

Biomass



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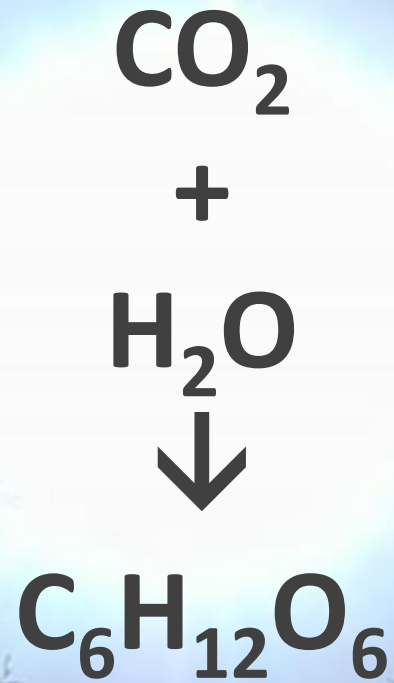
The image features a background of a dense forest of tall, thin evergreen trees. In the upper half, several high-voltage power lines with metal lattice towers stretch across the sky. The sky is a pale blue with some light clouds. The text 'Biomass' is in the top left, 'Biocarbon' is in the center, and 'Bioenergy' is in the bottom right. A yellow arrow points from 'Biomass' to 'Biocarbon', and a light blue arrow points from 'Biocarbon' to 'Bioenergy'.

Biocarbon

Bioenergy




Solar Carbon Capture







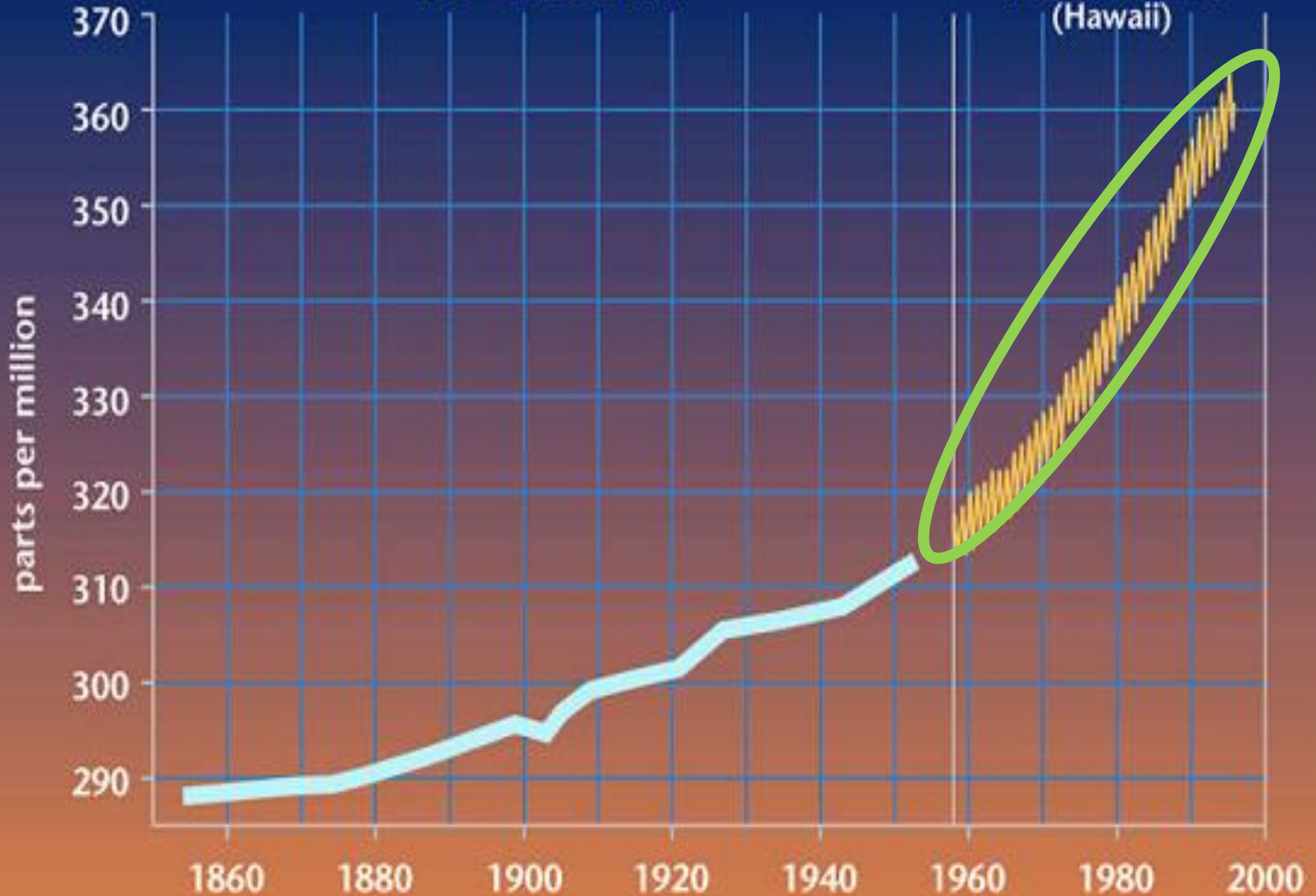
“Our **forests are one of the most important allies we have in the battle against **climate change**.”**



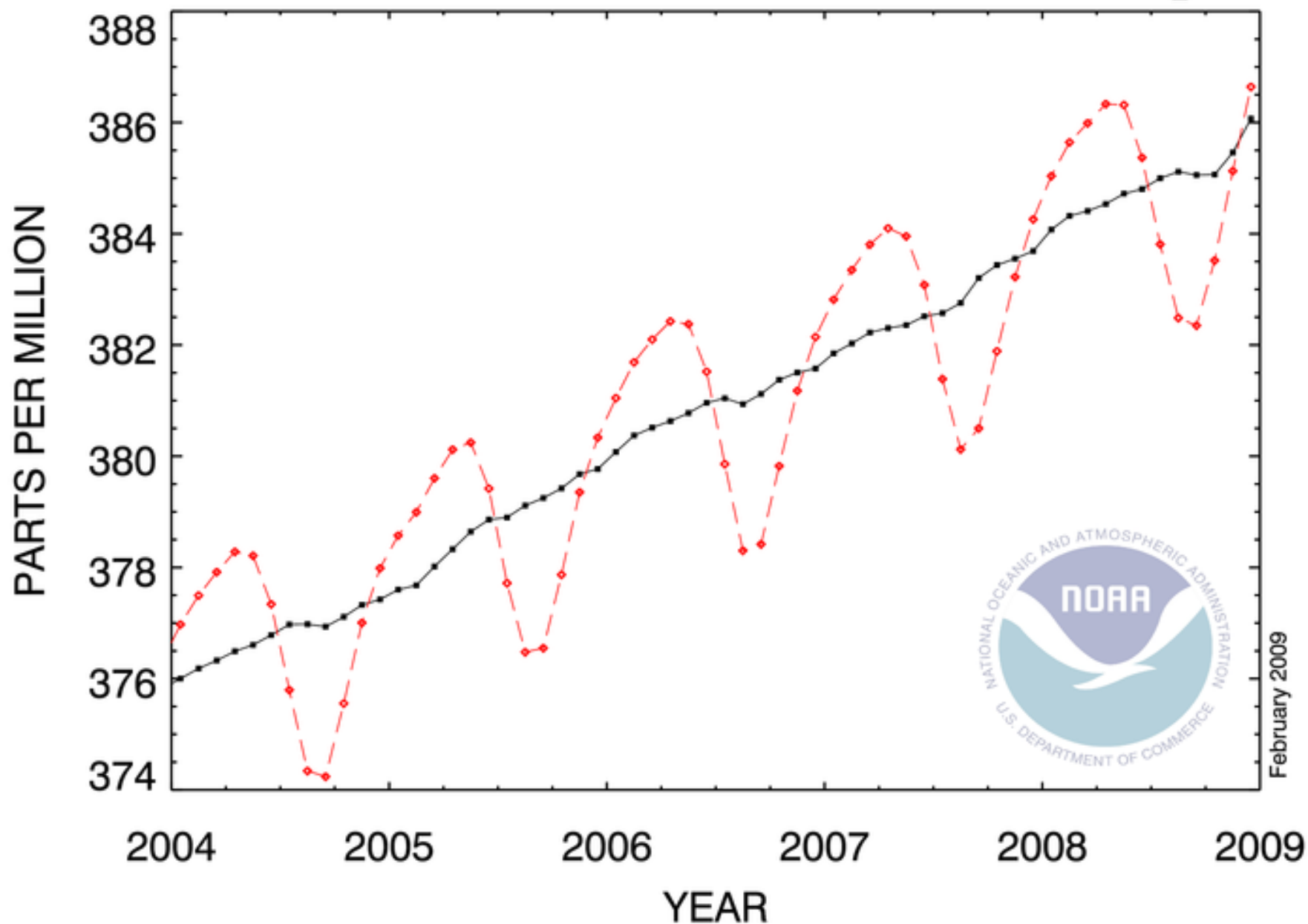
“Trees** are the only practical way we have to remove CO_2 from the atmosphere.”**

Ice Core Data

Mauna Loa (Hawaii)

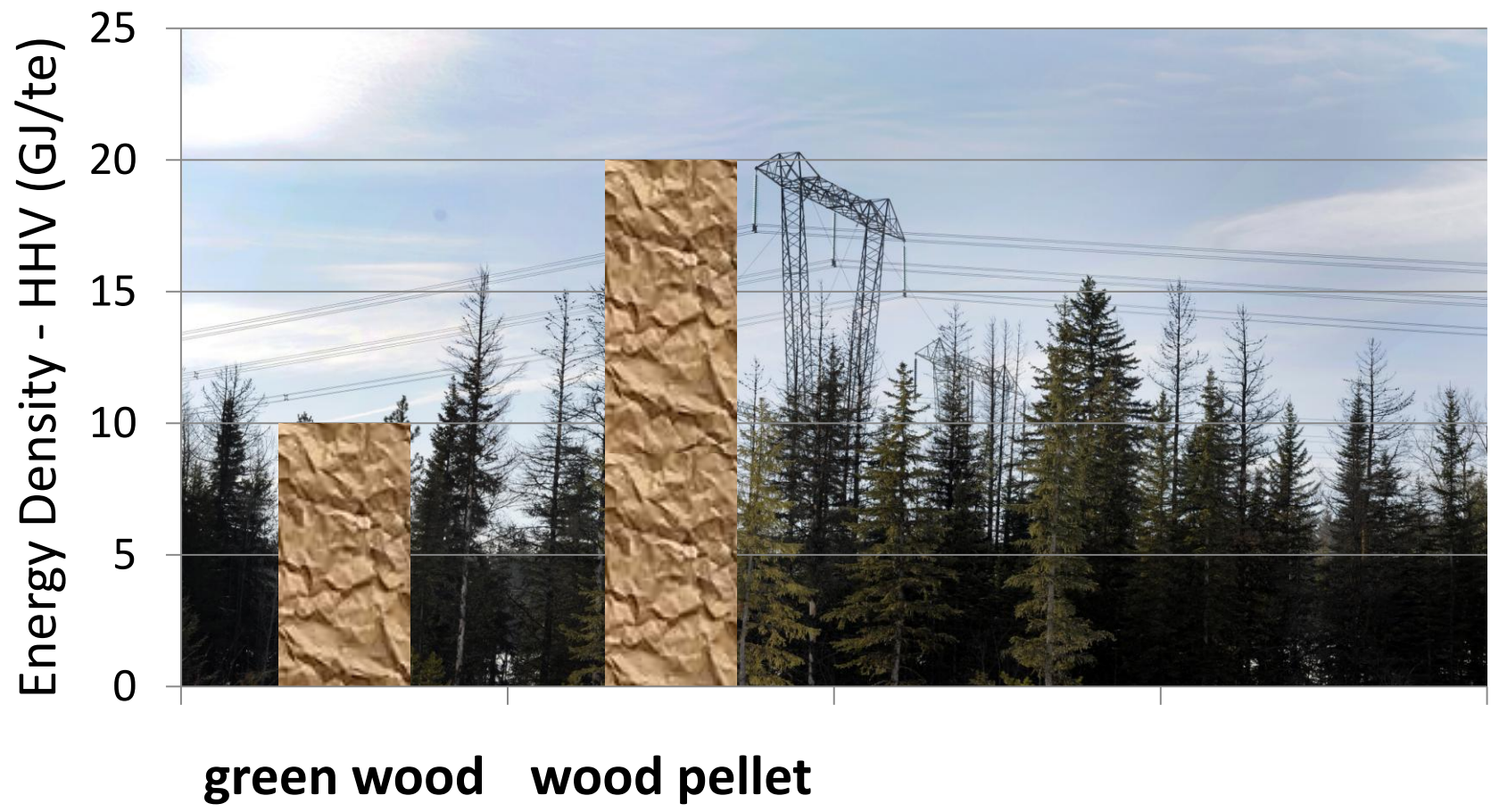


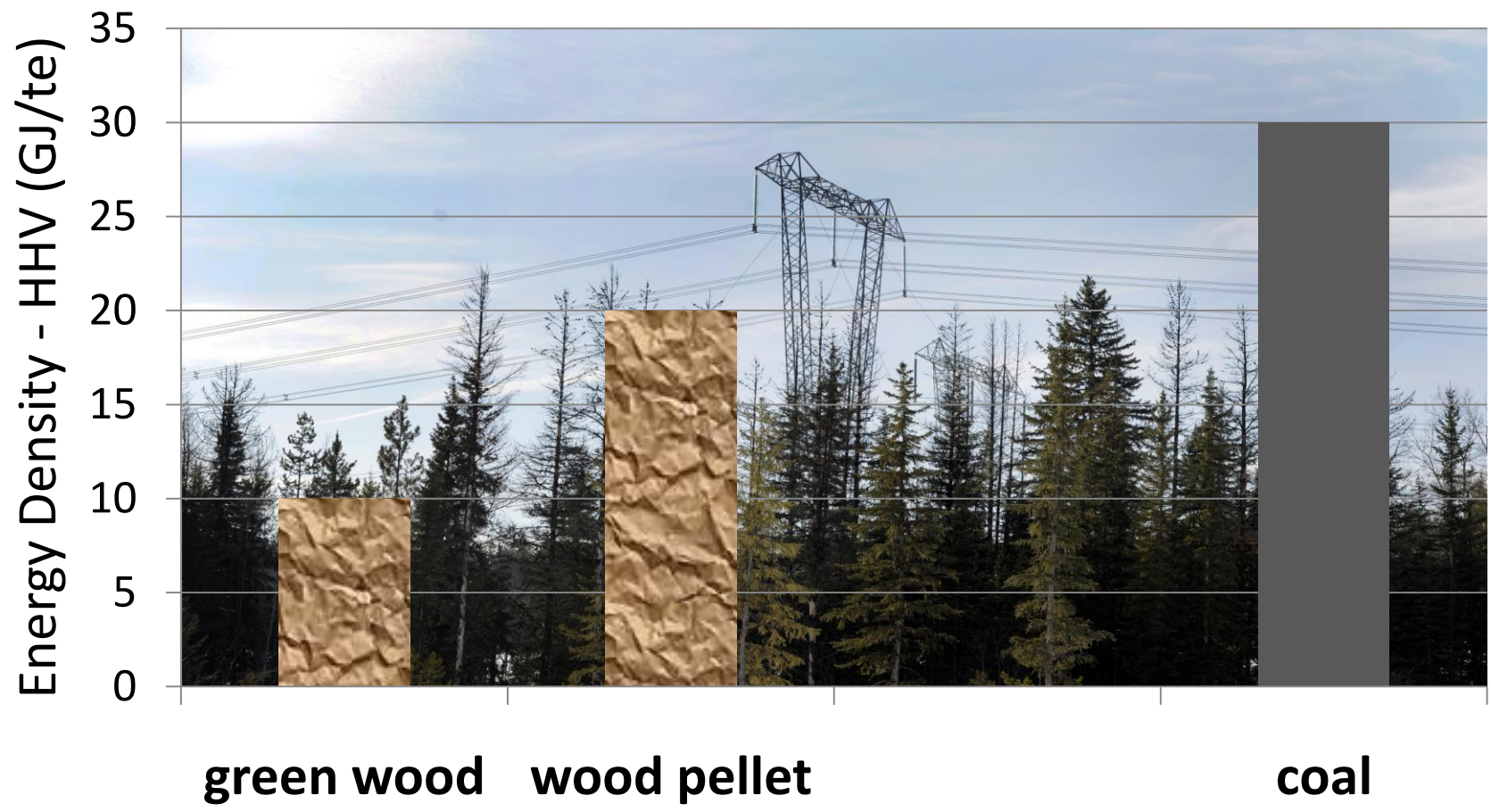
RECENT GLOBAL MONTHLY MEAN CO₂

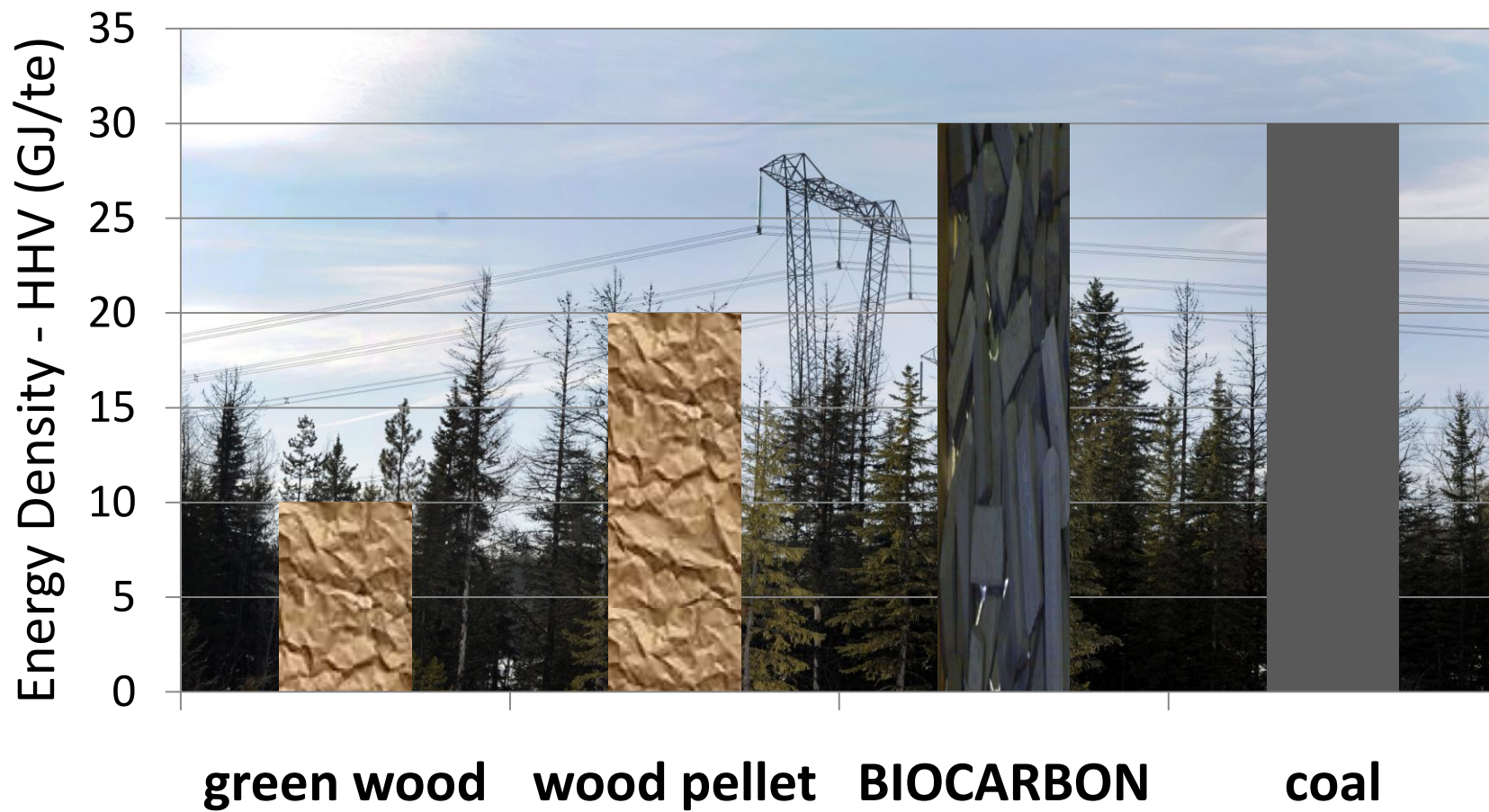


BIOCARBON:

The Carbonization of Biomass









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Particulate = 13 mg/cum

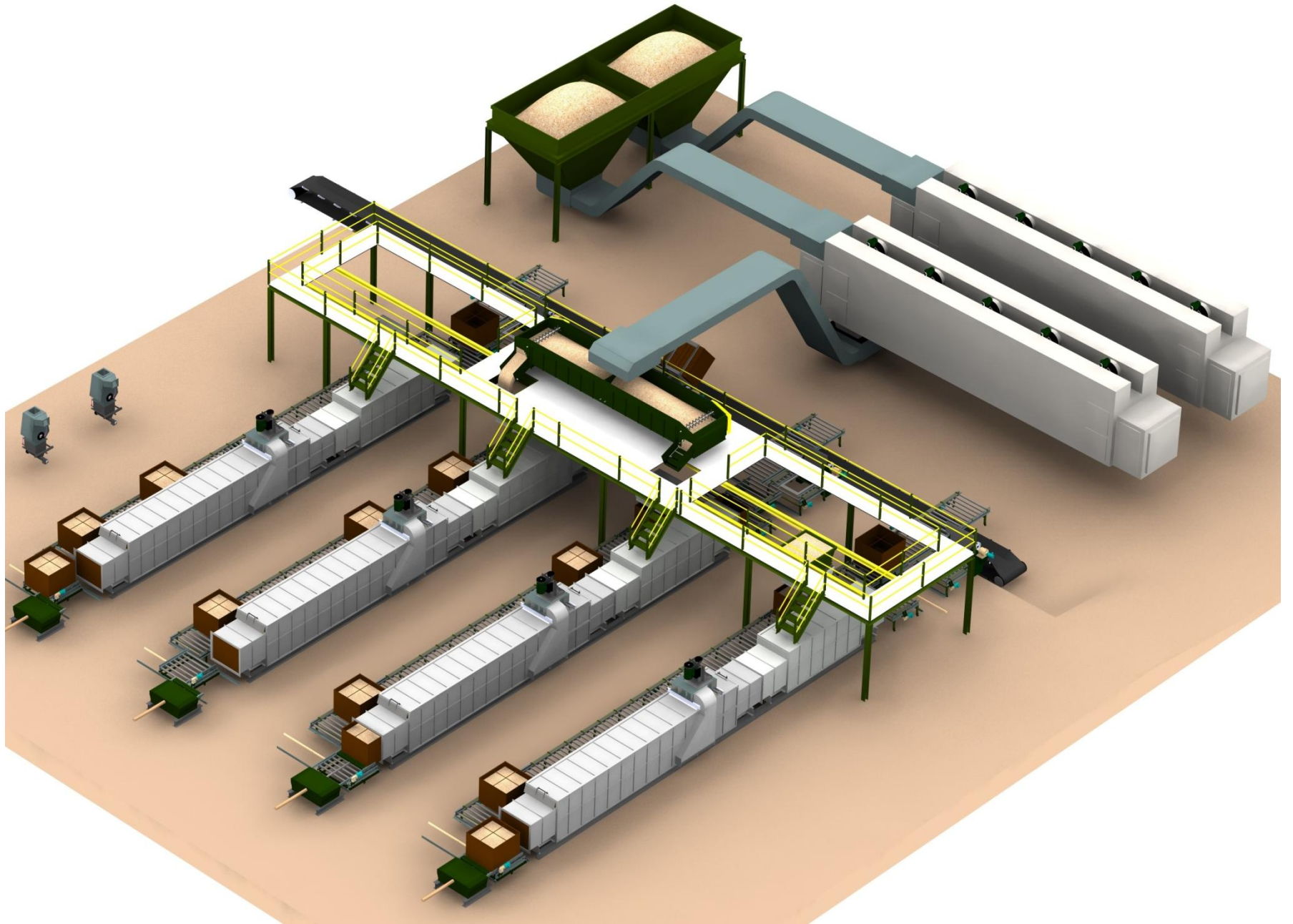
SO₂ = N.D.

NO₂ = 28 ppm

CO = 34 ppm

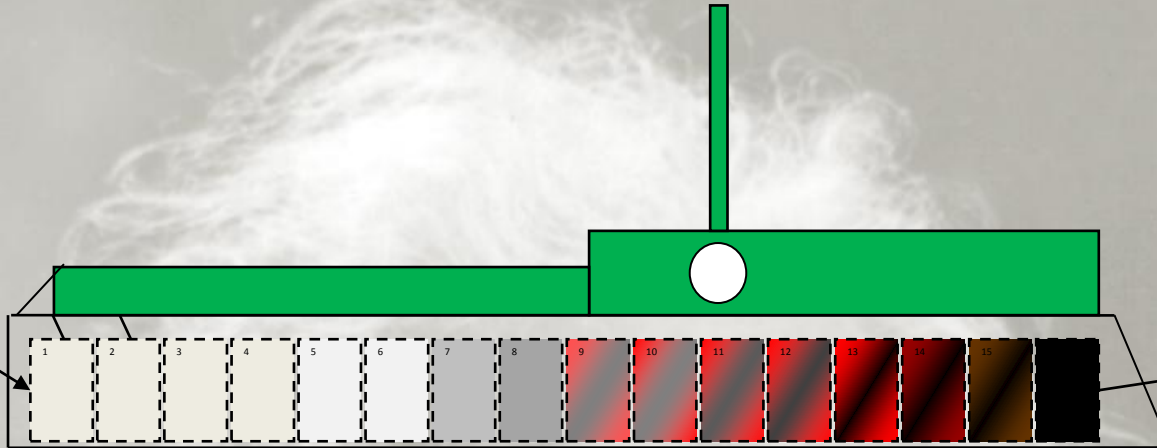
Volatiles = 9 ppm







BIOMASS



DRYING

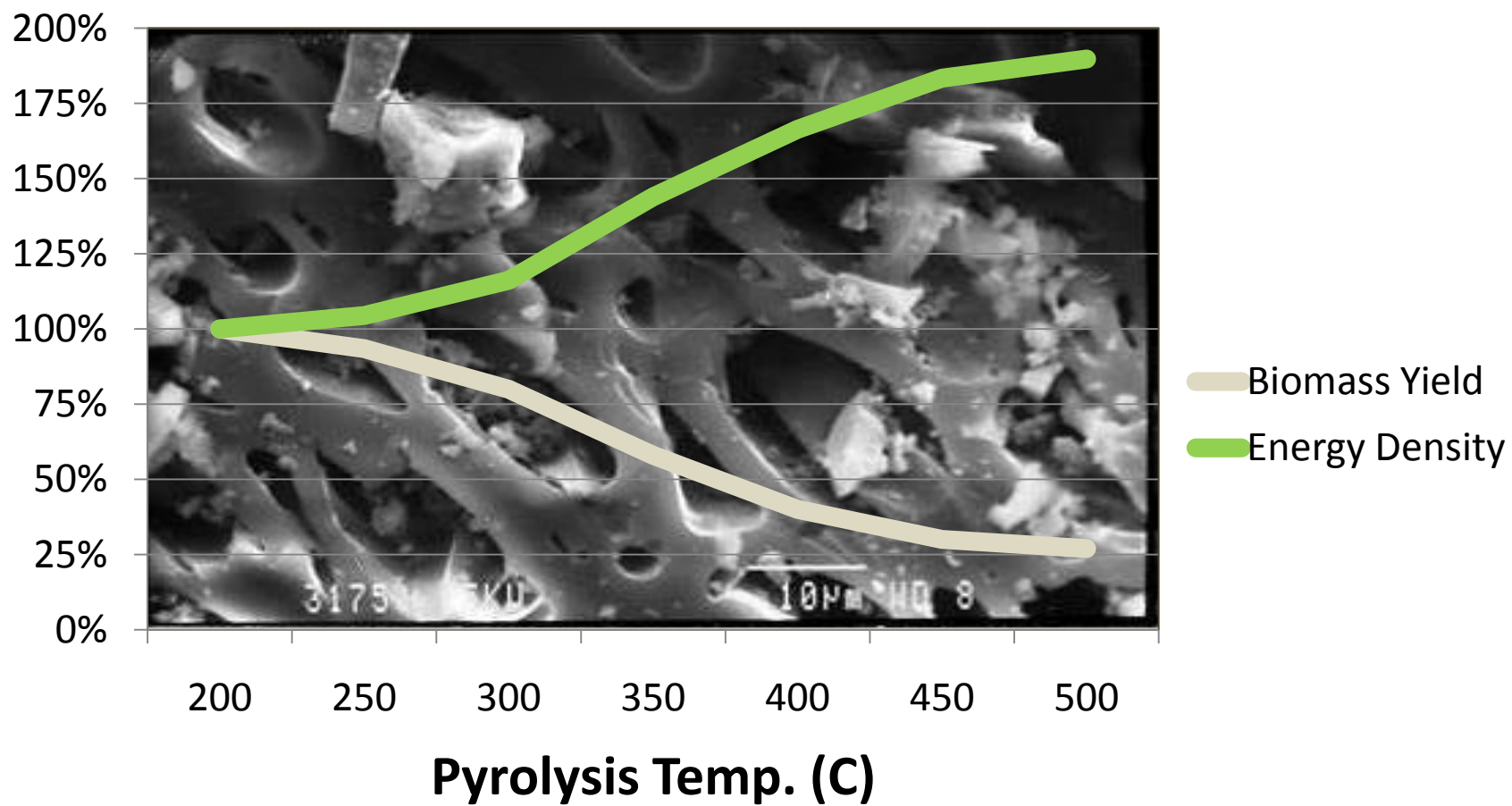
Pyrolysis
Dehydration
Decarbonylation

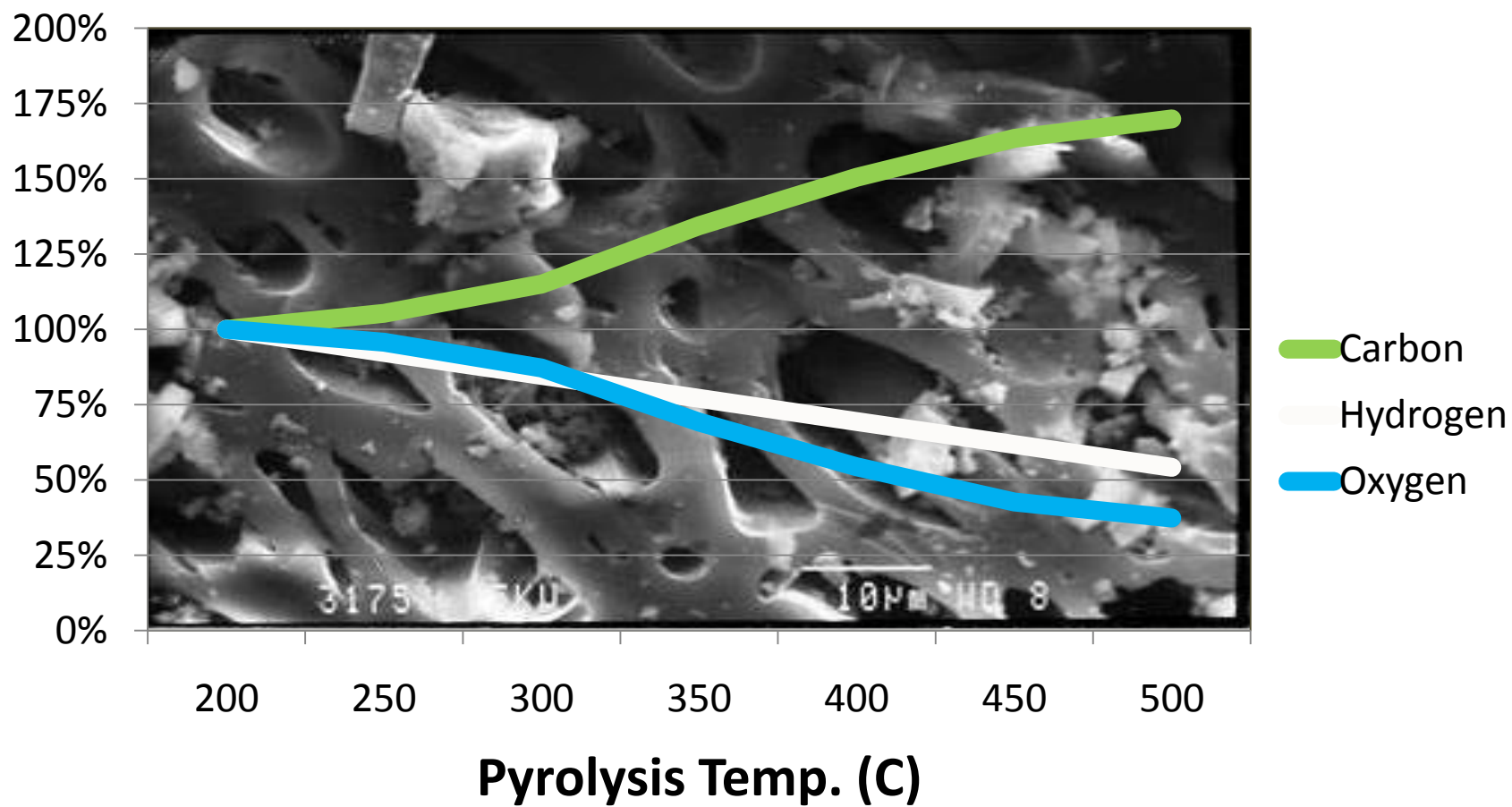
Carbonization
Depolymerization
Radical formation

COOLING



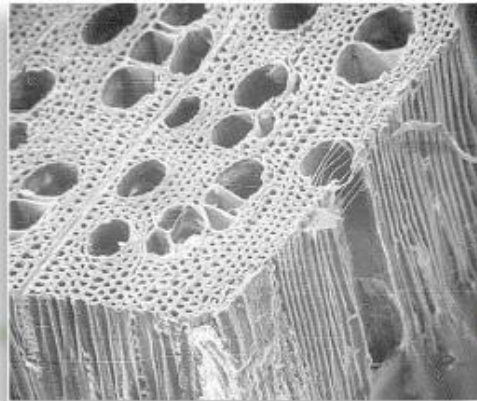
BIOCARBON





Yields

Basis	Low	High
Mass	35%	45%
Carbon (52%/81%)	55%	70%
Energy (20/30 GJ/te)	53%	68%



Hemicellulose

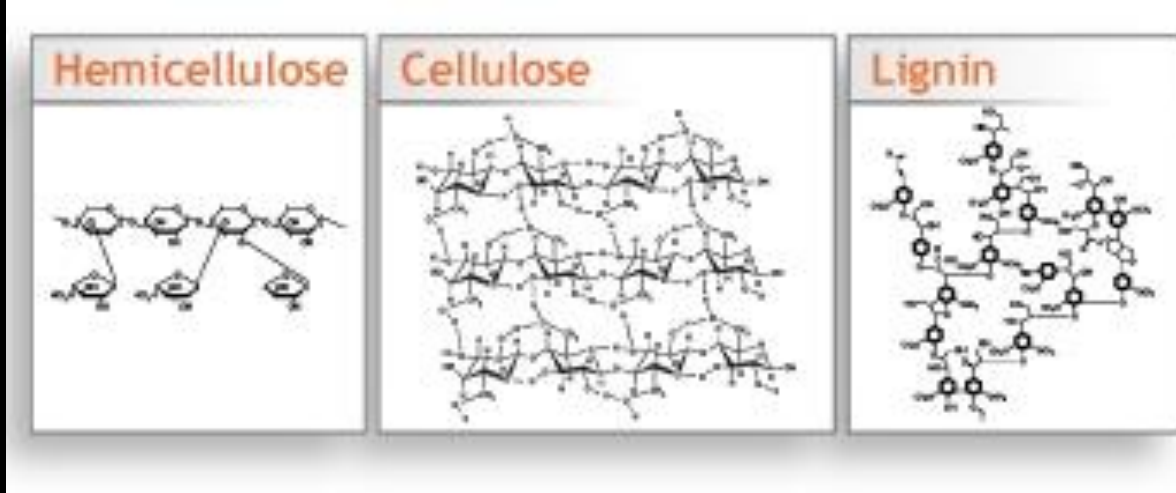


Cellulose

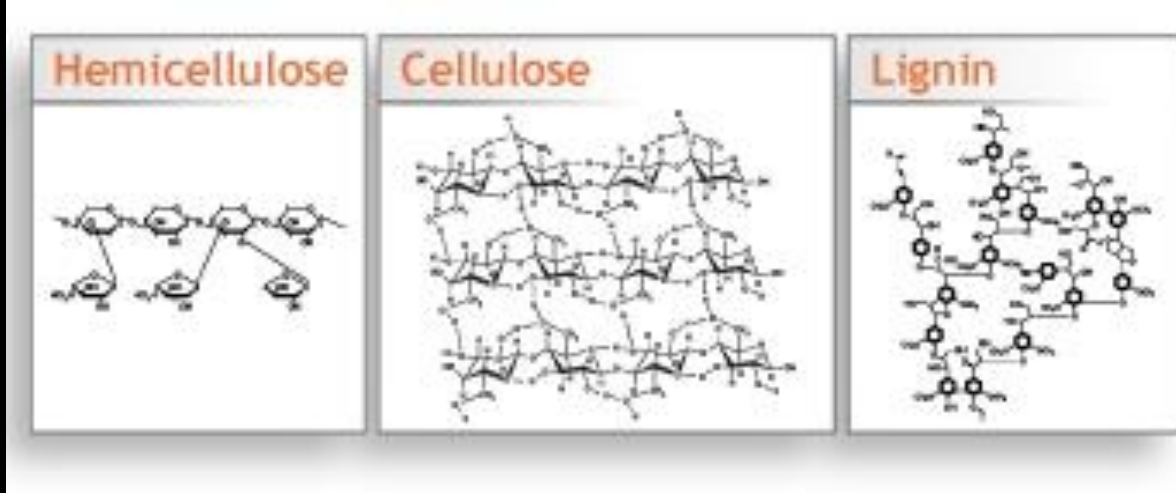


Lignin



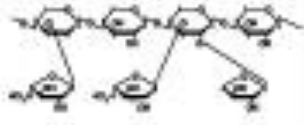


- 120 C to 200 C
 - dehydration



- 220 C to 260 C
 - Hemicellulose degradation
 - Water
 - Hydrogen
 - Carbon dioxide
 - Carbon monoxide
 - Methane
 - Acetic acid
 - Methanol
 - Furfural

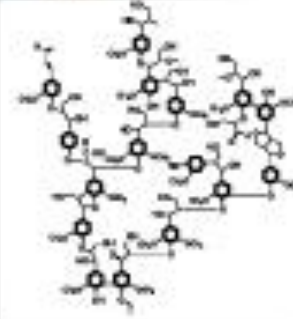
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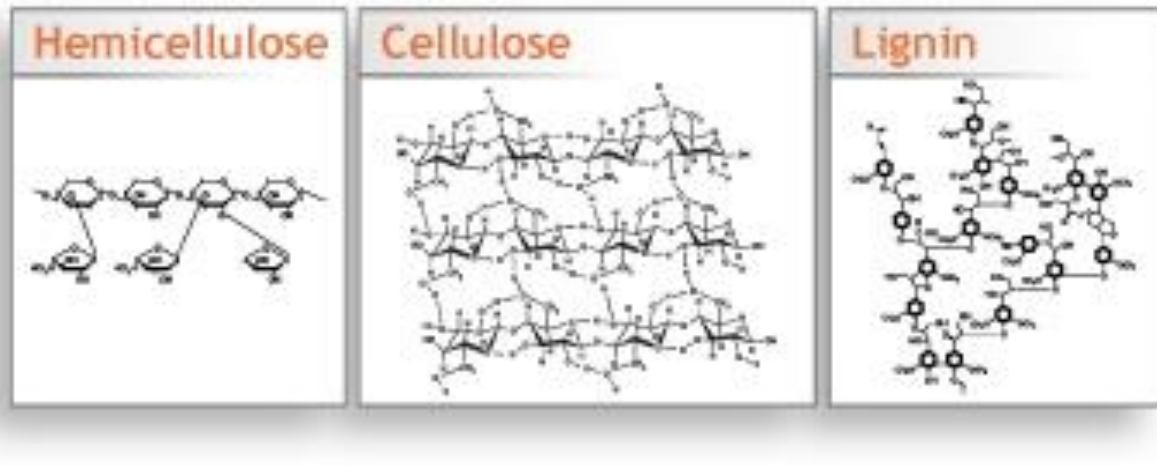
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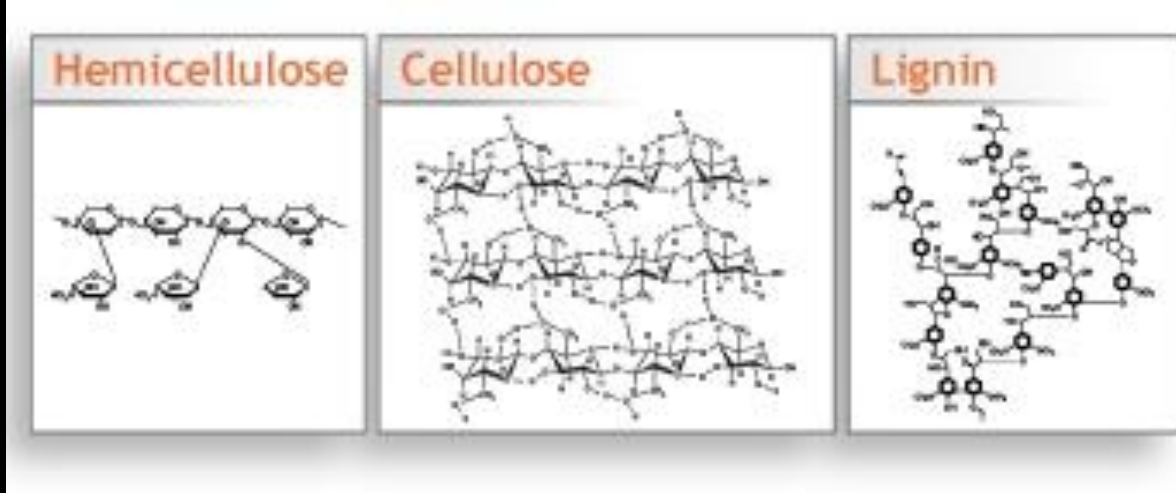
Lignin



- 200 C to 300 C
 - Torrefaction zone



- 250 C to 350 C
 - Cellulose degradation
 - Carbon dioxide
 - Biocarbon
 - Tarry vapours



- $>280\text{ C}$
 - Lignin degradation
 - Carbon monoxide
 - Methane
 - Ethane
 - Methanol
 - Acetic Acid
 - Acetone
 - Wood tars
 - Biocarbon

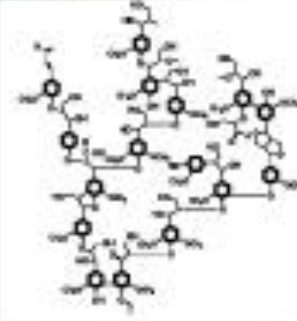
Hemicellulose



Cellulose

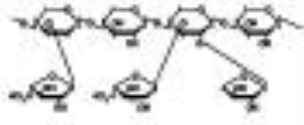


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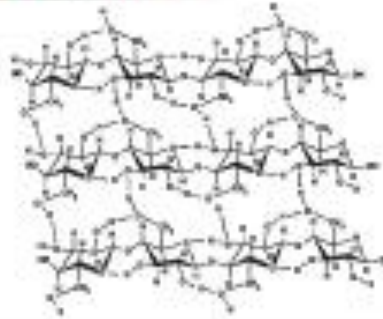


- $>330\text{ C}$
 - Aromaticity rises
 - Carbon content rises
 - Graphene sheets appear

Hemicellulose



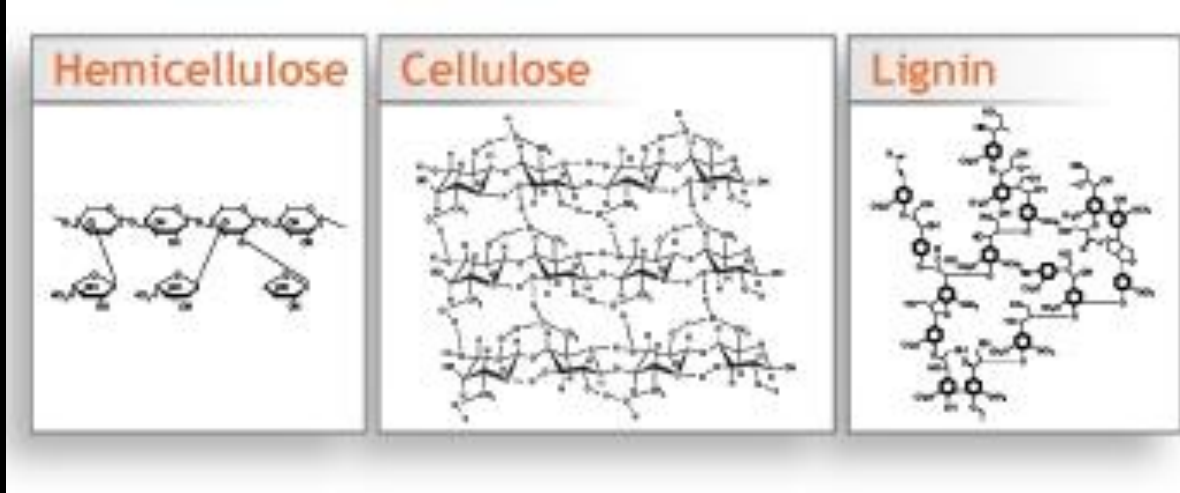
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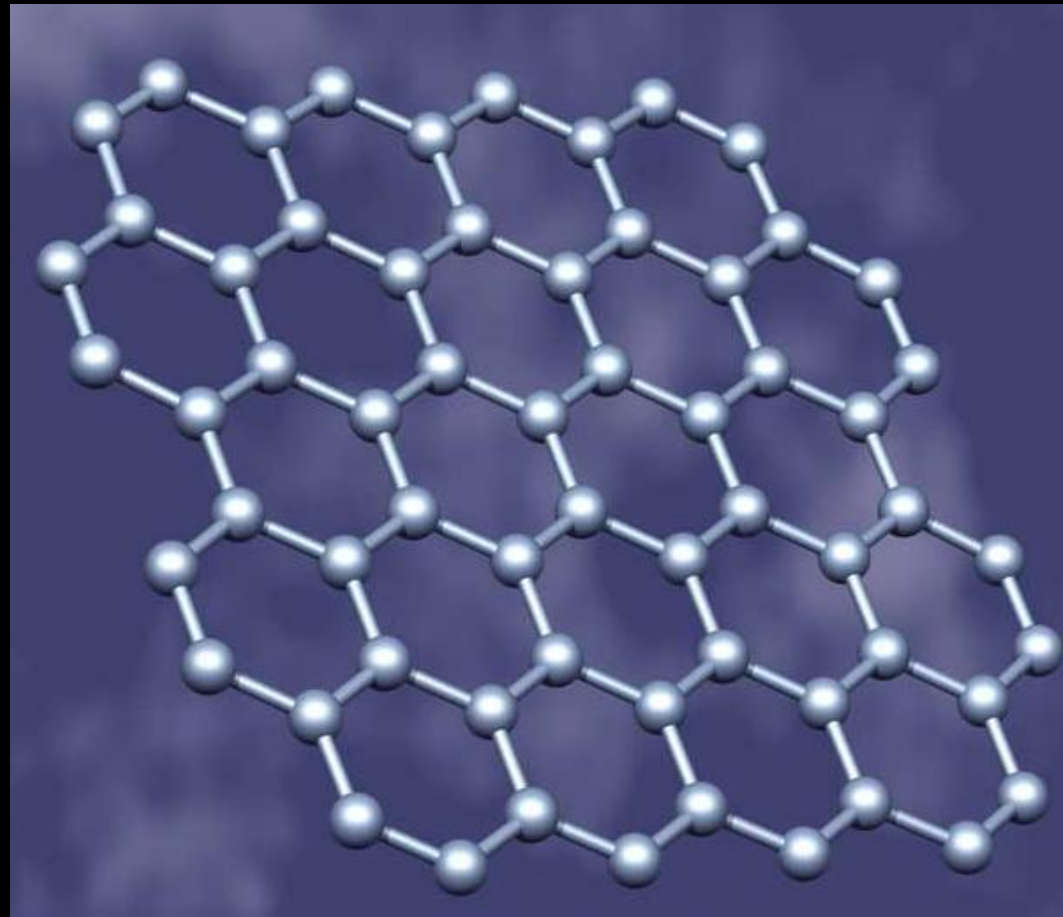
Lignin



- $>600\text{ C}$
 - Gasification
 - Activation

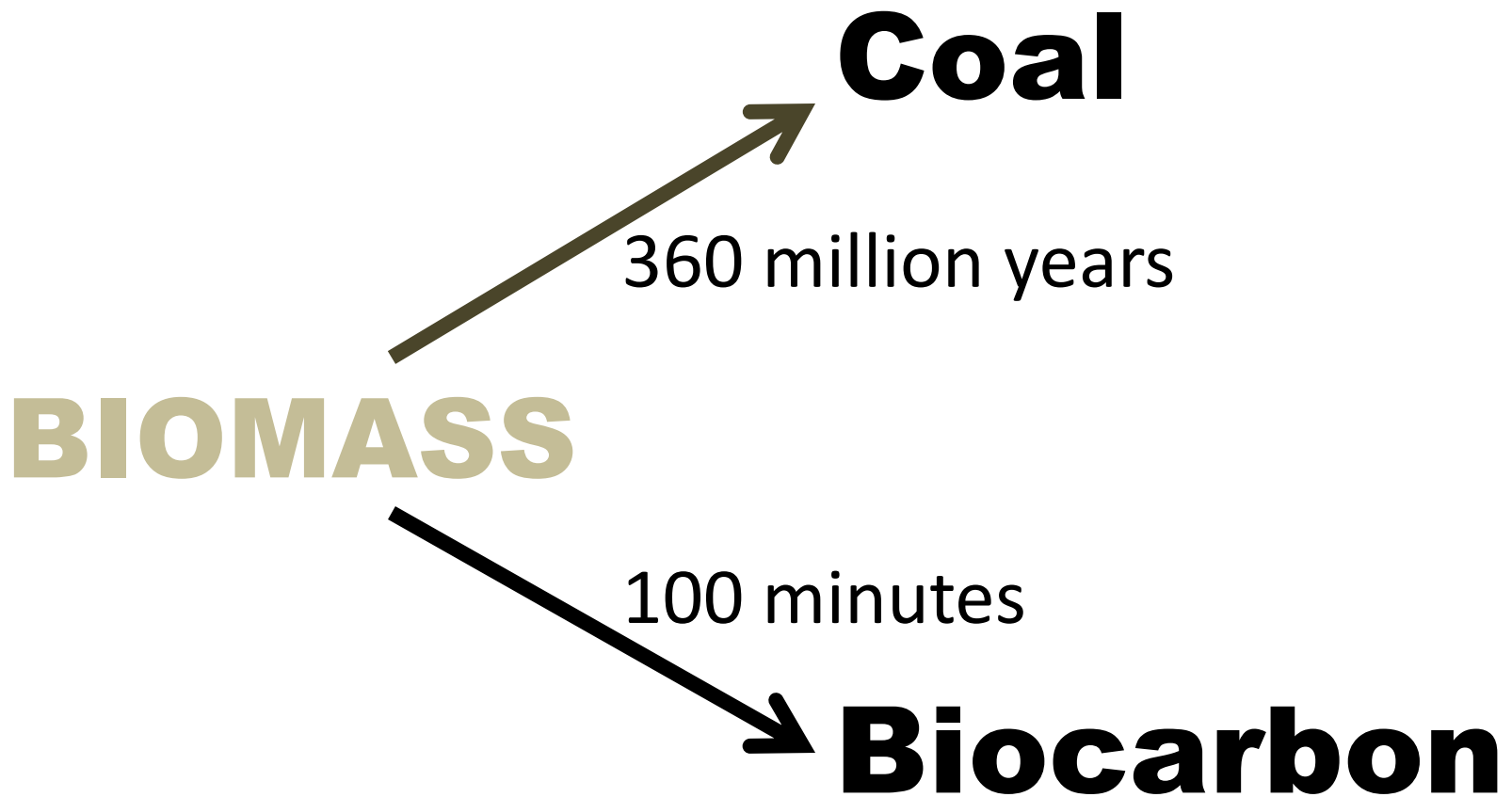


- 2000 C to 3500 C
 - Graphite formation



BIOCARBON:

The Renewable Option for Coal





Coal

- Biomass
 - Carboniferous
 - 360 MM years
 - Fossil fuel

Biocarbon

- Biomass
 - Carbonization
 - 100 minutes
 - Renewable fuel

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Biocarbon

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- **Renewable fuel**

Coal

- 60% to 90% carbon
- 10% to 40% VM

Biocarbon

- 70% to 90% carbon
- 10% to 40% VM

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Biocarbon

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Typical Analysis	Typical Analysis			
	Powder River Basin	Pittsburgh Seam	Biocarbon	
	Carbon %	51.2	73.6	84.9
	Hydrogen %	3.5	4.7	1.9
	Nitrogen %	0.7	1.3	0.4
	Sulphur %	0.2	1.6	<0.05
	Oxygen %	12.7	4.9	6.7
	Ash %	4.5	13.7	6.1
	Fixed Carbon %	37.5	55.7	84.9
	Volatile Matter %	30.1	30.6	12.9
HHV GJ/te	20.5	30.2	30.2	
HHV btu/lb.	8,800	12,400	12,400	

Coal

- 7,000 to 12,750 btu/lb

Biocarbon

- 12,500 btu/lb

Coal

- 10% ash
 - 5% SiO_2
 - 1% to 7% S
 - 0.2 ppm Hg
 - 24 ppm As
 - 0.4 ppm Se

Biocarbon

- 7% ash
 - 3% SiO_2
 - <0.05% S
 - 0.003 ppm Hg
 - <0.2 ppm As
 - <0.2 ppm Se



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