

POWER UPGRADE OF BIOGAS TO BIOMETHANOL OR BIOMETHANE

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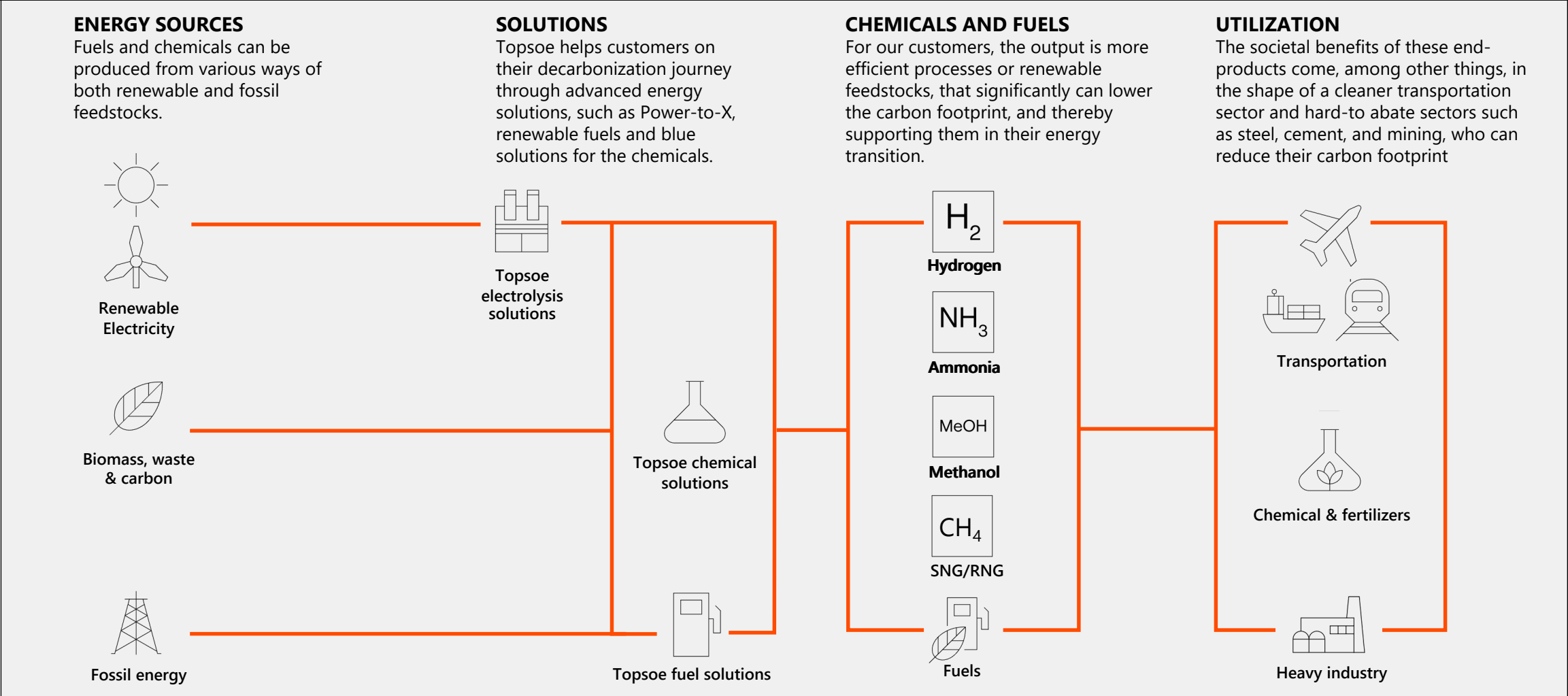


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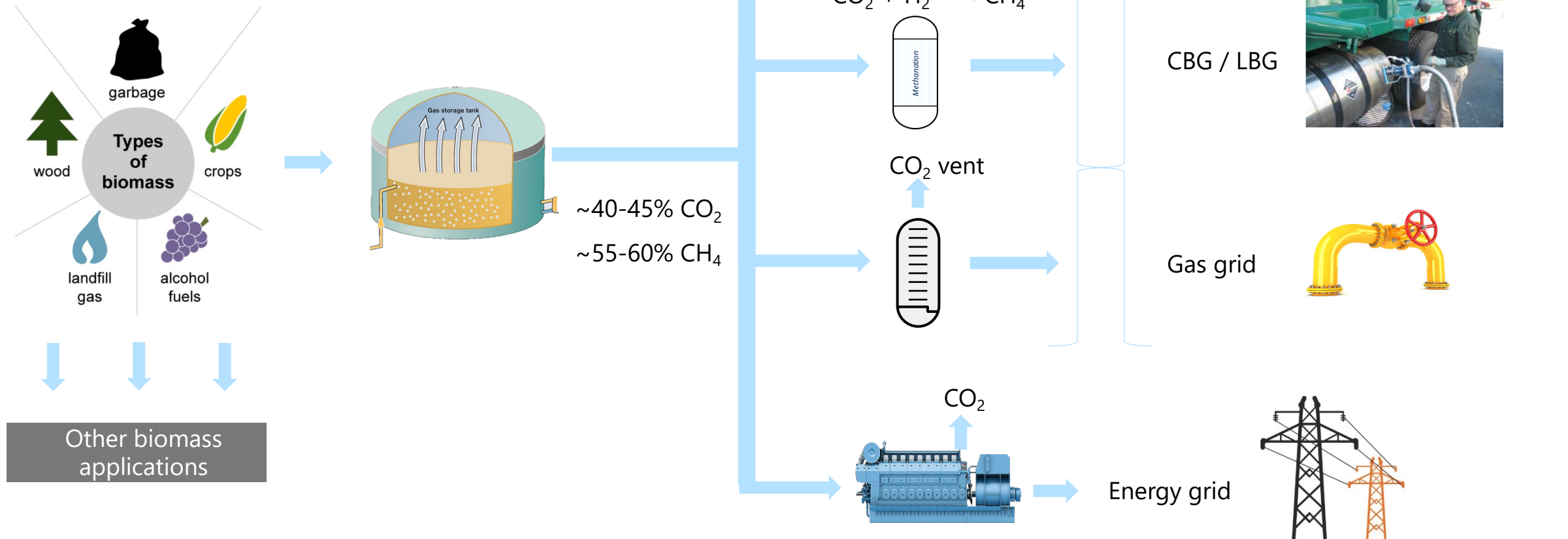
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TOPSOE SOLUTIONS ACCELERATE THE ENERGY TRANSITION

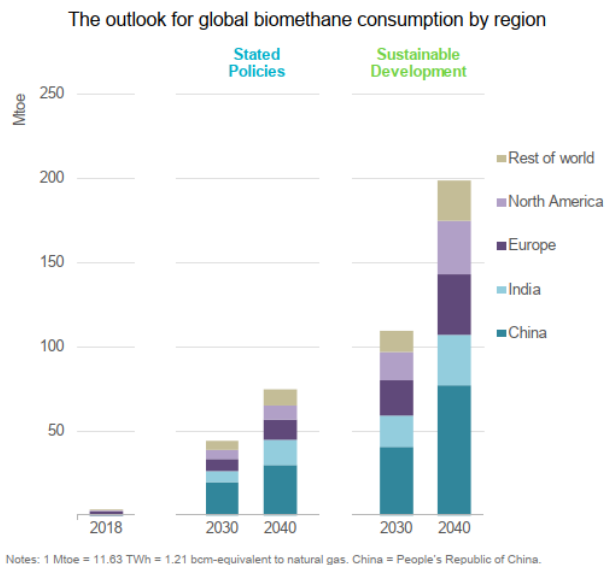


BIOGAS OPTIONS



BIOMETHANE AND BIOMETHANOL OUTLOOKS

- **Biomethane: Fuel and feed for green chemicals**
- Around 90% of biomethane currently comes from biogas upgrading.
- Europe – REpowerEU aims at 30 billion m³ biomethane by 2030.



IEA (2020) – Outlook for biogas and Biomethane: Prospects for organic growth. All rights reserved

Bio-methanol: Bulk chemical

- Current global market is ~100 million ton/yr and growing at ~3% / yr
- Prices of “grey” methanol varies with gas price in the range 300-800 USD / ton, currently in the high end.

RENEWABLE METHANOL PRODUCTION FORECAST

IRENA is projecting that global methanol production would increase from 100 Mt currently to 500 Mt in 2050 (Saygin and Gielen, forthcoming) based on the Transforming Energy Scenario. This increase would also need to be accompanied by a shift to renewable methanol (Figure 47). In 2050, 250 Mt of e-methanol and 135 Mt of bio-methanol are estimated to be produced annually; this is an ambitious yet realistic transformation pathway built on renewable energy and steadily improving energy efficiency.

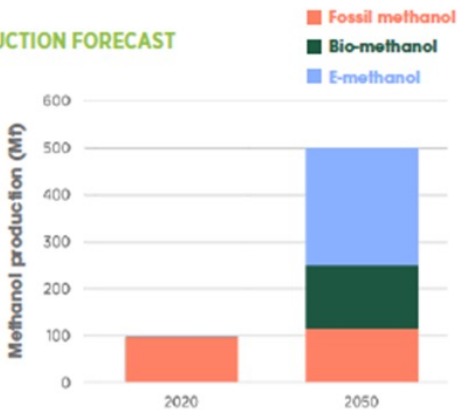
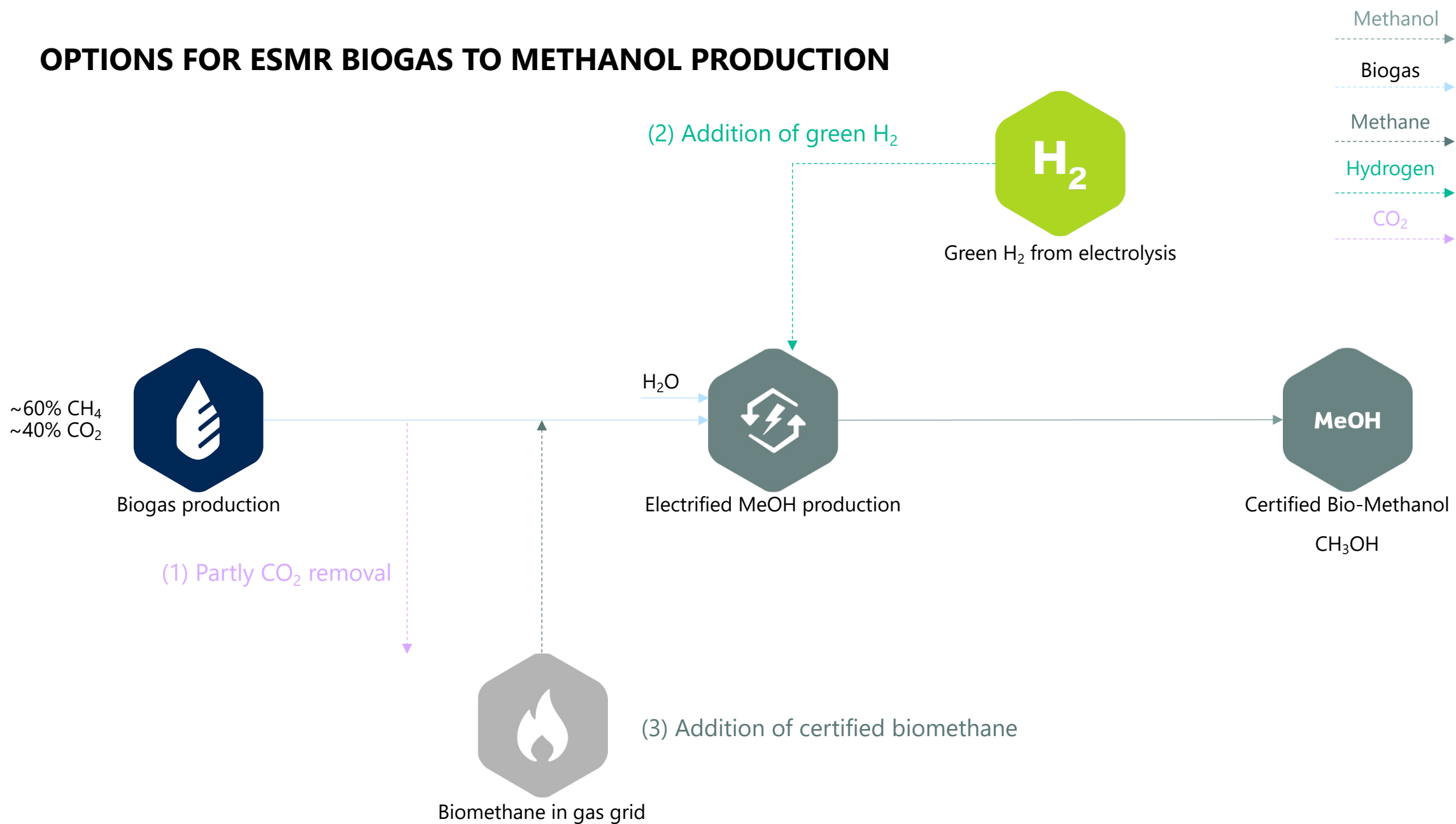


Figure 47. Current and future methanol production by source

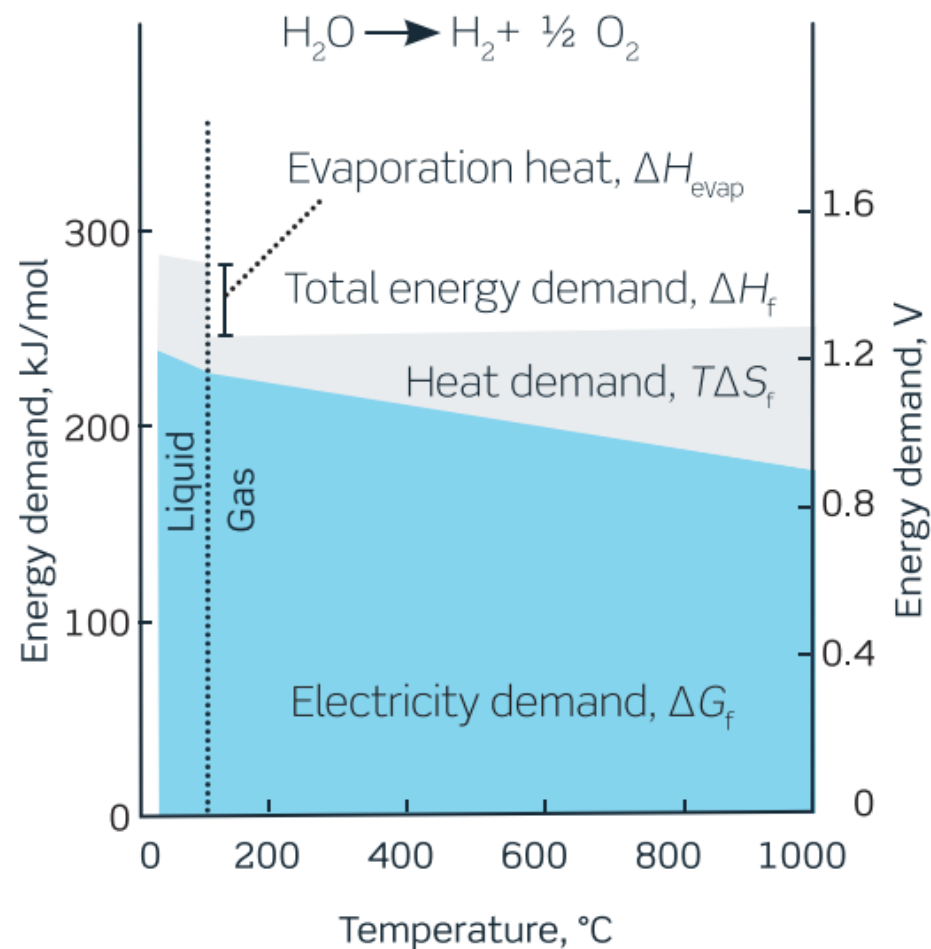
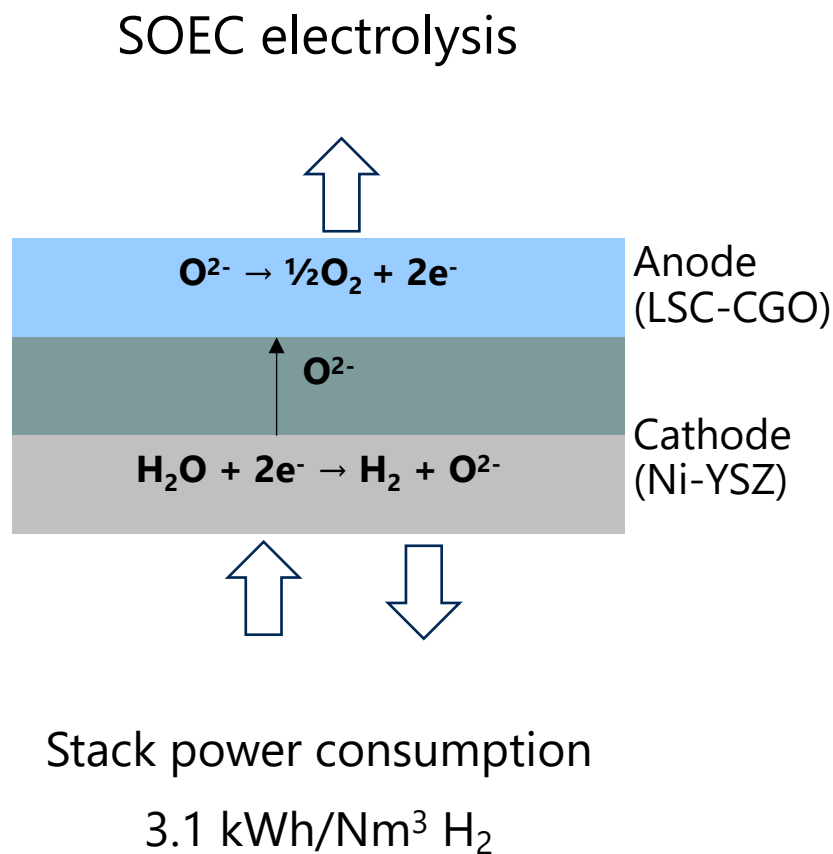
IRENA AND METHANOL INSTITUTE (2021), *Innovation Outlook : Renewable Methanol*, International Renewable Energy Agency, Abu Dhabi.

OPTIONS FOR ESMR BIOGAS TO METHANOL PRODUCTION



HIGH T SOEC MOST ENERGY EFFICIENT ELECTROLYZER

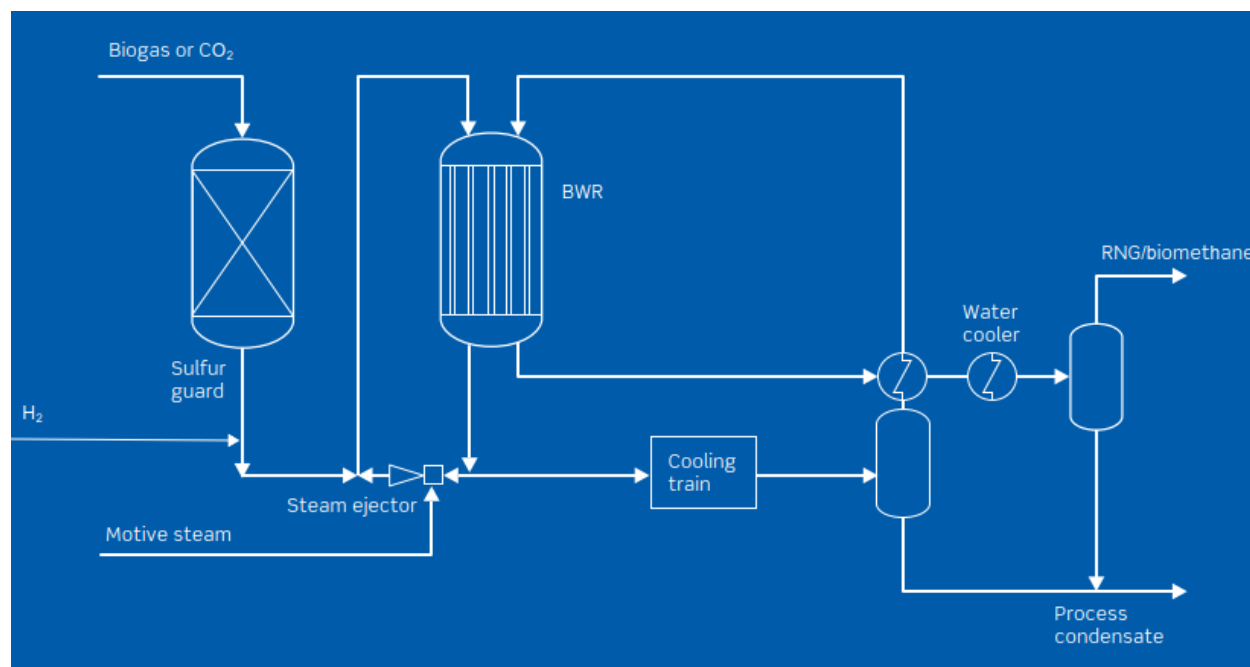
SPECIALLY WELL SUITED FOR INTEGRATION WITH HEAT GENERATING PROCESSES



BIOGAS OR BIOCO2 METHANATION

HYDROGEN SUPPLEMENT FROM ELECTROLYSIS

- Carbon source: Biogas mixture or pure CO₂
- Hydrogen addition to achieve: H₂/CO₂ = 4
- Isothermal reactor by TREMP™ design
- Integrate with SOEC to achieve an unmatched system efficiency.



ENERGY CONSUMPTIONS AND EFFICIENCIES – INDICATIVE NUMBERS

POWER UPGRADE OF A BIOGAS OF 60% CH₄ / 40% CO₂

		Energy input per LHV output		Energy efficiencies	
		BG Gas LHV input	Total Power input	Energy Efficiency to product	District heat output (+/- 50%)
		MW / MW	MW / MW	%	%
Methanol via eSMR	Partial CO ₂ vent	0,97	0,52	67%	~10 %
	+ SOEC H ₂	0,78	0,76	65%	~10 %
	+ LT H ₂	0,78	0,83	62%	~10 %
	+ CH ₄	0,97	0,52	67%	~10 %
eMethanol via BG separation	+ SOEC H ₂	-	1,97	51% **	~10%
	+ LT* H ₂	-	2,28	44% **	~10%
methanation	+ SOEC H ₂	-	1,49	67% **	~10%
	+ LT* H ₂	-	1,97	51% **	~20%

* Low temperature electrolysis

** Not including unreacted CH₄

OUTLOOK AND SUMMARY

- **BIOGENIC CO₂ WILL BE A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR OUR GREEN ENERGY TRANSITION SERVING THE HARD-TO-ABATE SECTORS**
- **UPGRADING BIOGAS BY RENEWABLE POWER TO METHANE OR METHANOL ARE VIABLE ROUTES**
- **TOPSOE HAS ENERGY EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGIES AVAILABLE FOR BOTH ROUTES**
- **THE NOVEL ESMR TECHNOLOGY ENABLES FULL BIOGAS CONVERSION TO METHANOL WITH HIGH ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND NO PROCESS CO₂ EMISSION**
- **SOEC TECHNOLOGY ENABLES FULL BIOGAS CONVERSION TO METHANE WITH HIGH ENERGY EFFICIENCY BY USING THE HEAT OF METHANATION FOR HYDROGEN PRODUCTION**

QUESTIONS

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