

# CCU Aktivitäten des Lehrstuhls für Verfahrenstechnik, Montanuniversität

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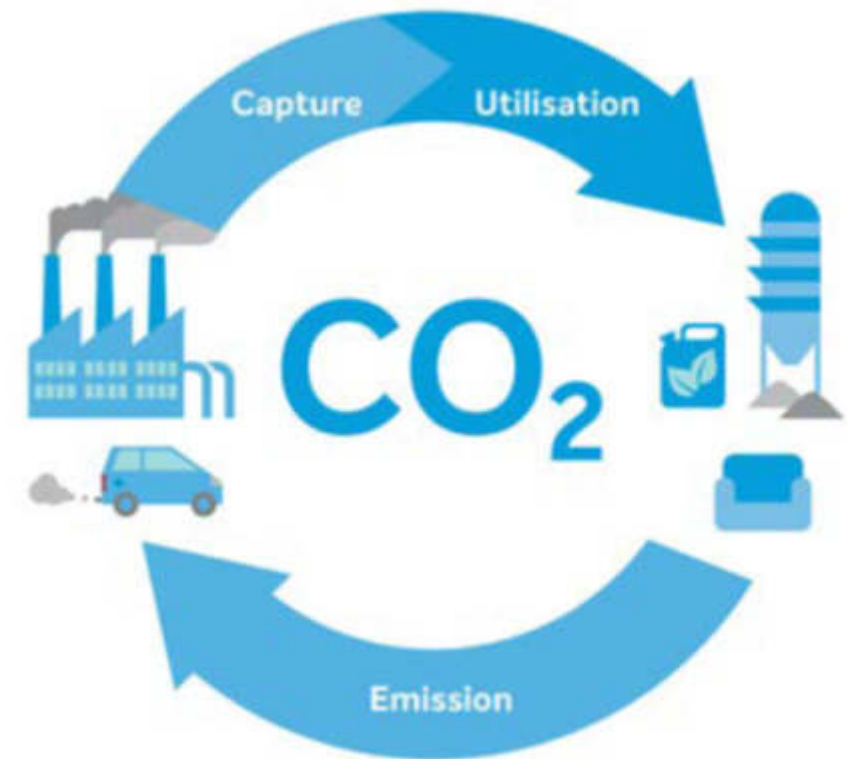
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# Begriffsbestimmung und Grundlagen

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## Carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU)

- CCU ist die Nutzung von CO<sub>2</sub> in meist konzentrierter Form für die Herstellung von kohlenstoffhaltigen Produkten in chemischen und technischen biologischen Prozessen
- In einem erweiterten Sinn können aber auch natürliche biologische Prozesse (z.B. Aufforstung) mit einbezogen werden.



# Prozesspfade zur CO<sub>2</sub> Nutzung

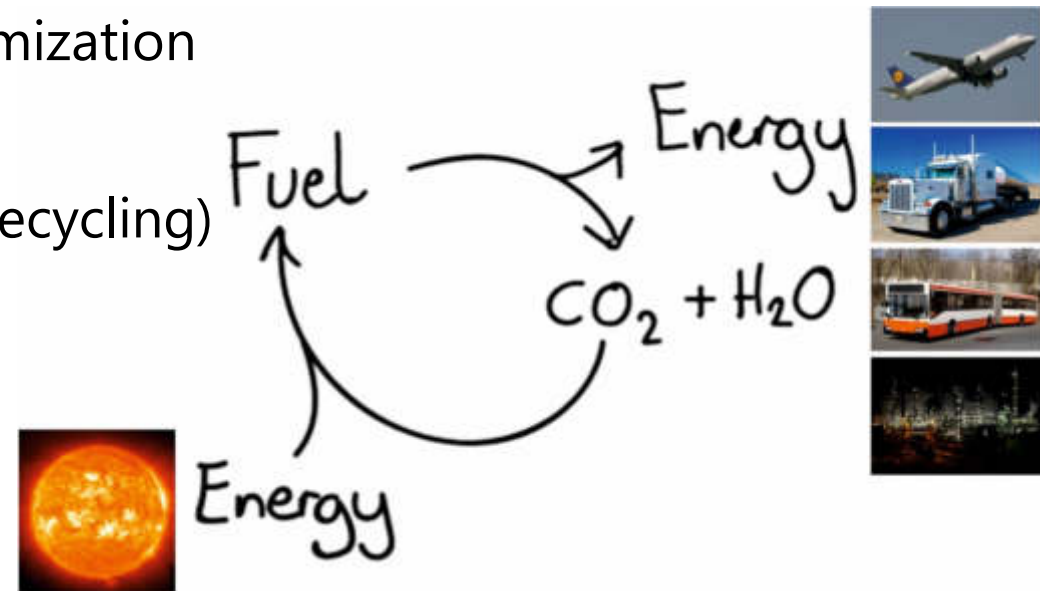
Technologiefad	Potentielle Produkte	Attribute	TRL	Bindungsdauer
<b>Chemisch</b>	Chemikalien, Werkstoffe, Treibstoffe	Erfordert geeignete Katalysatoren	2 – 5	Tage – Monate - Jahre
<b>Elektro- und photochemisch</b>	Chemikalien, Werkstoffe, Treibstoffe	Nutzung von erneuerbaren Strom	1 – 4	Tage – Monate - Jahre
<b>Karbonisierung</b>	Karbonate (potenziell: Baustoffe)	Langfristige Bindung, Gesamt CO <sub>2</sub> -Bilanz!	5 – 9	Jahrtausende
<b>Biologisch</b>	Chemikalien und Treibstoffe	Langsame Kinetik	3 – 9	Tage – Monate - Jahre
<b>Enhanced Resource Recovery (CCUS)</b>	Öl, Gas, Wasser, Geothermie	Nutzung bei dauerhafter Speicherung	5 – 9	Jahrtausende - Jahrmillionen

# **Forschungsziele und -methoden der Arbeitsgruppe Energieverfahrenstechnik am Lehrstuhl für Verfahrenstechnik der Montanuniversität Leoben**

# Energy Process Engineering Working Group

## Objectives

- Integration of renewable energy in industrial production processes, sector coupling, long-term energy storage
- Utilization of CO<sub>2</sub> as resource in catalytic processes and mineral carbonation (CCU)
- Process and reactor development and optimization
- Long-term "side project":  
Thermal cracking of polyolefins (chemical recycling)



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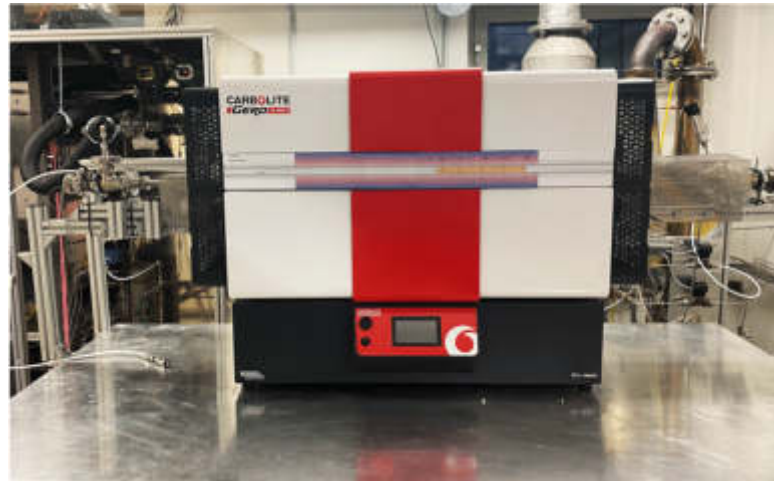
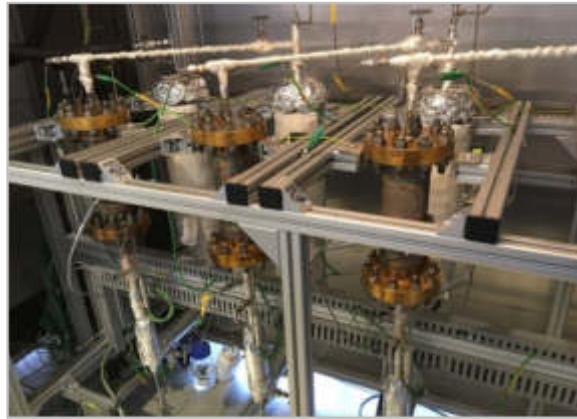
## Applied Methods

- Process Simulation with ASPEN Plus
- CFD simulation including heat and mass transfer and chemical reaction with COMSOL Multiphysics
- Own routines in MatLab
- Laboratory experimental set-ups
- Pilot plants for catalytic methanation in mobile containers for field tests (TRL 4)



# Laboratory set-ups @ VTiU

Laboratory plants for the examination of exo- and endothermic catalytic processes

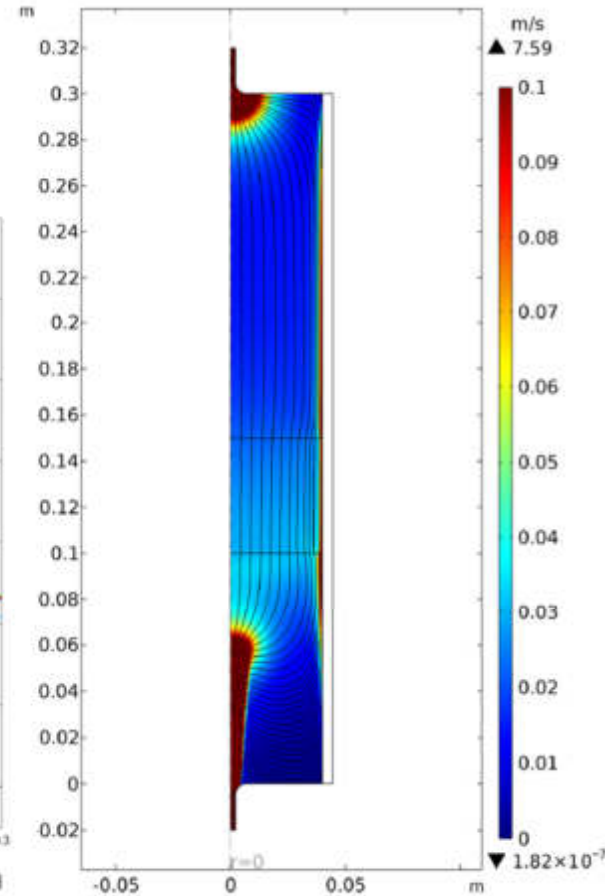
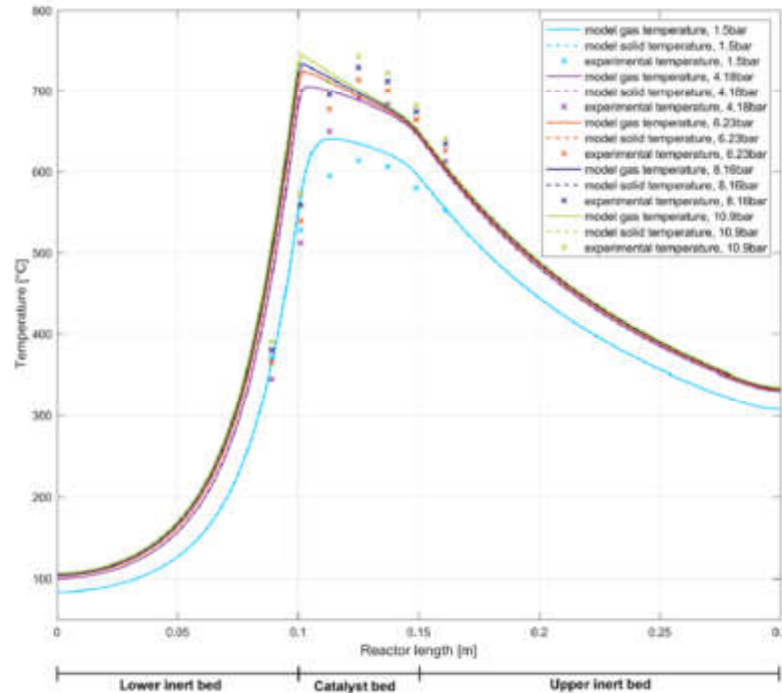
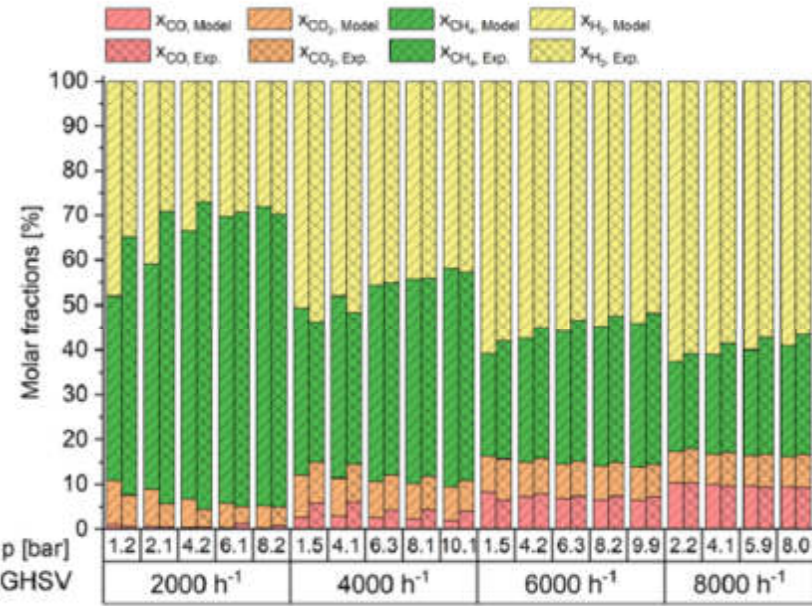




# Reactor and Process Simulations

## CFD simulations (Comsol) with reaction and heat/mass transfer

- Polytropic fixed bed reactors w/wo active cooling
- Reactor model development for up-scaling

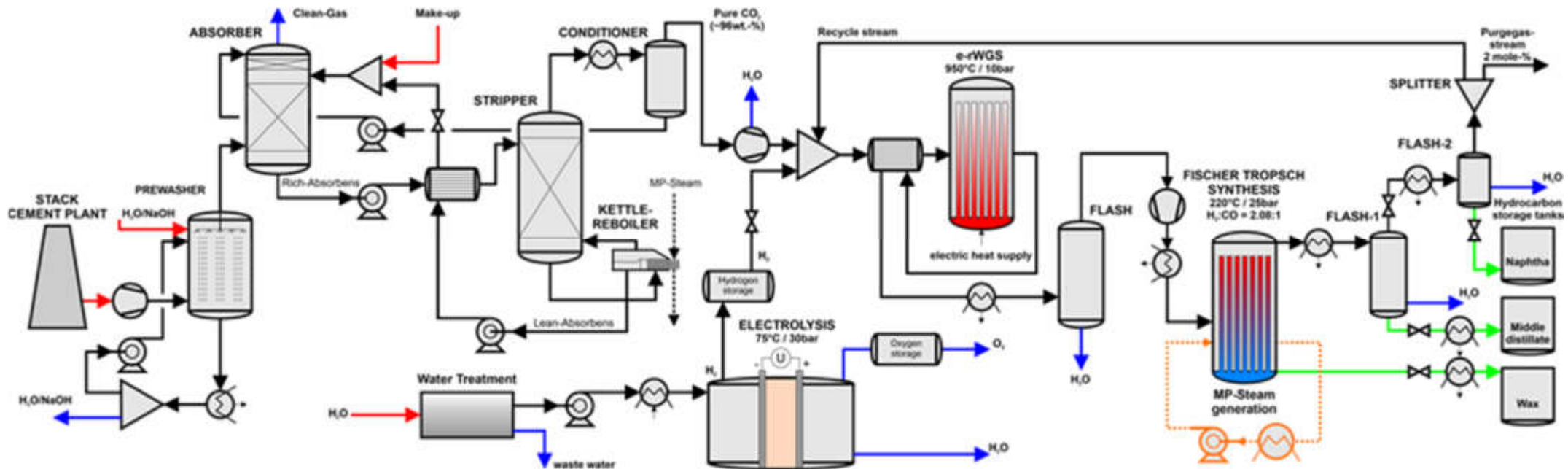


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# Reactor and Process Simulations

## Process simulations (AspenPlus)

- Optimization of CCU process chains
- Determination of key performance indicators and CAPEX/OPEX estimations



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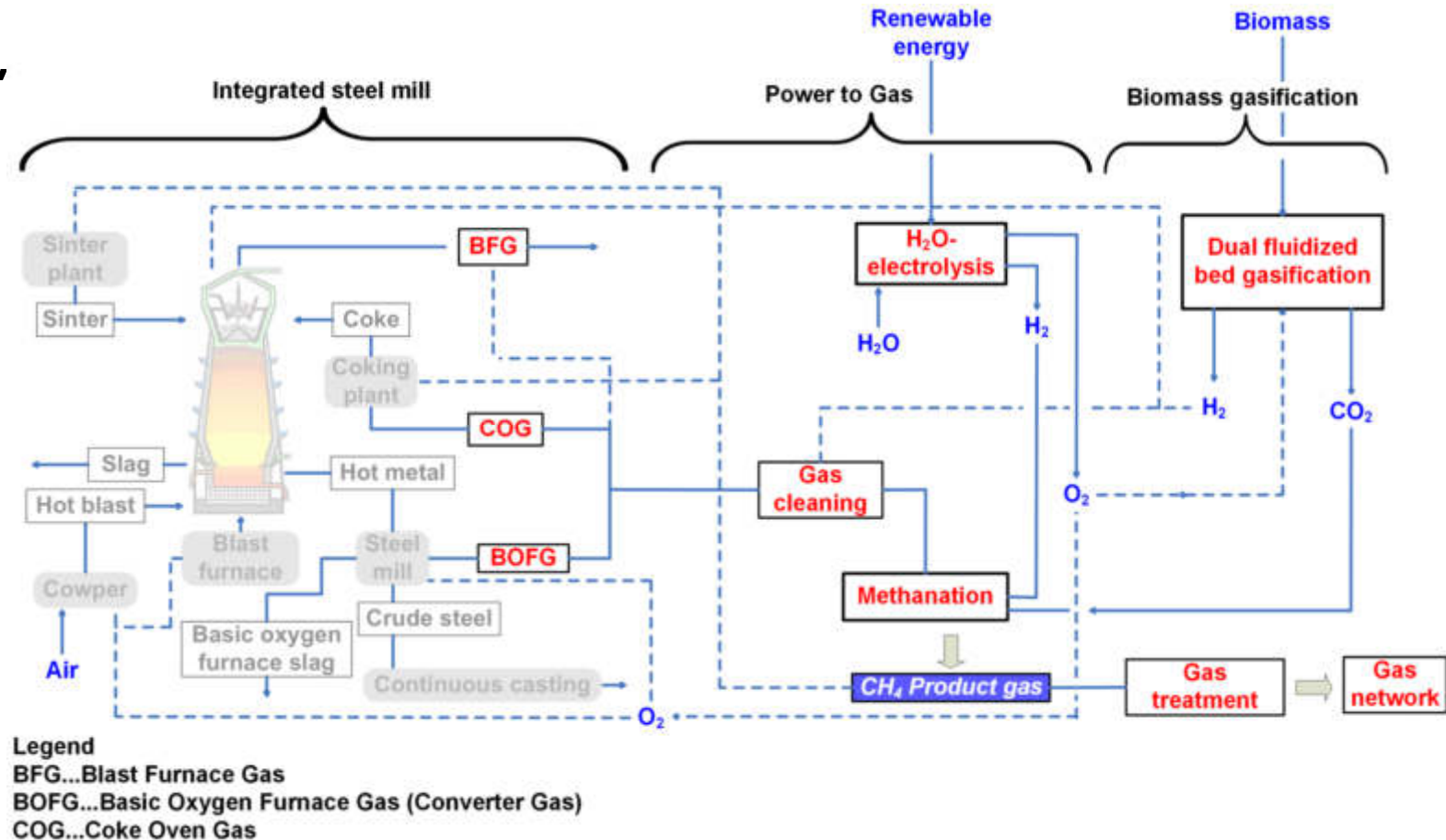
# Laufende und abgeschlossene Projekte (Auswahl)

# Closed CO<sub>2</sub> Loop in Steel Production

## Integration in existing industrial processes

### “Renewable Steel Gases”

- Direct conversion of blast furnace gas (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>) with green hydrogen to “diluted” SNG
- Substitution of fossil natural gas saves up to 1 Mio. to CO<sub>2</sub>/a”



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# Power-to Gas Pilot Plant

## Renewable Gas Field (Gabersdorf, Styria, Austria)

### Targets:

- Chemical storage of renewable electric power in pilot scale
- Direct conversion of biogas (containing of  $\text{CO}_2 + \text{CH}_4$ ) to "green" SNG
- Injection of SNG into the gas grid
- Load flexible operation with proprietary reactor and catalyst technology





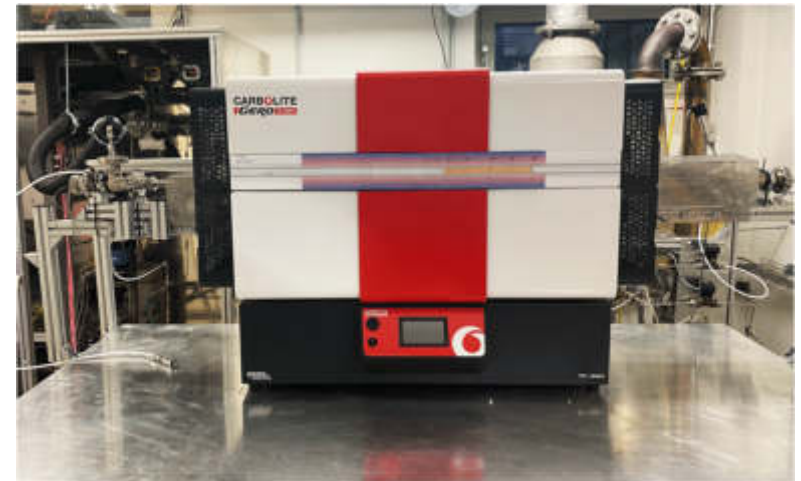
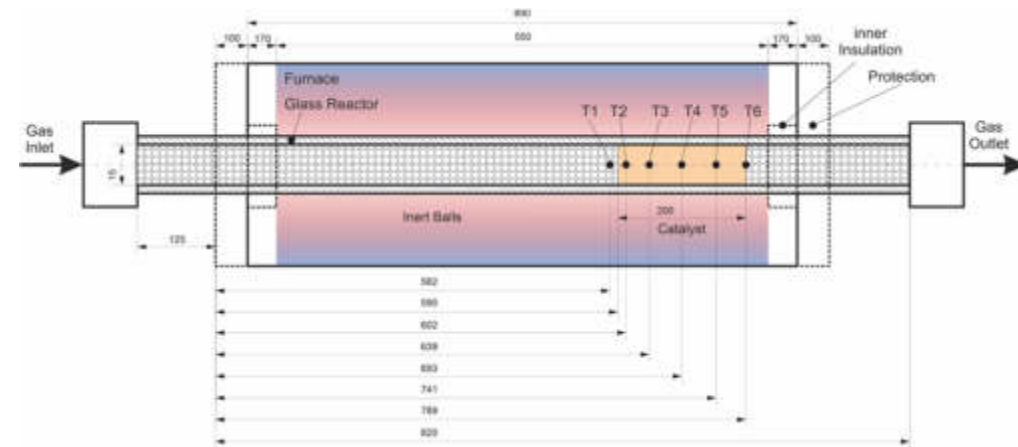
# Conversion of CO<sub>2</sub> to CO in reverse watergas-shift reaction (rWGS)

## Process and reactor development for rWGS

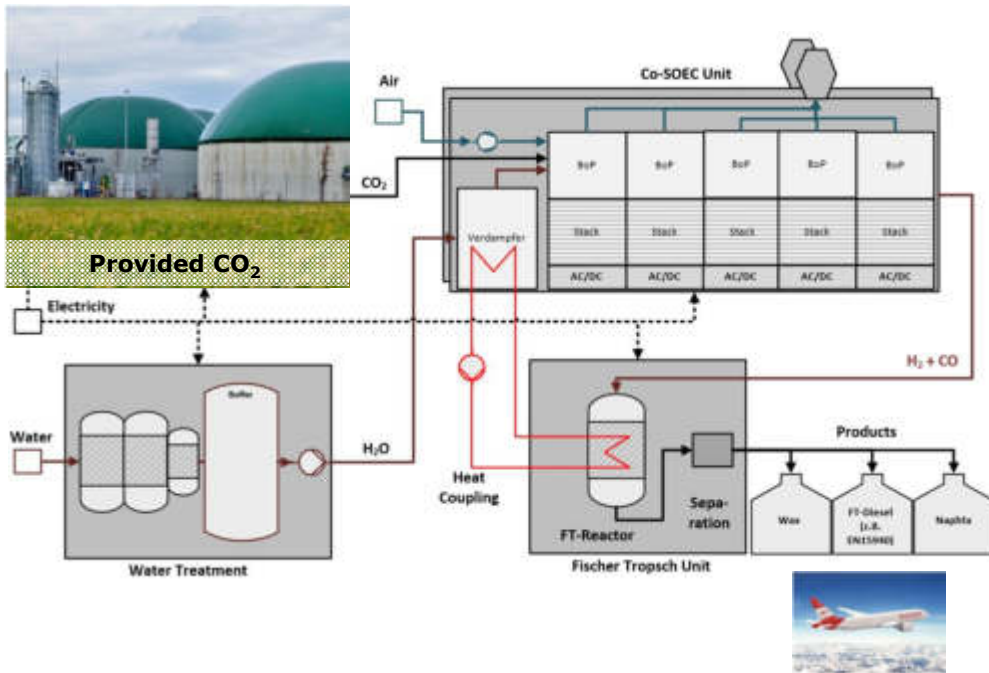


### Targets:

- Important reaction for catalytic utilization of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Optimization of rWGS process conditions
- Catalyst with improved CO selectivity, suppression of methane formation
- Experimental investigation of the rWGS reaction and kinetic as well as process modelling
- Development of reactor concepts



# HiPoLiq – Demonstration of 200kW PtL Plant



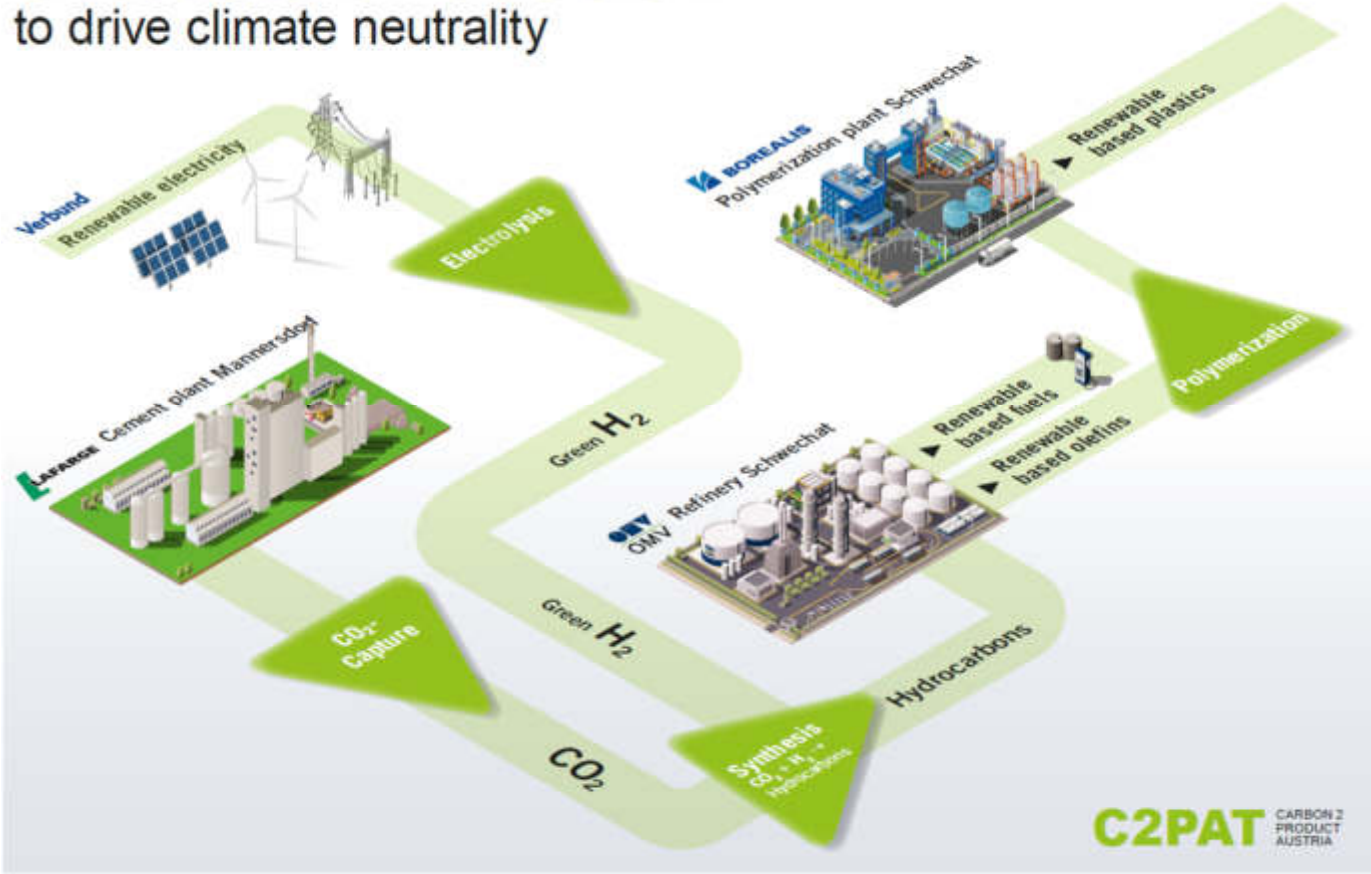
- **200kW<sub>el</sub> renewable Power**
- **CO<sub>2</sub> from renewable sources**
- **Production per year**
  - Kerosin: 30.000 L
  - Wax: 30.000 L
  - Naphta: 30.000 L
- **Overall efficiency by >55% with the key technology:**
  - Co-SOEC
  - Heat coupling FT Synthesis & Electrolysis
  - Optimized FT reactor & operation
- **Project duration 3 Years**
- Y1 Build up (09/2023-08/2024)
- Y2&3 Demonstration (09/2024-08/2026)



# Carbon to Product Austria (C2PAT): Power-to-Liquid Plant Study

## Production of polyolefins (PP, PE) from CO<sub>2</sub> and green hydrogen

**Cross sectoral value chain**  
to drive climate neutrality

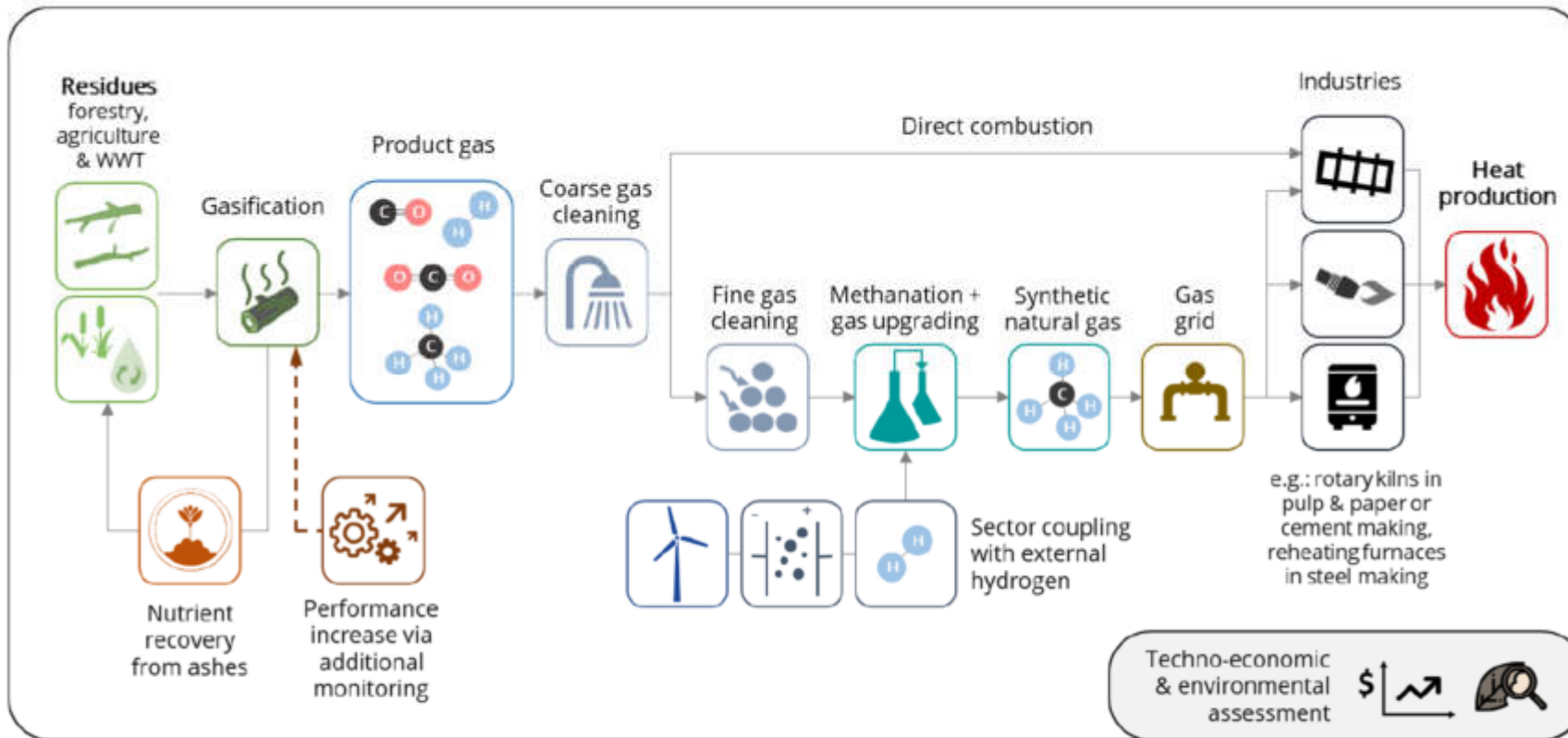


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# ERA-Net Project BioHEAT

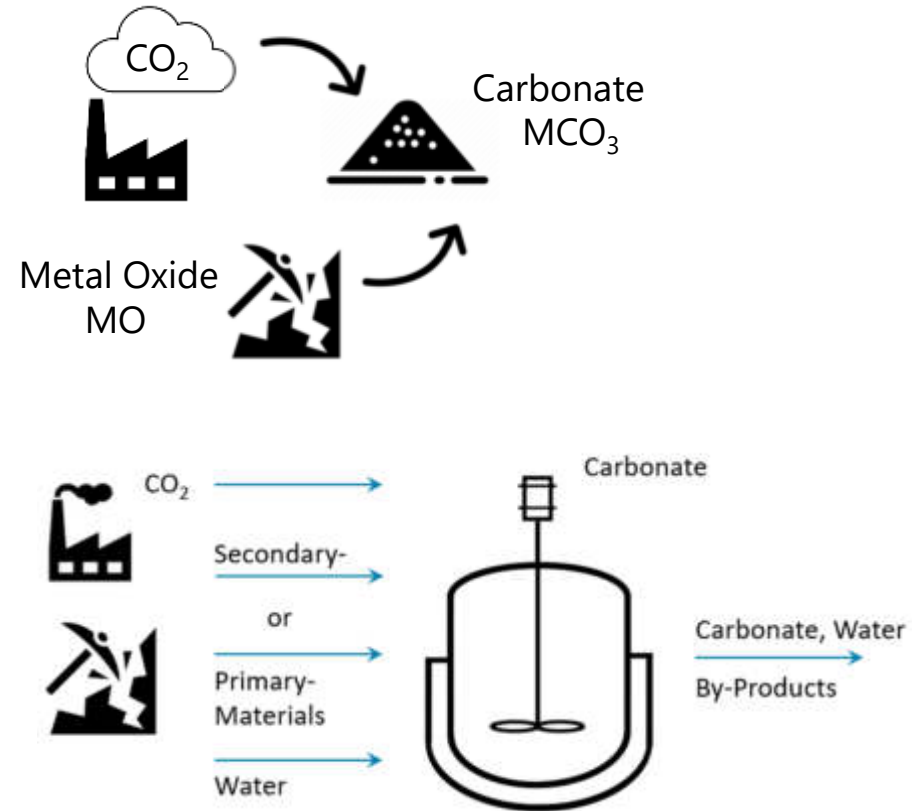
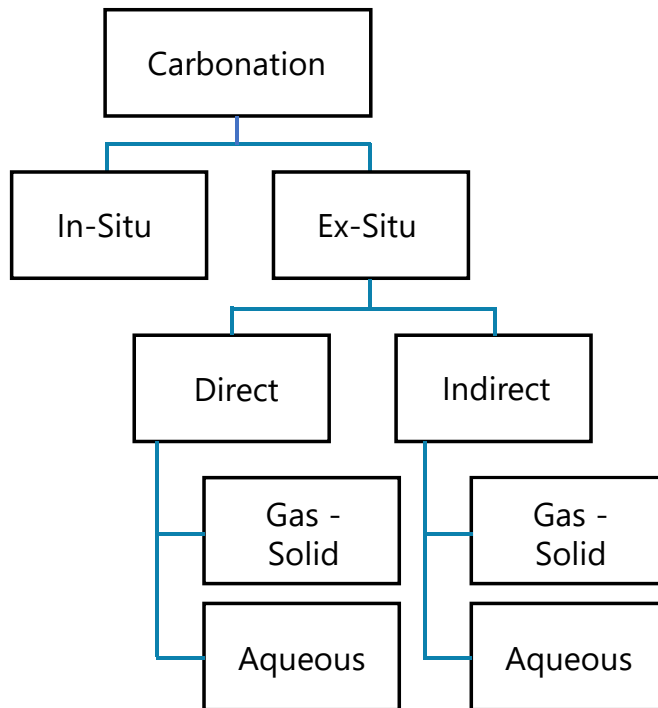


Assessment of a sustainable bio-refinery process based on the gasification of opportunity fuels into heat for industrial processes

# Mineral Carbonation

## Long-term storage and potential utilization of CO<sub>2</sub> in carbonates

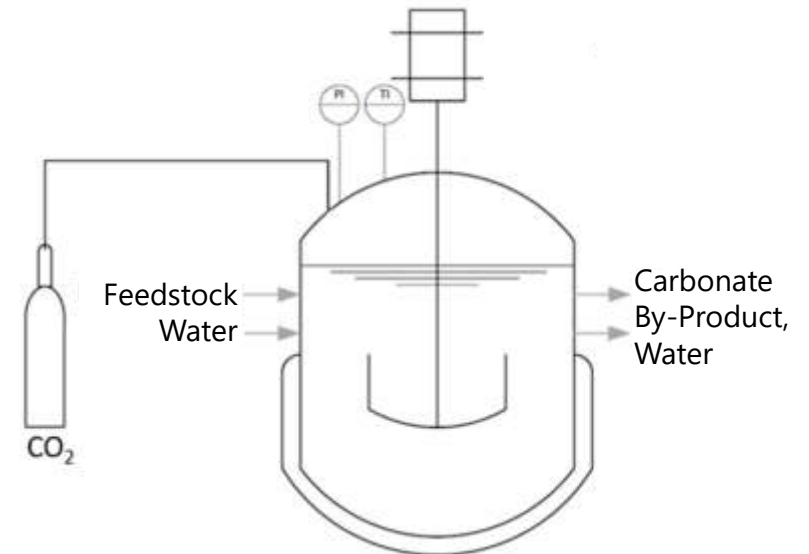
- In-Situ: Subsurface carbonation
- Ex-Situ: Aboveground carbonation



# Mineral Carbonation @ VTiU

## Raw materials and laboratory set-up

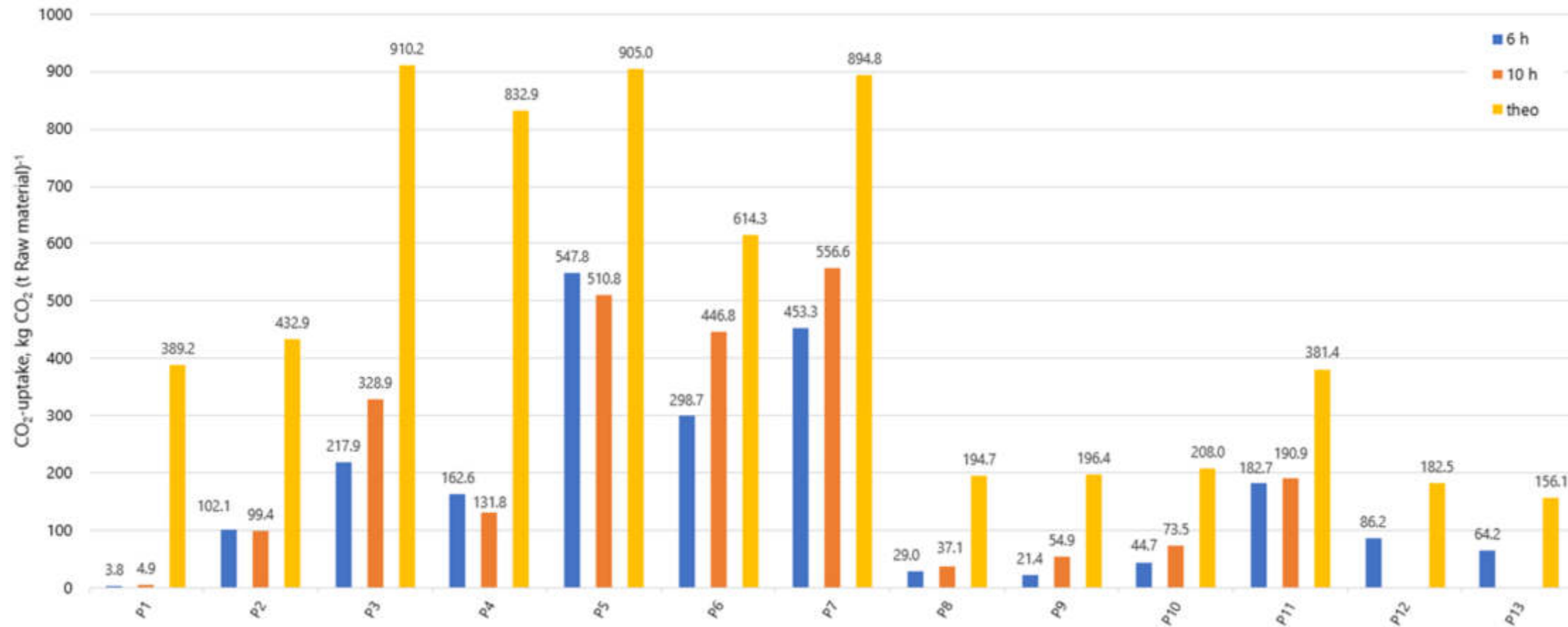
- Primary and secondary feedstocks
  - Mostly Ca, Mg: high availability
- Primary – rocks & minerals
  - Serpentinite ( $\text{Mg}_3\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4$ )
  - Olivine ( $\text{Mg}_2\text{SiO}_4$ )
  - Wollastonite ( $\text{CaSiO}_3$ )
- Secondary - Recyclate
  - Slags (e. g. steel mill)
  - Ash (z. B. Fly ash, boiler ash)
  - Dust (z. B. Cement plant dust)
  - Construction waste
- Content of metal oxides decisive



# Exemplary Results of Mineral Carbonation

## CO<sub>2</sub>-Uptake of Samples

Serpentine	Refractories	Waste Incineration	Waste Paper Incineration	Paper Industry
P1, P2	P3-P7	P8-P10	P11, P12	P13



# Empfehlungen für FTI-Aktivitäten

# Demand for R&D in CCU area

- Optimization of **carbon capture technologies**, including Direct Air Capture
- Development of a **CO<sub>2</sub> transportation infrastructure** including a legal framework
- Optimization of CCU processes in terms of their efficiency, cost reduction through scaling and learning curves (**funding of pilot plant installations**)
- Development of novel catalytic, electro- and photochemical as well as (technical)-biological CCU pathways (**basic and applied research**)
- **Legal framework** for CCU, particularly to credit CCU products in the ETS system

Vielen Dank für  
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