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ELECTRON CHEMISTRY AND  
CATALYSIS AT INTERFACES

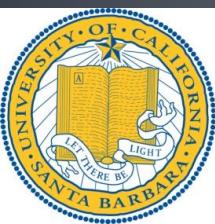
## Catalysis for Sustainable Energy Production: A *US-China collaboration*

Susannah Scott, UC Santa Barbara

PIRE-ECCI Phase I: 2005 – 2010

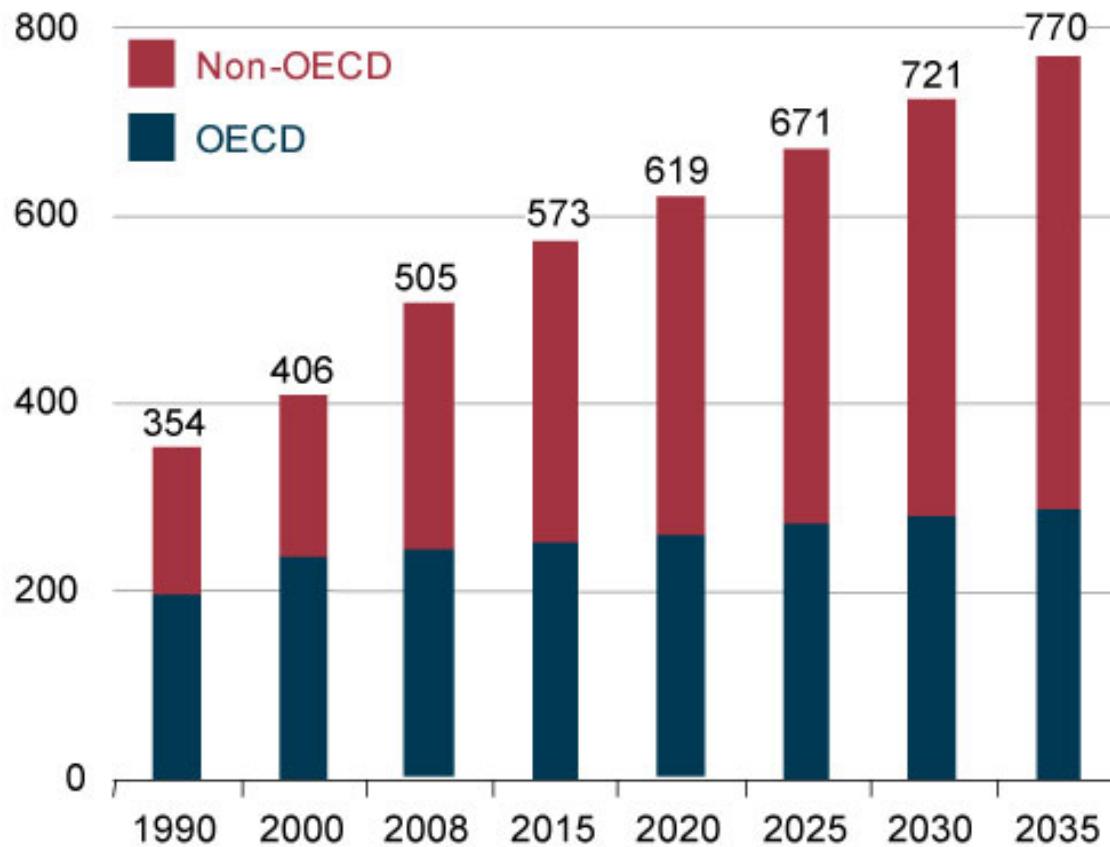
PIRE-ECCI Phase II: 2010 - 2015

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# Future world energy demand

Figure 1. World energy consumption, 1990-2035  
(quadrillion Btu)



*"The energy problem is **the** single most important problem that has to be solved by science and technology in the coming decades."*

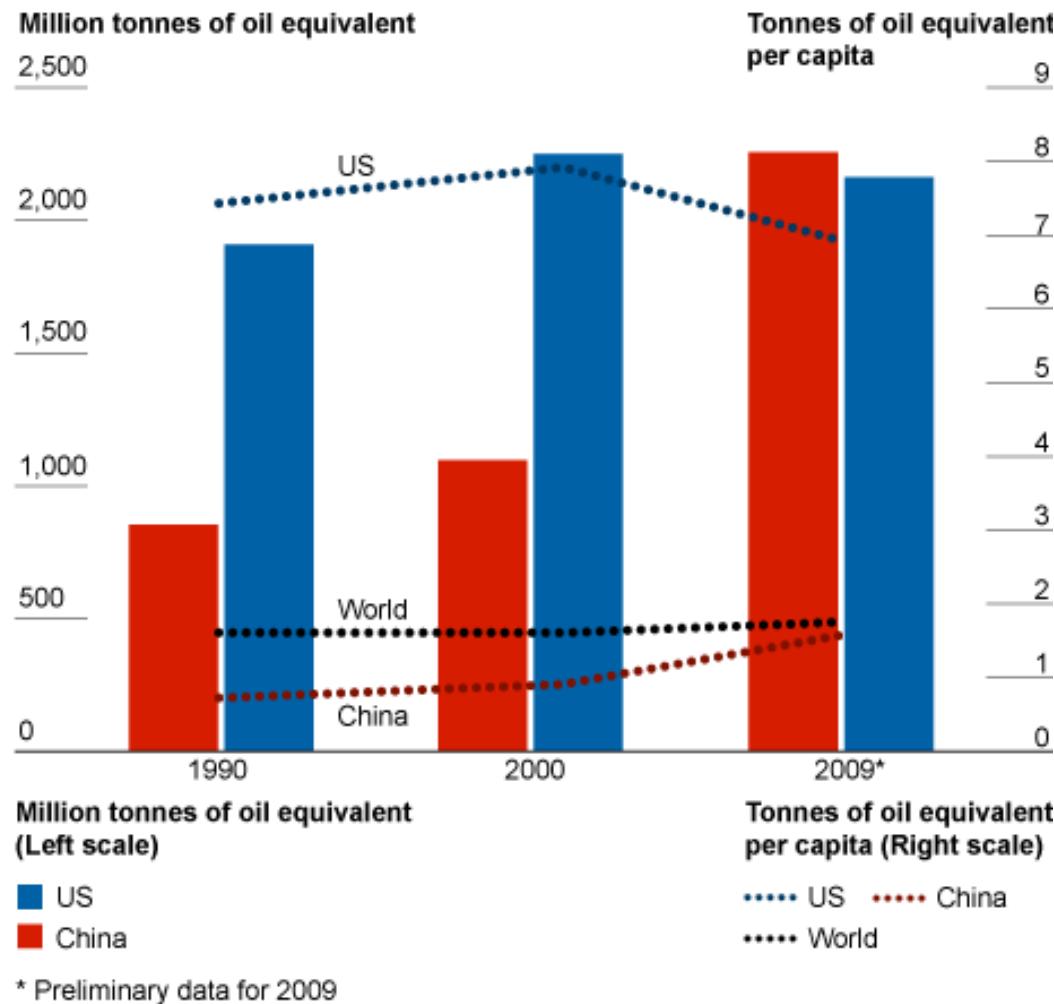
- Steven Chu (2006)

## 2012 NSF Workshop

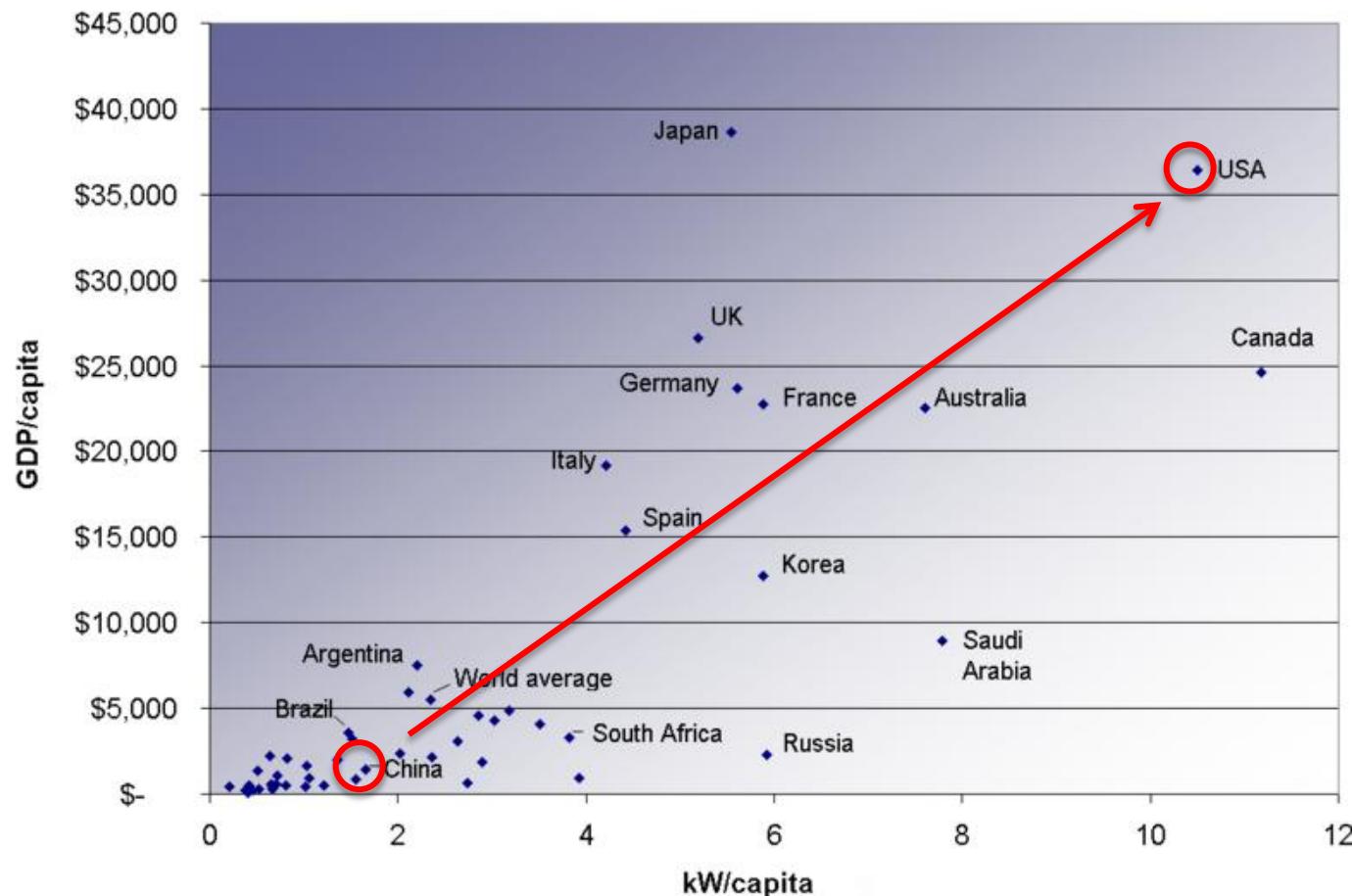
### Sustainable Chemistry, Chemical Engineering and Materials

- Manufacture with **renewable** rather than non-renewable feedstocks where possible
- Minimize the use of energy and fresh water through process intensification
- Favor the use of **Earth-abundant** elements over rare elements
- Design products to facilitate **recovery** and **recycling**
- Train researchers to integrate **life-cycle analysis** and **toxicology** considerations into process design
- Equip science and engineering students to recognize opportunities for **innovation** and give them **entrepreneurial** skills to implement them
- Appreciate **global** dimensions and **regional** variations in sustainability perspectives

# China as energy consumer



# Energy use $\Leftrightarrow$ standard of living



# Building China's infrastructure

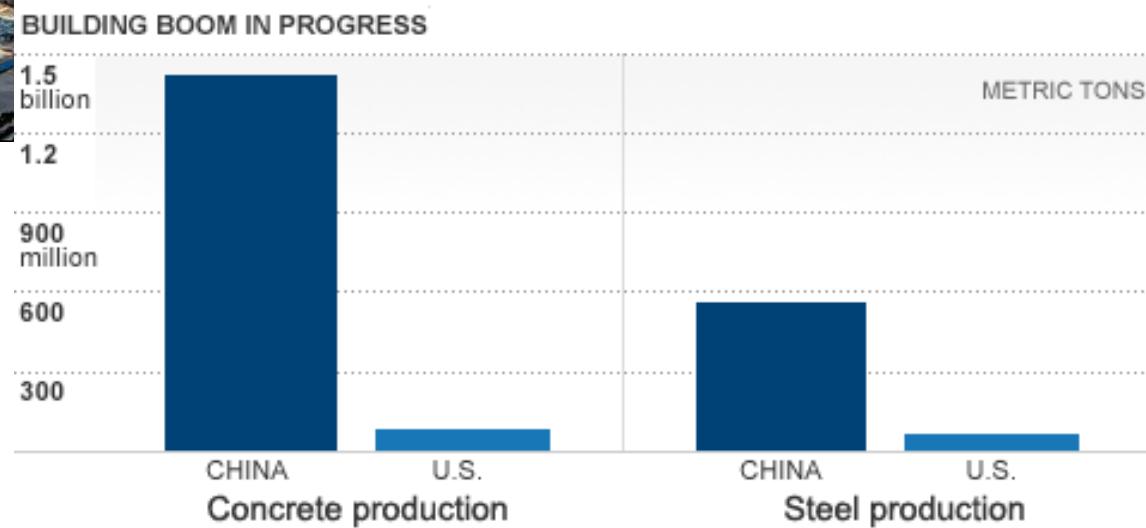


Shanghai skyline

Chang W. Lee/The New York Times

Over the next 15 years, China is expected to build the equivalent of New York City -- 10 times over. That's a lot of concrete and steel, and it goes a long way to explaining why the country is using so much energy.

CNNMoney.com - November 29, 2010



SOURCE: U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, 2009

# Transportation in China

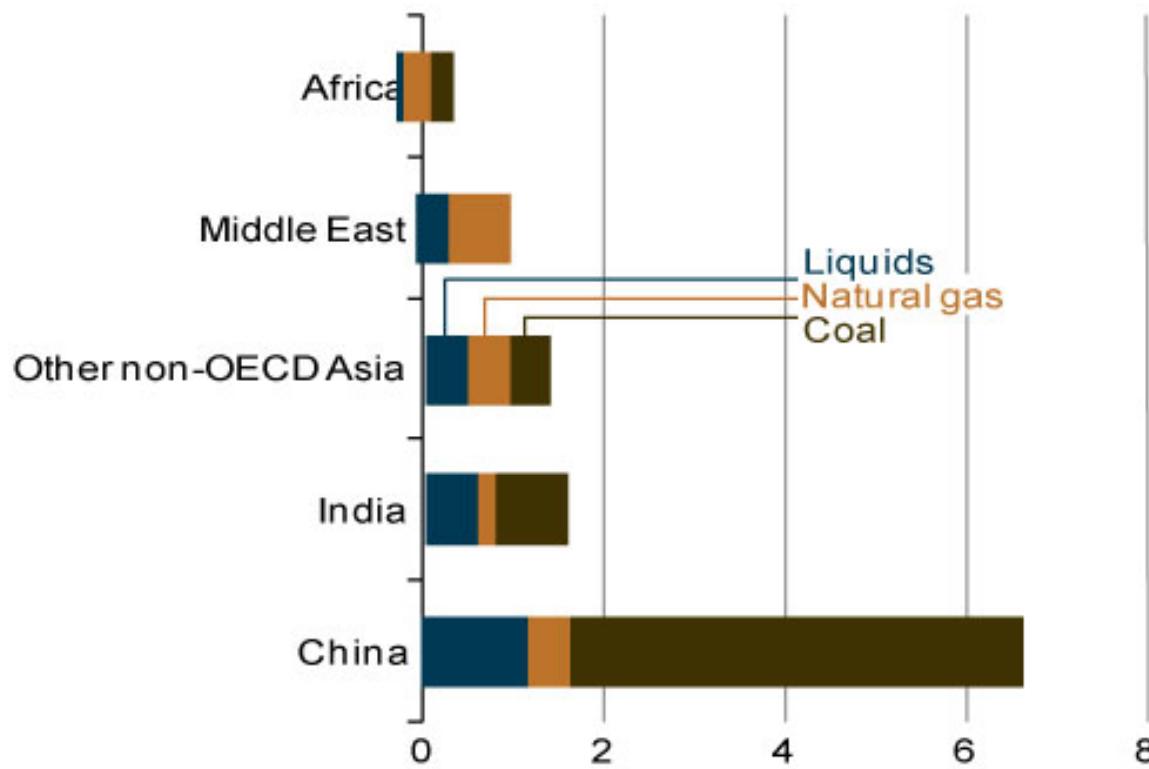


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- Global registrations for cars, trucks and buses surpassed 1 billion in 2010.
- Registrations in China increased by 28 % in a single year.
- Beijing alone adds 1,500 cars to its roads per day.
- The OECD forecasts 2.5 billion vehicles worldwide by 2050.

# China as CO<sub>2</sub> producer

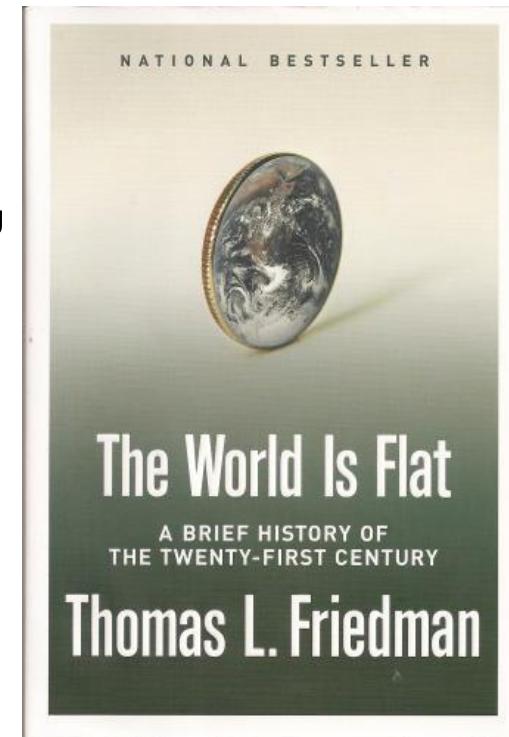
Figure 115. Increases in carbon dioxide emissions by fuel type for regions with highest absolute emissions growth, 2008-2035  
(billion metric tons)



# Energy efficiency

Hey, I'm really glad you switched to long-lasting compact fluorescent light bulbs in your house. But the growth in ... Dalian ate all your energy savings for breakfast. I'm glad you bought a hybrid car. But ... Dalian devoured that before noon... I'm glad that solar and wind power are "soaring" toward 2 percent of U.S. energy generation, but ... Dalian will devour all those gains for dinner.

T. Friedman, *New York Times*, September 19, 2007



# Jevons' Paradox



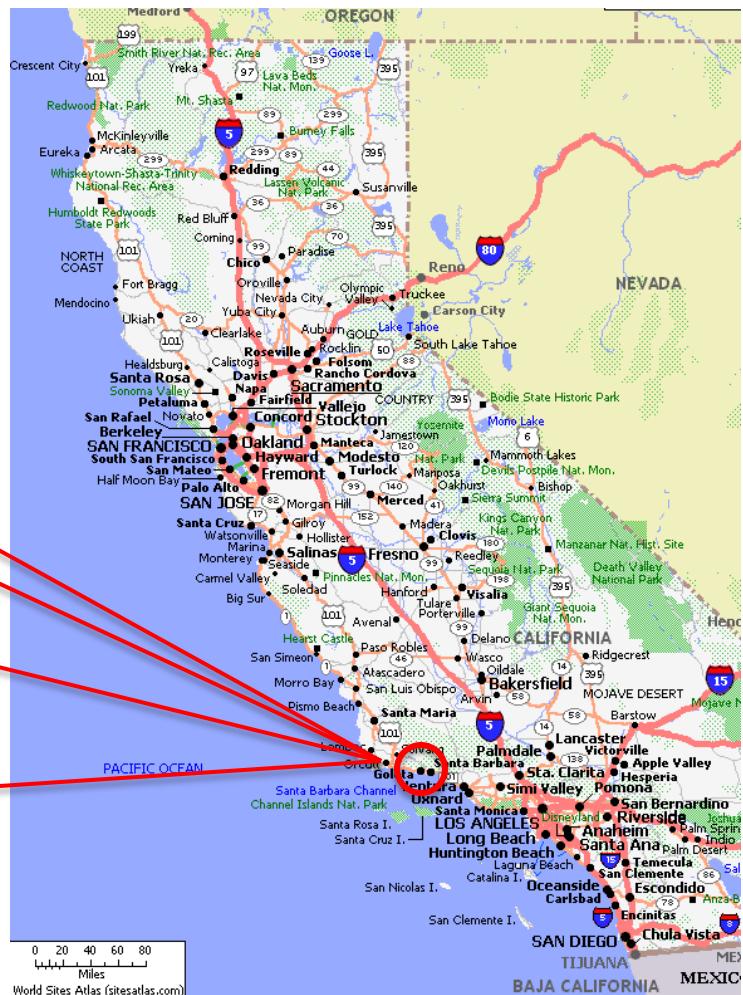
“It is wholly a confusion of ideas to suppose that the economical use of fuel is equivalent to a diminished consumption. The very contrary is the truth.”

“Whatever, therefore, conduces to increase the efficiency of coal, and to diminish the cost of its use, directly tends to augment the value of the steam-engine, and to enlarge the field of its operations.”

W.S. Jevons, The Coal Question, 1866.



# PIRE = International Partnership



# Guiding principles

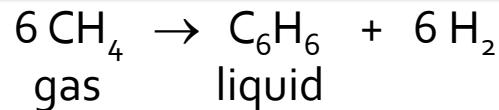
The *purpose* of the PIRE-ECCI is to train Ph.D.'s to conduct interdisciplinary research in the area of catalysis in an international setting. We aim to give graduate students the opportunity to **experience China first-hand** while participating in forefront research.



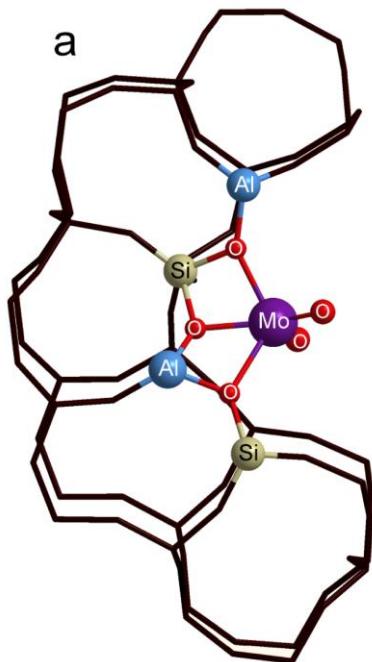
Our *goal* is to grow a new generation of academic and industrial leaders with **international knowledge**, experience, and personal and professional networks.



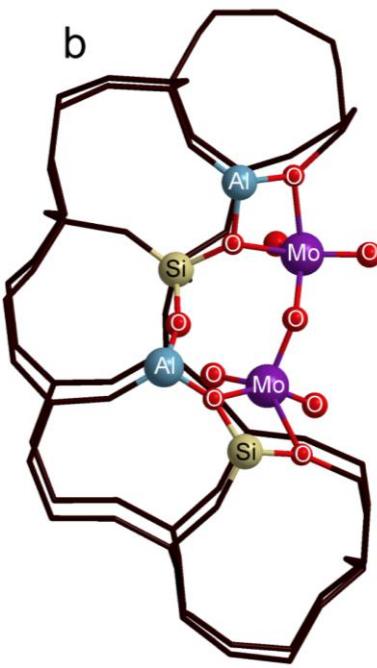
# Turning methane into liquid fuels



catalyst: Mo/ZSM-5



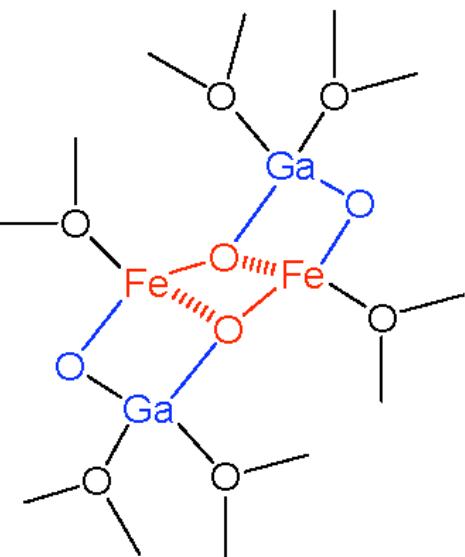
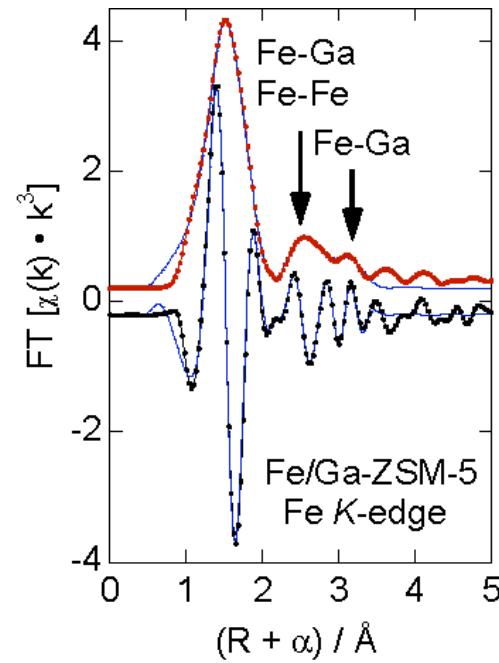
## high Mo loading



# high Mo loading low Mo loading

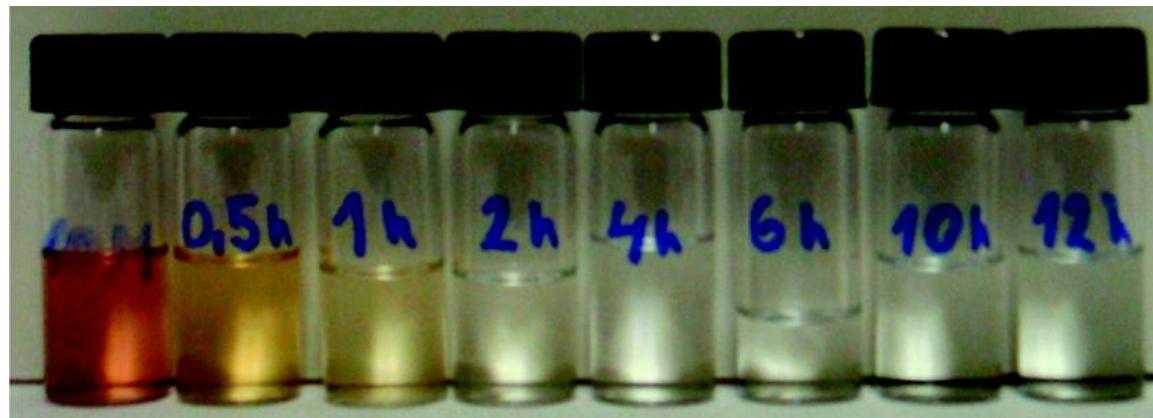
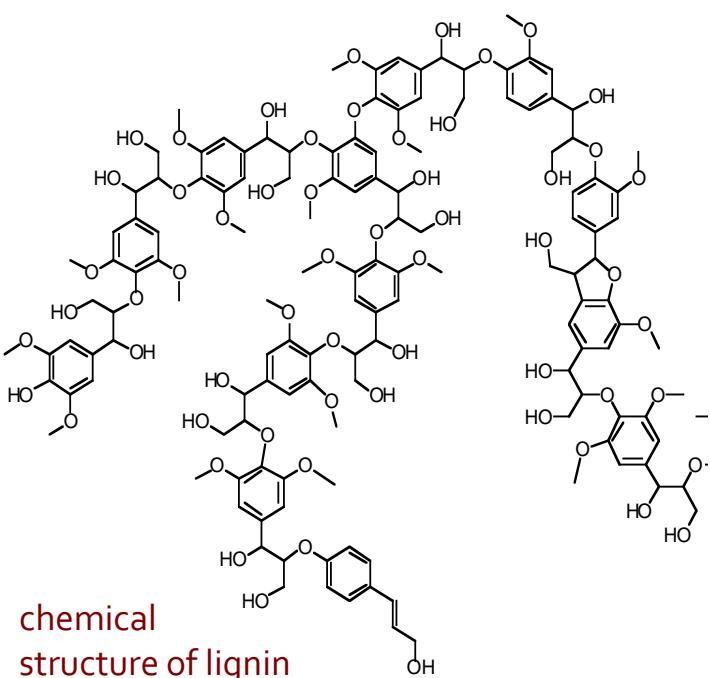
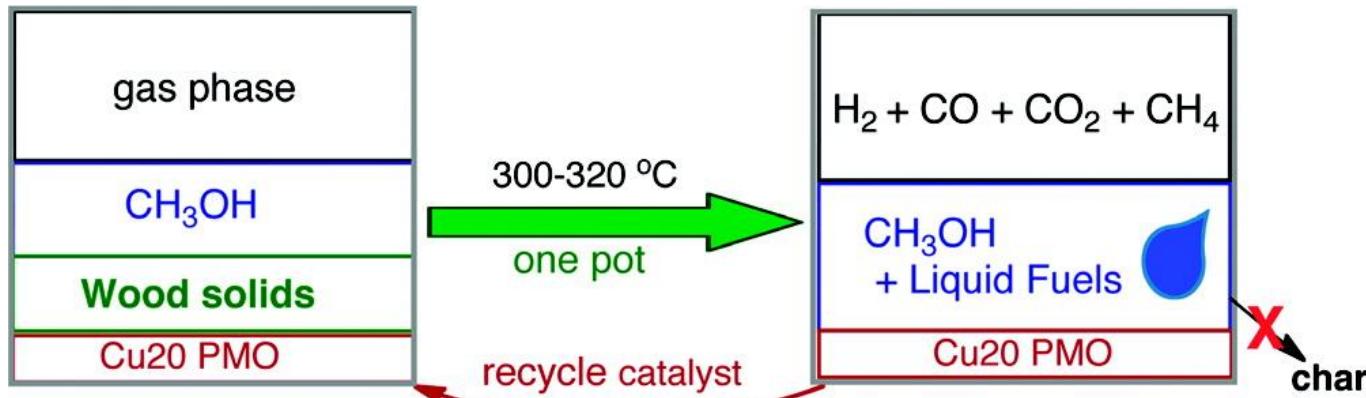
Wavelet transform EXAFS analysis of mono- and dimolybdate model compounds and a Mo/HZSM-5 dehydroaromatization catalyst". *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **2010**, *12*, 5660

catalyst: Fe/ZSM-5, promoted by Ga



"Spectroscopic Evidence for Extra-Framework Heterometallic Oxo-Clusters in Fe/Ga-ZSM-5 Catalysts", *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.*, **2011**, 2, 190.

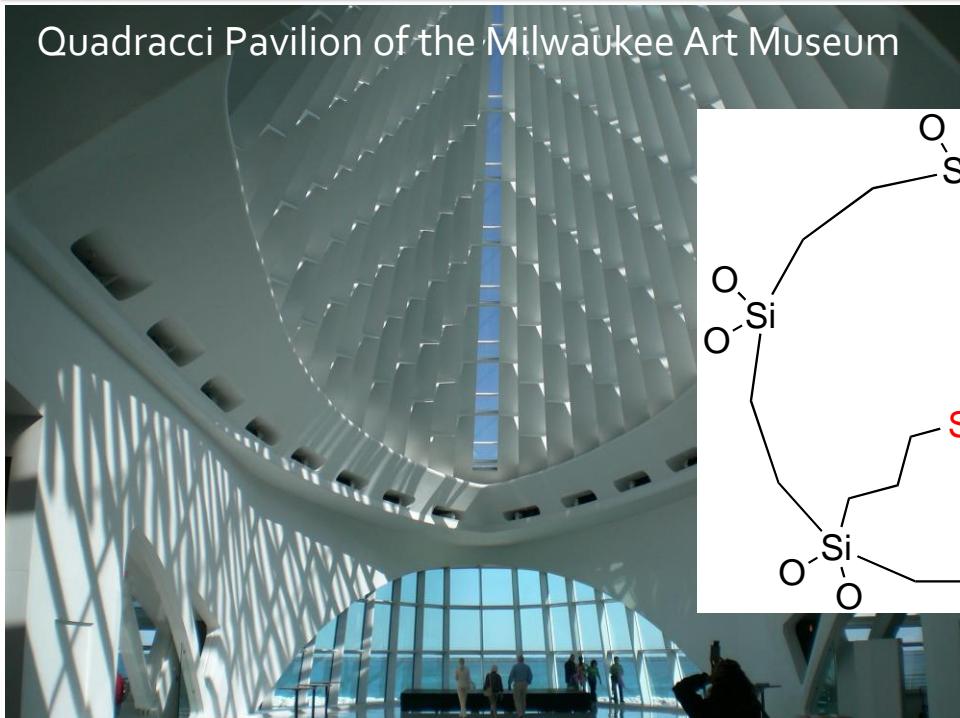
# Liquefying lignocellulose



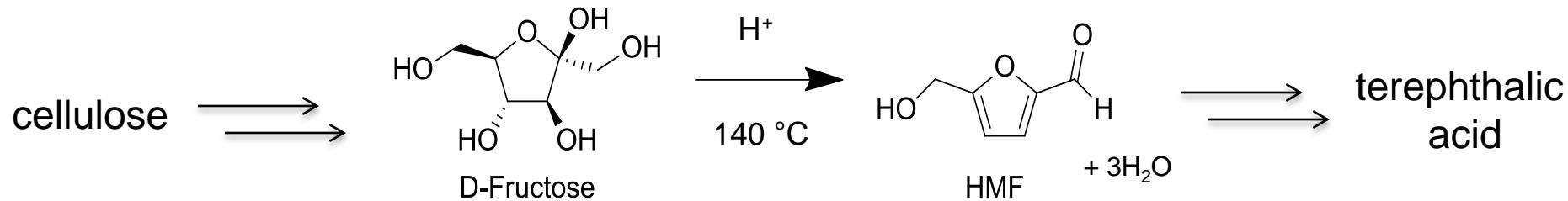
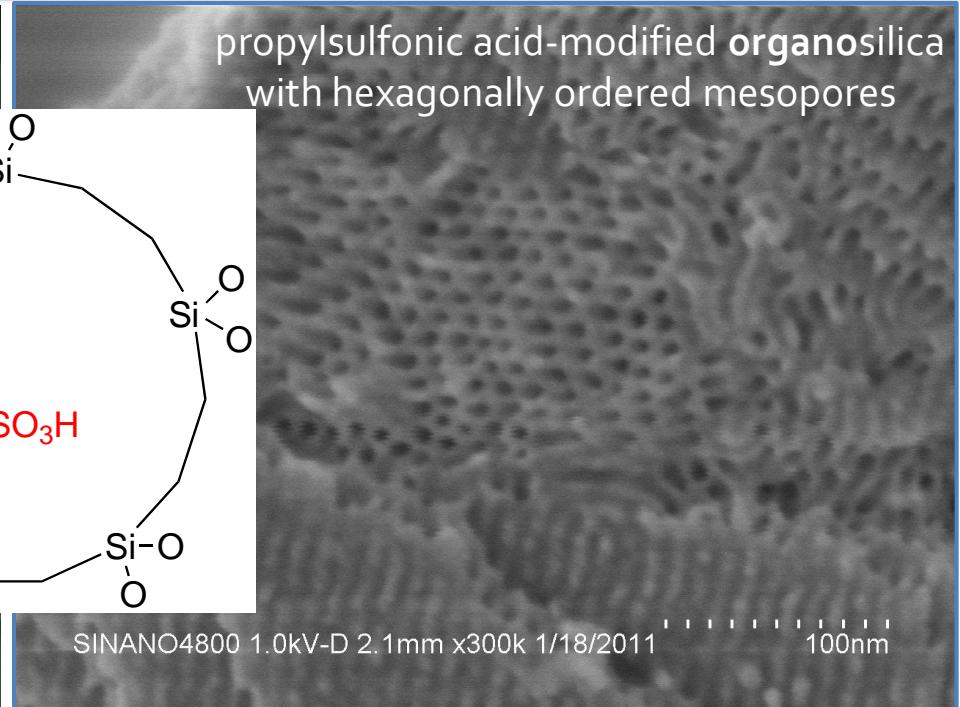
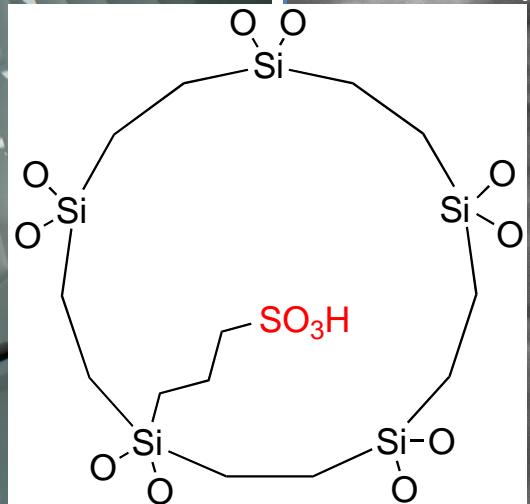
"One-Pot Catalytic Conversion of Cellulose and of Woody Biomass Solids to Liquid Fuels",  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2011, 133, 14090.

# Dehydrating carbohydrates

Quadracci Pavilion of the Milwaukee Art Museum



propylsulfonic acid-modified **organosilica** with hexagonally ordered mesopores





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transcends  
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