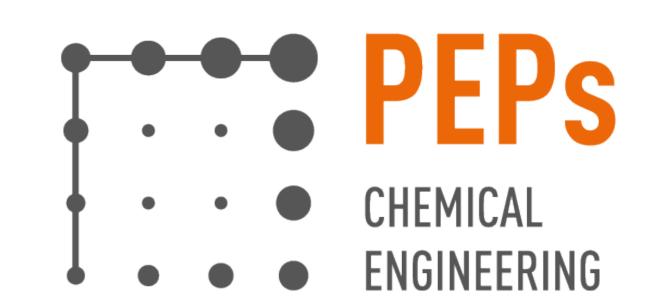


SUSTAINABLE PROCESS INTENSIFICATION FOR CARBON AND ENERGY SYSTEMS



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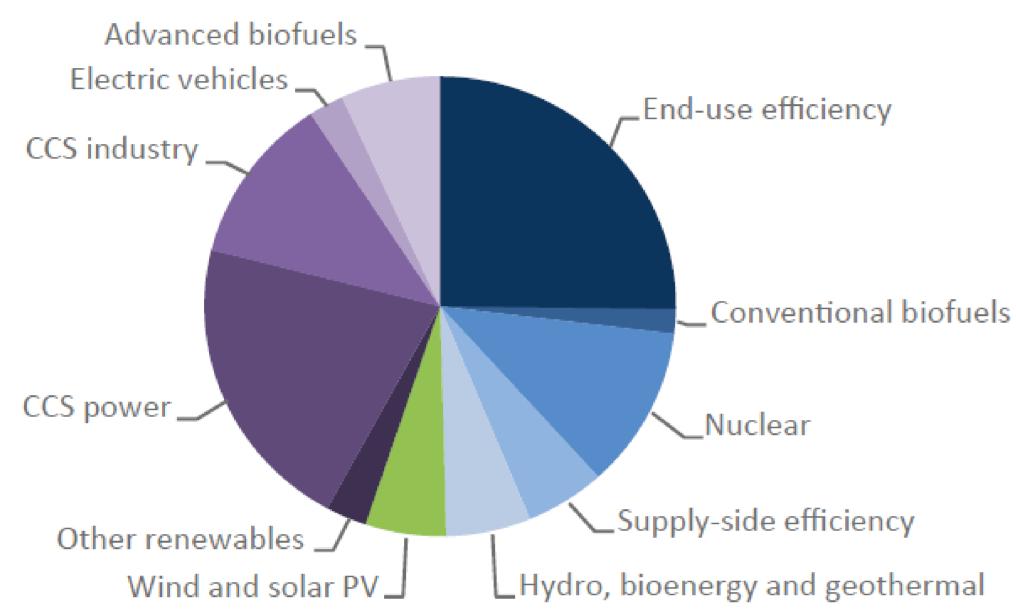
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Research Focus in this part of PEPs group

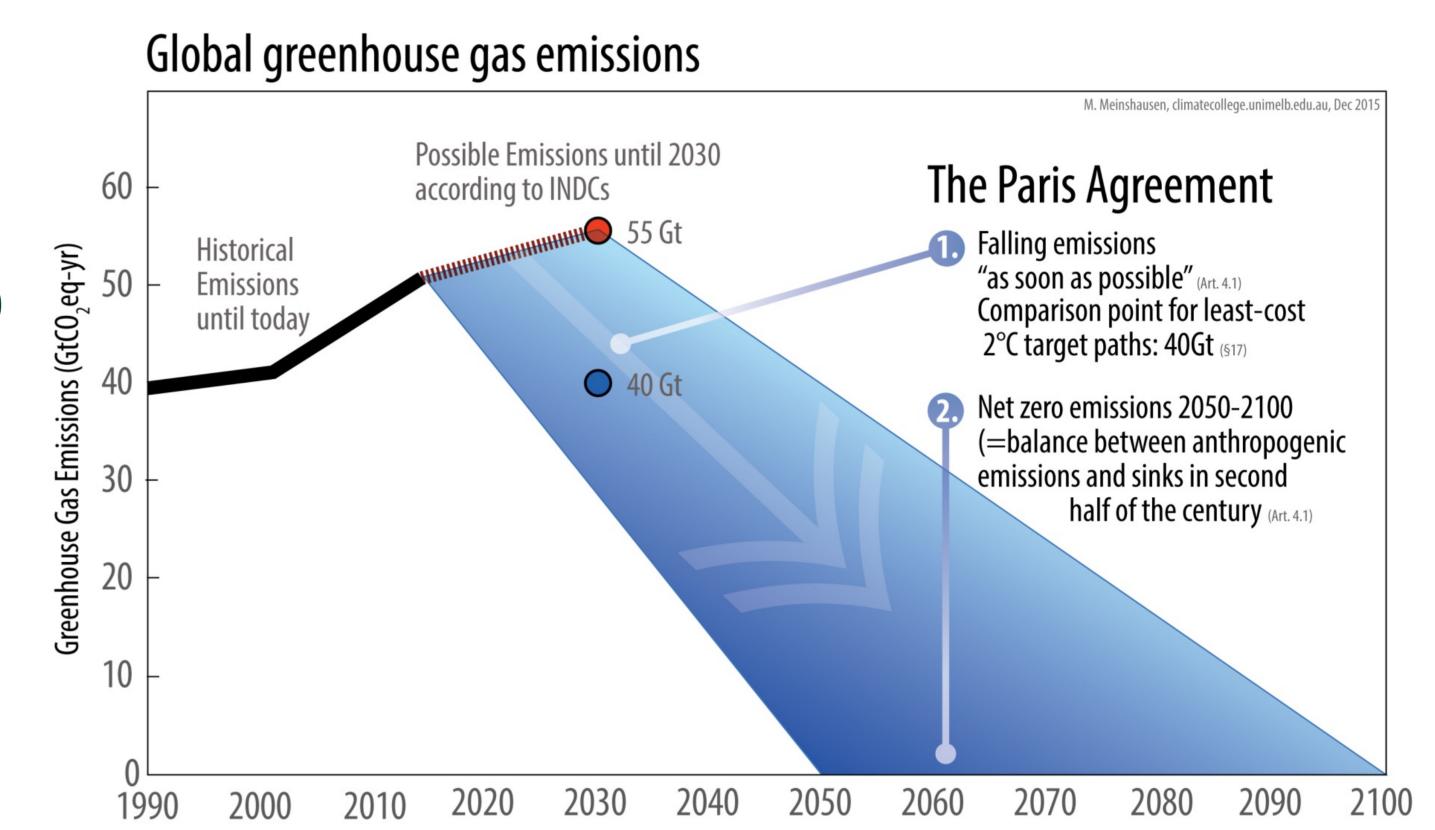
The Energy Transition needs more sustainable ways of collecting and transforming energy. In the PEPs group, we also study technologies to

- Increase the *efficiency* of industrial processes
- Capture CO₂
- Re-use CO₂ for various applications

European Commission wants to cut CO2 emissions by 80-95% in 2050 compared to 1990. In the electricity sector, the decarbonisation should even reach 96-99%^[1].



Possible solutions for reducing world CO_2 emissions in the 450 Scenario (2015-2040)^[2]



Large efforts are still required to reduce world CO₂ emissions, the COP 21 is only a very first step!

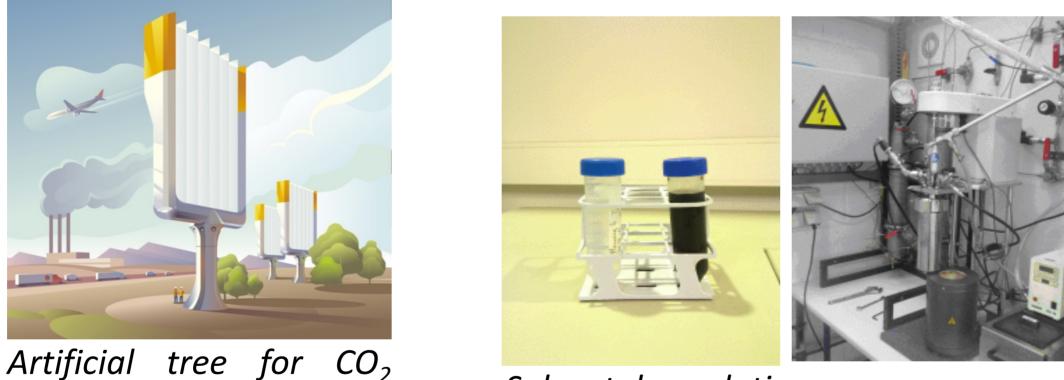
CO₂ capture

Main technology uses solvents to capture CO2 from industries and power plants. We study and optimize the capture process.

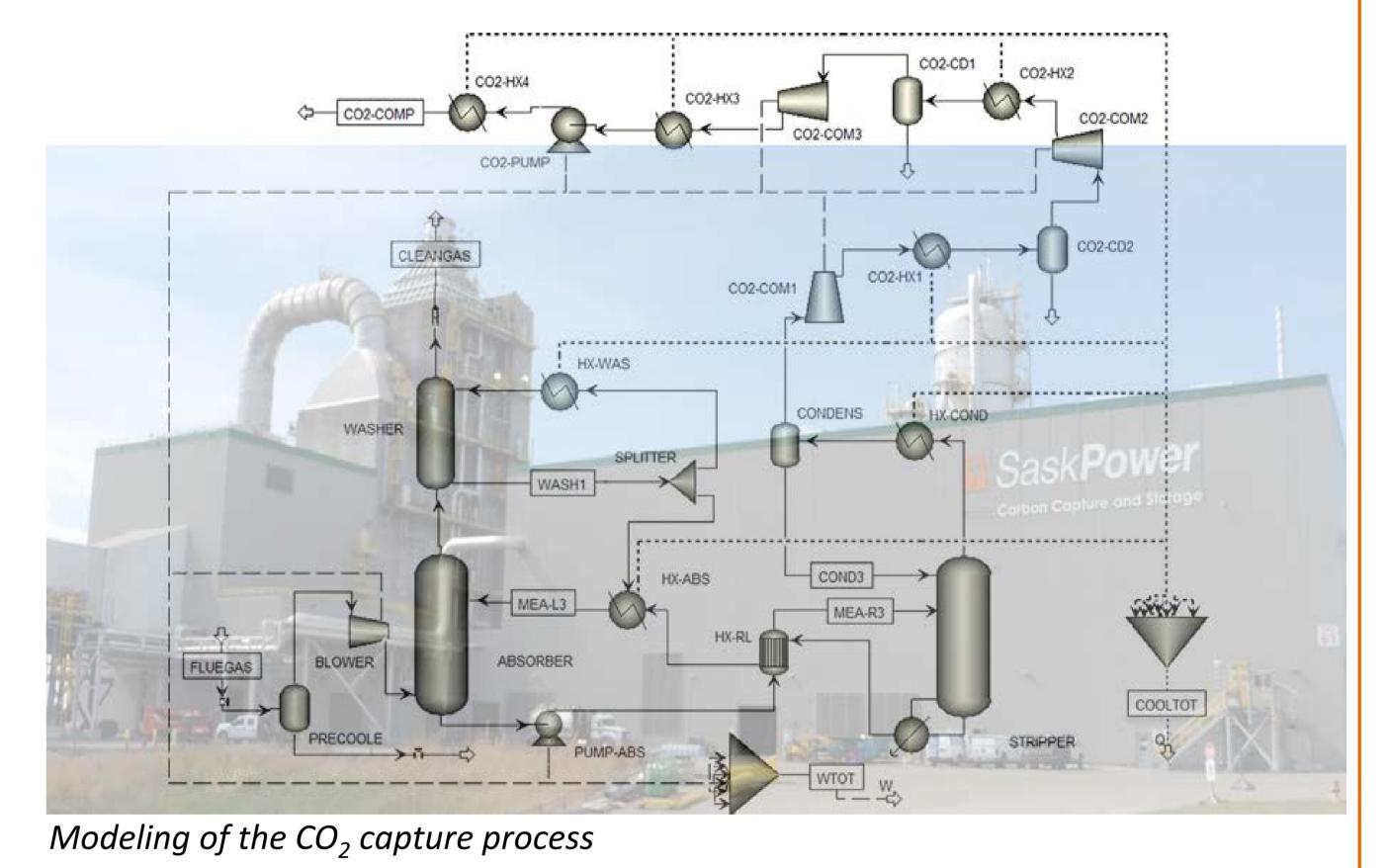
A strong interaction between lab work and simulation is encouraged for PhD students. Experimental results are used to improve the process model.

We also look at CO, capture from air or from biomass, leading to negative

CO₂ emissions!



Solvent degradation capture from air^[3]

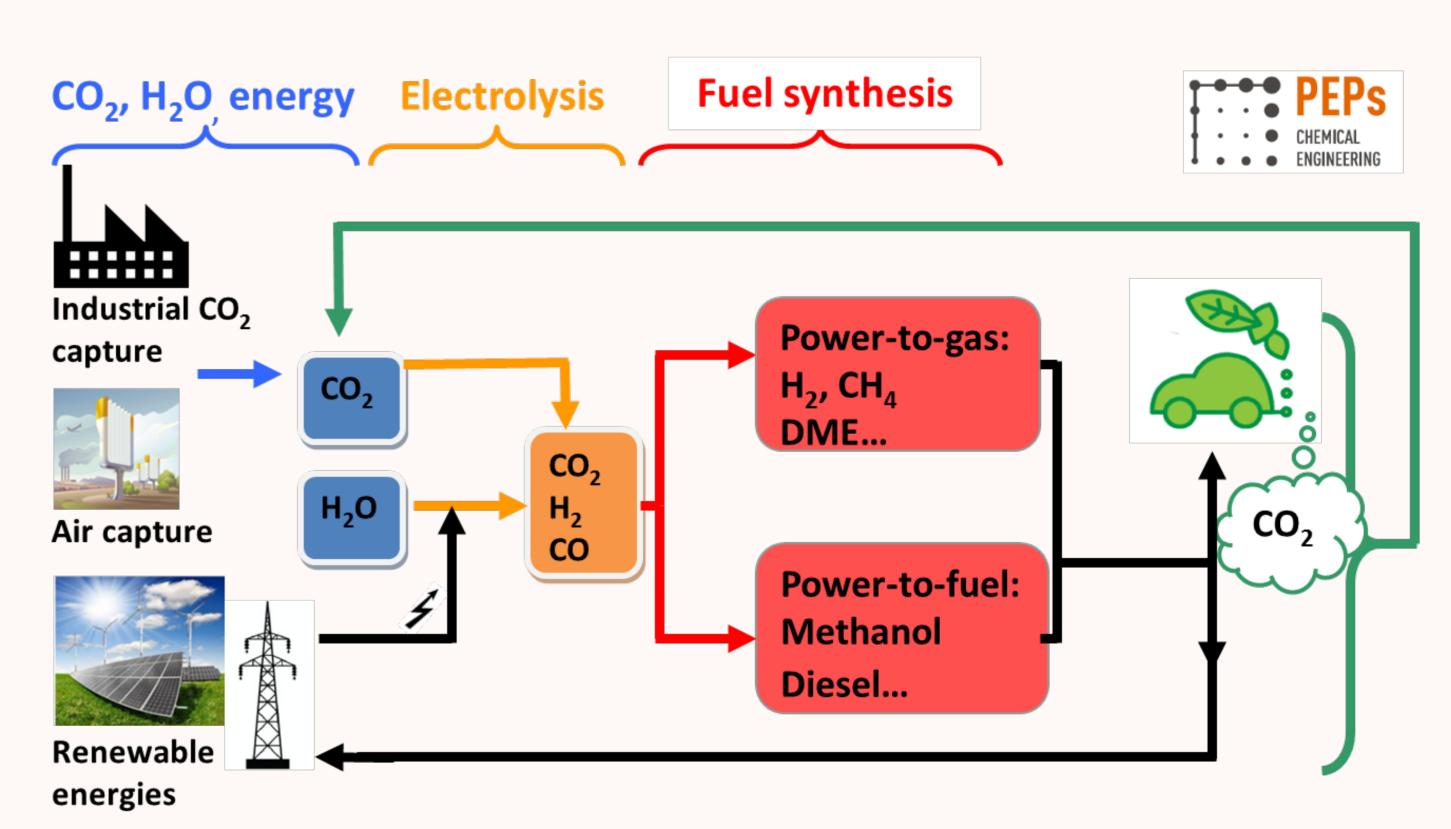


CO₂ re-use

We are part of a transfaculty platform at ULiège for developing CO₂based products and technologies, and we are founding member of a European Association for CO₂ re-use.

In particular, in the PEPs group, CO2-related topics study the conversion of CO, into fuels for long-term energy storage: the Power-to-Fuel Process. This process represents a sustainable and CO₂-neutral route to liquid fuels for interseasonal energy storage.

Other research topics include the study of carbon-efficient processes and their optimization. Our research implies both experimental and modeling aspects, with focus on the process design, efficiency and cost.



Long-term energy storage with power-to-fuel

^[1] EU Energy Roadmap 2050, doi:10.2833/10759

^[2] IEA 2015, WEO special report, Energy & Climate Change

^[3] engineering.asu.edu/cnce