



PROGRAMME
DE RECHERCHE
DÉCARBONATION
DE L'INDUSTRIE

PEPR SPLEEN

Pour la Décarbonation de l'Industrie

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France 2030 National Acceleration Strategy “Industry Decarbonisation”



- EU Fit for 55: Engagement towards carbon neutrality in 2050
- Industry represents **20%** of emissions in France
- National Low Carbon Strategy for industry: **-81%** emissions/2015
- France 2030 plan mobilizes **4.5 B€** for industry decarbonization:
 - **4.05 B€** for Green steel, chemistry and cement: Solutions deployment in industry
 - **405 M€** for Innovation and development of green technologies to support industry decarbonisation, including basic research to prepare the technologies of the future, including **70 M€** for basic research



PEPR in the National Acceleration Strategy



01

Competitive Industry

Ensure the emergence of competitive French industrial decarbonization solutions



02

Territorial Integration

Develop large-scale cross-cutting actions to demonstrate the feasibility of decarbonizing industrial areas (territorial synergies, carbon storage)



03

Regulation

Encourage and promote industry decarbonization (public procurement, standards, labels, regulatory barriers)



04

Research

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Prepare breakthrough decarbonization technologies of tomorrow to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050

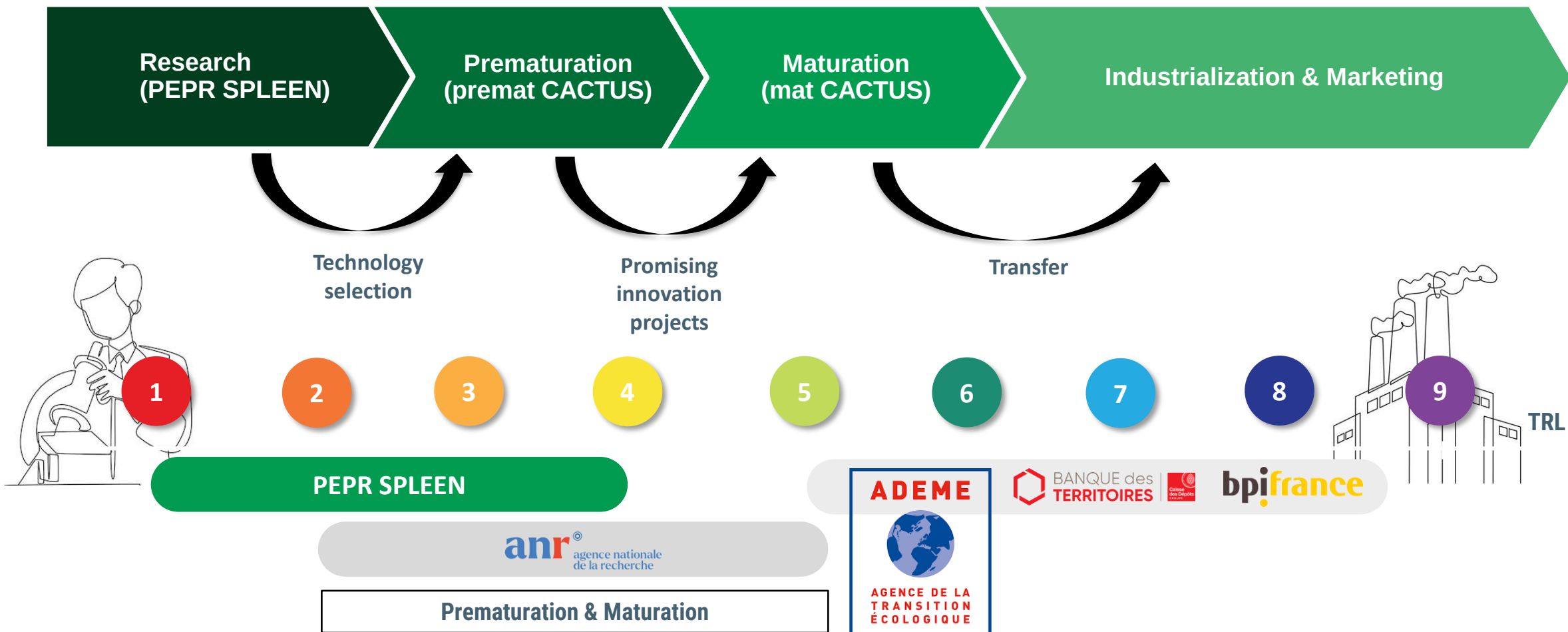


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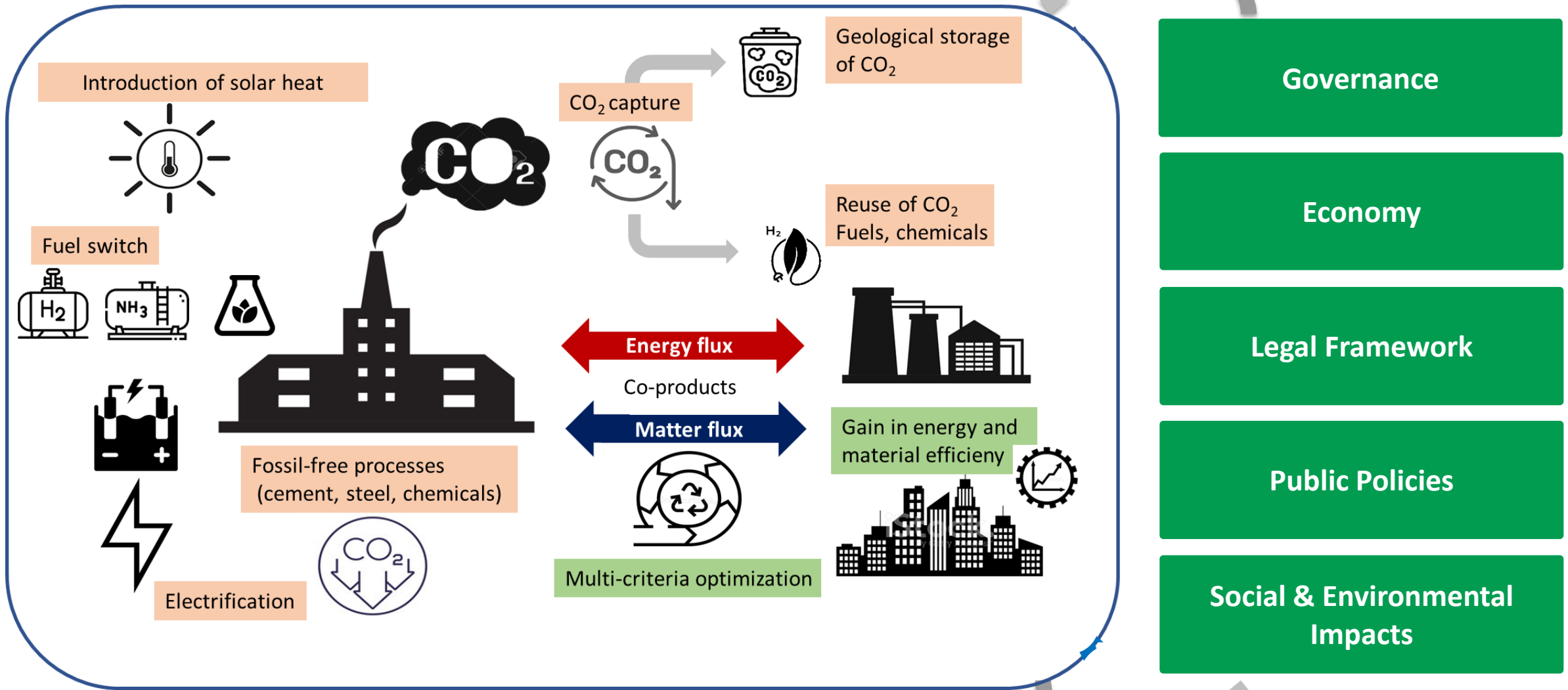
Education and Training

Create and strengthen the training offer addressing the challenges of industrial decarbonization

France 2030: A continuum, from research to industry



Industry Decarbonization - Major Research Challenges



PEPR SPLEEN: 21 On-going projects



AXIS 1

New prediction and
monitoring tools

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AXIS 2

Integration of low
carbon energy vectors,
efficiency

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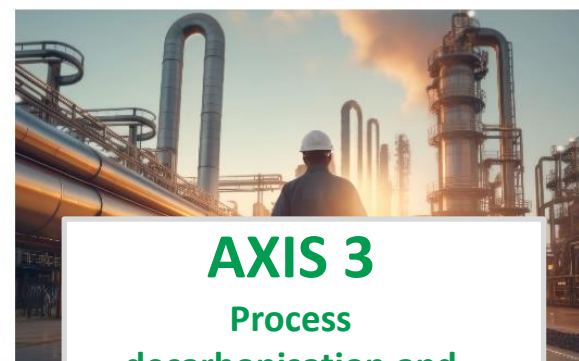
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AXIS 3

Process
decarbonisation and
intensification

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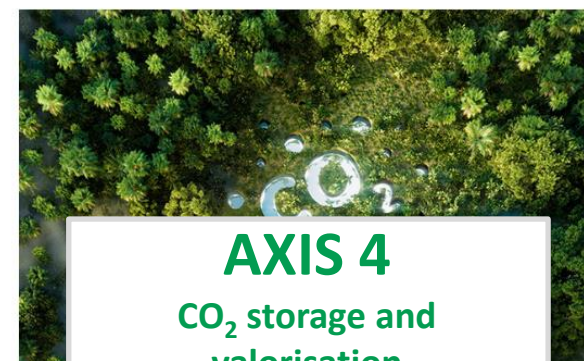
PLASMA-N-ACT

IMOSYCCA

CATALPA

OXY-3C

NEWIRON



AXIS 4

CO₂ storage and
valorisation

POWER CO2

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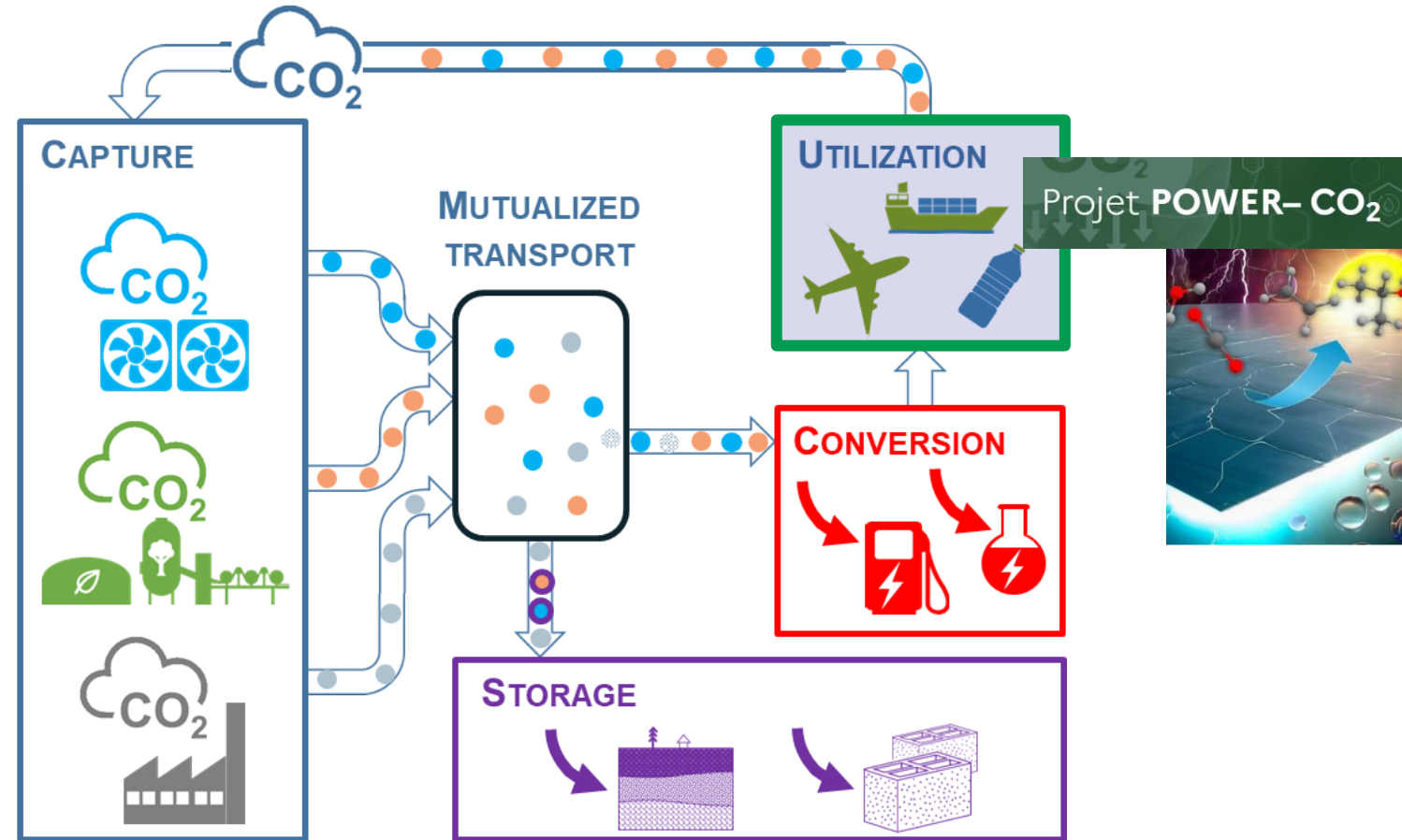
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New projects expected in 2026!

Pathways to reach Carbon Neutrality

CO₂ nature:

- Atmospheric
- Biogenic
- Fossil (hard-to-abate)
- Atmospheric for Storage (negative emissions)
- Biogenic for Storage (negative emissions)
- Fossil for Conversion (until 2040)





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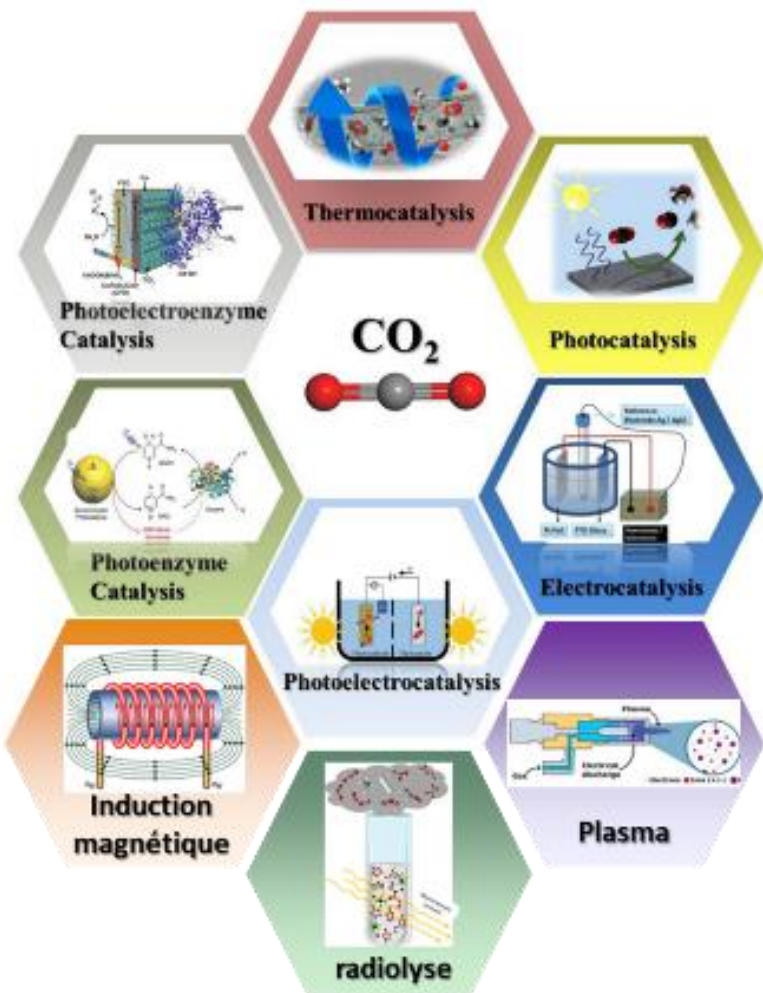
Projet Cibl  **POWER CO₂**

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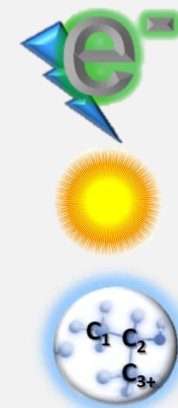
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POWER CO_2 : Propulser la conversion du CO_2 en e-carburants, carburants solaires et synthons chimiques via des énergies renouvelables au-delà de l'état de l'art

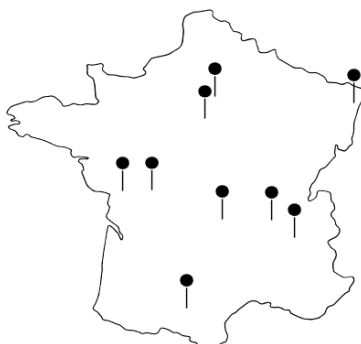


Objectifs et méthodologie :

- Valoriser le CO_2 en utilisant des énergies bas-carbone
- Stratégie autour de 3 axes :
 - 1) Electro-(bio)-conversion du CO_2
 - 2) Ingénierie de matériaux ou systèmes photo-actifs
 - 3) Voies d'activations non conventionnelles
telles que plasma, radiolyse, induction magnétique



8 partenaires institutionnels,
24 équipes de recherche,
+ de 70 permanents impliqués
28 thèses et post-docs



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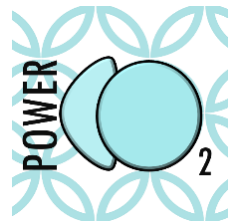
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Axe 1

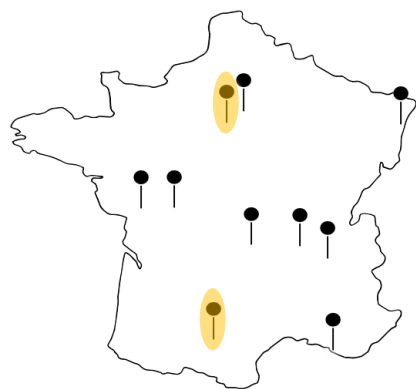


POWER CO₂ – fait marquant - « Electrocatalyse »

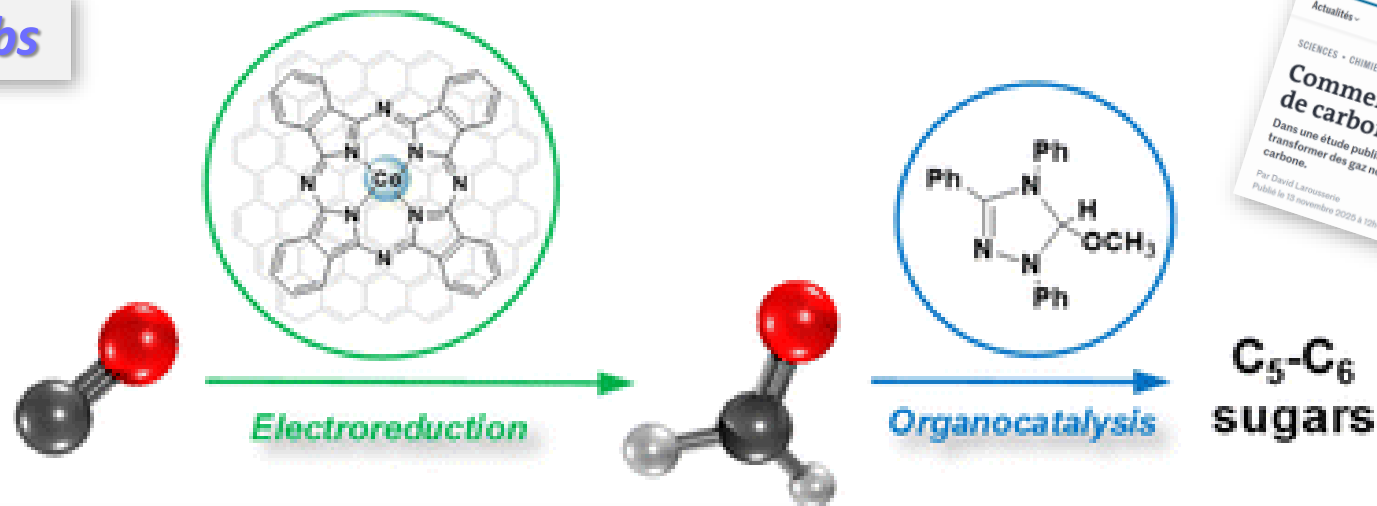
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Sous-projet Electrokrebs



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Molecular Electrochemical Catalysis of CO-to-Formaldehyde Conversion with a Cobalt Complex

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ABSTRACT: Formox, a highly energy-intensive process, currently serves as the primary source of formaldehyde (HCHO), for which there is a crucial and steadily growing chemical demand. The alternative electrochemical production of HCHO from C1 carbon sources such as CO₂ and CO is still in its early stages, with even the few identified cases lacking mechanistic rationalization. In this study, we demonstrate that cobalt phthalocyanine (CoPc) immobilized on multiwalled carbon nanotubes (MW-CNTs) constitutes an excellent electrocatalytic system for producing HCHO with productivity through the direct reduction of CO, the two-electron reduction product of CO₂. By carefully adjusting both the pH and the applied potential, we identified conditions that enable the production of HCHO with a partial current density of 0.64 mA cm⁻² (17.5% Faradaic efficiency, FE) and a total FE of 61.2% for the liquid products (formaldehyde and methanol). A reduction mechanism is proposed.

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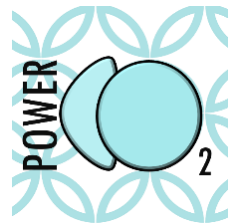
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CO-to-sugars conversion from one-pot two-step electro-organocatalytic process

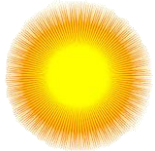
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The conversion of C₁ molecules (single-carbon species) into C_n products (carbon chains) is a key challenge for developing sustainable chemical feedstocks to replace fossil resources. Carbohydrates, a vital class of complex polycarbon molecules, are mainly extracted from biomass, but *de novo* synthesis provides a complementary route to access rare and non-natural carbohydrates. Here, we report a fully integrated, one-pot two-step system converting carbon monoxide (CO) into carbohydrates. This process couples the electroreduction of CO to formaldehyde with the organocatalytic oligomerization of formaldehyde into C_{5–6} carbohydrates selectively. This work establishes a novel pathway to utilize CO as a building block for synthesizing complex carbon chains.

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Axe 2

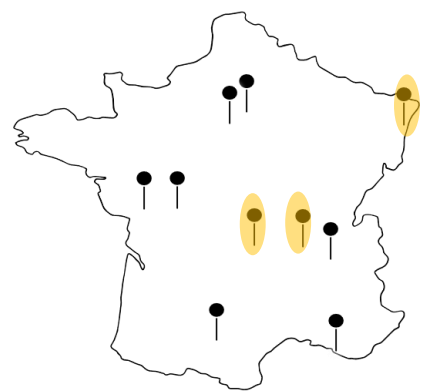
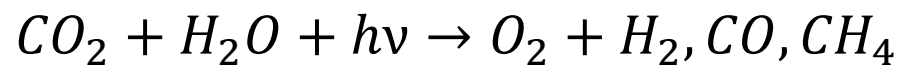


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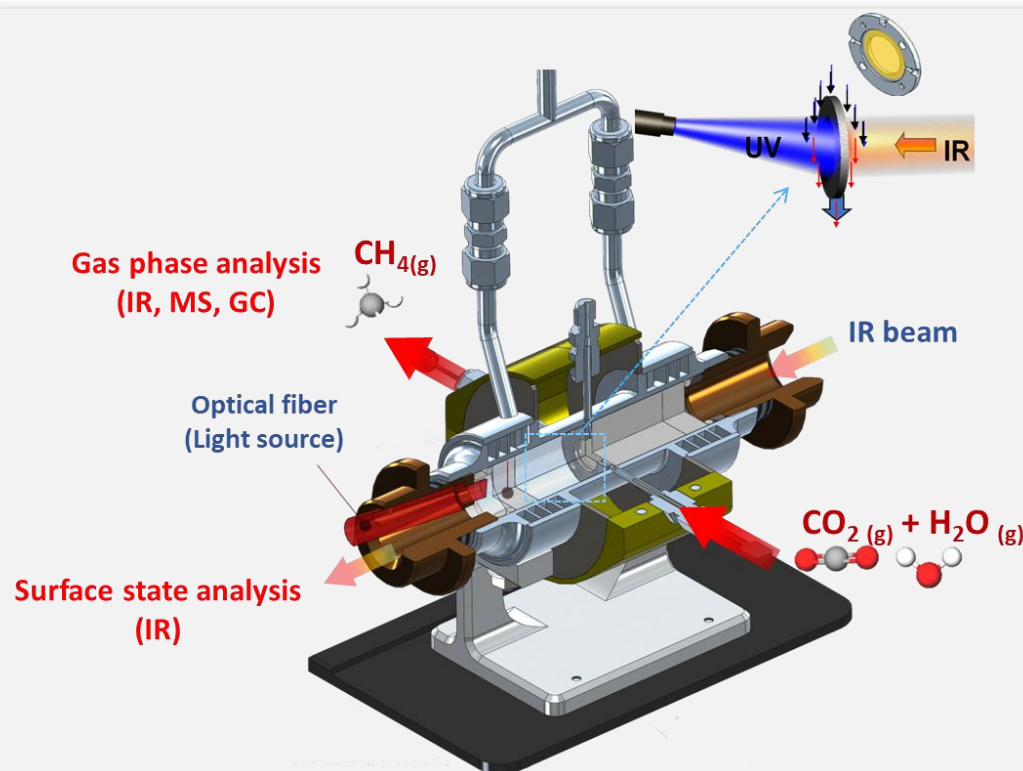
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Sous-projet
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Équipement :
spectroscopie IR operando

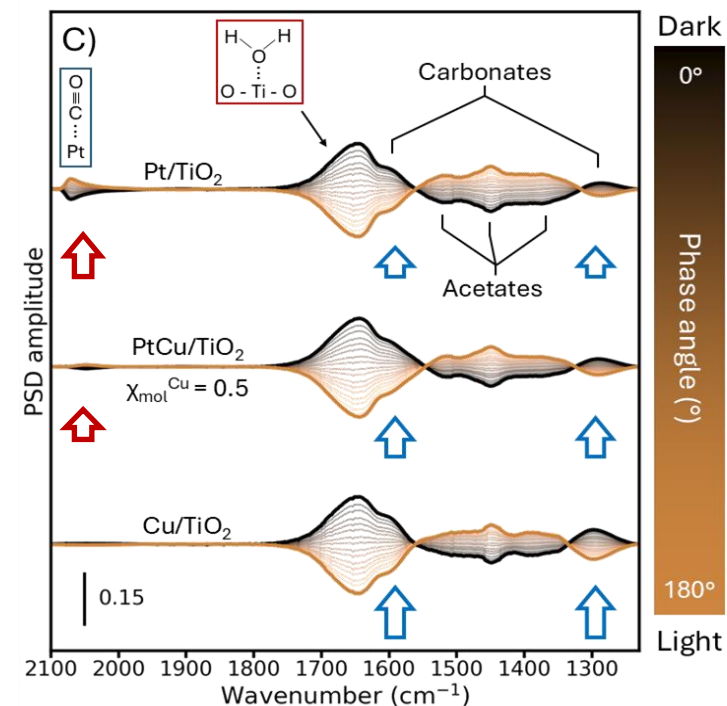


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Objectifs :

Identifier les mécanismes et caractériser les intermédiaires réactionnels grâce à l'IR Operando de nouveaux matériaux PtCu /TiO₂ (ICPEES) et Bi/BiO_xF_y (ICCF), destinés à absorber un maximum de photons UV-Vis



POWER CO₂ – ses ateliers

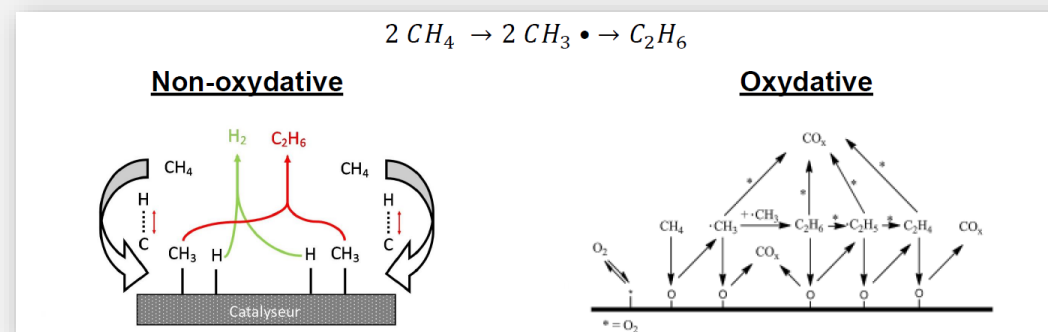
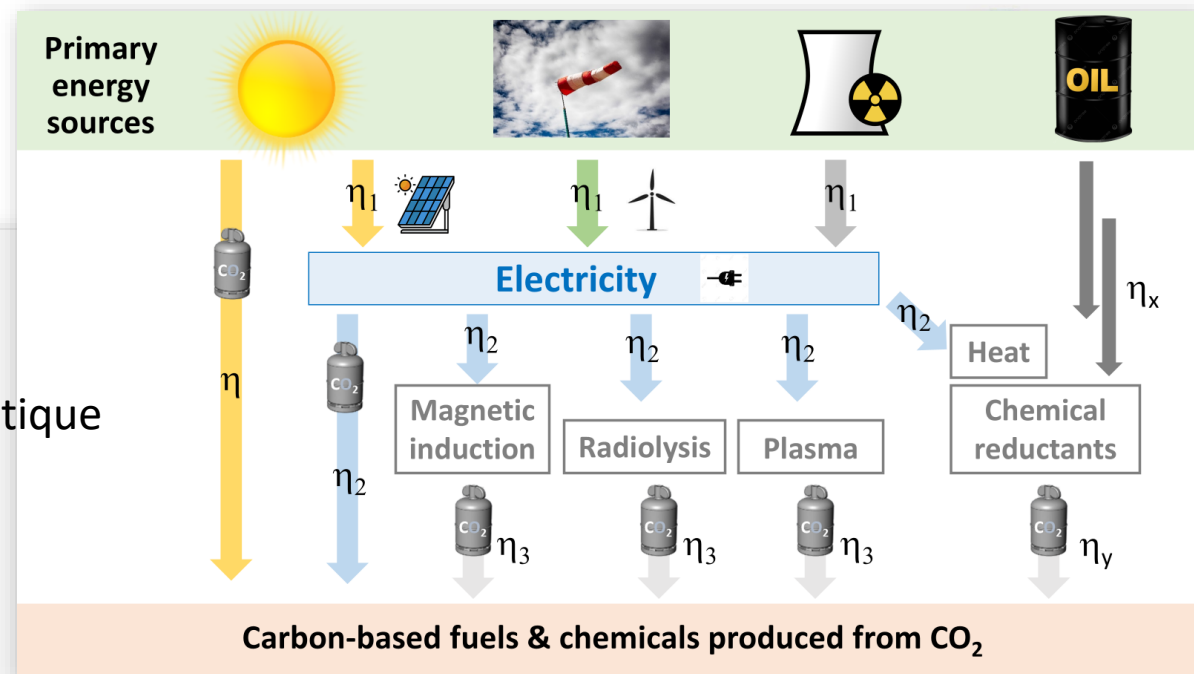
• 2 ateliers organisés en 2024/2025 :

- Descripteurs communs pour définir l'efficacité énergétique
 - *Comparaison des technologies*
 - *Fiches à destination des étudiant.es*
 - *Cours en vidéo*

- Etapes-clés de la formation de liaison C-C et de la construction d'architectures complexes à partir du CO₂
 - *Rédaction d'une revue multidisciplinaire*
- pour les catalyses homogène et hétérogène, photocatalyse, électrocatalyse, biocatalyse, plasma, radiolyse, magnétocatalyse

• 4 ateliers organisés en 2026/2027 avec ECOCHEM et le PEPR LUMA :

- Stratégies d'augmentation de l'efficacité énergétique en photoconversion du CO₂



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