



**Mantra Venture Group**  
ERC and MRFC Technology



**MANTRA**<sup>TM</sup>  
VENTURE GROUP OTCQB: MVTG

## About Mantra

### Mantra Venture Group Ltd.

- OCTQB: MVTG
- Established 2007
- Clean technology incubator

### Mantra Energy Alternatives Ltd.

- Technology development company
- Owner of **ERC Technology**
- Exclusive licensor of **MRFC Technology**
- 13 employees, including 10 full-time R&D staff (5 Ph.D.s)
- Research facilities in Vancouver, BC, Canada



## Mantra Energy's Team

### Management

- Larry Kristof - *Founder and CEO* - 20+ years in entrepreneurship and management
- Glenn Parker - *Director* - 25+ years in investment and capital management
- Patrick Dodd - *VP, Corporate Development* - Master's degree in Clean Energy Engineering
- Sona Kazemi, Ph.D. - *Senior Research Engineer* - Ph.D. in fuel cell development
- Ashwin Usgaocar, Ph.D. - *Senior Materials Scientist* - Ph.D. electrochemist
- Piotr Forsysinski, Ph.D. - *Product Design Engineer* - Ph.D. physical chemist
- Tirdad Nickchi, Ph.D. - *Senior Electrochemical Engineer* - Ph.D. electrochemist
- Christina Gyenge, Ph.D. - *VP, Marketing & Innovation* - 20+ years in tech innovation
- Randy Gue - *Industry Specialist* - 30+ years in process engineering at Lafarge Canada

### Advisory

- Professor Emeritus Colin Oloman - 50+ years in electrochemical engineering & design
- Professor Elod Gyenge - Leading expert in alkaline fuel cells and electrochemical systems
- Professor Plamen Atanassov - Leading expert in electrocatalysis and fuel cells
- Dr. Alexey Serov – Assistant Professor in electrocatalysis and catalyst synthesis
- Norman Chow - President of Kemetco Research, history in technology commercialization

### Partners & Collaborations

**ALSTOM**

**LAFARGE**

**Kemira**

**NORAM** **Powertech**

**BC RESEARCH**



**INRS**  
Université d'avant-garde



**UNM** **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

**Canada** **Mitacs**

# ERC

Electrochemical Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>



Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> at Mauna Loa Observatory

# 2014 Officially Hottest Year on Record

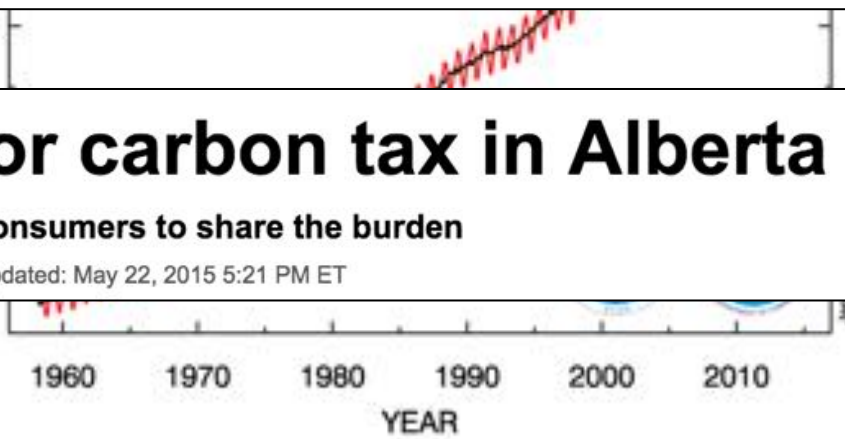
The Japanese declare 2014 one for the record books thanks to global warming

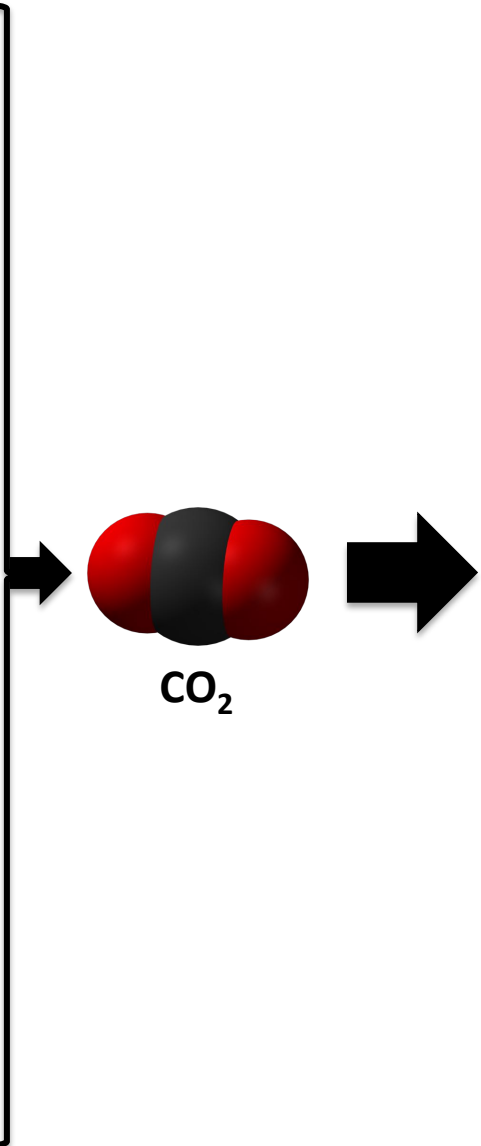
January 5, 2015 | By Brian Kahn and Climate Central

# Oil industry pushing for carbon tax in Alberta

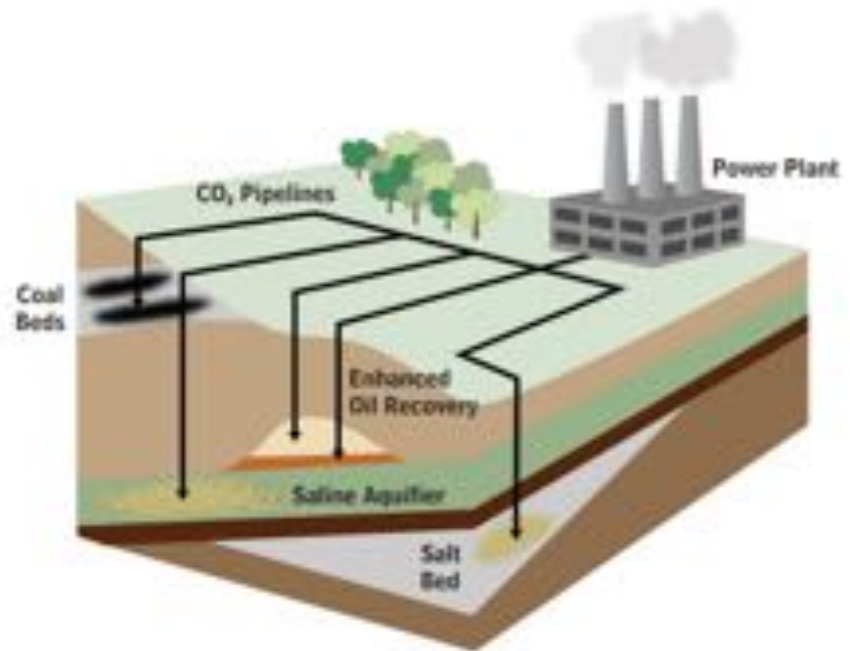
But if heavy emitters are going to pay, they want consumers to share the burden

By Kyle Bakx, CBC News | Posted: May 22, 2015 1:16 PM ET | Last Updated: May 22, 2015 5:21 PM ET

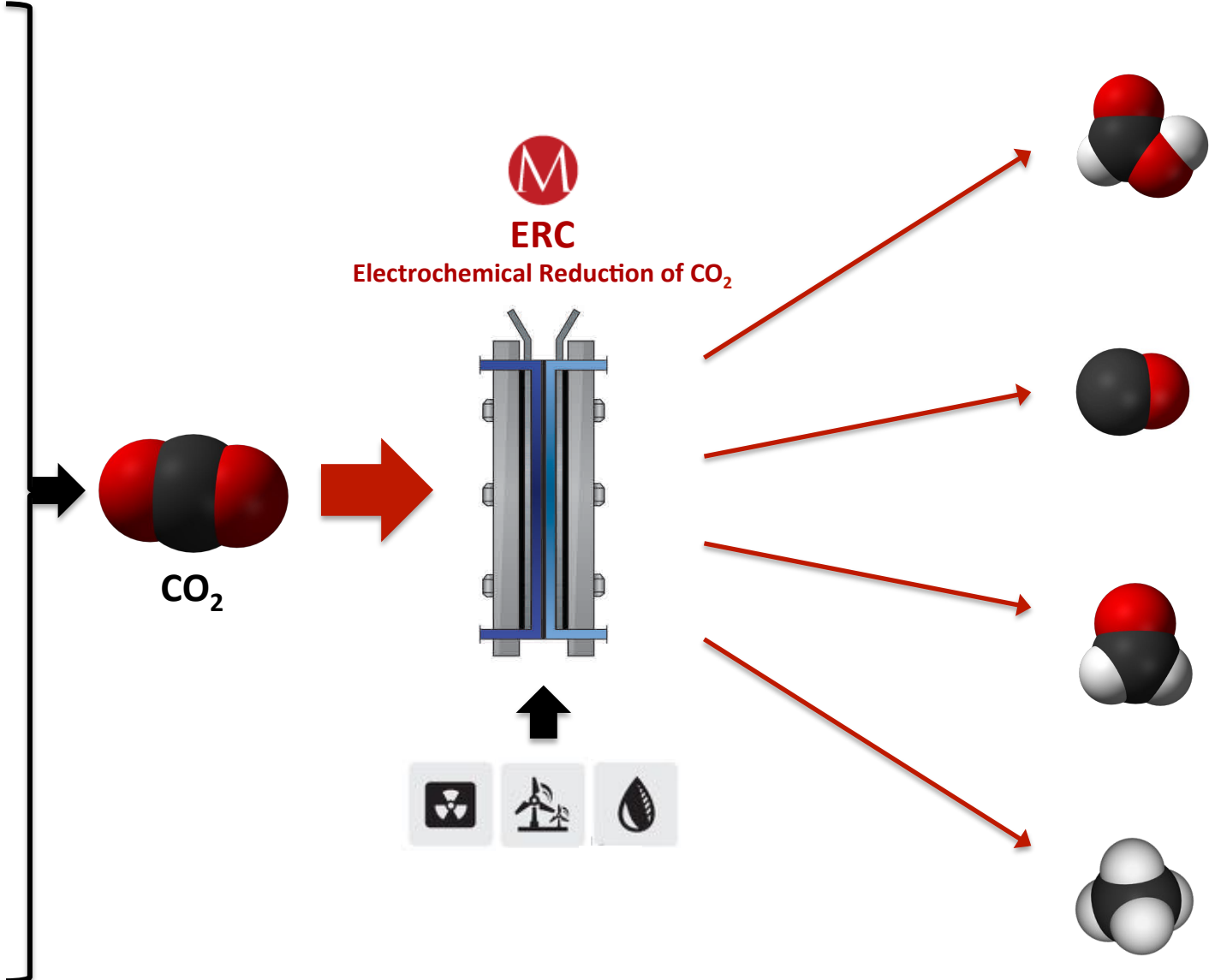


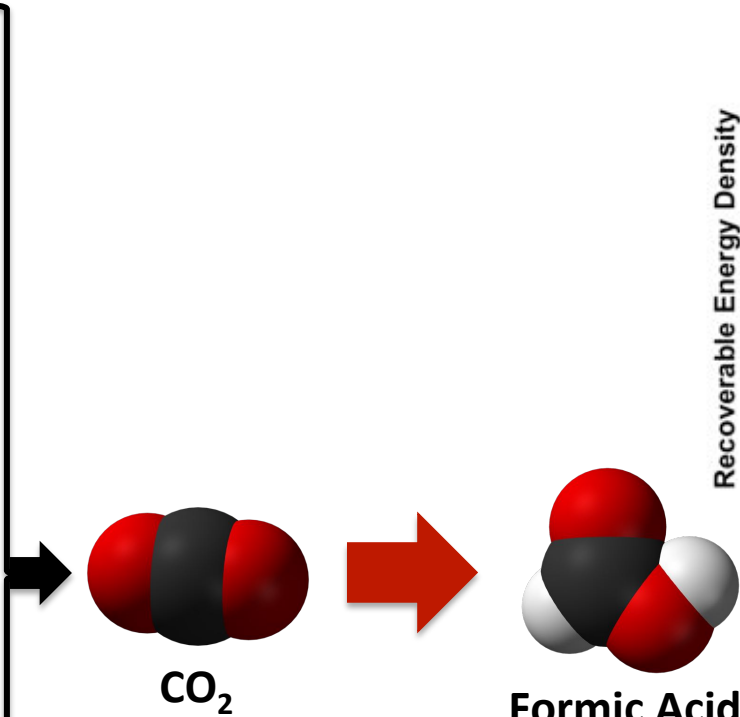


## Carbon Capture and Storage



- >\$20 billion invested
- \$80 per tonne CO<sub>2</sub> stored



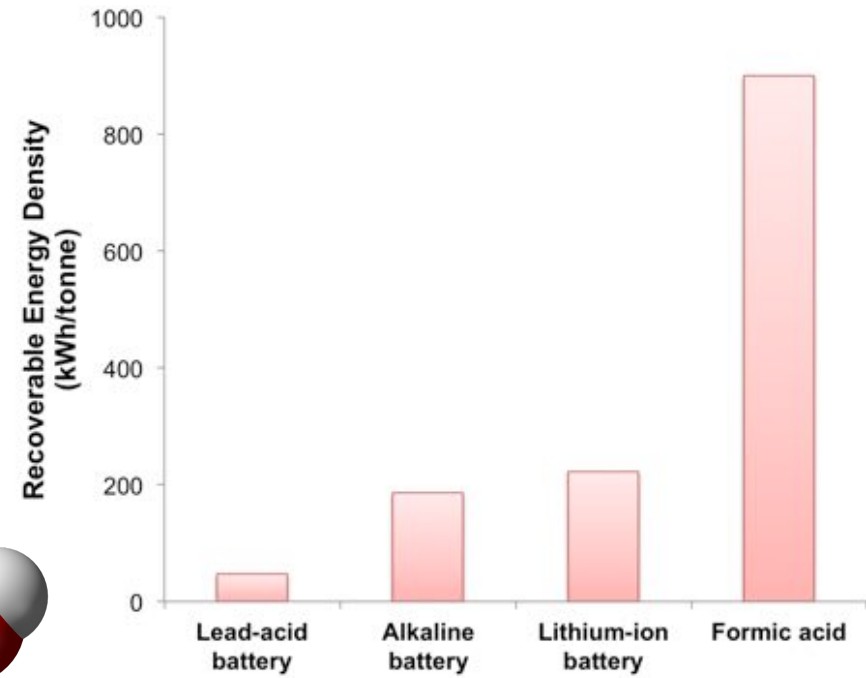


**Formic Acid**

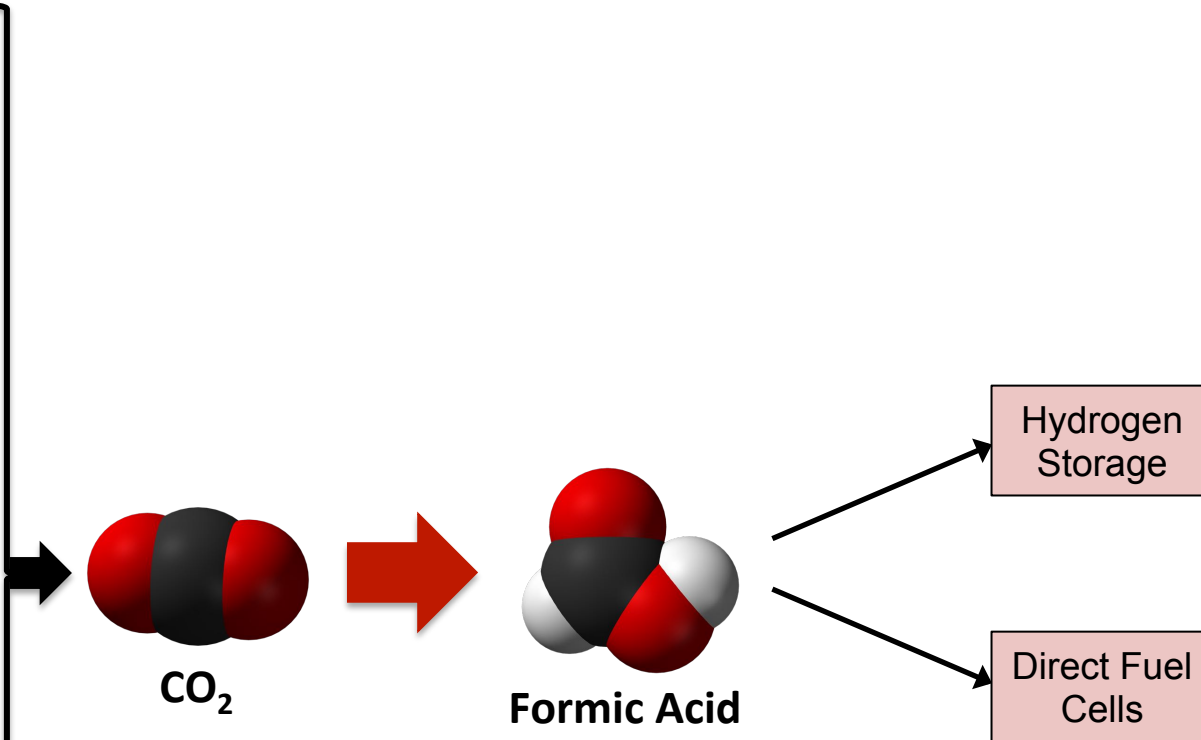
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- Leather tanning
- Textiles
- De-icing

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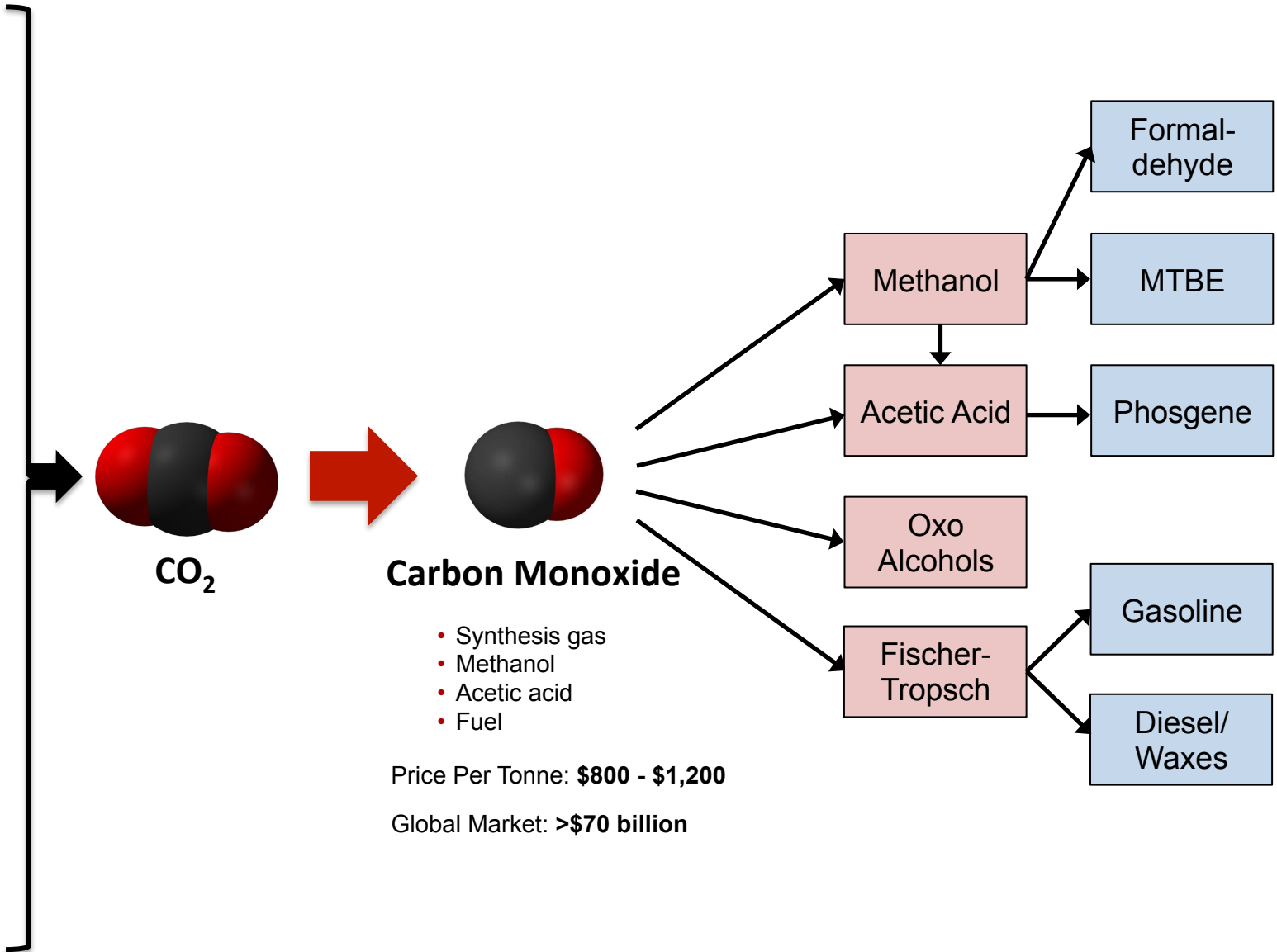


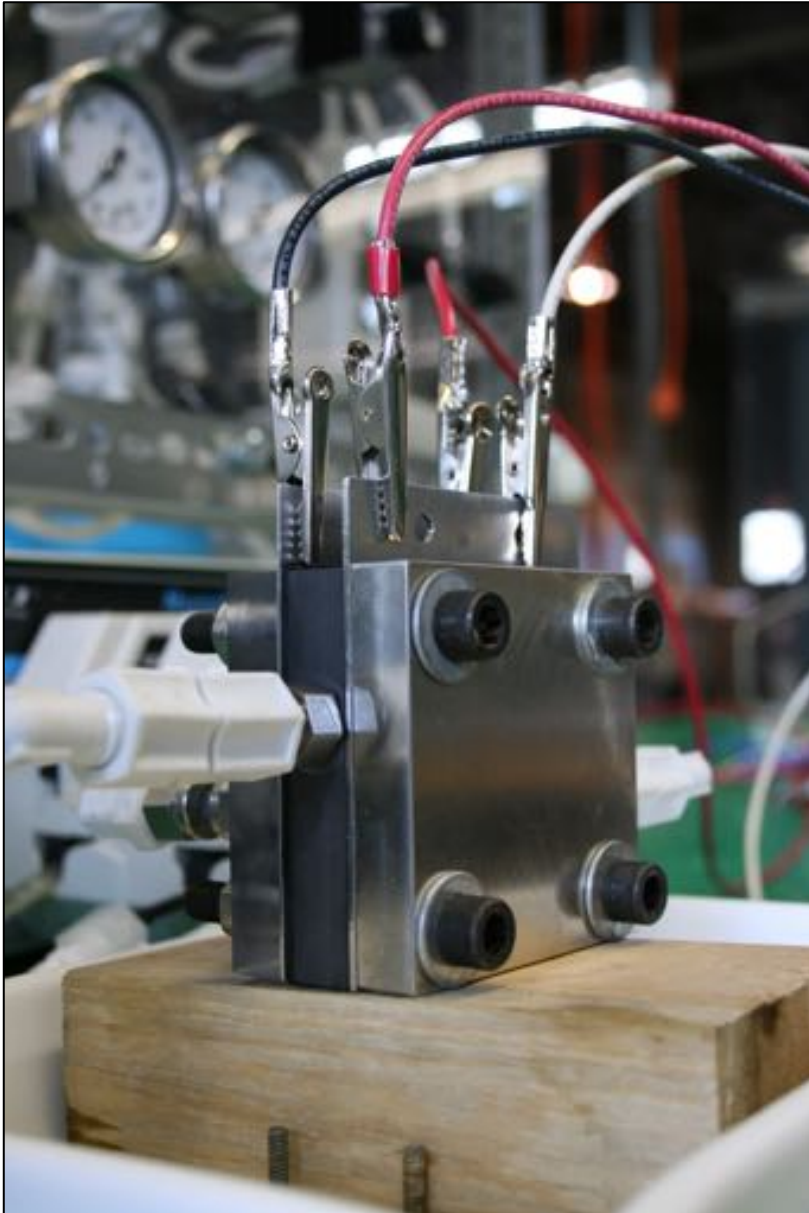


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## Scale-up and Demonstration



### Demonstration I **LAFARGE**

- Lafarge cement plant in Richmond
- 100 kg/day CO<sub>2</sub> to formate/formic

### Demonstration II

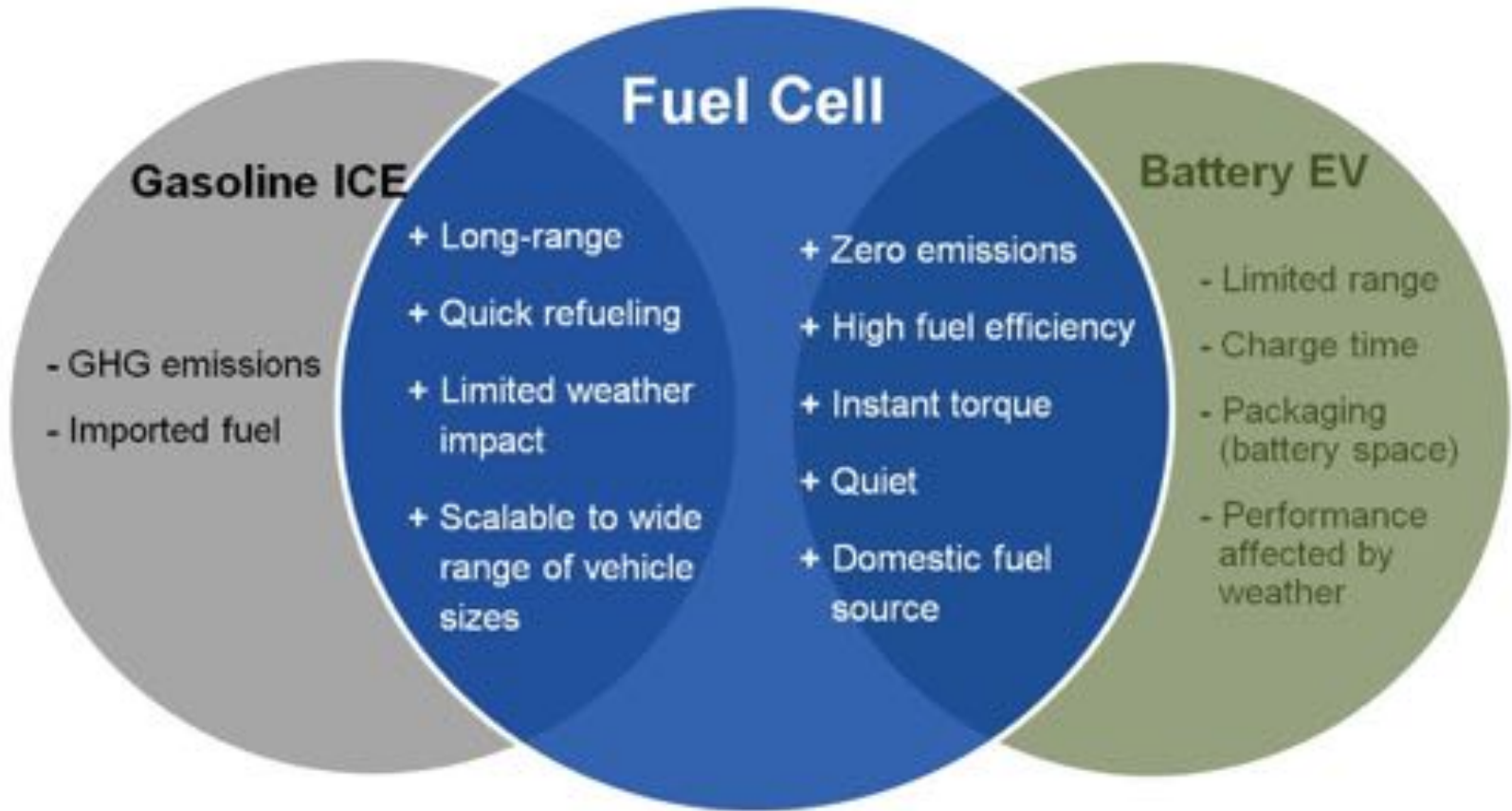
- Ayinger brewery in Bavaria
- 100 kg/day CO<sub>2</sub> to other products

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**Kemira**

# MRFC

## Mixed-Reactant Fuel Cell

## Fuel Cells: Advantages



## Conventional Fuel Cells



- x H<sub>2</sub>-based fuel cell stacks
- x Expensive polymeric membrane (15-68% of cost)
- x Heavy/bulky flow-field plates (10-25% of cost)
- x Flat-plate design
- x Lifetime challenges
- x Expensive platinum catalyst

## MRFC

Revolutionary unconventional design



- ✓ Liquid fuel-based fuel cell stacks
- ✓ No polymeric membrane
- ✓ No flow-field plates (smaller and lighter)
- ✓ Cylindrical design
- ✓ Improved lifetime
- ✓ No platinum catalyst

- Anticipated **60-80%** cost reduction
- Demonstrated **highest reported current density** for a mixed-reactant system





## Intellectual Property

### Intellectual Property Status



US



UK



EU



Canada



Australia



China



India

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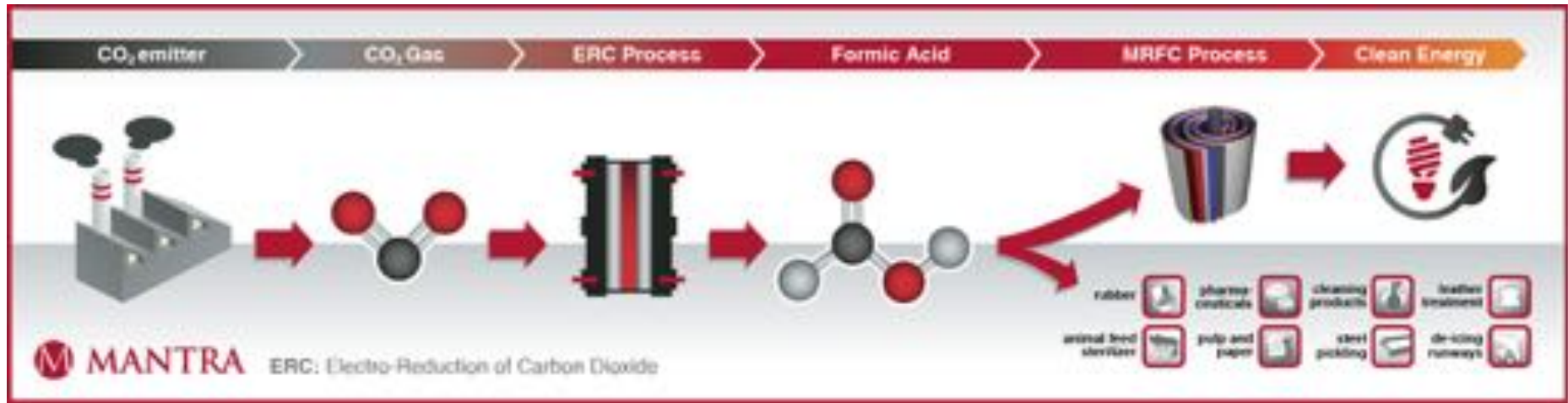


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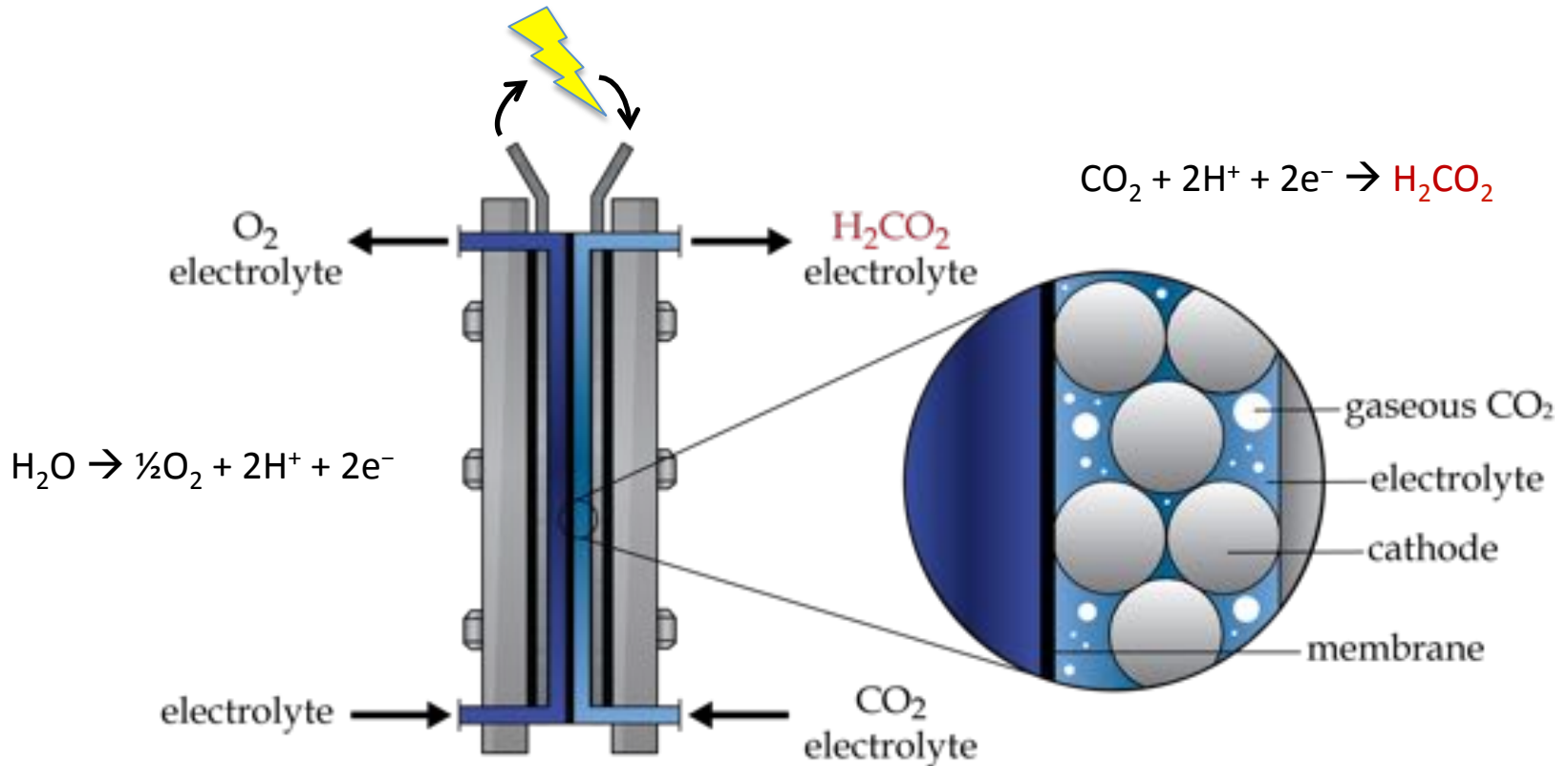
## Technology Integration



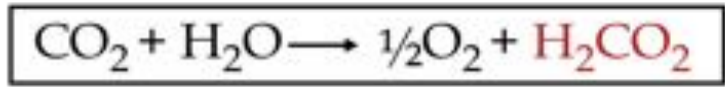


**Mantra is developing effective, affordable solutions for some of the world's biggest challenges.**

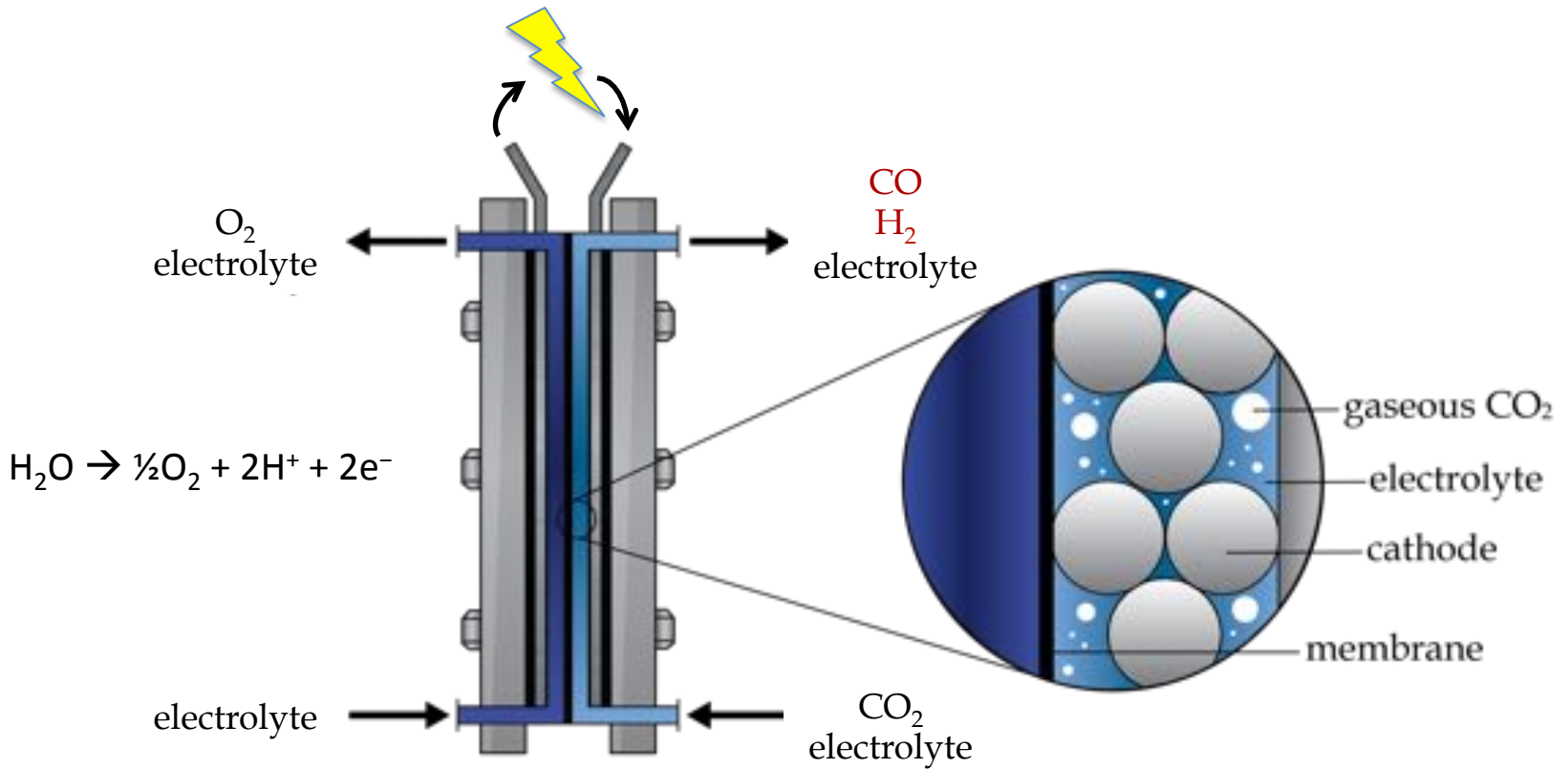
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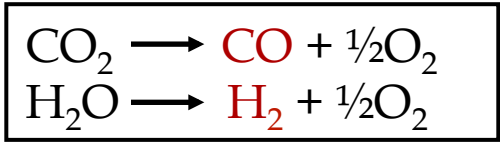
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## ERC Reactor (CO<sub>2</sub> to Syngas)



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## Electro-Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> (ERC)

**Table 1.** Half-cell reactions for the electroreduction of carbon dioxide.

Reaction	$E^\ominus$ [V] <sup>[a]</sup>
a $2\text{CO}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \leftrightarrow \text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$	-0.475
b $\text{CO}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \leftrightarrow \text{HCOOH}$	-0.199
c $\text{CO}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \leftrightarrow \text{CO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-0.109
d $\text{CO}_2 + 4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^- \leftrightarrow \text{HCHO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-0.071
e $\text{CO}_2 + 6\text{H}^+ + 6\text{e}^- \leftrightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	+0.030
f $\text{CO}_2 + 8\text{H}^+ + 8\text{e}^- \leftrightarrow \text{CH}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	+0.169

[a]  $E^\ominus$  versus normal hydrogen electrode (NHE) at 298 K.

C.W. Oloman, H. Li, "Electrochemical Processing of Carbon Dioxide", *ChemSusChem* 1 (2008) 385-391.