

Advanced Biofuels

A Truly Sustainable Renewable Future



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Advocates for the adoption of
advanced biofuels as an

- energy security,
- military flexibility,
- economic development
- climate change mitigation
- pollution control

solution.

What Are Advanced Biofuels?

Ethanol is **a** biofuel, not the only biofuel.

Biodiesel

Renewable Diesel

Biojet

Biobutanol

Drop-in Hydrocarbons

Rocket Fuel

BioHeat ®

Cooking Fuel



Energy Beet Project in Delmarva/ Eastern Shore Maryland



Energy Beet Project in Delmarva

Initial goals of the project:

- Use a **high yield** (over twice yield of biofuel per acre of corn), **low nutrient** input crop that will reduce agricultural runoff into the Chesapeake Bay.
- Provide **new opportunities for minority** growers and entrepreneurs.
- Implement **a decentralized processing** system that will create good paying jobs in Delmarva.
- **Address regional jetfuel markets** not currently served by current biofuel production centers.
- Utilize **Maryland developed** crops, processing technology, and university agricultural expertise.

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Goals Identified during Project Development

- **Importance of Remediation Potential**

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- **Focus on Animal Feed Applications**

- UMES Expertise in poultry nutrition and physiology



Current US Sugar Beet Farming

Sugar Beet

Grows in cold, dry climates.

Requires extensive storage facilities. Traditionally uses sucrose for table sugar or for ethanol production .



Sugar Beet pulp

Animal feed or landfill

Energy Beet



Energy Beets
Derived from Sugar Beets to use
less nutrients and grow in warm,
moist climates.



Per acre, 2 ½ times as much biofuel
as corn starch



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First Ever Energy Beets Planting, Growing



Energy Beet Project in Delmarva/ Eastern Shore Maryland- 2016

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First Harvest



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1 Advanced Biofuel Problem

High Lignin = Biomass Recalcitrance

HIGH Lignin Feedstocks:

Grasses

Switchgrass

Miscanthus

Trees and Forest Waste

Agricultural Residues

Corn Stover

Rice Straw/Hulls

Wheat Straw

Sugar Cane Bagasse



LOW Lignin Feedstocks:

Energy Beets/Sugar Beets

Industrial Sweet Potatoes

Food Processing Waste/Residue

Cassava

Potatoes



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Key Partners

Atlantic Biomass, LLC



Plant
Sensory Systems



PURDUE
UNIVERSITY®



USDA Agricultural Research
Service National Center for
Agricultural Utilization
Research in Peoria, Illinois



 **Vertimass**
Transformative fungible biofuels.

What Will Advanced Biofuels Be Used For Tomorrow?

- Military Aviation Fuels
- Military Marine Fuels



Progress on Military Advanced Biofuels Use



The Great Green Fleet

US Navy: 50% Use Goal

**Aviation and Maritime Fuel
Purchases Began in 2015**

Aviation Fuel Processes

- Alcohol to Jet (ATJ)
- Catalytic Conversion of Oil to Jet (CCOTJ)
- Catalytic Conversion of Sugar to Jet (CCSTJ)
- Catalytic Hydrothermolysis, Hydroprocessing to Jet (CH-HRJ)
- Direct Fermentation of Sugar to Jet (DFSTJ)
- Fischer-Tropsch Synthesized Paraffinic Kerosene (FT-SPK)
- Hydrotreated Depolymerized Cellulosic Jet (HDCJ)
- Hydroprocessed Esters & Fatty Acids (HEFA)
- Synthesized Iso-Paraffinic Fuel (SIP)

Certification: Continuing Our Progress



SIP
June 1, 2014



sugarcane
Sugar

**Also Called
DSHC**

2015
2014

2013

2012

HEFA
July 1, 2011



Plant/Animal
Oils

2011

**Drop-In Fuel
Spec**

ASTM D7566
Sept 1, 2009

2010

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Sept 1, 2009



Coal



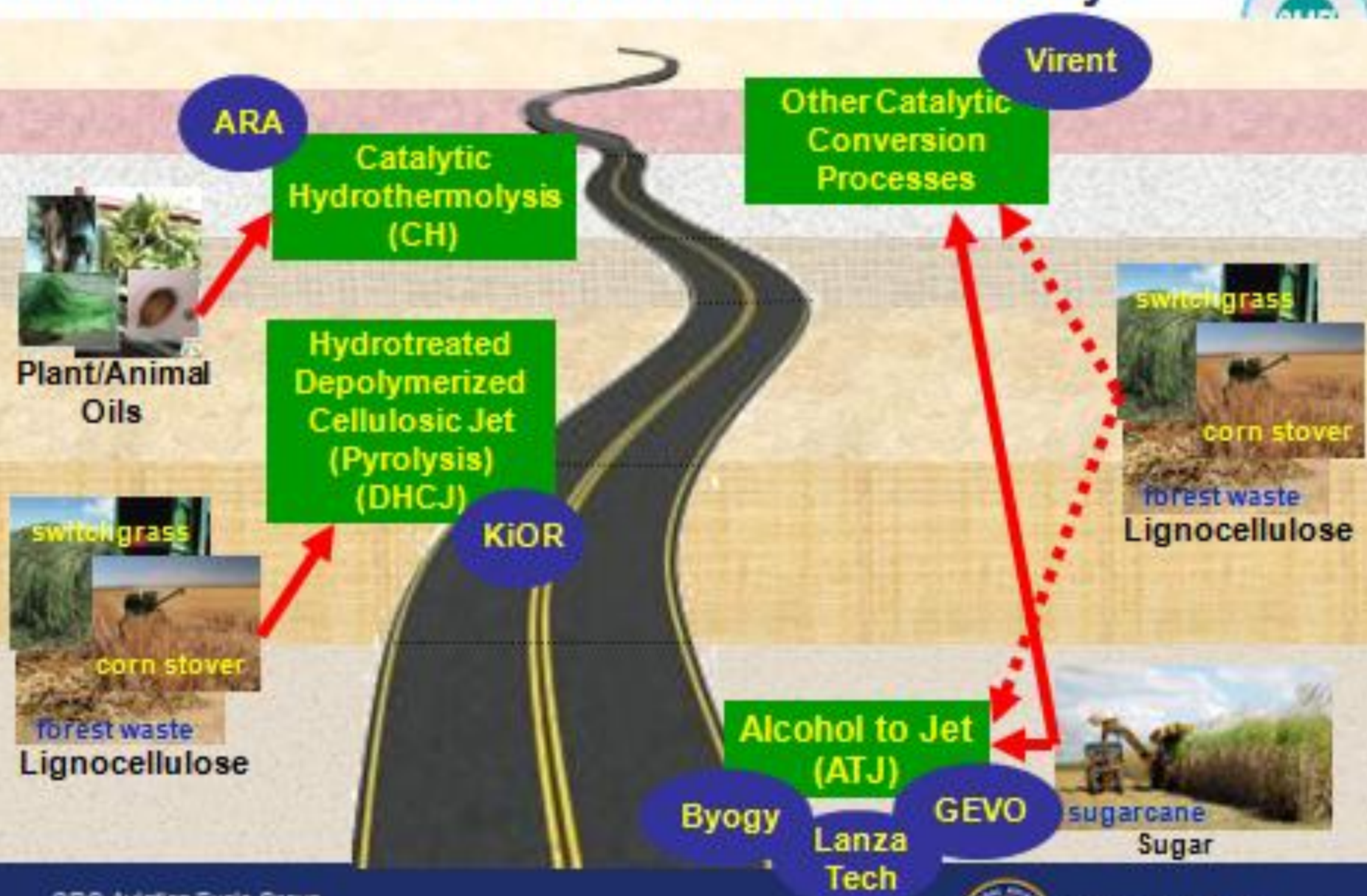
Biomass



Natural
Gas

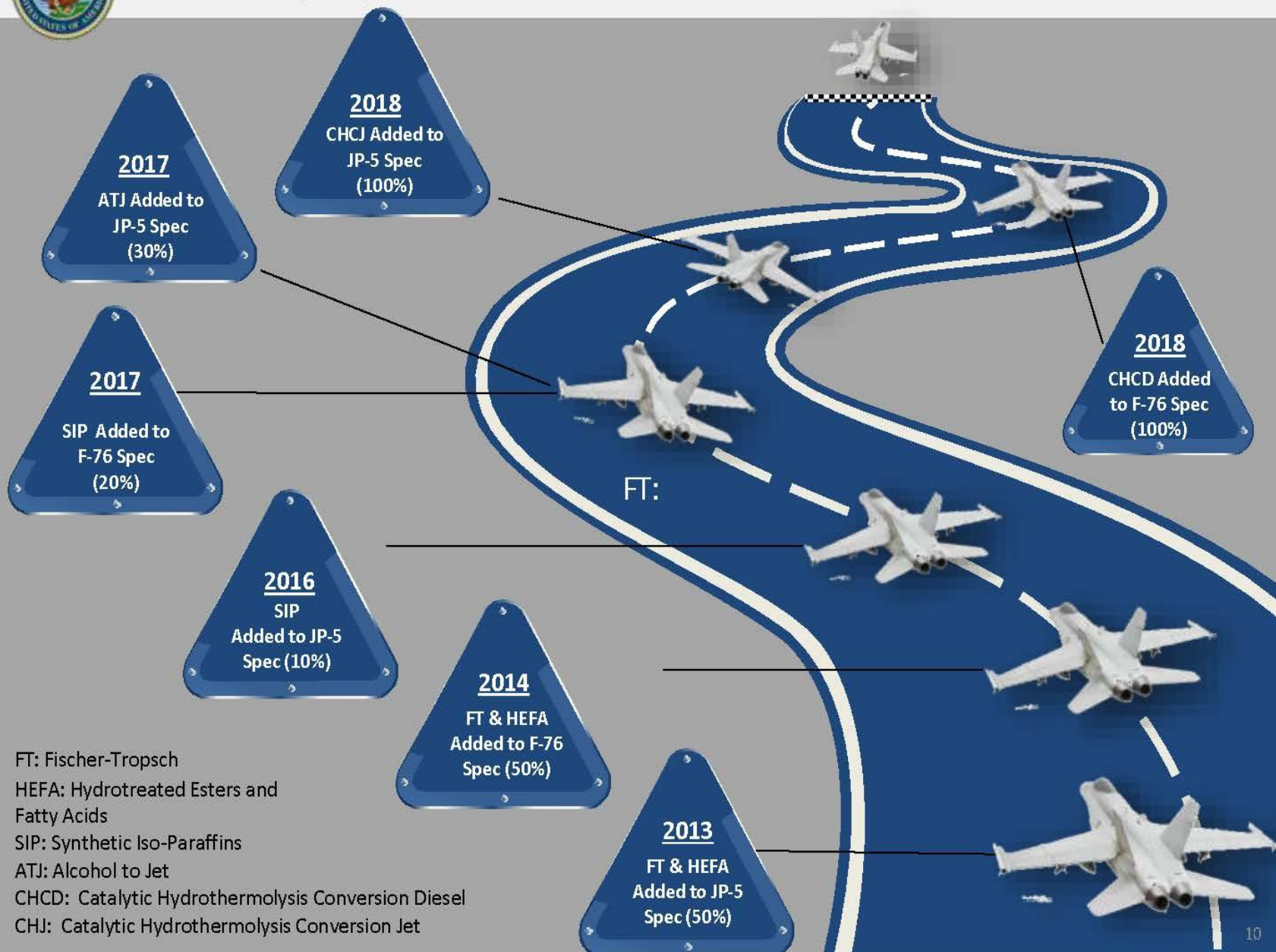


Certification: Future Aviation Fuel Pathways





Navy Synthetic Fuel Qualification Roadmap



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Urgency:

- **Fruit/Vegetable industry demise** (over 40,000 idle acres)
- **Most economically depressed area on the East Coast**
- **Significant minority** population
- **Climate Change** consequences are evident—sea level rise, damaging storms
- **Unique access to rail transportation** to existing refineries with commitment to transitioning to renewables
- **Close to major jetfuel markets** (Norfolk Naval Base, DC, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York)



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Nutrient Management Data from 2016 Test Plots:

Wet Tons/Acre of Top 10 Yield Energy Beet Varieties
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40.27

Potential Delmarva Ethanol and Bio-Jetfuel Per Acre Yields

Wet Wgt Tons/Acre	% Total Sugars	Tons Sugar/Acre	Gallons Ethanol/Acre@ 15.4 lb/gal (US DOE value)	Gallons Jetfuel/Acre @ 62% Ethanol (oxygen removed)
40	21.8%	8.72	1,132	702

Anticipated Phosphorus Uptake from Energy Beets Optimized for Eastern Shore Compared to Corn and Sorghum including P/Ton Conversion

	Tons/Acre	Lbs P/Ton	Lbs P/Acre
Corn	5.1	9.65	49.2
Sorghum	6.4	5.95	38.1
Energy Beets Average	23.9	3.46	82.8
Energy Beets Top 10	40	3.46	139

Delmarva Energy Beet Project

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Nutrient Management Data : 2016 Test Plots

Potential Phosphorus Uptake from Energy Beets Compared to UMES Corn and Sorghum Fields



Crop	Biomass Tons/Acre	Lbs P/Acre	Energy Beet % Increase over Corn
Corn	5.1	49.2	
Sorghum	6.4	38.1	
Energy Beet Plot Used for Calculation	23.9	82.8	68%
Energy Beet Top 10 Average	40	139	183% ²⁶

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Nutrient Management Credit Questions:

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 - E. Is there “legacy” P in deep soil that energy beets take up?
Does it matter?
2. Can annual agricultural crops participate in existing and developing nutrient management programs as non point sources?
3. For Delmarva project, since all fields in tidewater areas, would deliver ratio be 1:1?
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More Nutrient Management Credit Questions:

5. Could value of credits be calculated by comparing the cost of removing the same amount of P by making changes to wastewater treatment facilities or building new wastewater treatment infrastructure to manage runoff from new residential or business/industrial development?
6. In addition to illustrating this as income/acre, the table on next slide illustrates potential net margins in terms of pounds of P removed using the Virginia concept of perpetual credits. How realistic is the value of the potential credit?



**Energy Beet
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Delmarva
Nutrient
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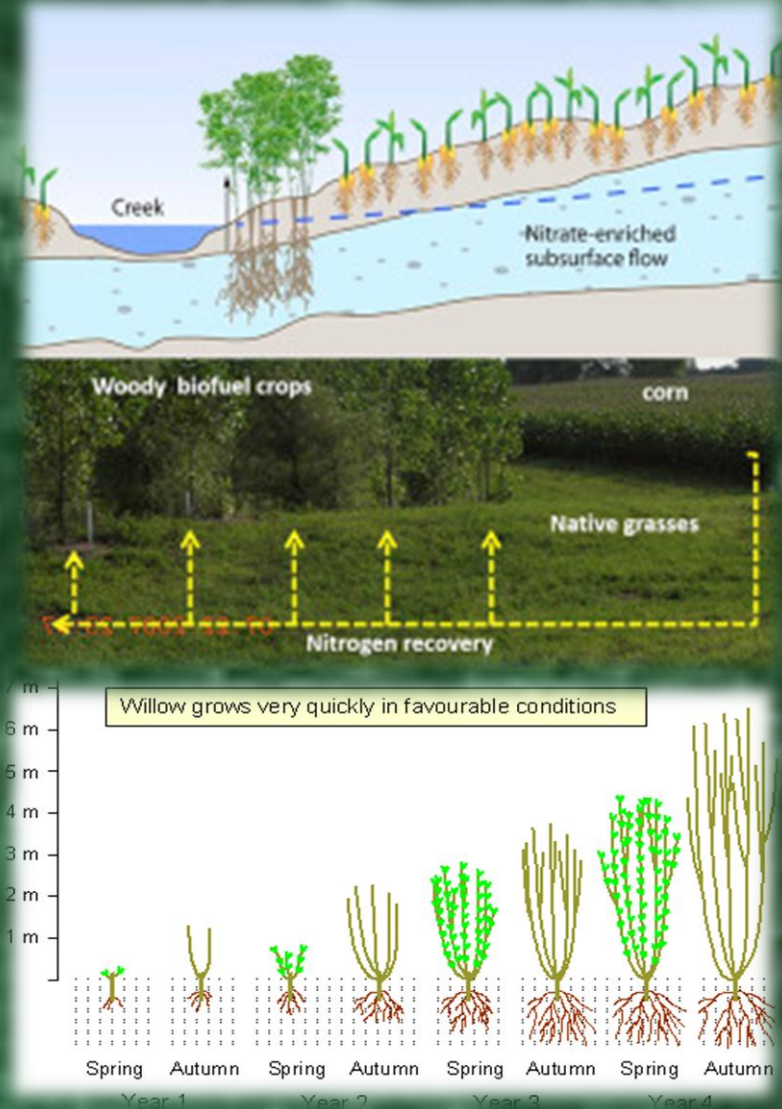
***Cost to Water
Treatment Facility to
Remove the Amount
of Phosphorus Taken
up by Energy Beets
from Soil***

Total Acreage	116000			
Corn Replacement	Tons/Acre	Total Tons (116,000 acres)		
Increase P Removal				
2016 Harvest	0.017	1,949		
40 Tons/Acre	0.045	5,184		
Average Tons	0.031	3,566		
Average grams/Ton		3,235,334,480		
10 mg/l to 1 mg/L removal rate	grams	Gallons for 1 ton Phosphorus Removal		Gallons Processed to Equal Energy Beet Removal
P reduction/gallon	0.03402	26,666,226		95,100,954,734
P reduction/liter (g)	0.009			Annual O&M Costs (\$648/MG)
				\$ 61,625,419
				Annual Payment per Acre
				\$ 531.25

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Policy-Issues and Nutrient Management Questions:

7. What policies exist regarding this type of valuation? Do any anticipate this type of annual crop nutrient remediation strategy?
8. Does the P have to leave the watershed? What if the P taken up by the beets locates in the co-product animal feed (poultry feed) that is used on the Delmarva?
9. What about crops like beets, grasses or coppiced poplar/willow that might be grown in landscapes to take up nutrients from runoff? How would they participate in a nutrient management credit trading program?



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Energy Crops

The Future of Agriculture



Benefits of Energy Crops

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Overwintering stems and new growth of
Miscanthus x giganteus, May 12, 2004.



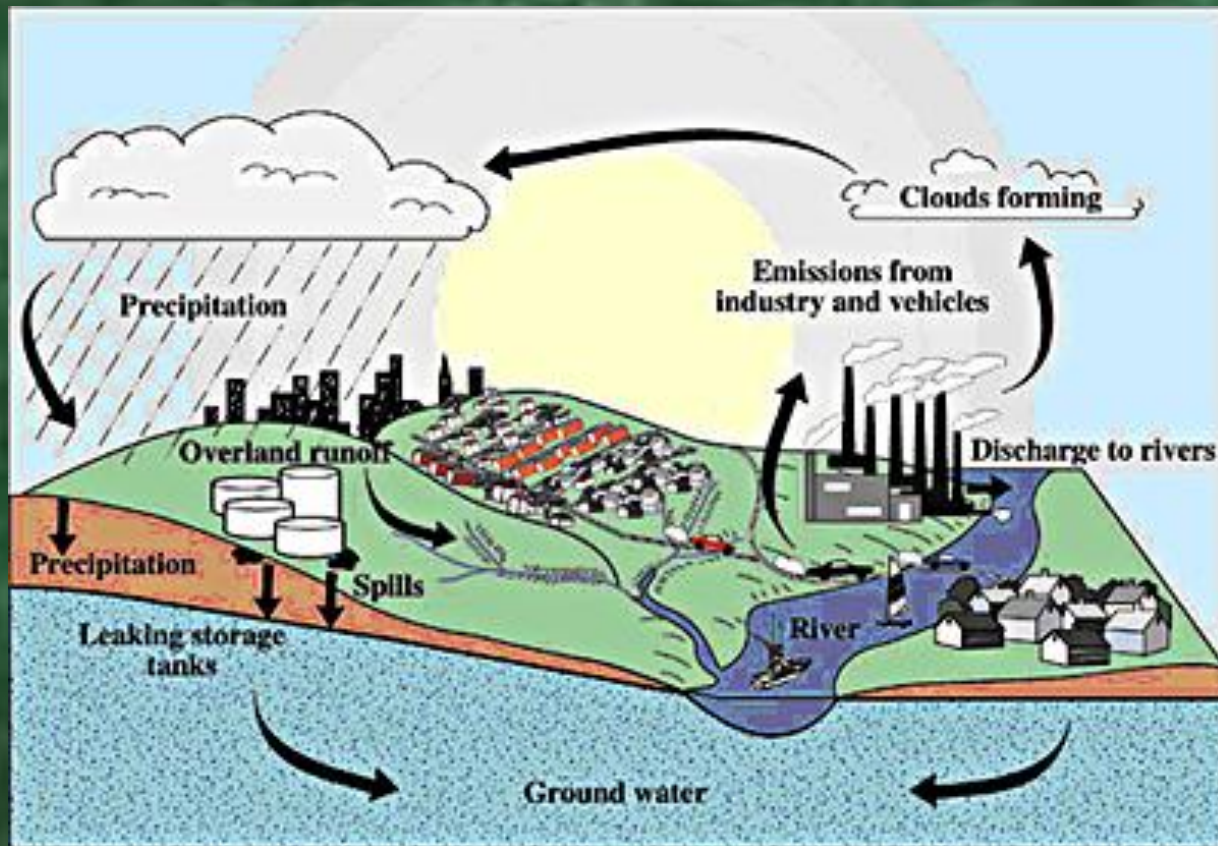
- Remediation
- Erosion Control
- Nutrient Management
- Loosen Soil Compaction
- Enhance Soil Carbon
- Food/Feed AND Fuel



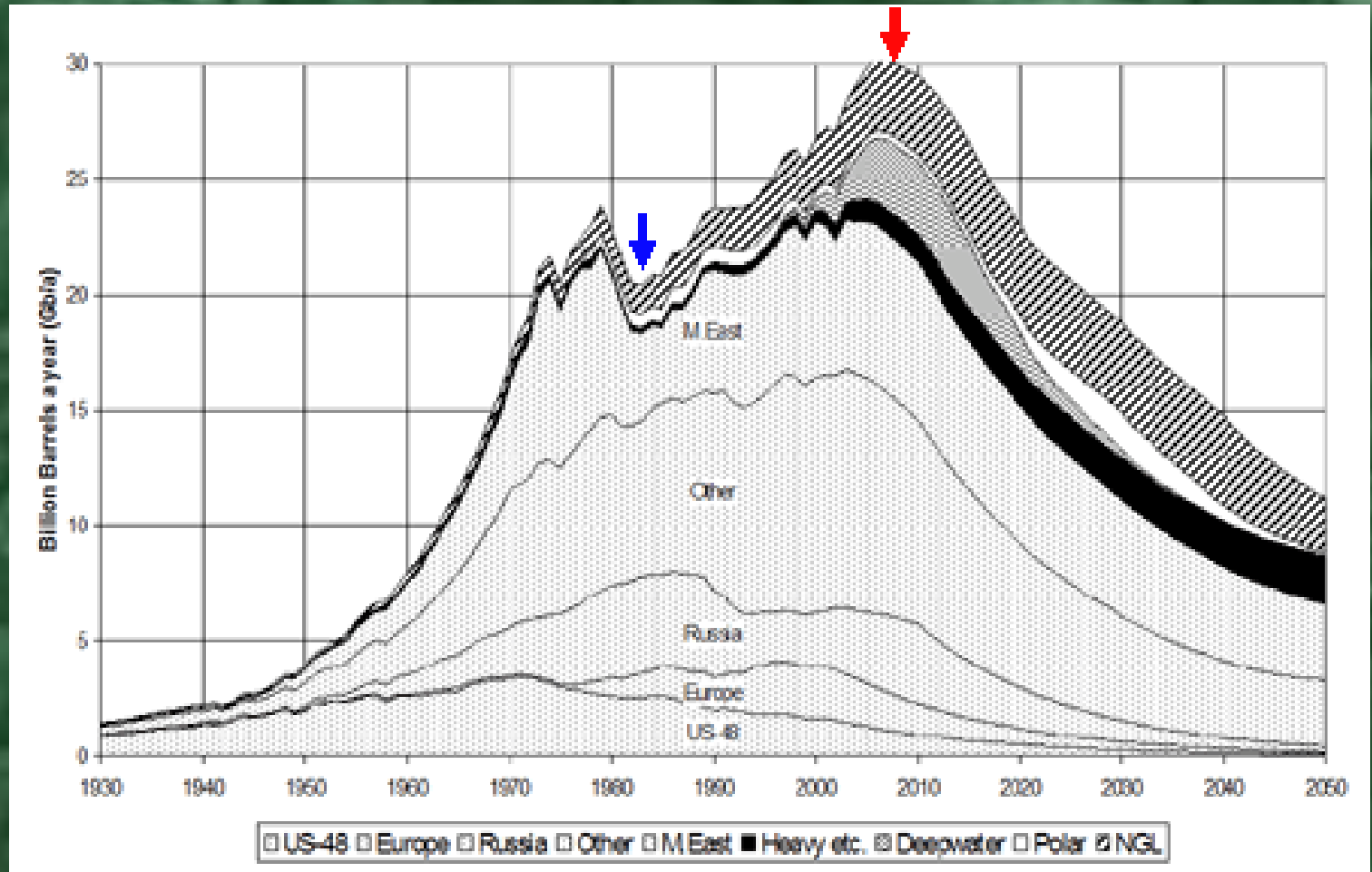


Why Replacing Fossil-Fuel Oil With Advanced Transportation Biofuels is Important—

Replaces MTBE as an octane enhancer.

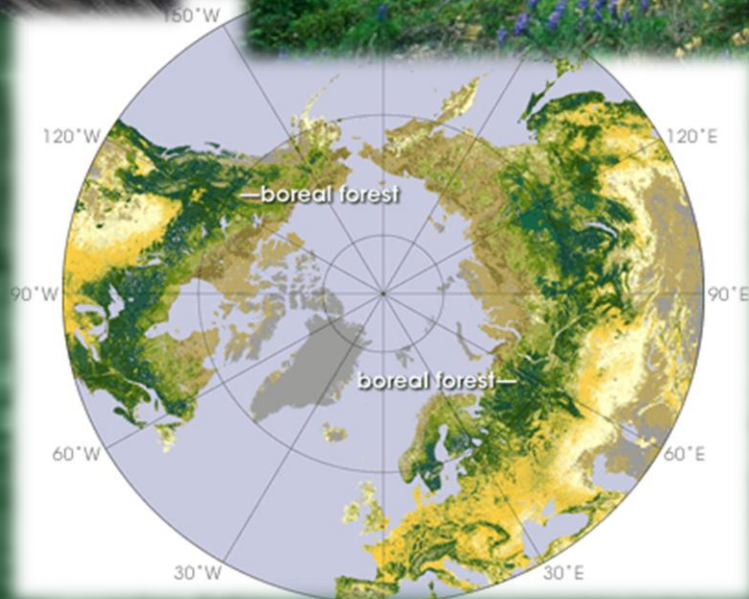


Why Replacing Fossil-Fuel Oil With Advanced Transportation Biofuels is Important— Peak Oil



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Before oil runs out, it becomes more difficult and dangerous to extract.

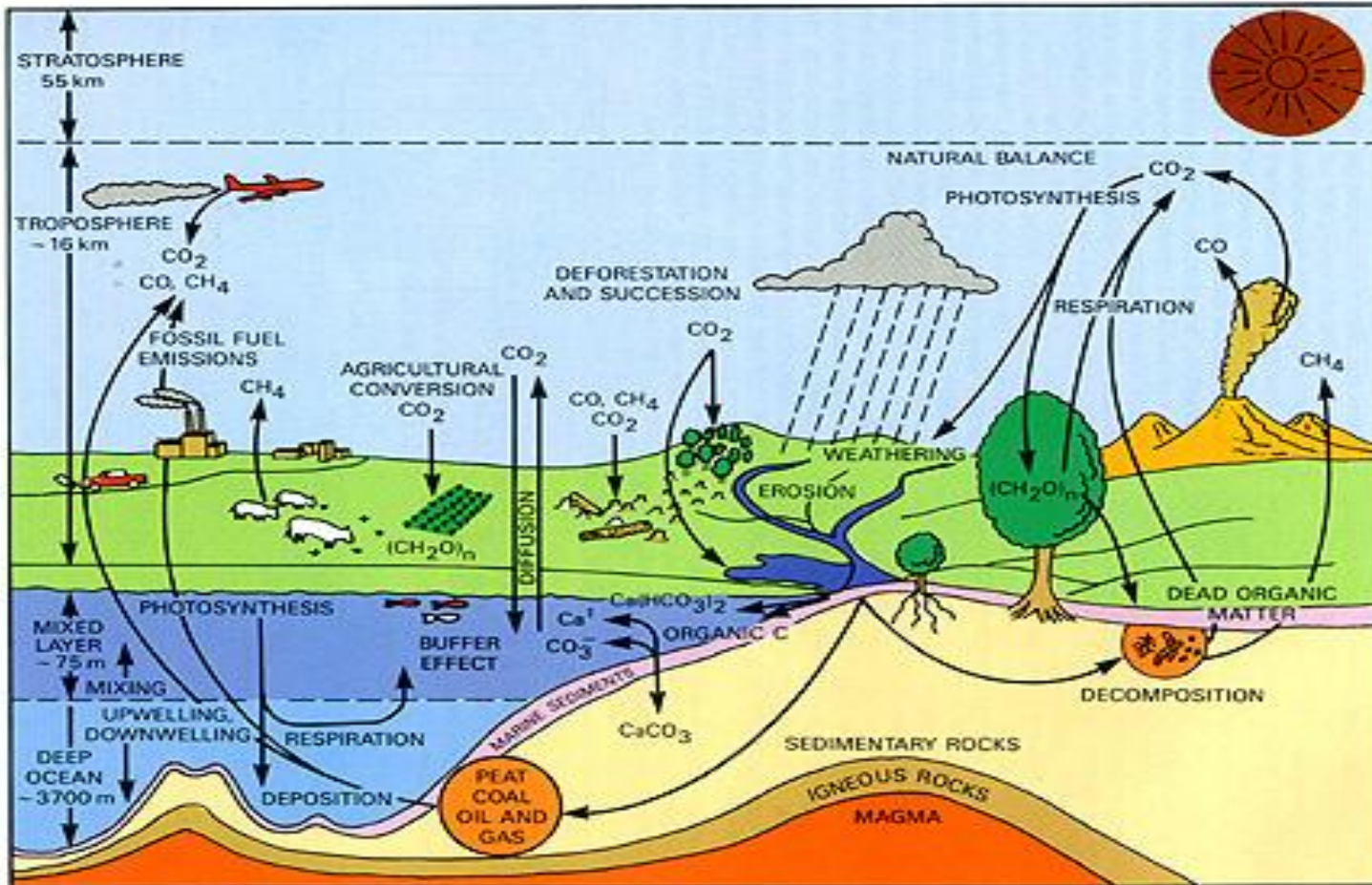


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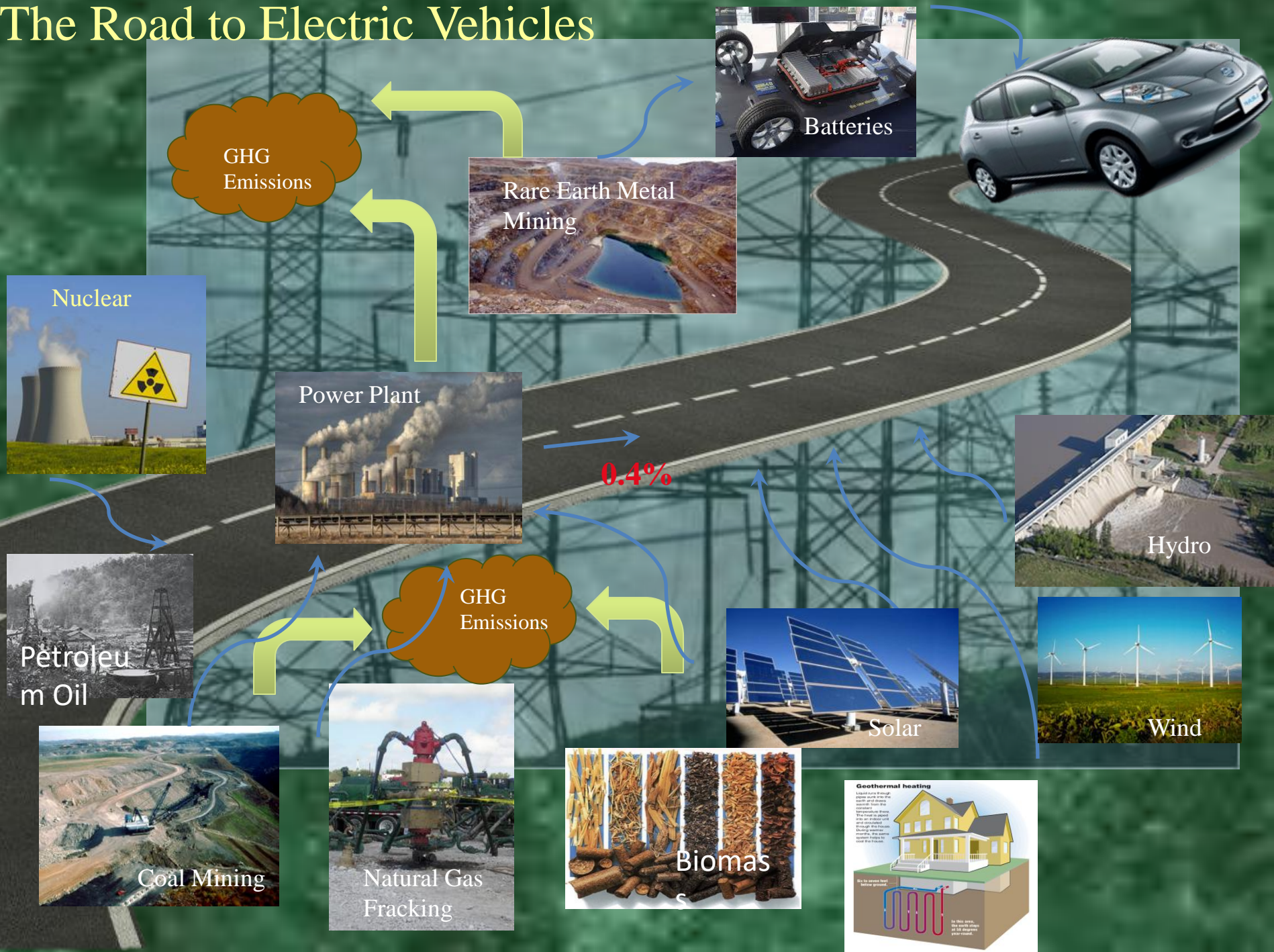


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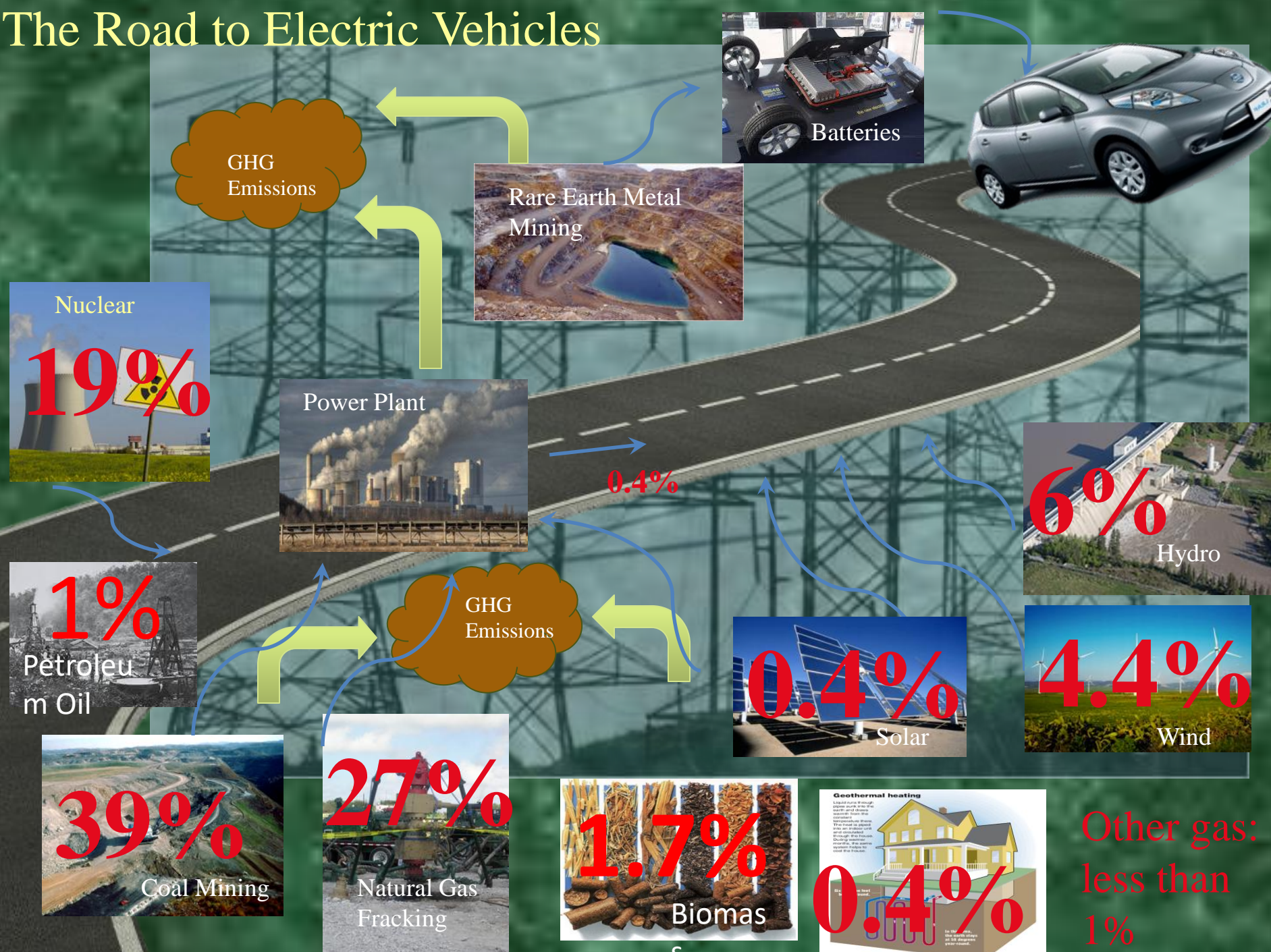


Part of a low life cycle carbon emissions
climate change mitigation solution

The Road to Electric Vehicles



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Process Path: Biomass-to-Fuels and Products

