

# Eco-Strategies for Next Generation Electronics



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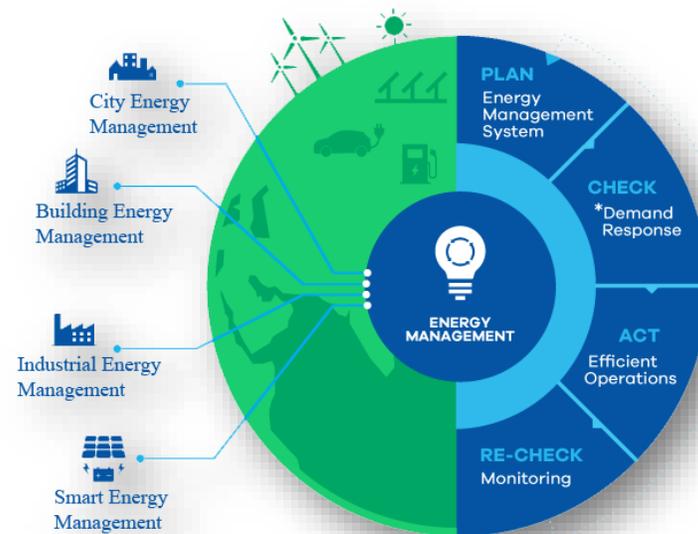
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# 21st Century: The **Key** Challenges

## Natural Resources



## Energy Consumption



## e-Waste Management



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## Natural Resources



### **We are draining planet earth...**

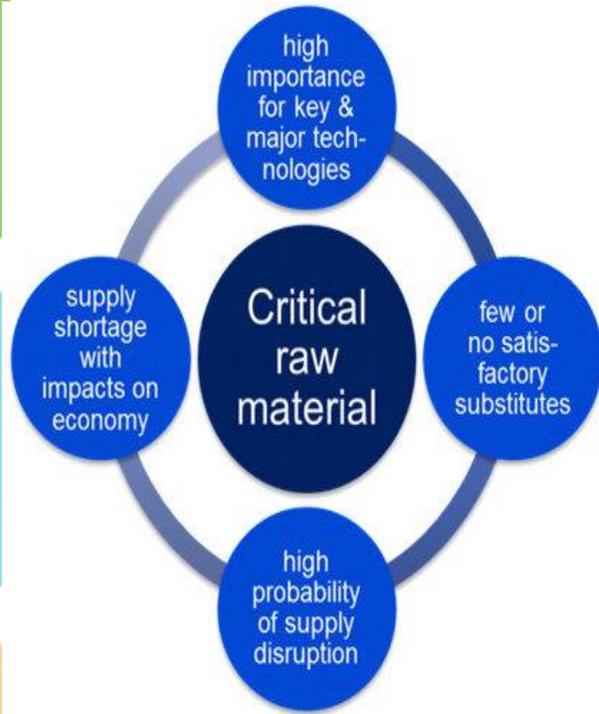
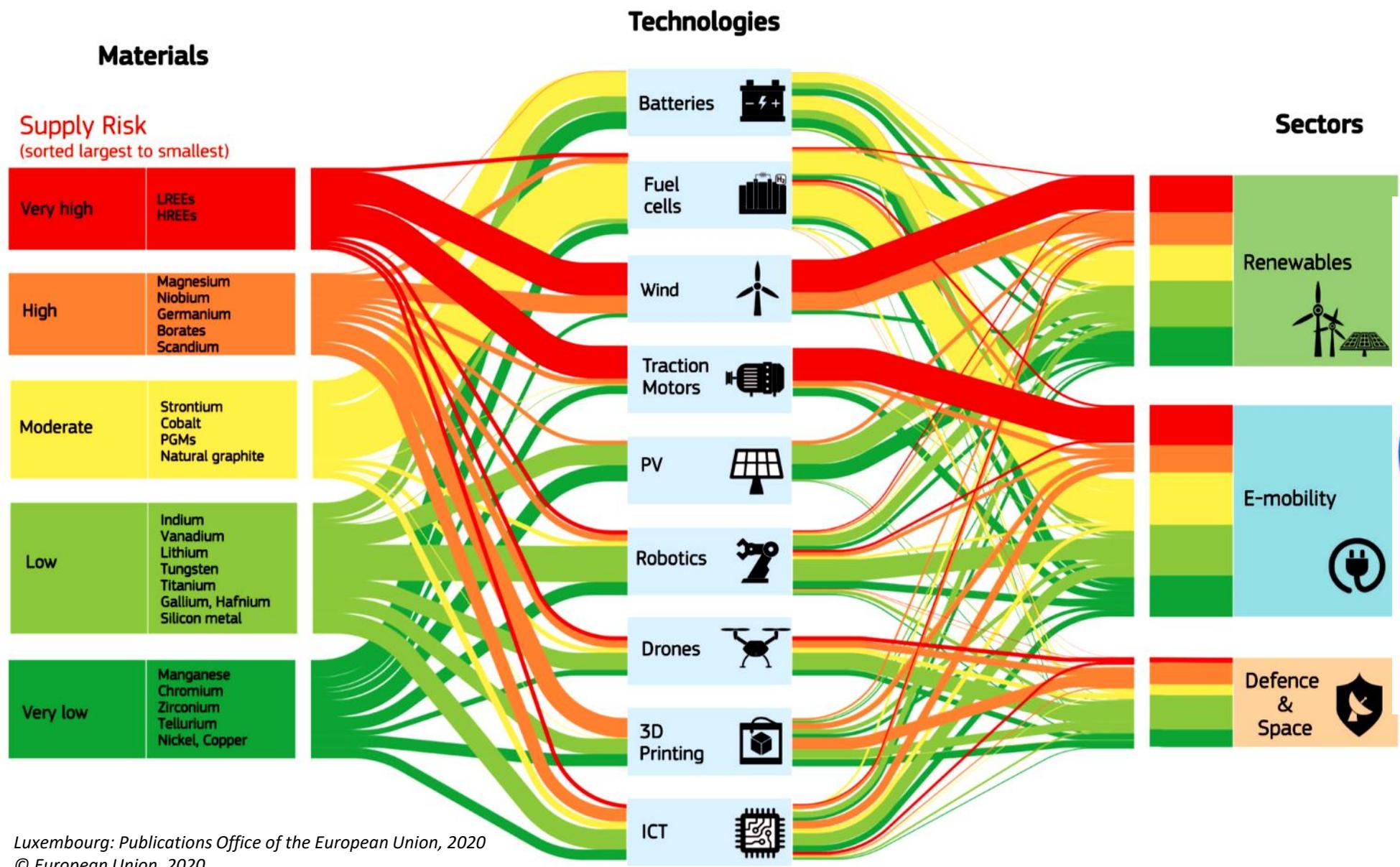
Every year we extract almost 90 billion tons of biomass, fossil energy, metal and minerals from the earth - more than 11 tons for every single person on the planet. And for people in the western world this number is much higher.

### **...at an increasing rate**

In the 47 years between 1970 and 2015, human consumption of Earth's natural resources more than tripled. Our use of natural resources is expected to continue its growth and more than double from 2015 to 2050.

- ✓ **Overpopulation.....** With 7 billion people on the planet, the demand on Earth's resources continue to increase.
- ✓ **Overconsumption.....** This is the excessive and unnecessary use of resources.
- ✓ **Minimum waste recovery....**Leading to loss of biodiversity and destruction of Eco-system.
- ✓ **Use of critical raw materials and fossil-based resources.....**Limiting the future resources.
- ✓ **Technological and Industrial Development....**Leading high demanding of resources.
- ✓ **Erosion...**Gradual destruction by physical or chemical action.
- ✓ **Pollution and Contamination of resources.....**Bad handling of waste management.

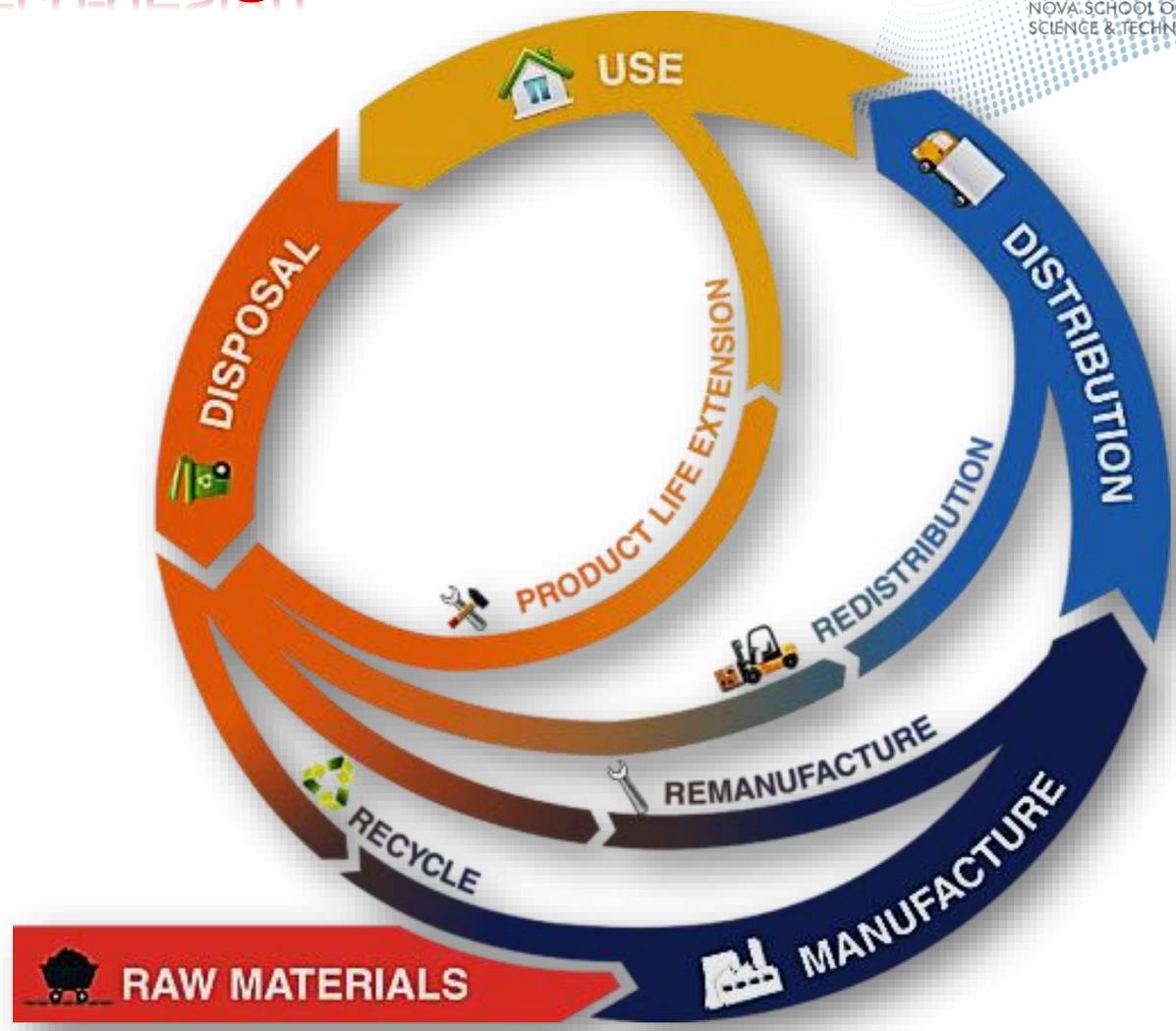
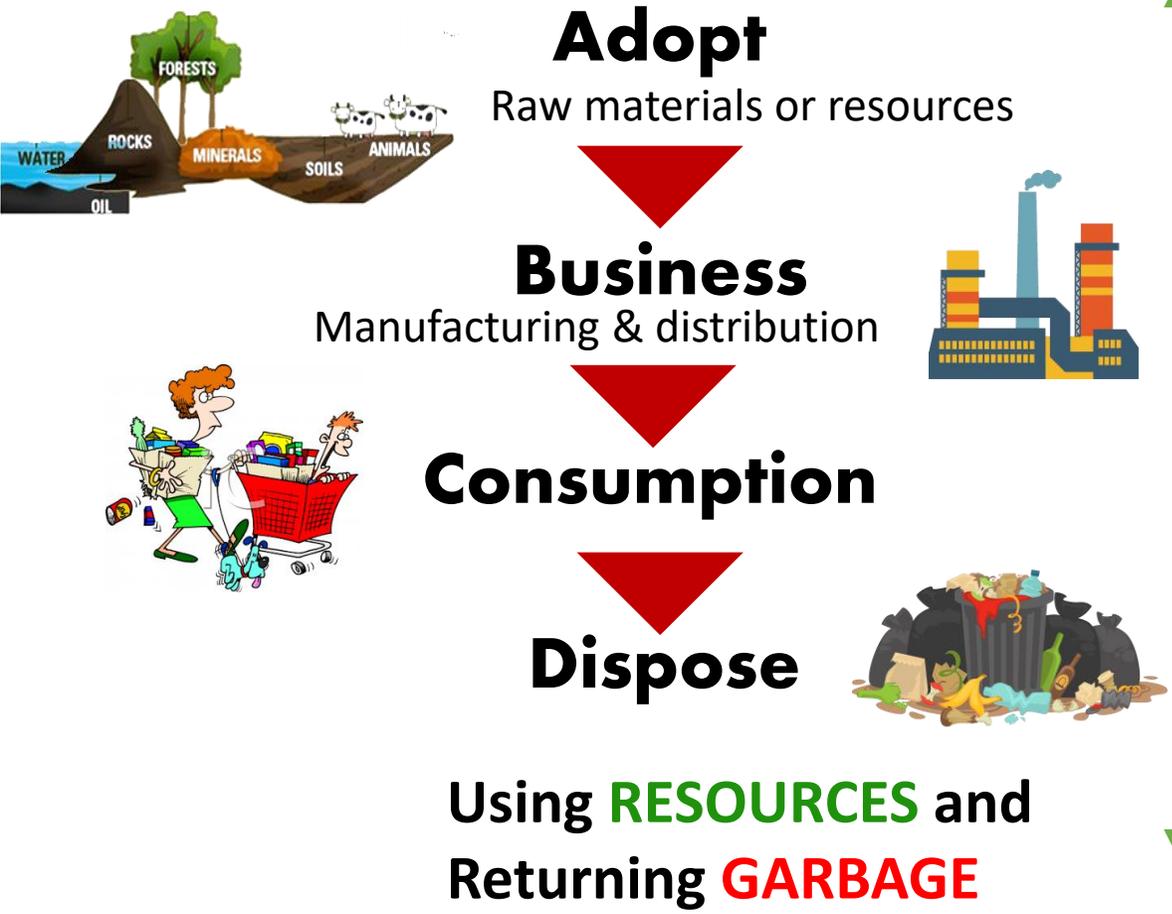
# Flows of raw materials and their current supply risks



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# Circular economy: A new strategy in eco-design

Traditional business is linear



**CIRCULAR ECONOMY ...A different concept**

**Smaller the circle, Smaller the impact and Bigger the benefit**

## The UN Global Chemicals Outlook predicts> Chemical industry will double from US\$5 trillion by 2030

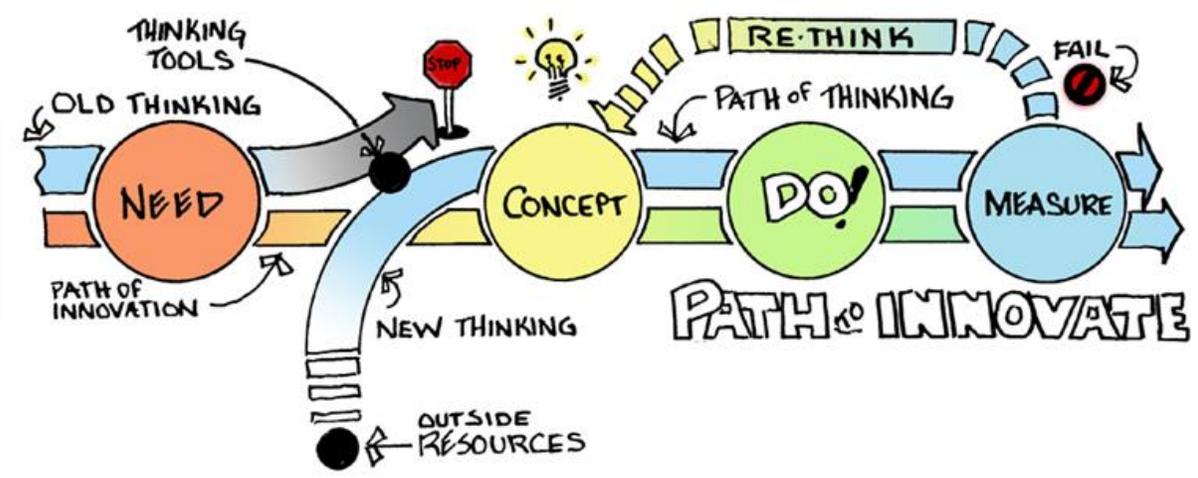
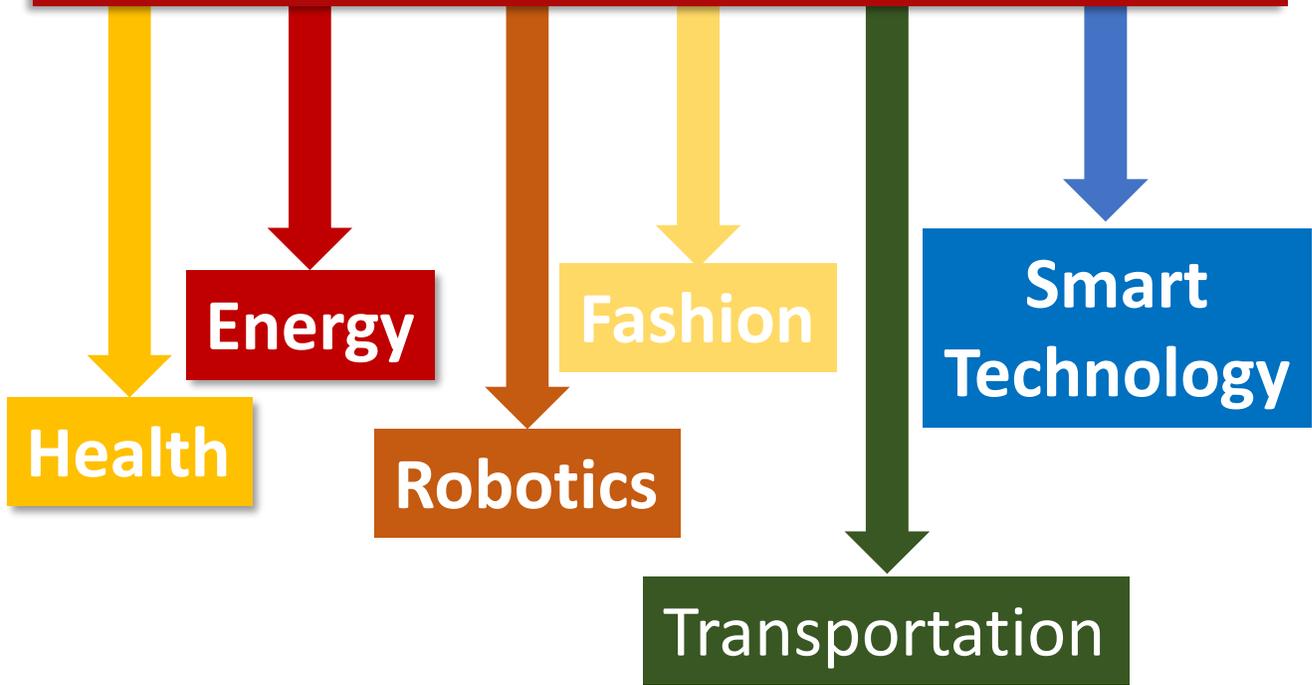
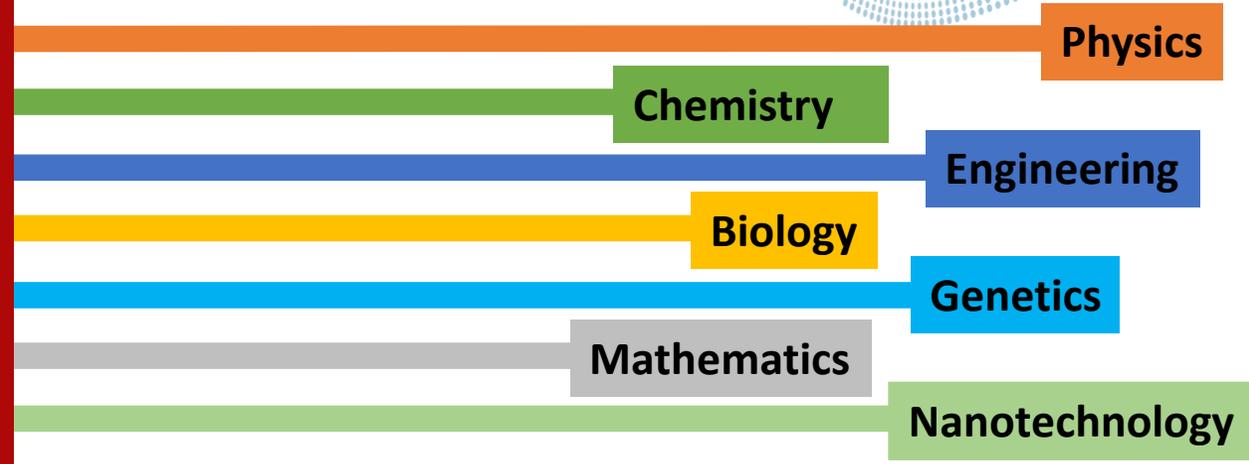
- ✓ Using more non-toxic, bio-compatible and bio-degradable materials.
- ✓ Using low-cost and simple materials processing systems.
- ✓ Using more multi-functional.
- ✓ Using more and more flexible and nano- technology that will minimize the product size....so minimize the raw materials.
- ✓ Need substitution: Design new materials behaving like ORGANS!  
We need STEM Materials!
- ✓ Packaging Strategy : Design new bio-degradable materials for packaging. Less packaging Less Garbage.



The specific vision of the research work should be to build effective cooperation between science and society, to materialize new smart technology for science and to pair scientific nobility with social awareness and responsibility.

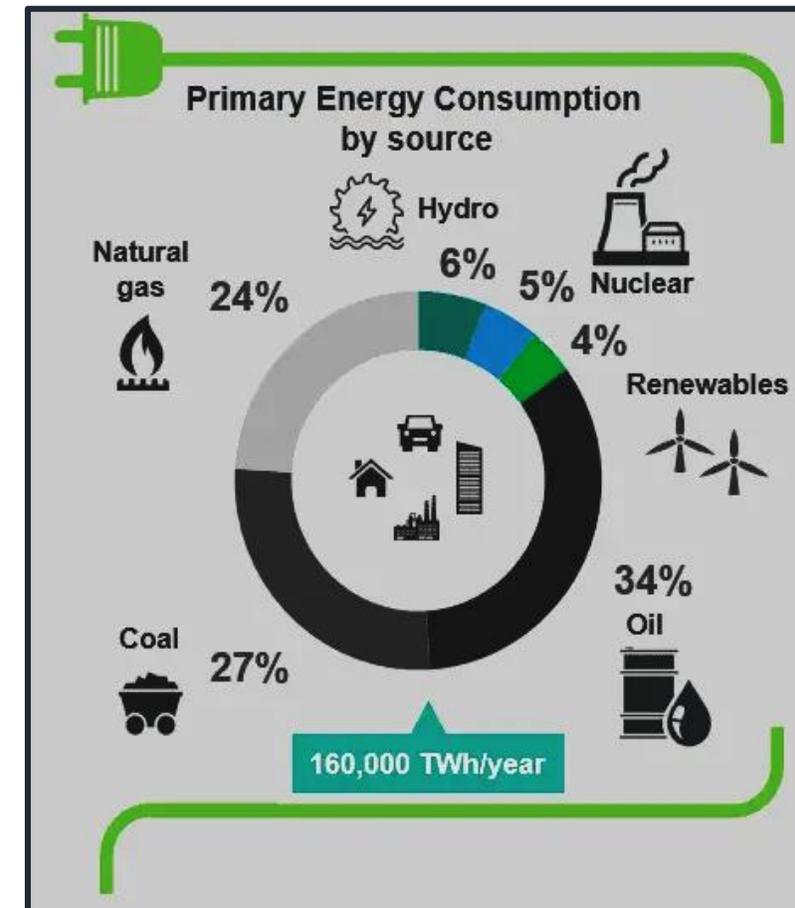
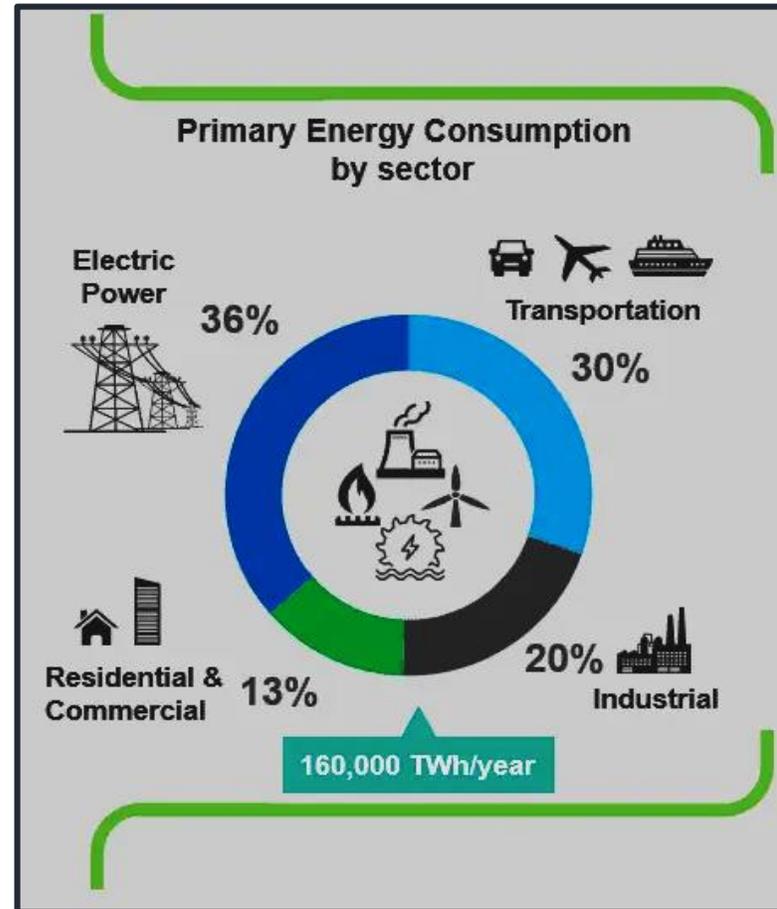
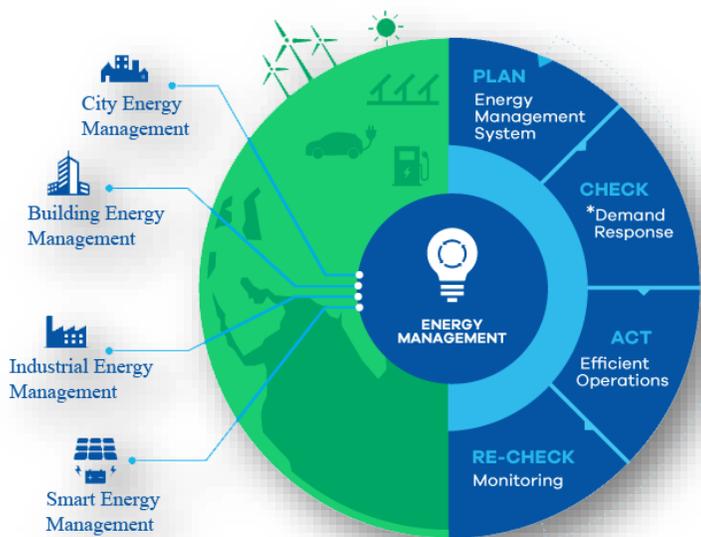
# MATERIALS

With Multifunctionality



# 21st Century: The **Key** Challenges

## Energy Consumption





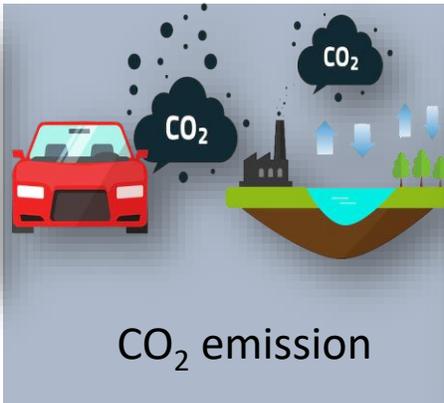
# Energy

**Electricity sector is the largest source of  
greenhouse gas emissions**

## The Problem



Finite supply of fossil fuels



CO<sub>2</sub> emission



# Energy

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# Why do we need renewable energy?

Facts and figures about our current energy supplies



## Coal reserves

The USA has the largest coal reserve, with Russia coming in second and China third.



## Sea levels rise

The rise in atmospheric temperature is causing the world's ice caps to melt, leading to a rise in sea levels.



## Gas reserves

The country with the largest natural gas reserves is Iran, followed by Russia and Qatar.



## Extreme weather

Global warming also affects weather patterns, leading to more extreme weather, such as droughts, flooding and hurricanes.



## Global warming

Gases such as carbon dioxide, which are given off by burning fossil fuels, trap heat inside the Earth's atmosphere.



## Oil reserves

Venezuela has most of the world's proven oil reserves, followed by Saudi Arabia, Canada, Iran and Iraq.



## Oil supply

The world's oil supply is expected to run out in about 50 years.



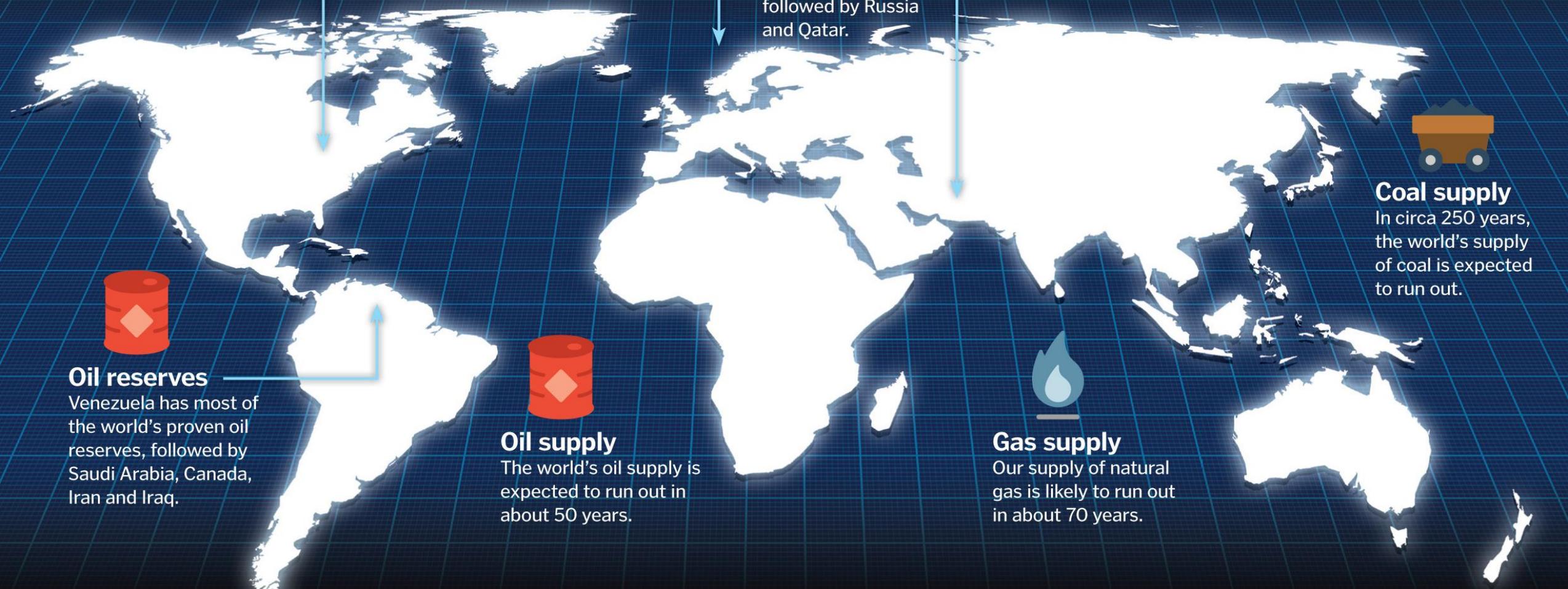
## Gas supply

Our supply of natural gas is likely to run out in about 70 years.



## Coal supply

In circa 250 years, the world's supply of coal is expected to run out.

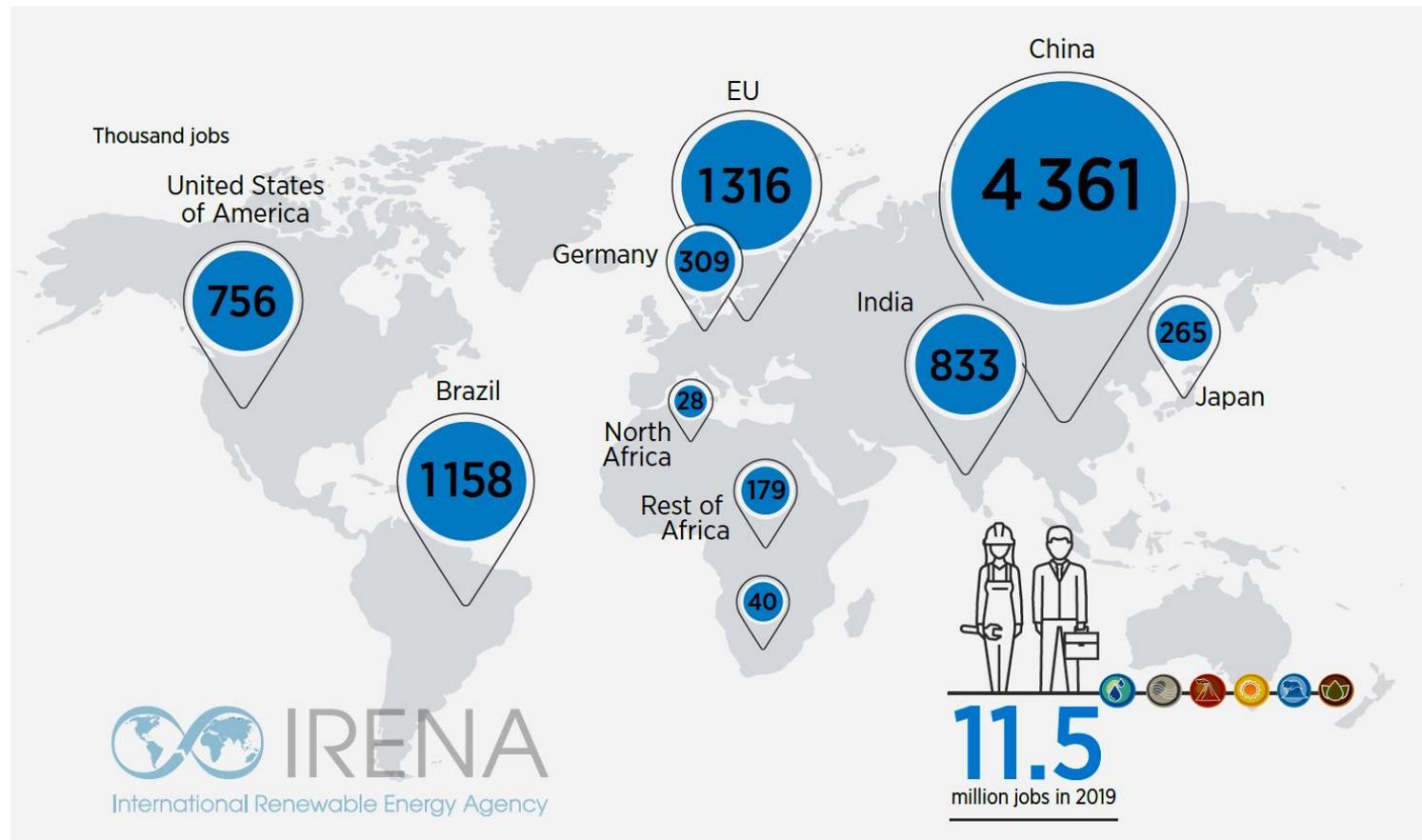


## Green and Renewable Energy: Progress and Jobs



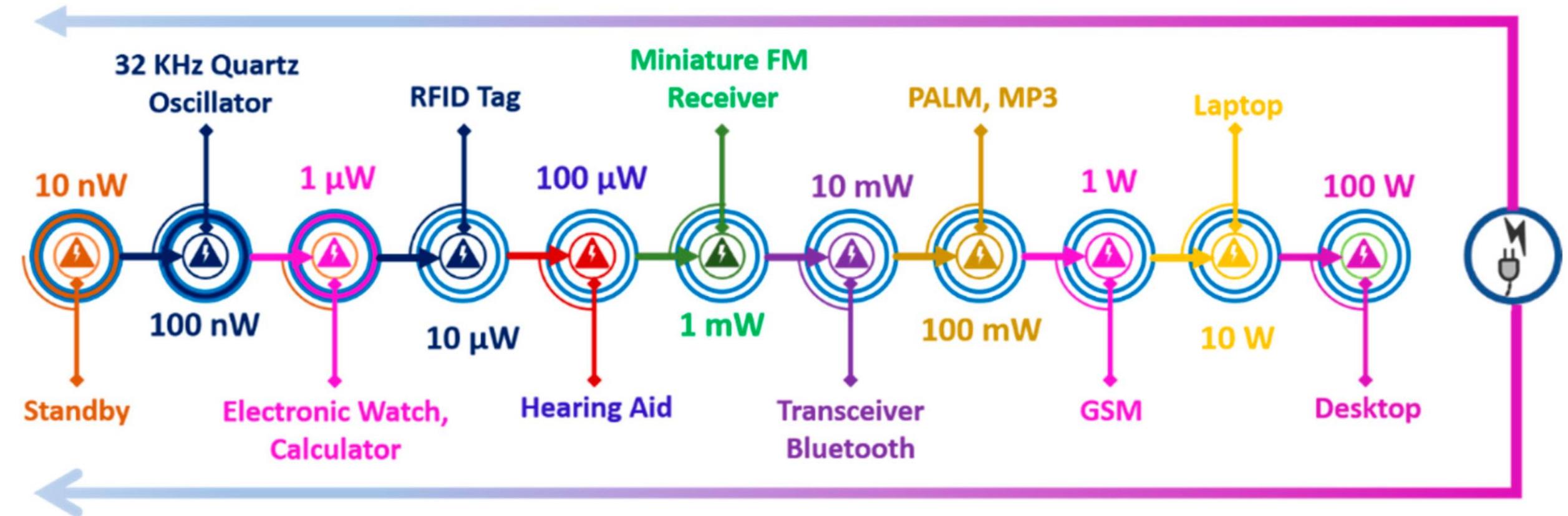
- ✓ Burning natural gas for electricity releases between **0.6 and 2 pounds** of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent per kilowatt-hour (CO<sub>2</sub> E/kWh).
- ✓ Coal emits between **1.4 and 3.6 pounds**.
- ✓ Wind is responsible for only **0.02 to 0.04 pounds**.
- ✓ Solar Energy sector emits: **0.07 to 0.2 pounds**.
- ✓ Geothermal Energy sector emits : **0.1 to 0.2 pound**.
- ✓ Hydroelectric Energy sector emits **0.1 to 0.5 pound**.

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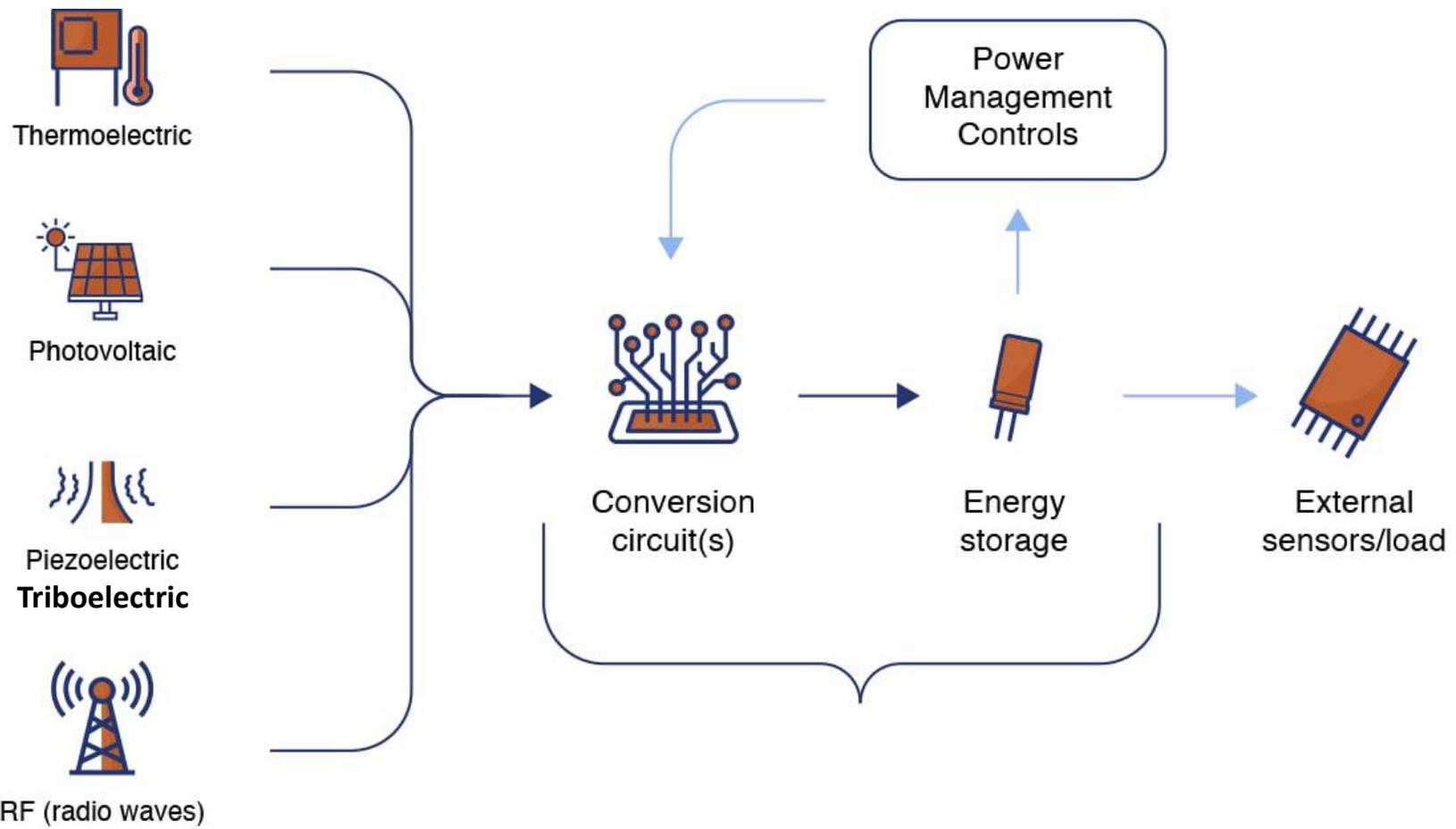
**Leading countries – China, Brazil, the United States, India and members of the European Union**

## Power Requirement of IoT Enabled Smart Electronics



# Types of Smart Energy Device: Self-powered Wearables

**Self-powered technology means that the device can maintain its own operation by collecting energy in the working environment without an external energy supply. The effective collection of various forms of energy in the working environment is the basis of self-powered technology.**



- ➔ **Wearable Electronics**
- ➔ **Health Monitoring**
- ➔ **Sports and Lifestyles**
- ➔ **Smart Packaging**
- ➔ **Security system**
- ➔ **Automobile**

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## e-Waste Management



# Consumption of Electrical & Electronic Equipment (EEE) and Electronic Waste (e-Waste)



Higher levels of Disposable income



Urbanization



Industrialization

**DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION**



Digitalization



Annual growth of 2.5 Mt



Growth of 9.2 Mt Since 2014



Higher consumption rates of EEE



Short life cycles



Less repair options

Ref. The Global E-waste Monitor 2020: Quantities, flows and the circular economy potential.

## Informal e-waste recycling may cause adverse health effects in children

The infographic features a central illustration of children playing in a park. Surrounding this central image are eight circular icons, each connected to a specific health effect by a dashed line. The effects are: Adverse birth outcomes (baby icon), DNA damage (DNA double helix icon), Changes to immune system function (person with virus icon), Impaired cardiovascular function (heart icon), Impaired neurodevelopment and behaviour (brain icon), Lung function, respiratory effects (lungs icon), Changes in thyroid function (thyroid gland icon), and Increased risk of diseases later in life (person with cane icon).

Adverse birth outcomes

DNA damage

Changes to immune system function

Impaired cardiovascular function

Impaired neurodevelopment and behaviour

Lung function, respiratory effects

Changes in thyroid function

Increased risk of diseases later in life

These health effects can have life-long impacts

World Health Organization

Be wise about **#eWaste**

## Children are exposed to e-waste toxicants through 4 major pathways:

The infographic illustrates four pathways of exposure to e-waste toxicants. Each pathway is accompanied by an illustration: 1. Skin exposure: A child playing with toys and a parent cleaning. 2. Inhalation: A child on a swing set with wind lines indicating air. 3. Ingestion: A child eating an apple. 4. Transplacental exposure: A pregnant woman pushing a stroller with a baby inside.

**1. Skin exposure**  
From contaminated toys, corrosive substances and take home exposure

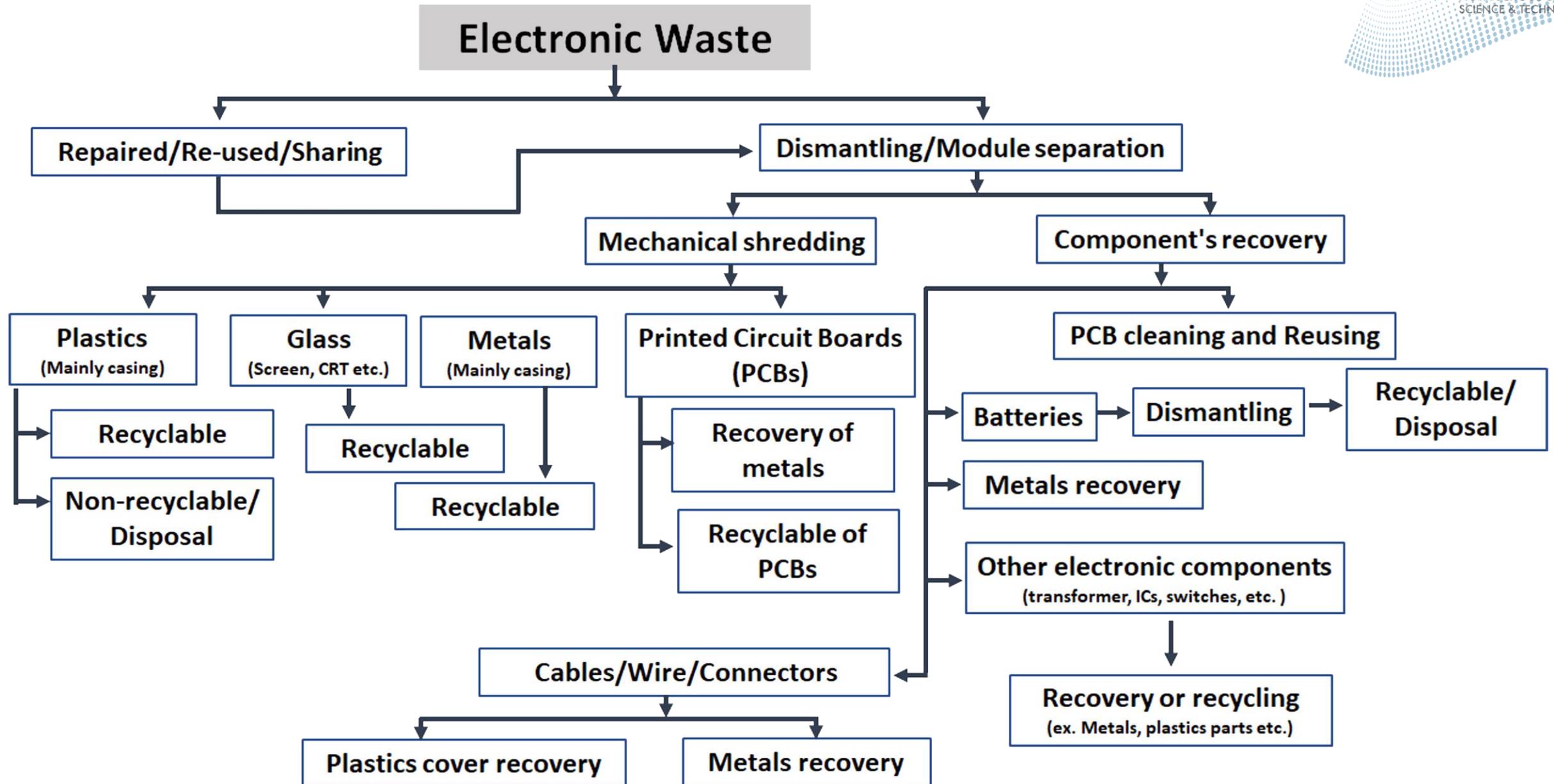
**2. Inhalation**  
Of contaminated air

**3. Ingestion**  
Of contaminated food, water, breastmilk, soil and dust

**4. Transplacental exposure**

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# Paper Electronics

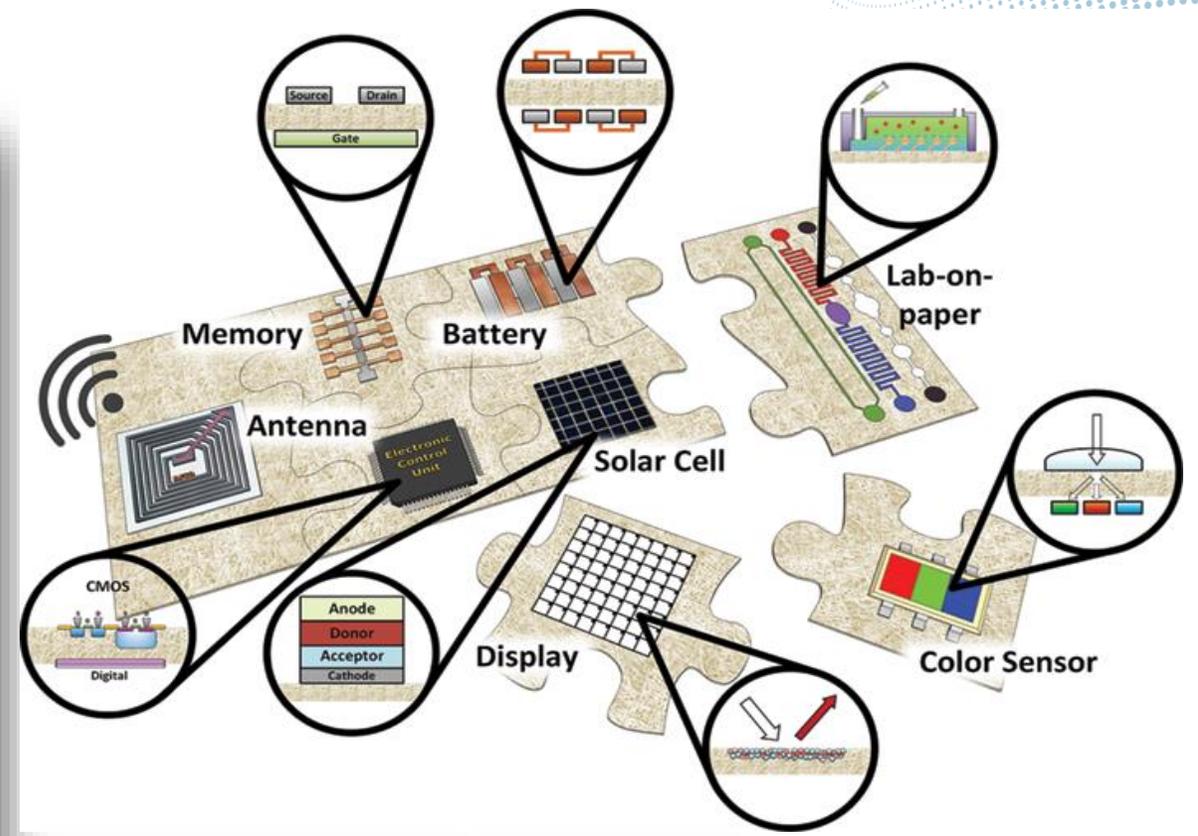
Paper electronics: Towards the step to zero e-waste

There was 53.6 million tonnes (MT) e-waste in 2019, which is a nearly 21% increase in just five years.

Asia generated the greatest volume (around 24.9 MT) followed by the Americas (13.1 MT) and Europe (12 MT). Africa and Oceania generated 2.9 MT and 0.7 MT respectively.

And who takes this e-waste? Most of the developing countries like India, Pakistan, China, Brazil, Africa...\*

\*Global E-waste Monitor 2020



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Paper or Cellulose can be a high impact alternative choice

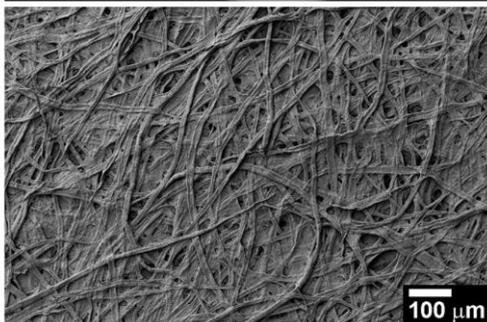
# Cellulose: New generation materials

## Paper pulp



Composed of multiple interconnected elementary fibrils, with **approximate length of 0.5–10 mm and width of 10–100 nm.**

Example: Office paper, Tracing paper, Glassine, Parchment paper, Wax papers, etc.,

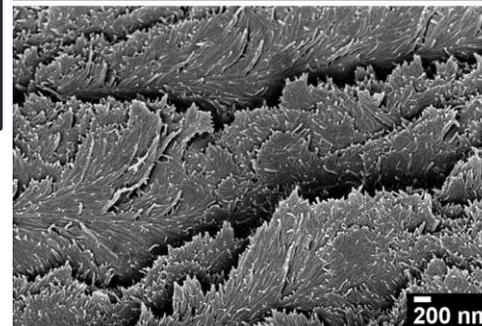


Containing both crystalline and amorphous structures. The elemental fibers **length of 500–2000 nm and width of 4–20 nm.**

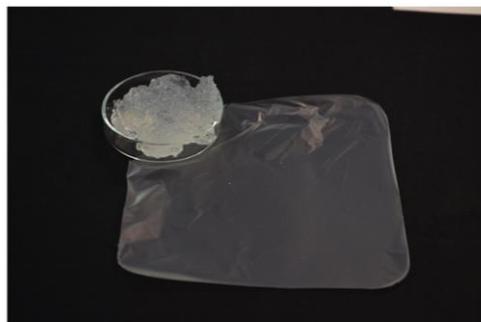
## Cellulose nano-crystalline



Appear as highly crystalline regions of CFs. Fiber **lengths ranging between 50 and 500 nm and widths between 3 and 5 nm.**



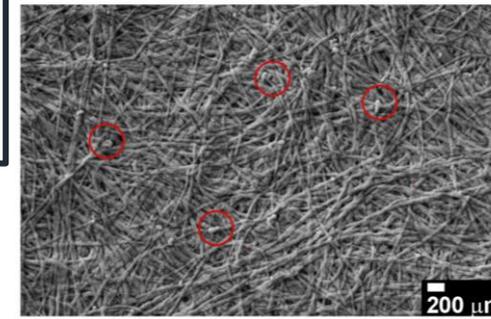
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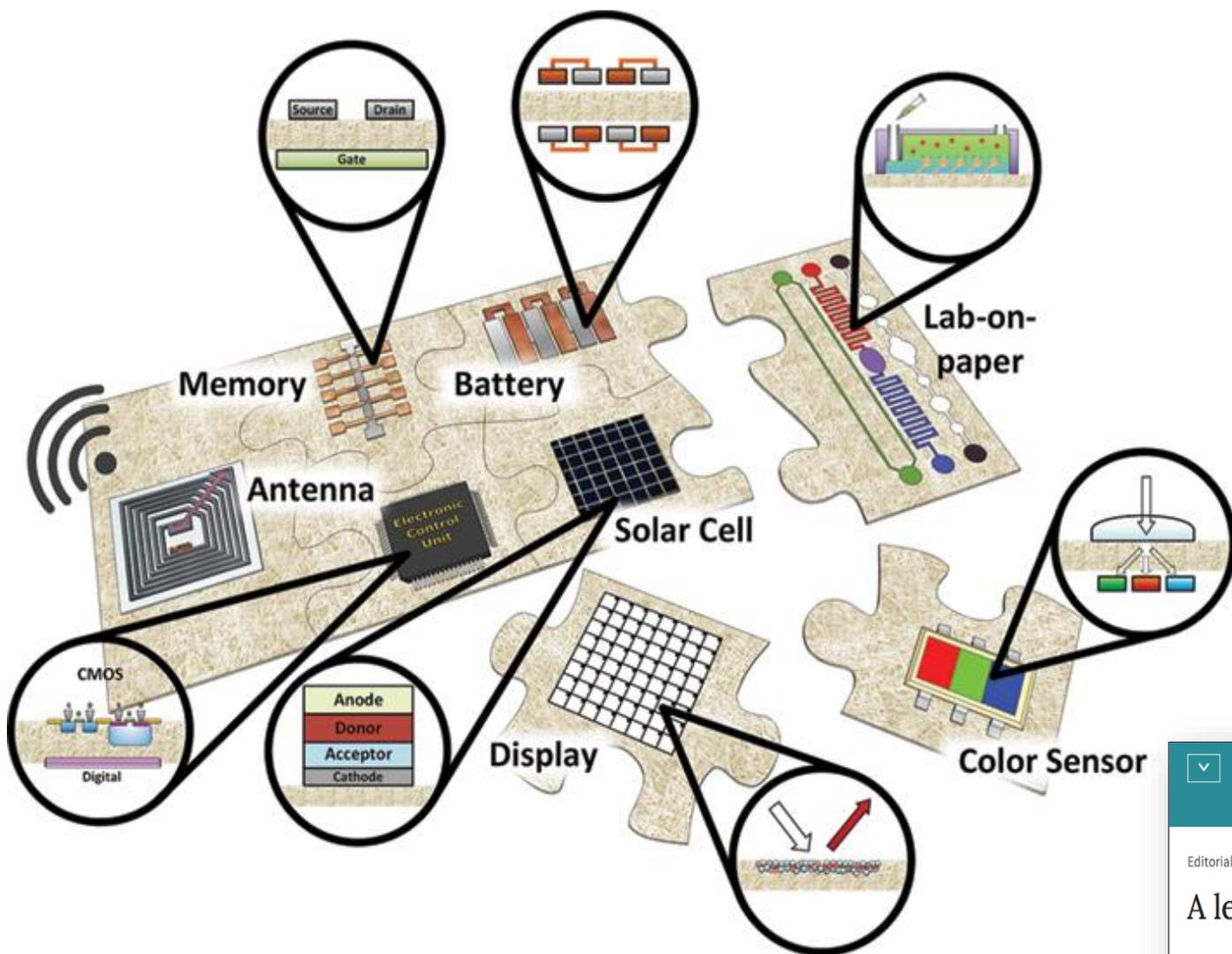
Natural cellulose is processed in the presence of microbes or bacteria. The diameter of the **BC fibers typically ranges between 20 and 100 nm.**



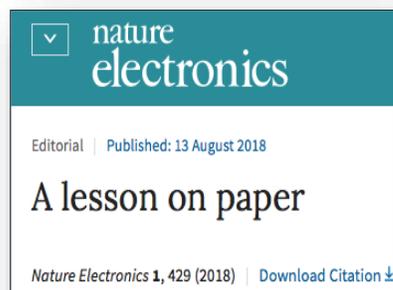
## Bacterial cellulose



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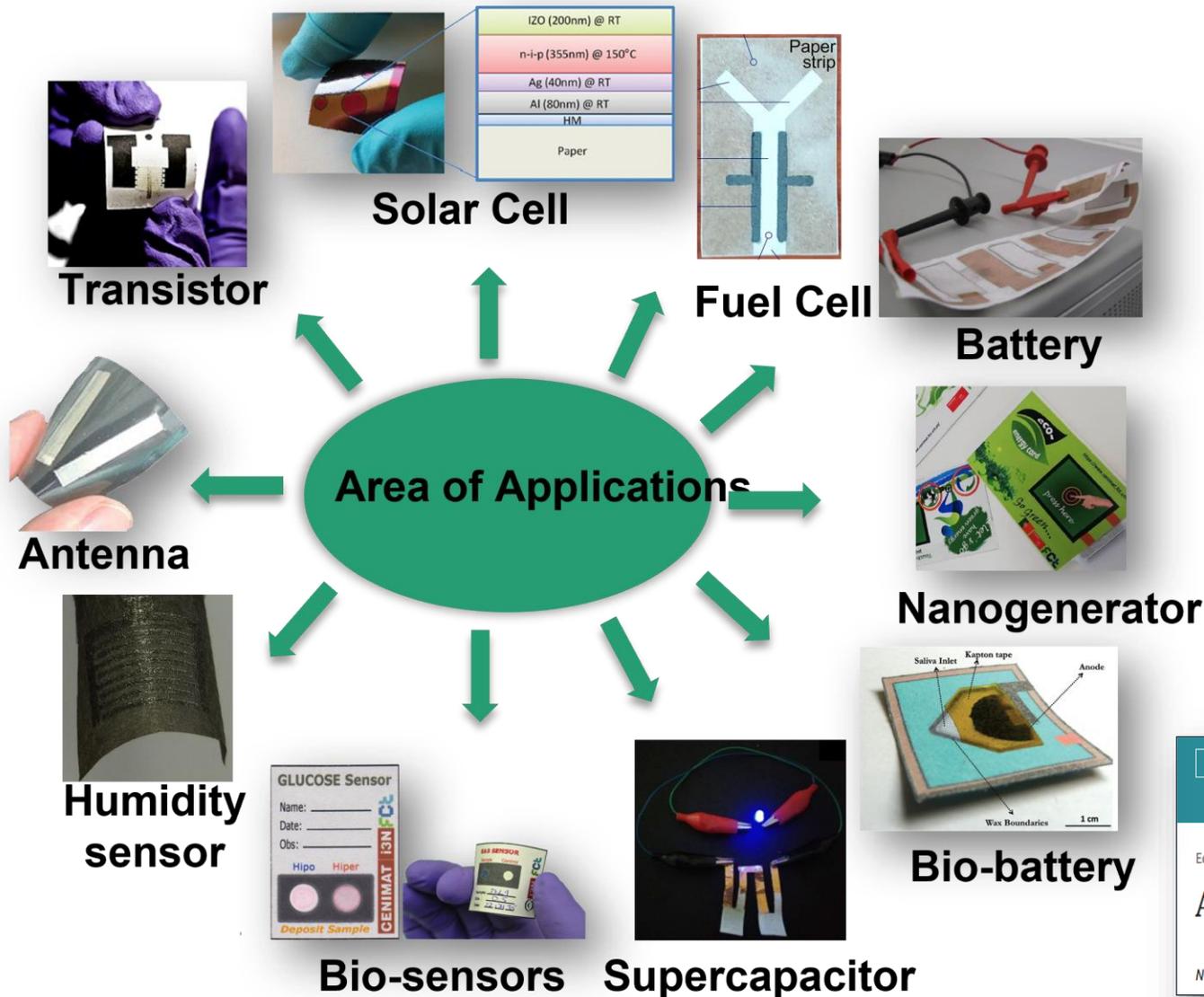


- ✓ Paper or cellulose is most abundant, eco-friendly, low-cost, light weight, flexible materials.
- ✓ Annual paper production volume exceeds 300 Mt, and it turns to 400 Mt.
- ✓ Among all, 70% are recycled.
- ✓ At present, paper recycling in Europe is 71.5%.

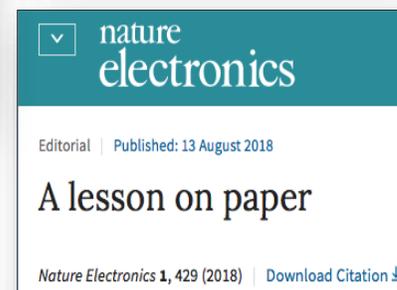


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# What is the “Eco-Strategies” ?

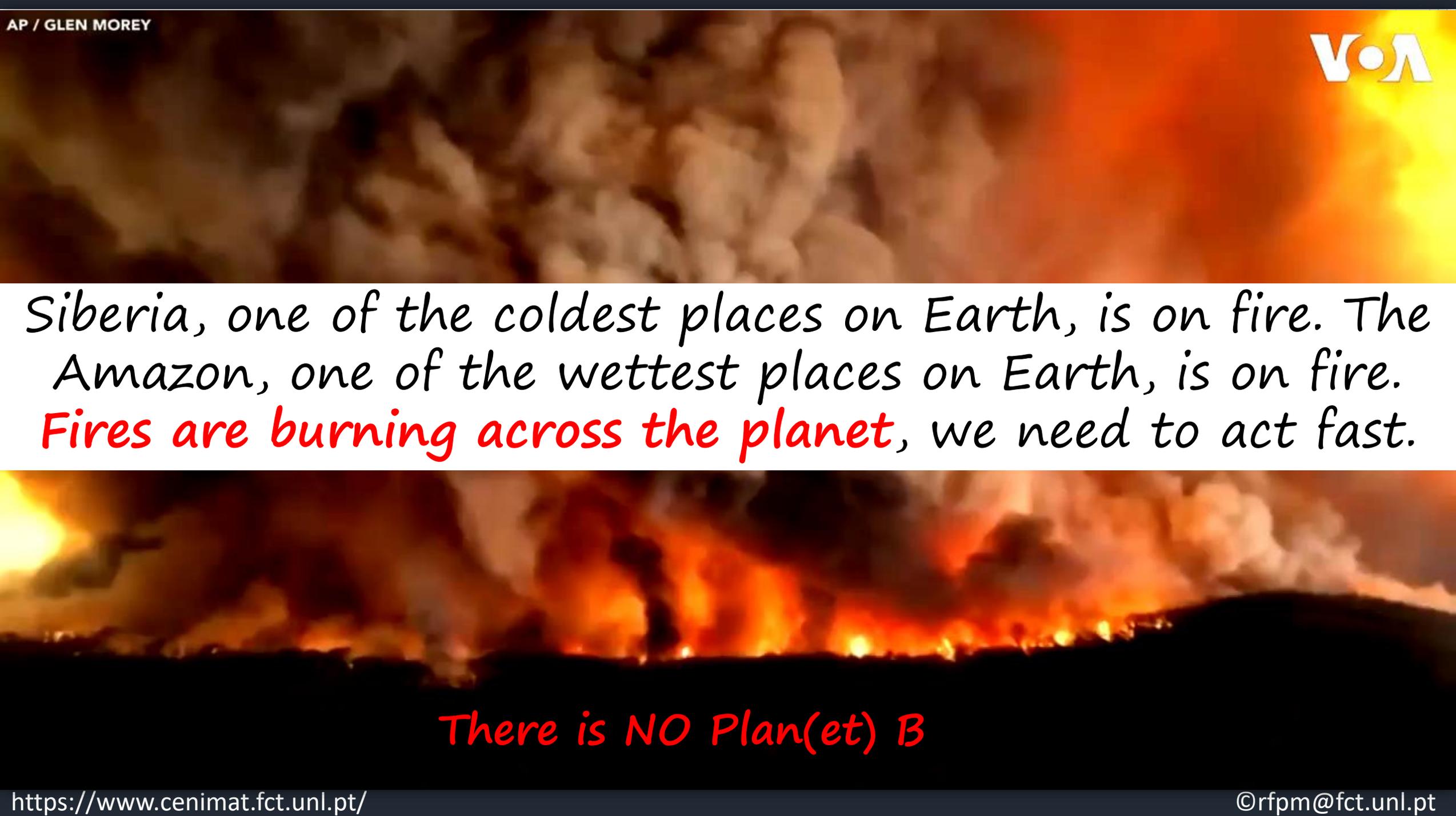
## Technology side»

- Decrease Fossil Fuel Dependence /CO<sub>2</sub> Emission
  - Apply Non-carbon Input for Energy
  - Apply Non-fossil Carbon Input for chemicals
- Decrease Critical Element (Rare-metal, Rare-earth, etc.)
  - Consumption and develop Manufacturing Technologies with Ubiquitous Resources
- New Manufacturing Process with minimum power consumption
  - Out of High-temperature /High- pressure / Large-scale cost-effective process
- Cyclic Eco-friendly Production Complex
  - Recycling, Repairing and Reprocessing of used product/materials
  - Proper waste management after end-of product life
- On-demand/Reconfigurable/No-warm-up Production
- Green Technology
  - Low power consumption device manufacturing
  - Minimum circuitry design with highly efficient device output

# Eco-Strategy: Five Golden Rules

**5** golden rules

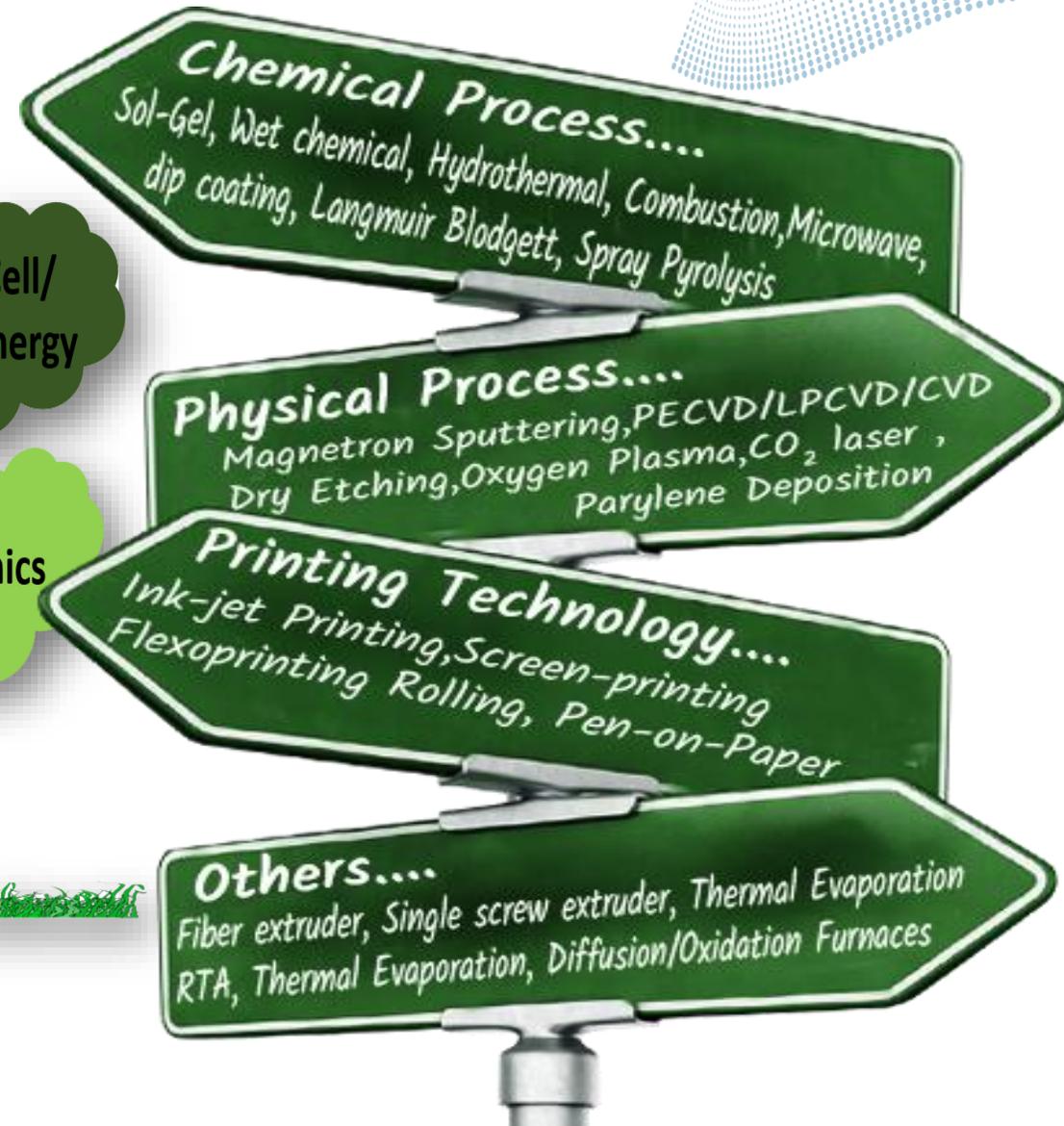
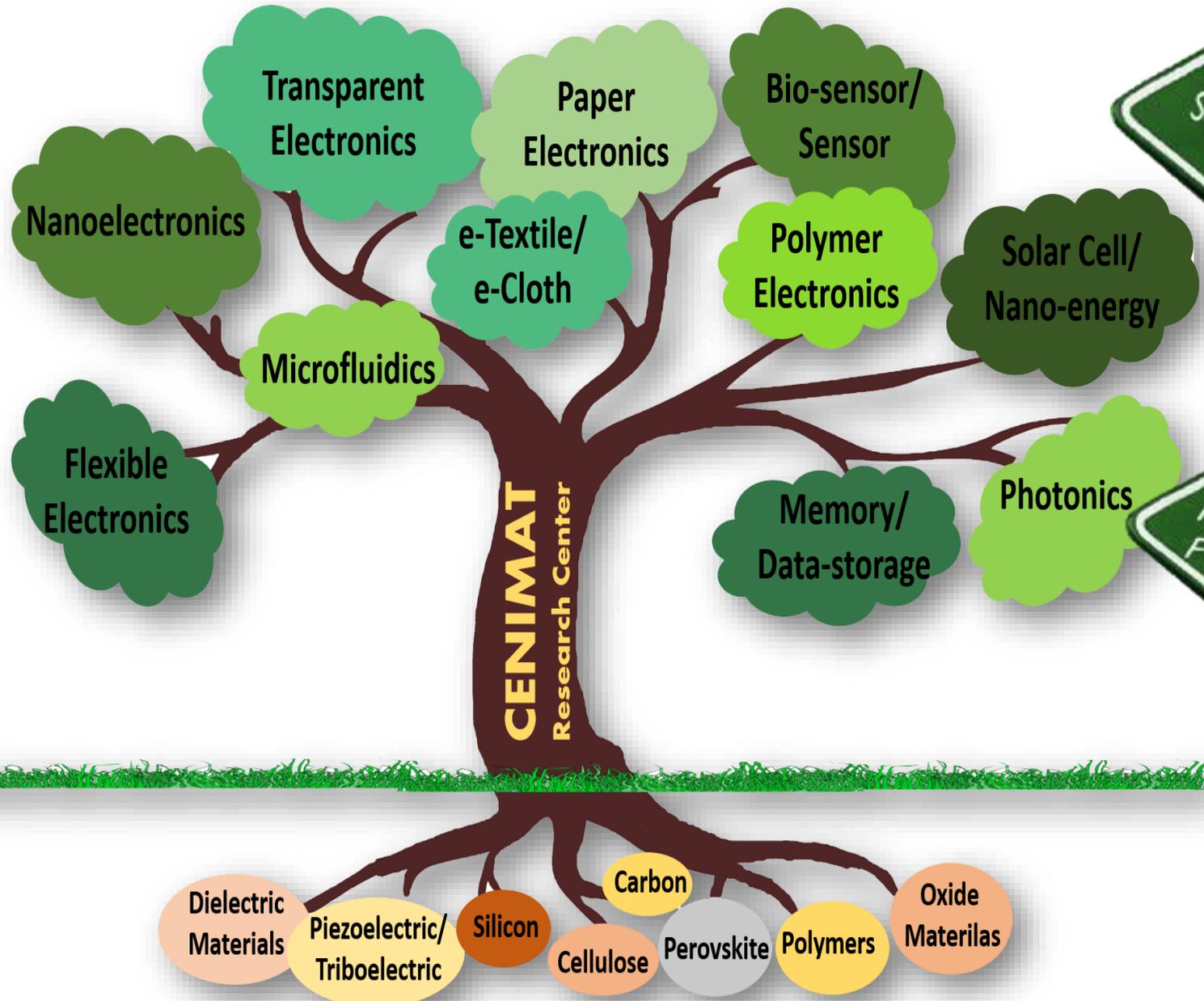




Siberia, one of the coldest places on Earth, is on fire. The Amazon, one of the wettest places on Earth, is on fire. **Fires are burning across the planet**, we need to act fast.

**There is NO Plan(et) B**

# CENIMAT/CEMOP: At a glance





Thank you!

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