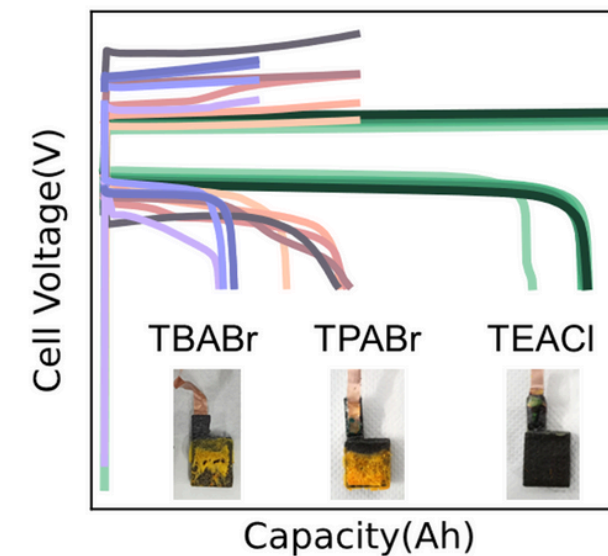
Non-Flow ZBB

Br_2 binding strength of Q^+

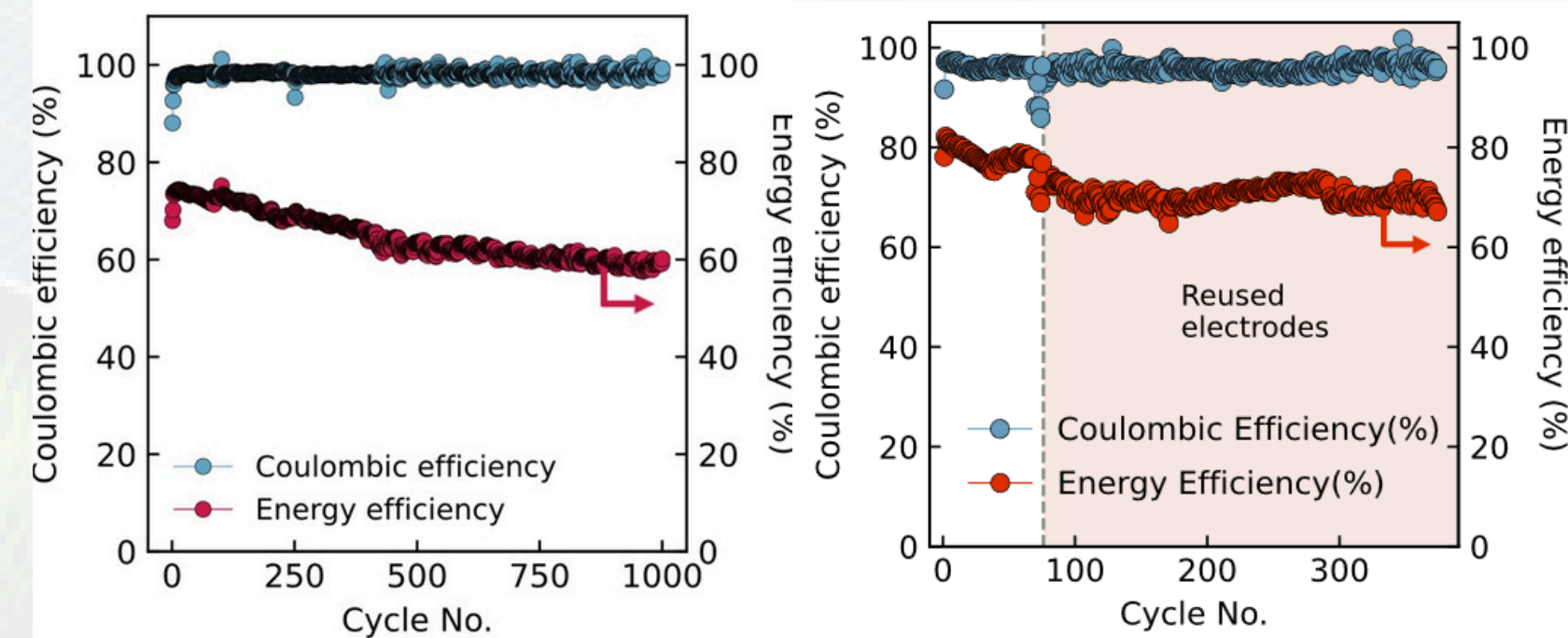
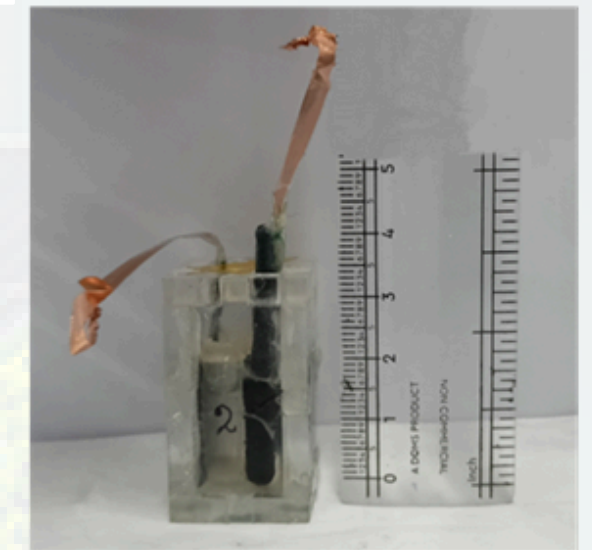
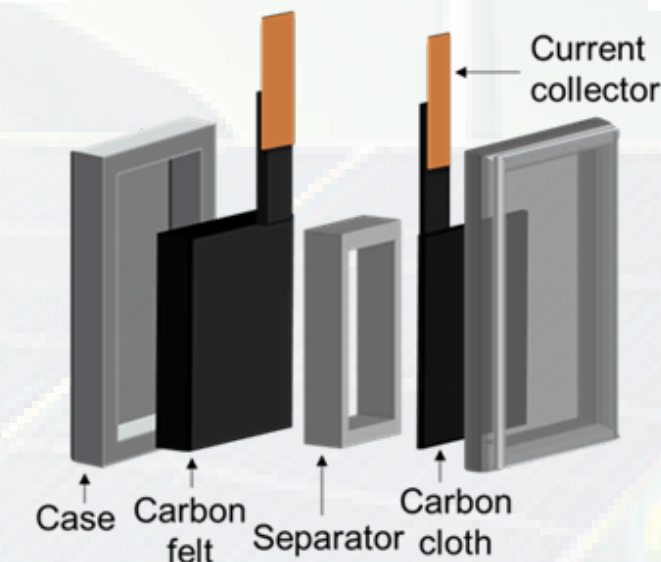
Solubility of ZnBr_2 in binary $\text{ZnBr}_2\text{-QX}_{(\text{aq})}$

Br_2 -trapping agent (QX) Screening/Optimization

- ✓ **Low-cost ZBB for Grid Storage**
- ✓ **High Energy Density (154 Wh/kg)**
- ✓ **Low overpotential**
- ✓ **Stackable design**
- ✓ **Refurbishable Components**



Through a solubility product based screening methodology, we report an energy-dense, non-flow Zn- Br_2 battery (154 Wh/kg) for low-cost grid scale energy storage.



Circular Economy @ IITB Diverse sectors and Multiple Approaches

Process/Technology Development

Circular bio-economy

- Recovery of value added chemicals from fruit processing waste
- Garden waste to produce fuels for domestic cooking
- Biomass gasification for production of hydrogen and methane as fuels

Plastics and polymers

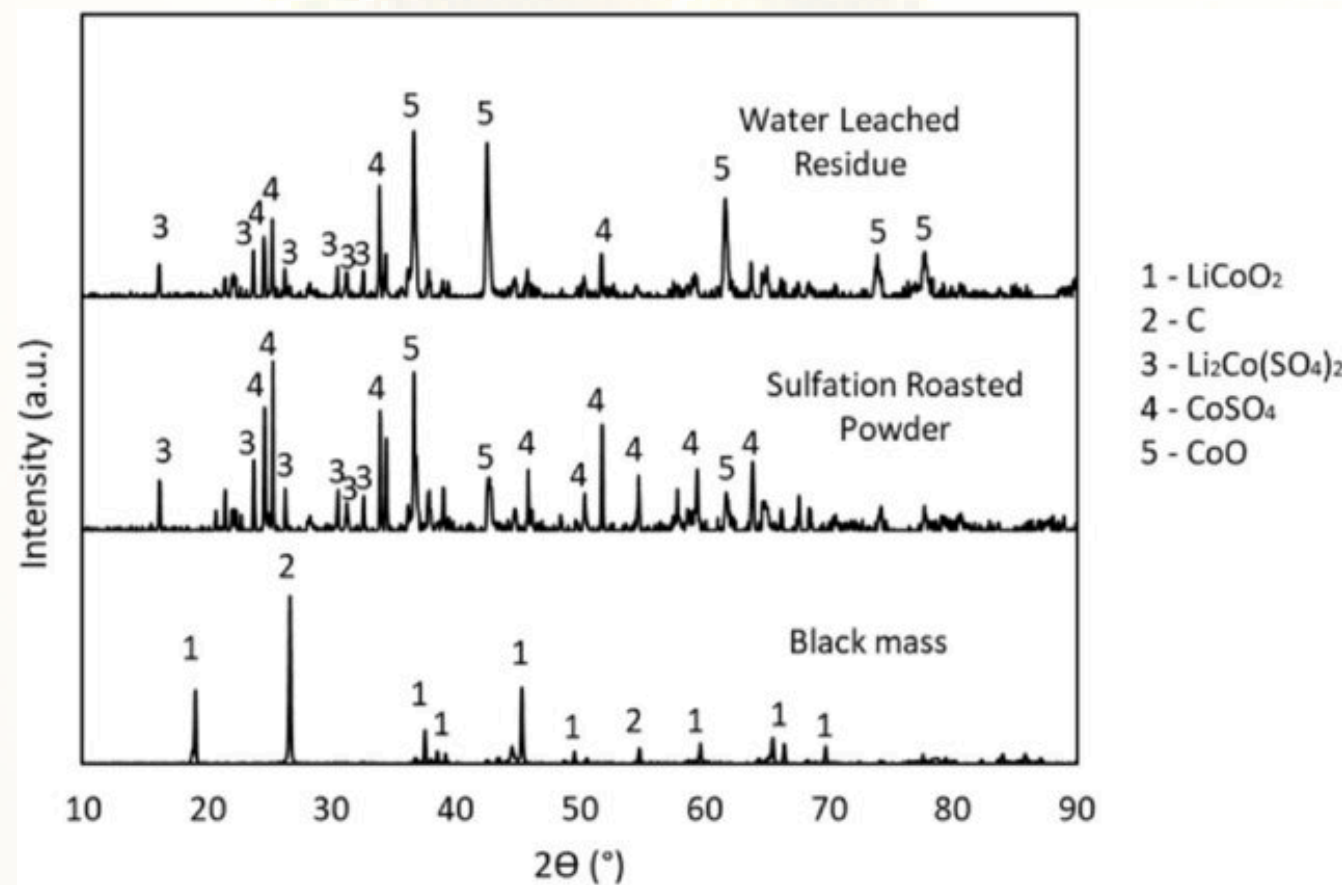
- Thermo-chemical recycling of waste plastics for fuels
- Design of bio-composites for sustainable and circular materials
- Development of biodegradable and reusable polymers

Industrial wastes

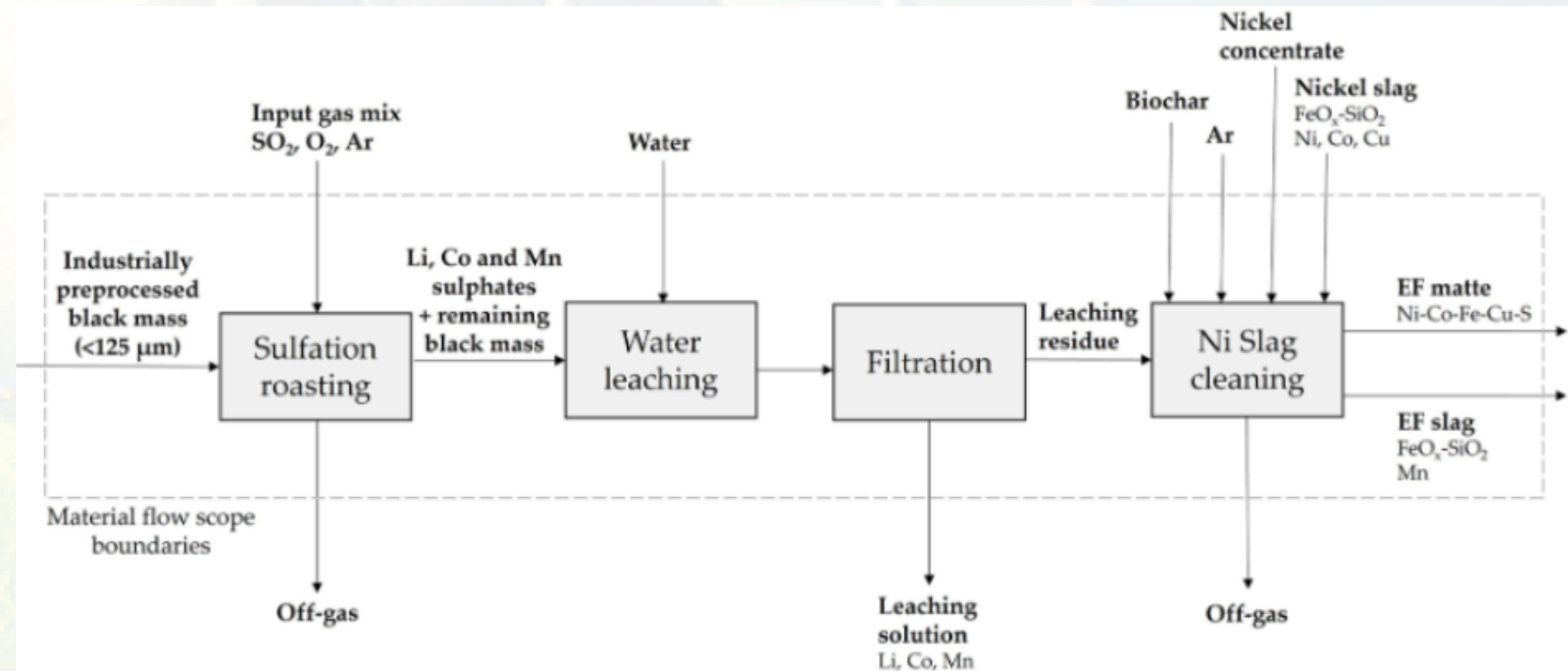
- Sustainable handling of tyre waste
- CO₂ capture and conversion to fuels and chemicals
- Construction and foundry waste recovery and management
- Recovery chemicals from waste water
- e-waste

Critical Materials Recovery

Roasting-Water Leaching-Slag Cleaning Process for Recovery of Valuable Metals from Li-ion Battery Scrap



XRD patterns of black mass, sulfation roasted powder, and leach residue after water leaching



General Process

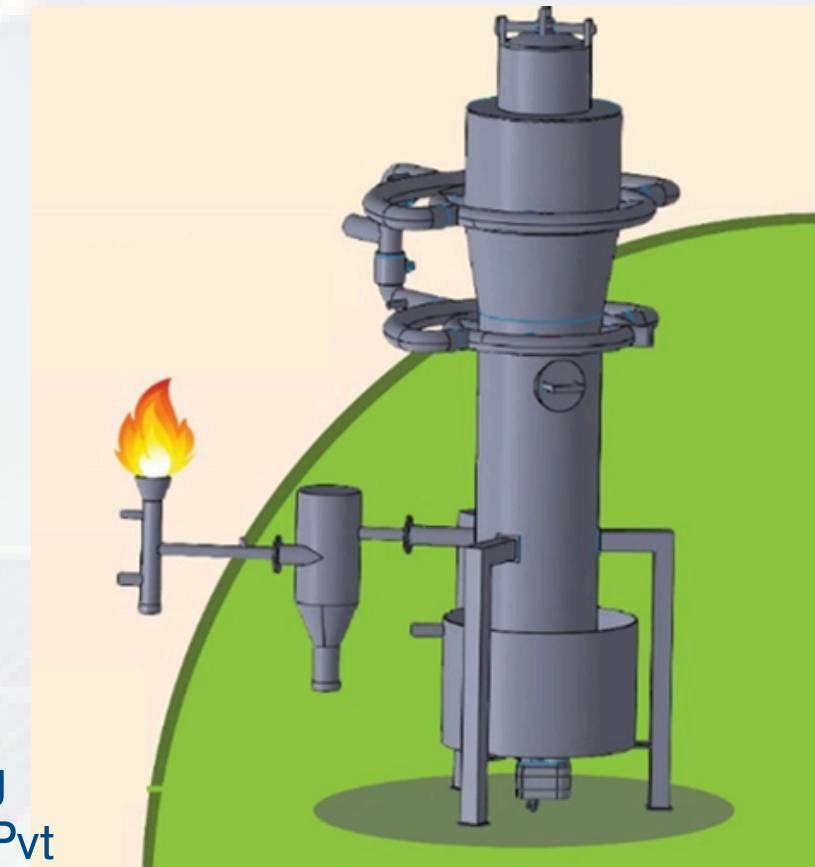
Waste Biomass-Plastic Gasification and Combustion based systems for Thermal Applications and Waste Management

- Gasifier – Designed to operate with
 - Feed upto 20% ash
 - Co-gasification with Plastic/Paper/Cloth mix upto 20%
 - Menstrual Waste upto 4% as co-feed
- Efficient burner for low CV fuel
 - Low emission
 - High temperature
 - High efficiency
 - Flameless burner with ultra low emission

Potential areas (any thermal process requiring heat upto 1000 deg C)

- Steam Boiler
- Aluminium Melting
- Powder Coating
- Community Cooking/Kitchen
- Drying/Baking/Process heat

Sand drying/Sand Reclamation for casting industry - Deccan Crest Pvt Ltd. Kolhapur

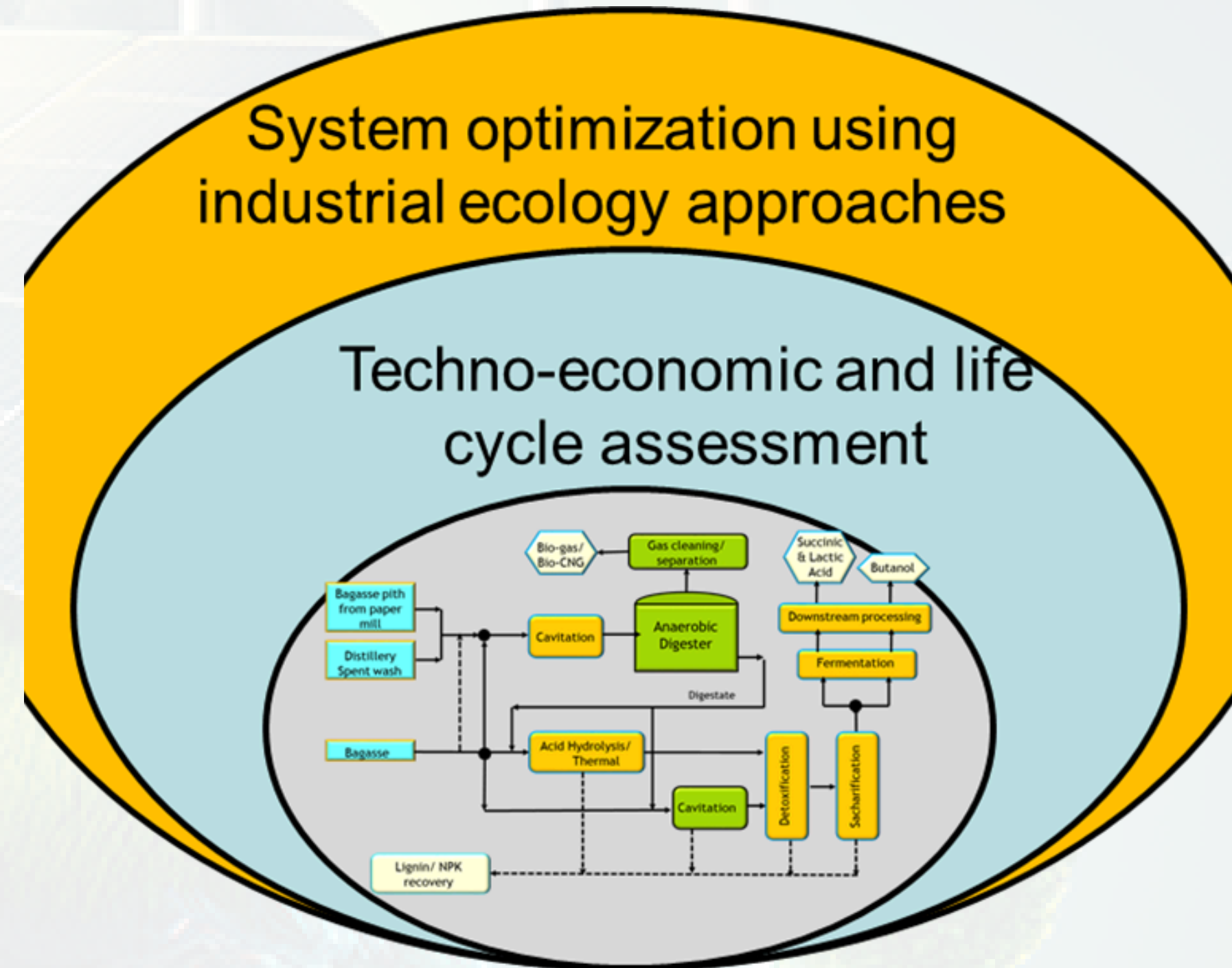
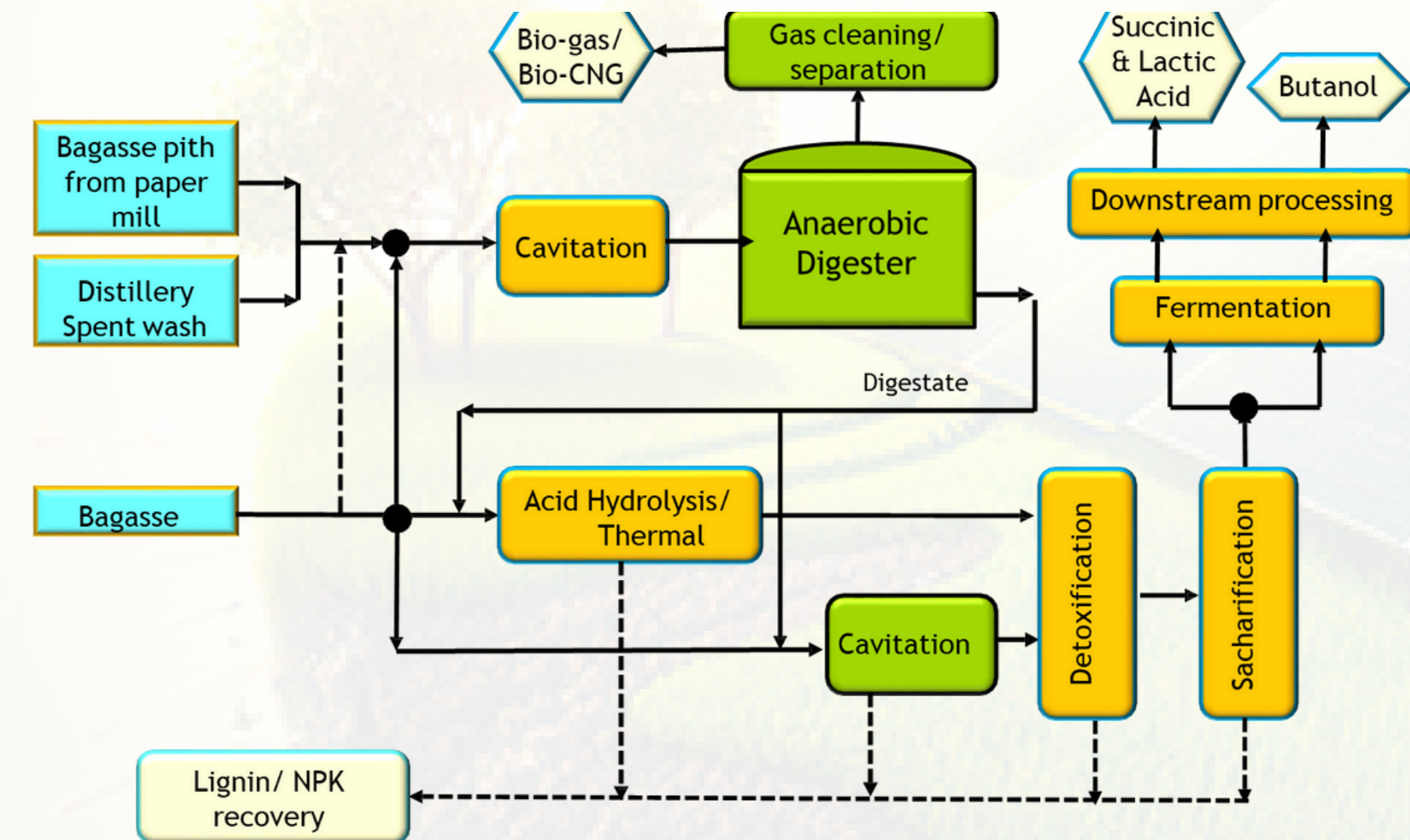


IITB Living Lab



Waste Biomass-Plastic & Waste Heat based Gasification system for H₂ production

Integrated sugar industry complex for waste valorization: Decarbonization and Circular Economy Adoption



Inventory and Low Carbon Pathway



Energy

Volume 195, 15 March 2020, 116949



A framework for analyzing trade-offs in cost and emissions in power sector



Research Article | [Published: 06 November 2021](#)

Emission inventory for road transport in India in 2020: framework and post facto policy impact assessment

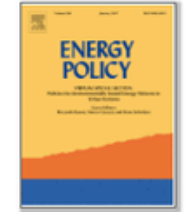
Research Article

Temperature change and mitigation potent of Indian cement industry



Energy Policy

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Low-carbon growth for Indian iron and steel sector: exploring the role of voluntary environmental compliance

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Analysis of Retrofit and Scrappage Policies for the Indian Road Transport Sector in 2030

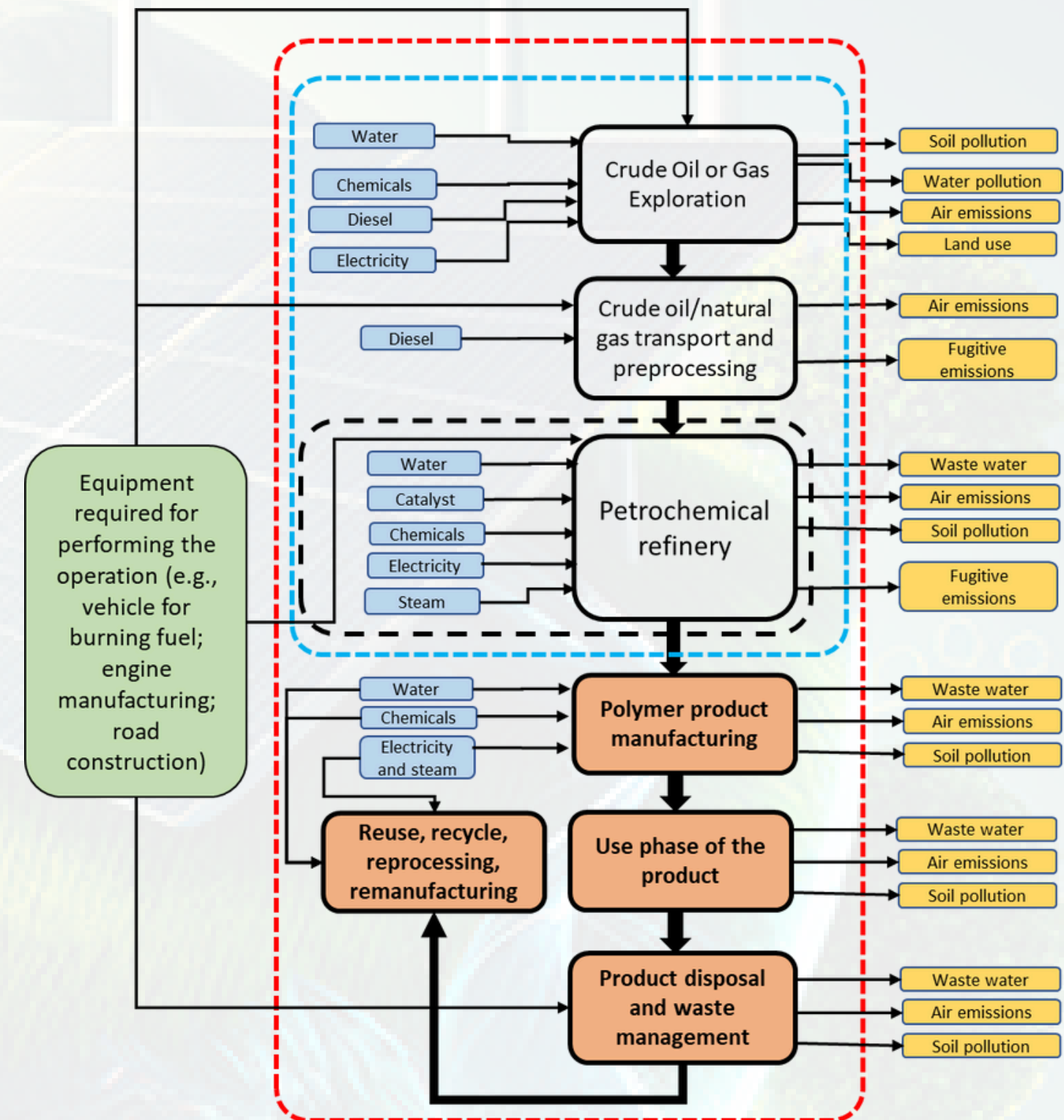
Detailed life-cycle assessment of GAIL gas processing facility in Pata (Collaborator: GAIL)

Objectives:

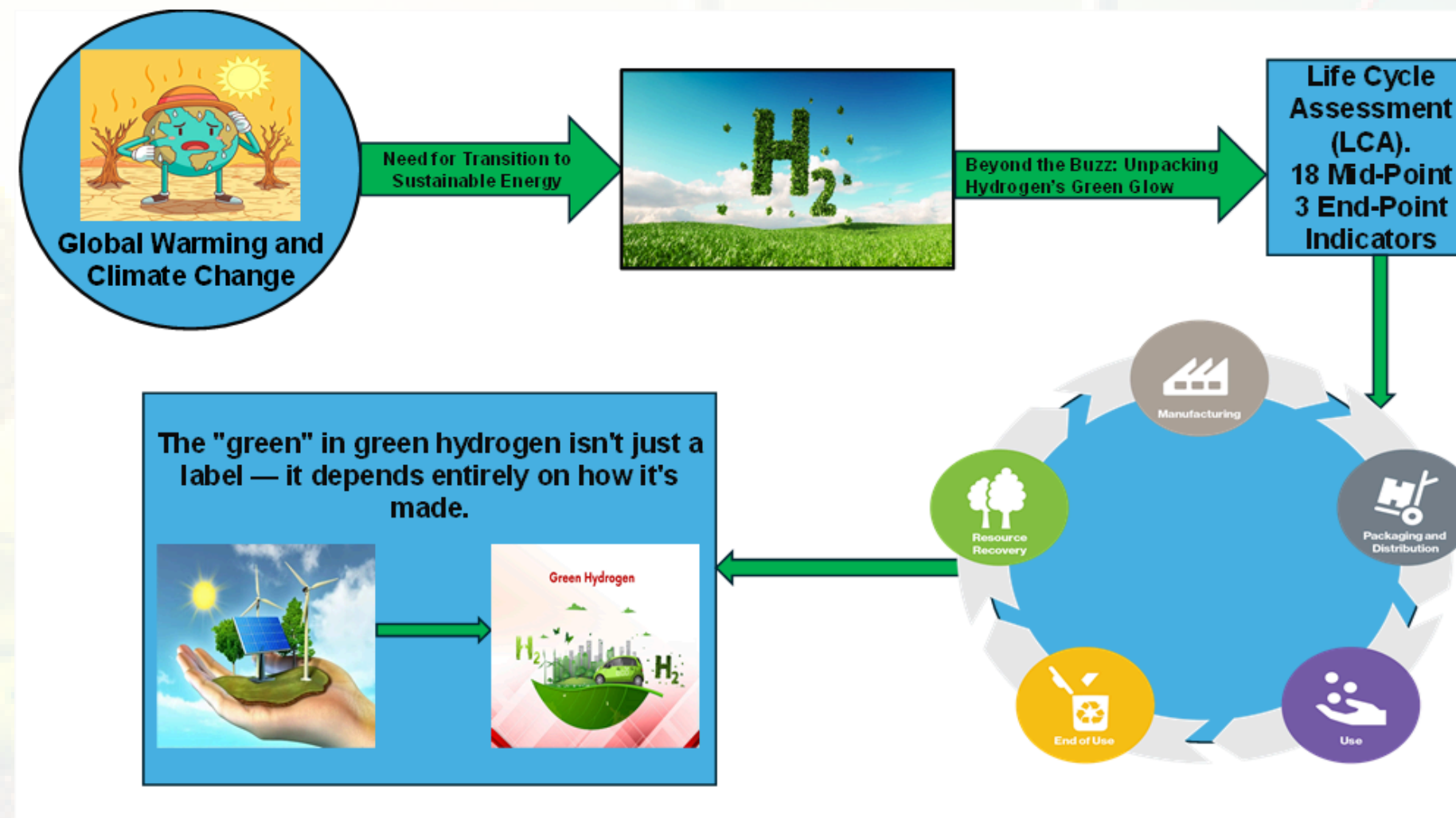
- Determine detailed product-wise impacts and emission hotspots
- Use detailed process data to provide decarbonization possibilities
- Identify the impact of the electrification of gas processing on carbon emissions

Outcome:

- Carbon footprint of HDPE and LLDPE
- Section wise impact details of complex plant
- Impact of electrification of operations



Life Cycle Assessment of Hydrogen Production via Electrolysis Technologies: Insights from India for a Sustainable Energy Transition



Need for LCA in hydrogen production technologies

Evaluates environmental impacts across hydrogen value chain.

Identifies sustainable production pathways.

Supports informed policy and investment decisions.

Reveals hidden environmental hotspots.

Student Semester Program - SLP

Predictive capability in UPL sustainability data tracker

To design a process to separate the CO₂ from flue gases of the coal-fired boiler

UPL LIMITED





No of Audit Completed

58



No of Industry verticals Covered

14



Monetary Savings Identified (Lacs)

8126



Monetary Savings Implemented (Lacs)

2413

Reduction in Carbon Emissions		SCOPE-01 (tCO _{2eq})	SCOPE-02 (tCO _{2eq})	SCOPE-03 (If Any)
	Opportunity Identified	2,58,556	22,984	-
	ECMs Implemented	19,592	4,934	-

Sustainability Education for Industry Leaders and Managers: Sector-Specific Courses

Industry	Industry Sector
Oil and gas	Petroleum and Petrochemicals
Plastics and polymers	
Cement	Heavy Industries
Steel (broadly metals and alloys)	
City/Urban regions	Urban infrastructure
Buildings	
Transport	
Power	Energy

- **Course for industry leaders:** ESG reporting, climate/green finance, circular economy models, climate policies, and targets
- **Course for industry managers:** Material flow analysis, Life cycle assessment, footprint calculations, software training, green engineering, and chemistry principles

Options: One-off courses, Professional certificate (three courses), Shared/joint courses with industry

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Zwilling's twin platform enables every step of your journey from connecting disparate data sources, creating and visualizing your digital twin machines and factory, to analyzing data and prescribing corrective actions. We actively support our customers in this journey. Our comprehensive platform enables manufacturing industries to operate efficiently, paving the way for a sustainable future and advancing the global effort towards decarbonization.

Accelerating Experimentation in Industries with AI-Powered Digital Twins

Machine Condition Monitoring: Enhancing Machine Health & OEE through Various Maintenance Strategies

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- ✓ Receive instant alerts for system anomalies and failures.

The Sustainability Action Lab focuses on; action learning for students and dissemination of sustainability research findings with stakeholders.



Problem Statement: 900+ Companies GreenCo certified but few have Platinum+ rating.



Solution: Sustainability action lab in partnership with CII can help companies improve their GreenCo rating.

Methodology:

1. Identifying the low scoring categories.
2. Identifying the professor with expertise and students to work on the project (1 or group of students).
3. Work on specific deliverables that can result in strategies and measures to improve the GreenCo rating.
4. Create whitepapers that can increase domain knowledge, credibility and branding for GreenCo ratings.



IITB Sustainability Action Lab Deliverables

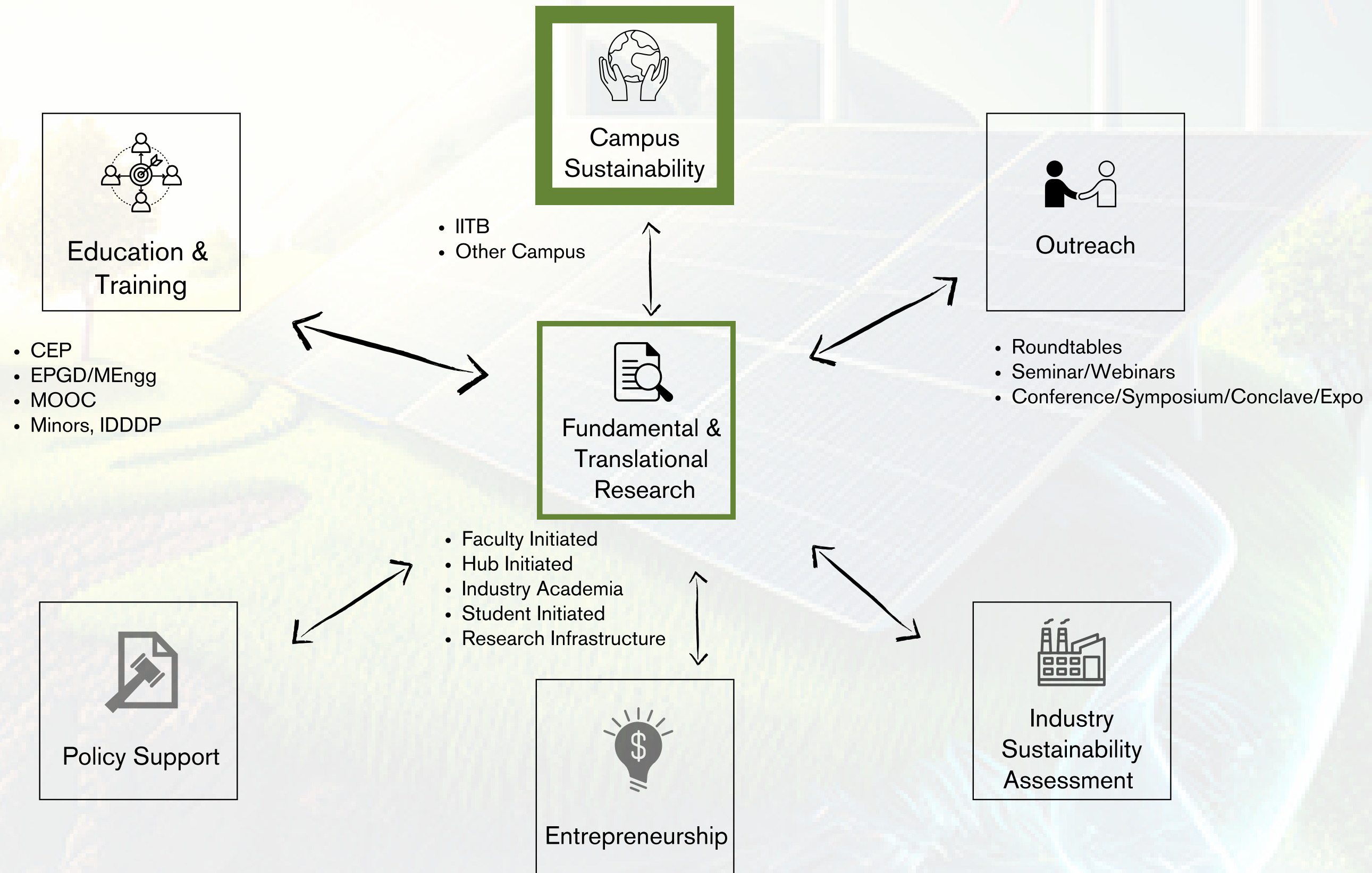
- Domian Expert as Mentor and students to work on the project.
- Details of project and output to be shared with CII.
- Improvement in CII rating/score as a criteria (performance standards).

Exploring CII Partnership



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