

# Chemistry: energy, sustainability and health

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«More than ever, committed to  
a sustainable future»

Miquel A. Pericàs, ICIQ Director



CO<sub>2</sub> recycling



Sustainable  
catalysts



Computational  
chemistry



Renewable  
fuels



Artificial  
photosynthesis



# ICIQ in numbers - Research



**18** Research groups



**341** ICIQers

**80%** researchers

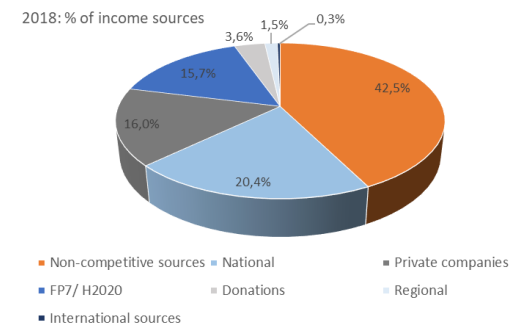
**42%** international



**2,043** publications  
**100,000** citations



**111** national projects  
**52** H2020 projects



**€15,5M** anual budget

## TOOLS AND KNOW-HOW



CATALYSIS



Catalysis

COMPUTATIONAL  
CHEMISTRY



ADVANCED MATERIALS



DEVICES



CO<sub>2</sub>  
Valorization



Artificial  
Photosynthesis



# ICIQ in numbers- Innovation



**57** patents  
**5** licenced patents  
**3** copyright



**1** spin-off



**1** mixed unit  
**7** researchers

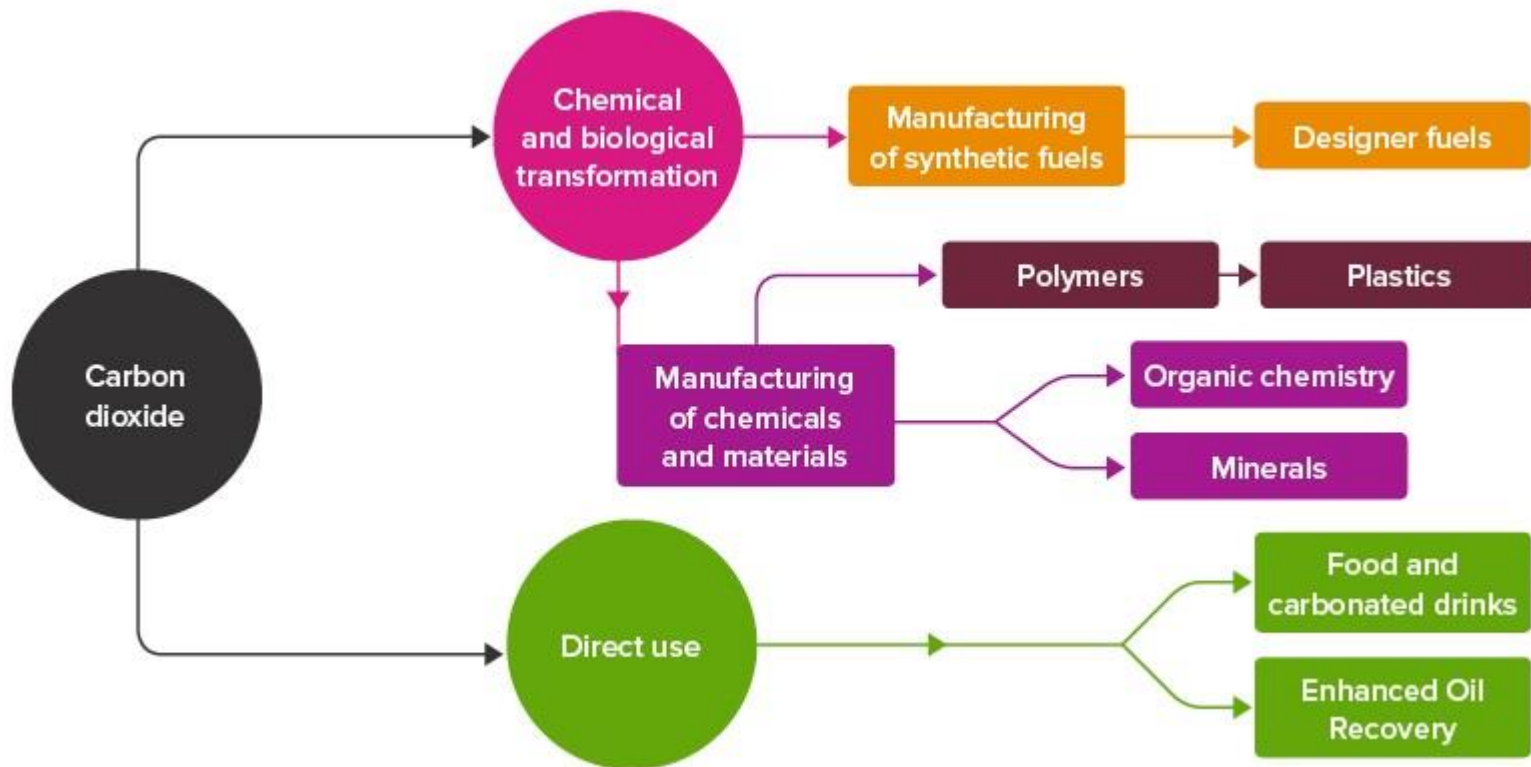


**4** units for  
technological  
development



**60** research  
contracts

# Use of CO<sub>2</sub>: Present and Future

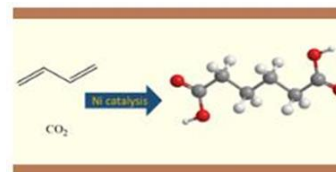


## ✓ CO<sub>2</sub> as a feedstock for new molecules

CO<sub>2</sub>

Fatty acids

Monomers and polymers



**Nickel catalyzed production of adipic acid**

Technology area: *catalysis, carbon dioxide, materials*

Keywords: *adipic acid, nickel, nylon*



**Fatty acids through nickel-catalyzed olefin carboxylation**

Technology area: *catalysis, fatty acids, CO<sub>2</sub> valorization*

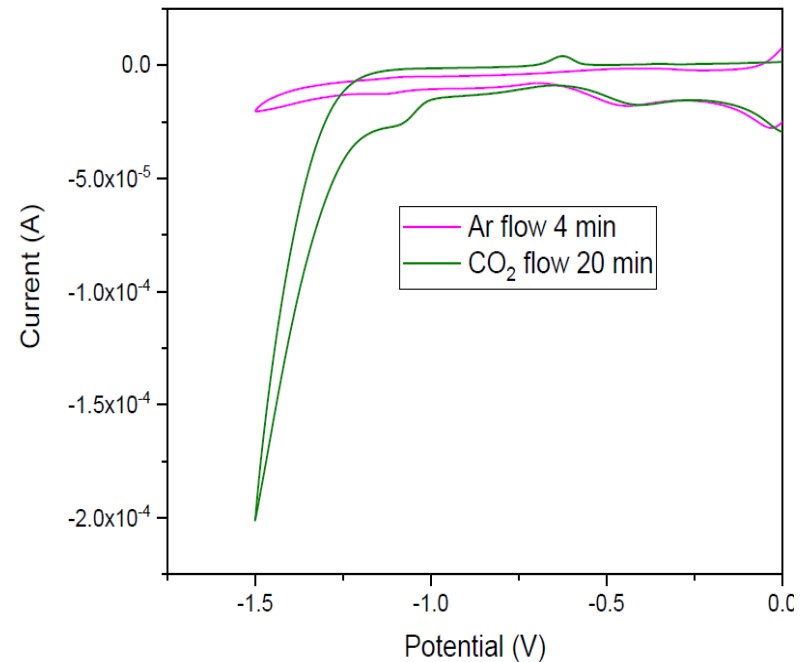
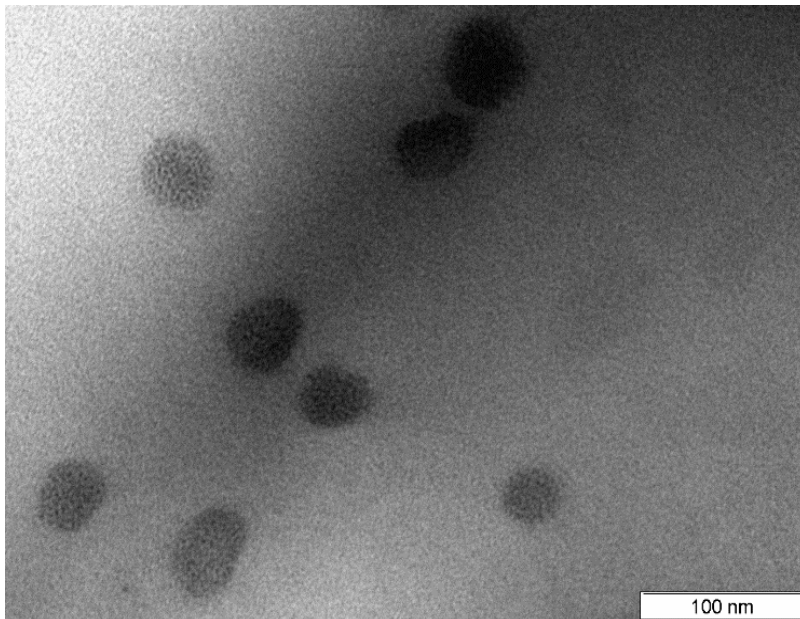
Keywords: *CO<sub>2</sub> valorization, fatty acids, nickel, olefins, alkene*

**Researchers developing BPA-free polycarbonate from limonene and CO<sub>2</sub>**



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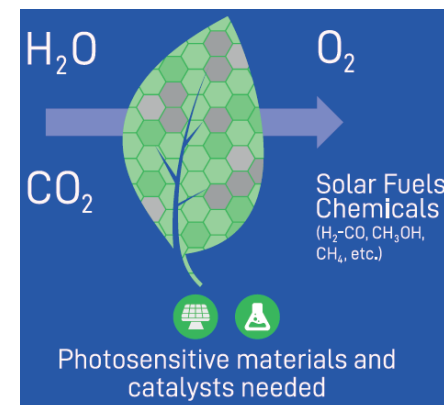
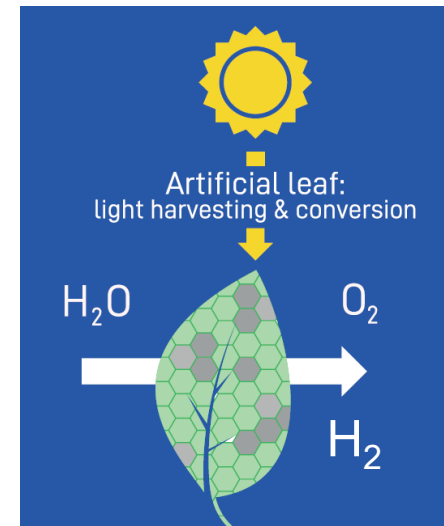
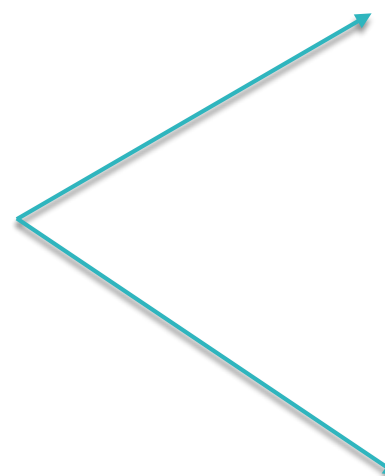
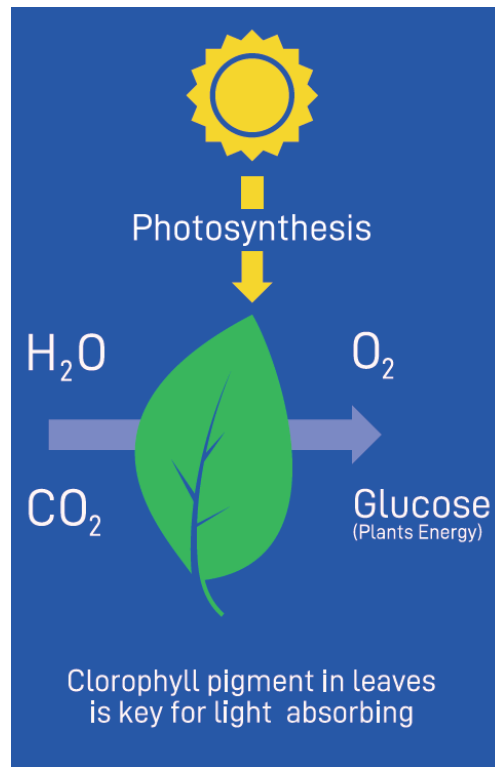
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# ICIQ and Artificial Photosynthesis

## ✓ Generation of Solar Fuels



## AN ARTIFICIAL LEAF: A photo-electro-catalytic cell from earth-abundant materials for sustainable solar production of CO<sub>2</sub>-based chemicals and fuels



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- ✓ BEYOND PHOTOVOLTAICS
- ✓ A BOTTOM-UP APPROACH
- ✓ VALUE FOR MONEY



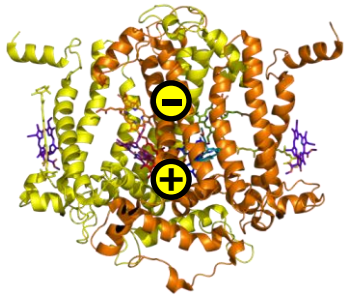
## BioInspired\_SolarH<sub>2</sub>: Engineering Bio-Inspired Systems for the Conversion of Solar Energy to Hydrogen



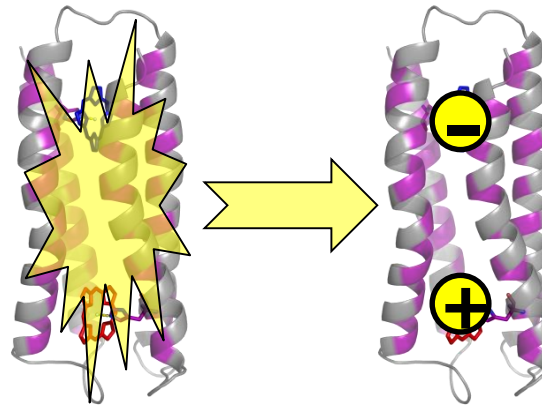
Learning

Design and construction

Implementation

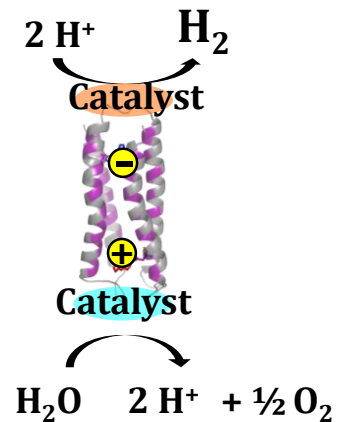


*photosynthesis*



*Light absorption*

*Charge separation*



*Device Concept*

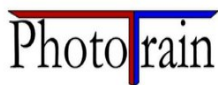
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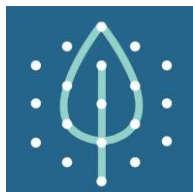
## H2020 Innovative Training Networks



**ELCOREL:** Electrochemical Conversion of Renewable Electricity into Fuels and Chemicals



**PhotoTrain:** Entrepreneurial Dynamic Self-Organized Interfaces in Photocatalysis: A Multidisciplinary Training Network Converting Light into Products



**eSCALE:** A bio-inspired research program for the development of a device capable of transforming solar energy into its chemical form, to store it in the molecular scale.



**SOLAR2CHEM:** European network for the training of the next generation of scientists in solar chemicals for a sustainable Europe by hybrid molecule/semiconductor devices



**CO2PERATE:** Cooperation towards a sustainable chemical industry

# SUNRISE: EU project – Science Policy

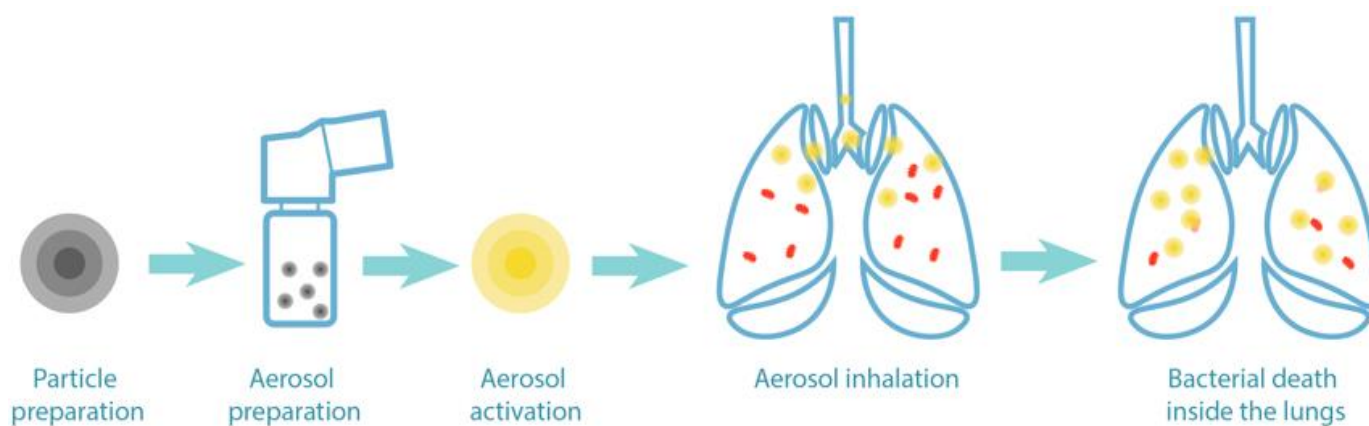




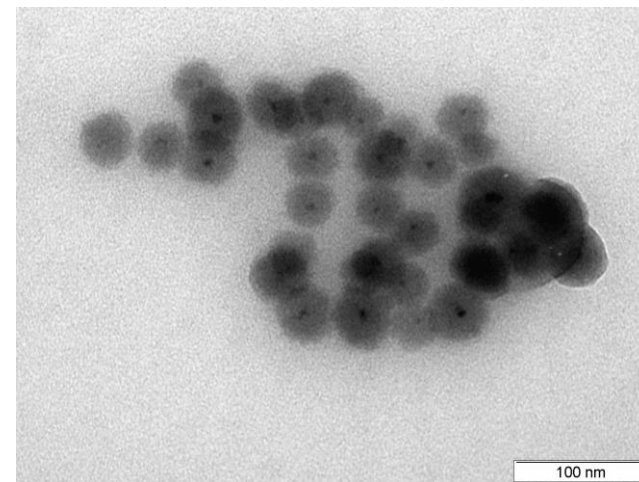
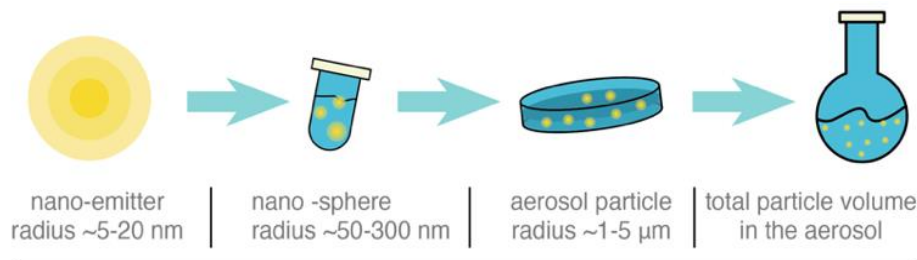
 **LC-SC3-RES-2-2020:** International cooperation with Japan for Research and Innovation on **Advanced biofuels and alternative renewable fuels**. RIA. TRL's 3 5MEuros



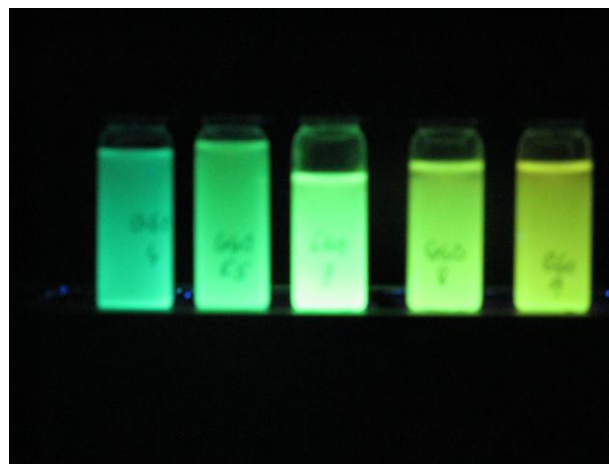
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Nanoscience for health: The Concept.



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