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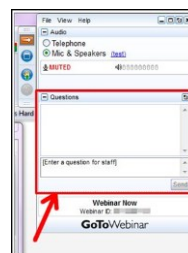
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Matt Kaerberlein, Professor of Pathology, University of Washington

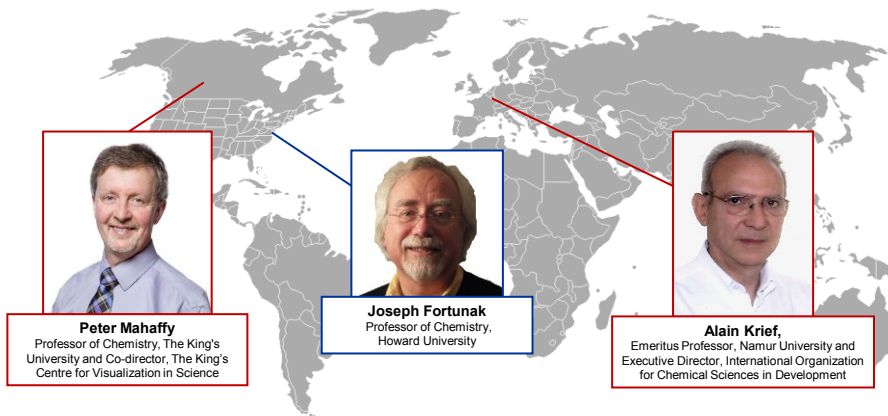
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“Systems Thinking To Re-imagine Chemistry”



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Emeritus Professor, Namur University and Executive Director, International Organization for Chemical Sciences in Development

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Systems Thinking To Reimagine Chemistry

Assertion

“The practice and overarching mission of chemistry needs a major overhaul to be fit for purpose in the 21st Century and beyond.”

One-world chemistry and systems thinking

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Chemistry: Outstanding Successes Over 2 Centuries!

- Understanding properties and behaviour of substances
- Platform for developing other “molecular” sciences – i.e. biochemistry, molecular biology, materials, nanosciences...
- Diverse applications that have improved the human condition, vastly expanded the wealth of some countries
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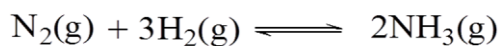
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“When you travel in Hunan or Jiangu, through the Nile Delta or the manicured landscapes of Java, remember that the children running around or leading docile water buffalo got their body proteins via the urea their parents spread on the fields, from the Haber–Bosch synthesis of ammonia. Without this, almost two-fifths of the world’s population would not be here - and our dependence will only increase as the global count moves from six to nine or ten billion people.”

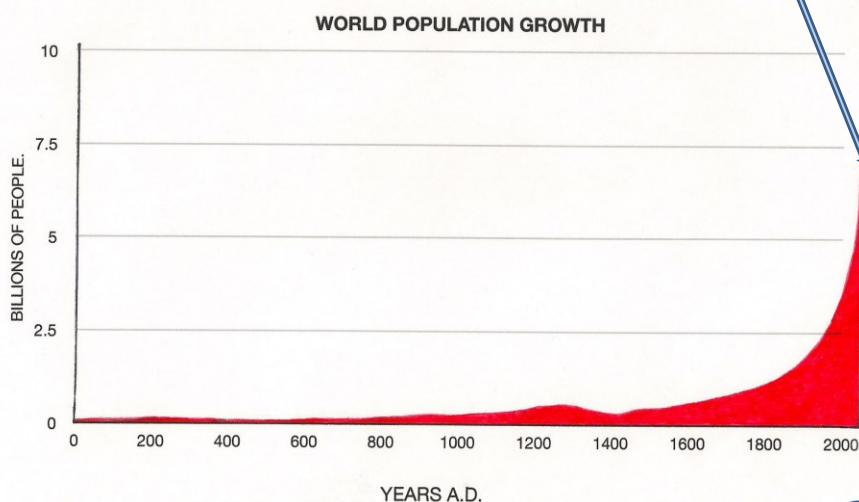


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But 7.4 Billion People Also Create Multiple Unfolding Global Challenges



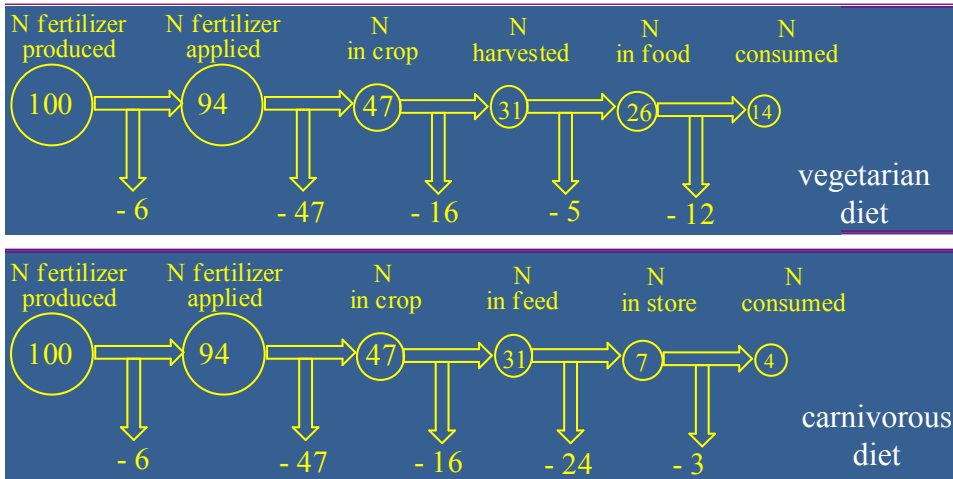
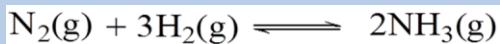
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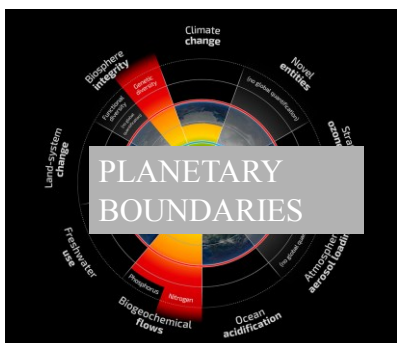
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Multiple Unfolding Global Challenges Both for Earth and Its People



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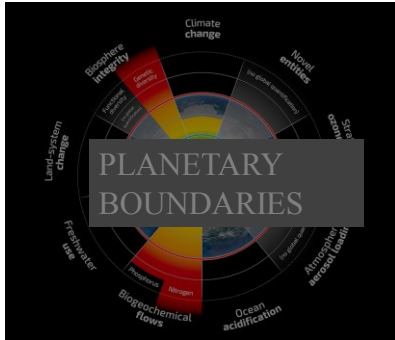


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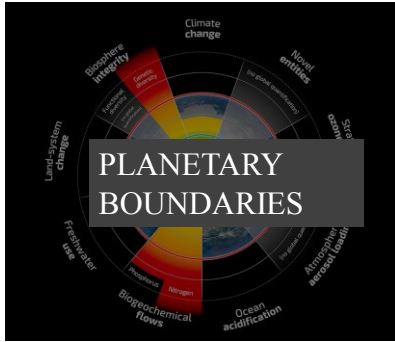


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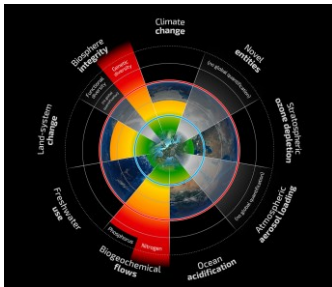
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FEATURE

A safe operating space for humanity

Identifying and quantifying planetary boundaries that must not be transgressed could help prevent human activities from causing unacceptable environmental change, argue **Johan Rockström** and colleagues.

Planetary boundaries: Guiding human development on a changing planet

Will Steffen,^{1,2*} Katherine Richardson,³ Johan Rockström,¹ Sarah E. Cornell,¹ Ingo Fetzer,¹ Elena M. Bennett,⁴ R. Biggs,^{1,5} Stephen R. Carpenter,⁶ Wim de Vries,^{7,8} Cynthia A. de Wit,⁹ Carl Folke,^{1,10} Dieter Gerten,¹¹ Jens Heinke,^{11,12,13} Georgina M. Mace,¹⁴ Linn M. Persson,¹⁵ Veerabhadran Ramanathan,^{16,17} B. Reyers,^{1,18} Sverker Sörlin¹⁹



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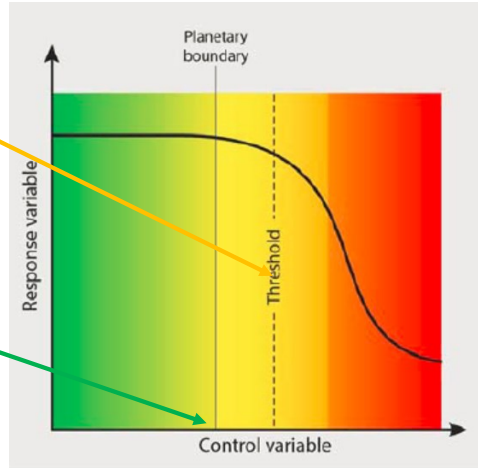
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Planetary boundaries: Guiding human development on a changing planet

- Thresholds are “tipping points,” places: non-linear transitions in the functioning of coupled human-environmental systems.
- Planetary boundary: Remain at safe distance from the threshold

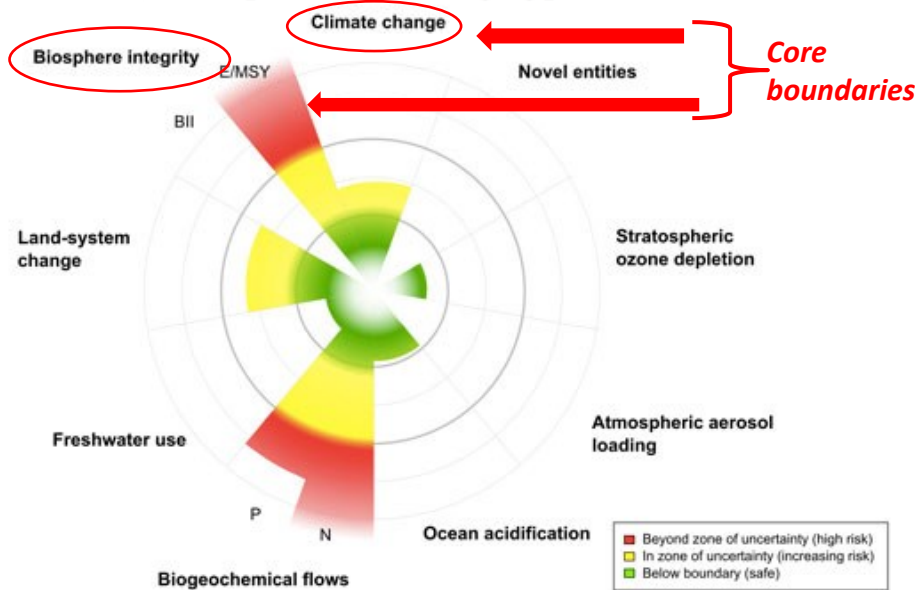


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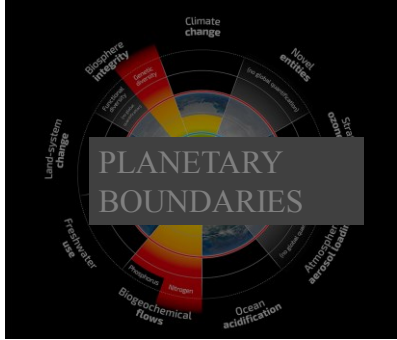
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A new geological epoch, the Anthropocene, has begun, scientists say

Humans have left mark in rock record like the meteor that ended Late Cretaceous, wiped out dinosaurs

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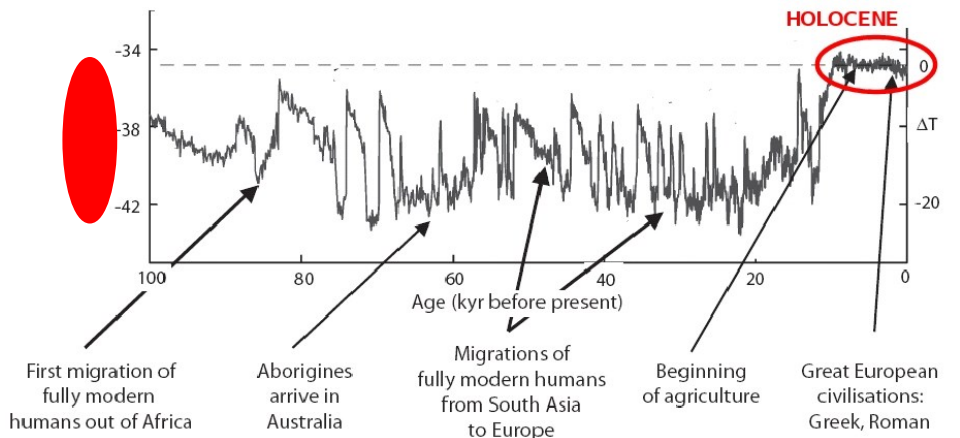


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The Anthropocene is functionally and stratigraphically distinct from the Holocene

Colin N. Waters^{1,*}, Jan Zalasiewicz², Colin Summerhayes³, Anthony D. Barnosky⁴, Clément Poirier⁵,

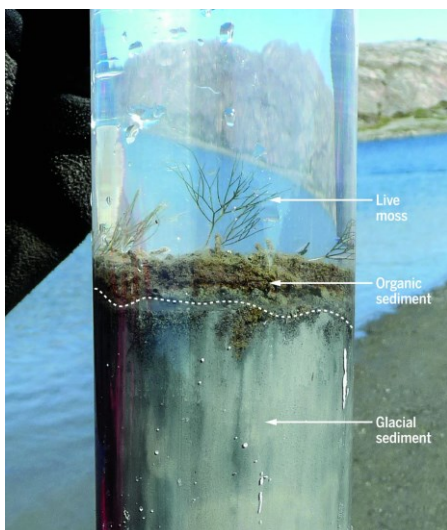


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Indicators of the Anthropocene in recent lake sediments differ markedly from Holocene **signatures**.



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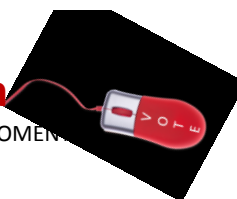
- Many other indicators differ markedly from Holocene signatures - plastics, fly ash, radionuclides, metals, pesticides, reactive nitrogen, greenhouse gas impacts.
- Greenland glacier retreat due to climate warming gives an abrupt stratigraphic transition from proglacial sediments to nonglacial organic matter, marking the onset of the Anthropocene.



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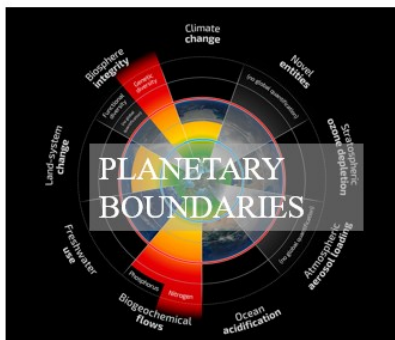


Have you related chemistry using any of the following?

- the UN Sustainable Development Goals
- The planetary boundaries framework
- the change in our Geologic Time Scale to the Anthropocene Epoch
- None of the above

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Addressing Multiple Unfolding Global Challenges *Do they Require an Overhaul of Chemistry?*



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Systems Thinking To Reimagine Chemistry



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One-world chemistry and systems thinking



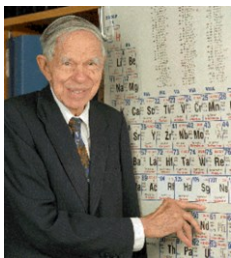
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The practice and overarching mission of chemistry need a major overhaul in order to be fit for purpose in the twenty-first century and beyond. The concept of 'one-world' chemistry takes a systems approach that brings together many factors, including ethics and sustainability, that are critical to the future role of chemistry.

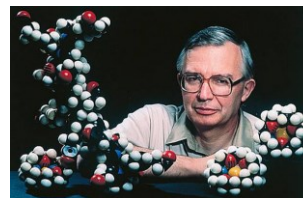


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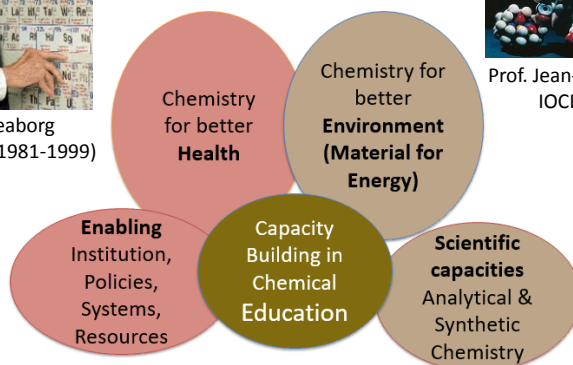
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IOCD President (1981-1999)



Prof. Jean-Marie Lehn (Strasbourg)
IOCD President (1999-)



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Systems Thinking To Reimagine Chemistry

- Reimagined chemistry – Must go beyond ‘being a science’ to ‘being a science for the benefit of society.’
- Triple role:
 - 1) creating new scientific knowledge
 - 2) translating knowledge into useful applications
 - 3) helping to meet the emergent challenges of multiple unfolding global crises. *

****a new imperative for chemistry***



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Systems Thinking To Reimagine Chemistry

Implications for Industry and Chemistry Practice

- “Overhaul” to bring much stronger basis in systems thinking, including life-cycle analyses.
- Chemistry cannot be considered apart from its contexts and many interconnected systems.
- Human and animal health are interconnected to biophysical parameters and boundaries of our planet.
- Special responsibility for chemistry in meeting UN Sustainable Development Goals



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Systems Thinking To Reimagine Chemistry

Implications for Chemistry Education

- Re-orient teaching and learning to focus on ‘a science for the benefit of society’.
- Emphasis on problem solving
- Systems perspective that includes physical, biological, environmental, and other systems
- Chemistry must be taught in contexts – not just the context of ‘applications’ but relevance to society, contribution to meeting global challenges, and fostering skills in cross-disciplinary working



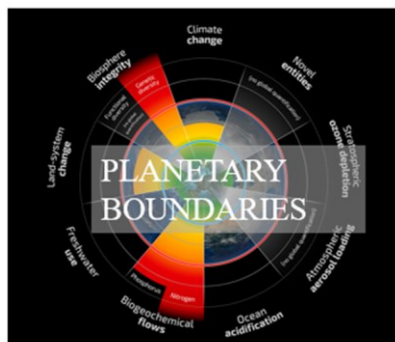
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Systems Thinking can Transform Chemistry

Are There Good Examples?



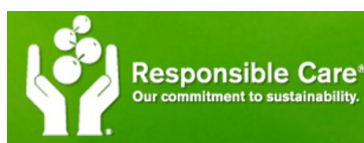
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Emerging Systems Thinking in the Practice of Chemistry



1985 – Chemistry Industry Association of Canada



1993 – US EPA implements green chemistry program
1997 ACS Green Chemistry Institute incorporated

Green Chemistry and Engineering - Go beyond concerns over hazards from toxicity to include chemical & engineering systems – energy conservation, waste reduction, life cycle considerations, including sustainable and renewable feedstocks.



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Emerging Systems Thinking in the Practice of Chemistry – *Green Chemistry Principles*

- **Reaction efficiency:** Minimizing the quantities of chemicals (reactants, reagents, solvents, etc.), energy and water used to make a chemical, material or product
- **Efficiency metrics:** Calculating efficiency of reactions or processes, for example through process mass intensity, atom economy or other efficiency metrics
- **Renewables:** Utilizing renewable feedstocks in place of petroleum feedstocks
- **Catalysis and recycling:** Replacing stoichiometric reagents with catalysts or recycling reagents or solvents
- **Process efficiency:** Reducing the number of synthetic/ process steps to produce chemicals, materials and products



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Emerging Systems Thinking in the Practice of Chemistry – *Green Chemistry Principles*

- **Lifecycle impacts of chemicals:** Understanding how chemicals are produced and the social, environmental and economic impacts of their extraction or manufacture
- **Chemicals in the environment:** Understanding the fate, persistence and degradability of man-made chemicals in the environment
- **Chemical hazards and exposure:** Identifying environmental, safety and health hazards, as well as potential sources of exposure. Selection and design of chemicals that are less hazardous alternatives to known chemicals and products



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ACS GCI Pharmaceutical Industry Roundtable

Mission: To catalyze the implementation of green chemistry and engineering in the pharmaceutical industry globally

Inform and Influence
the Research Agenda

Define and Deliver
Tools for Innovation

Promote Education
and Training

Enable Global
Collaboration



Strategic Priorities



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Key Research Challenges Identified by ACS GCI Pharmaceutical Industry Round Table

➤ Current Reactions

- Amide Formation, OH activation, Amide Reduction, Green Mitsunobu reactions, Oxidation/Epoxidations

➤ More Aspirational Reactions

- C-H activation or aromatics, chiral amine synthesis, Asymmetric Hydrogenation, Green Fluorination Methods, N-Centred Chemistry

➤ Key Ideas outside the Reaction theme

- Solventless Reactor Cleaning
- Green alternatives to polar aprotic solvents



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Catalyzing Systems Thinking: ACS GCI Pharma Round Table research Grants

Recipient	University	Year
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R. Maleczka & M. Smith	Michigan State University	2007
C.J. Li	McGill University	2008
M. Krische	University of Texas- Austin	2008
R. Crabtree	Yale University	2009
D. Cole-Hamilton	University of St. Andrews	2010
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N. Mankad	University of Illinois – Chicago	2014
M. Bellar	Leibniz-Institut für Katalyse	2014

Turning Systems Thinking into Practice: Tools Such as Solvent Selection Guides



The reagent guides purpose is to encourage chemists to choose a 'greener' choice of reaction conditions. The guides aim to achieve this by providing transparency through the use of Venn diagrams in addition to improving understanding by discussion and up to date references.

The Reagent Guides

Select the chemical transformation of interest

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How to Navigate the

How to Interpret the

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Version 2.0 Issued March 21, 2011
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Solvent Class	Solvent Name	Substance Information	CAS Number	Scoring Information				
				Safety	Health	Env (Air)	Env (Water)	Env (Waste)
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Acid	ACETIC ANHYDRIDE		108-24-7	3	6	6	2	7
Acid	FORMIC ACID		64-18-8	2	8	5	2	7
Acid	METHANE SULFONIC ACID		75-75-2	2	6	6	0	6
Acid	PROPIONIC ACID		79-06-4	2	5	6	4	6
Alcoh	1-BUTANOL		11-36-3	3	5	5	5	5
Alcoh	1-PROPANOL		11-23-8	4	4	6	3	6
Alcoh	2-BUTANOL		75-92-2	4	5	6	3	5
Alcoh	2-METHOXYETHANOL		109-68-4	4	3	5	3	7
Alcoh	BENZYL ALCOHOL		100-51-6	4	3	4	2	4
Alcoh	ETHANOL		64-17-5	4	3	6	1	6
Alcoh	ETHYLENE GLYCOL		107-21-1	3	3	5	3	5
Alcoh	ISOMYL ALCOHOL		123-51-3	3	4	5	3	5
Alcoh	ISOBUTANOL		108-81-1	3	5	4	3	5
Alcoh	ISOPROPYL 2-ETHYLENE DIAMINE		101-83-1	2	4	4	3	5

Key Elements of The Hague Ethical Guidelines

- **Sustainability** – Responsibility to address UN Sustainable Development Goals
- **Education** – Equip practitioners and others with the knowledge and tools to take responsibility to ensure that chemicals are used only for beneficial and peaceful purposes.
- **Awareness & Engagement** – Multiple uses of chemicals
- **Ethics** – education, research and innovation must meet the highest ethical standards
- Promote a strong culture of **safety, health, and security**
- **Accountability** to avoid illegal, harmful, or destructive uses of chemicals
- **Oversight** – responsibility extends to those who oversee non-chemists
- Promote the **free exchange of information** related to the development of chemistry for peaceful and beneficial purposes.



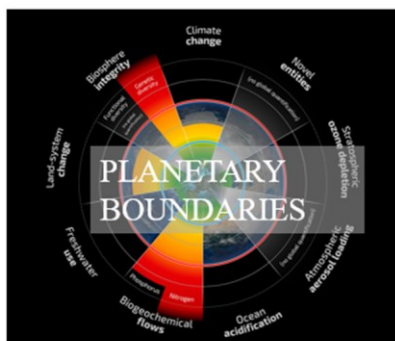
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Emerging Systems Thinking in Chemistry

Is it Comprehensive and Fast Enough?



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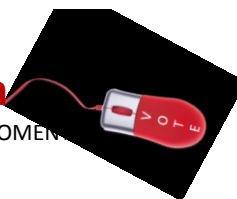


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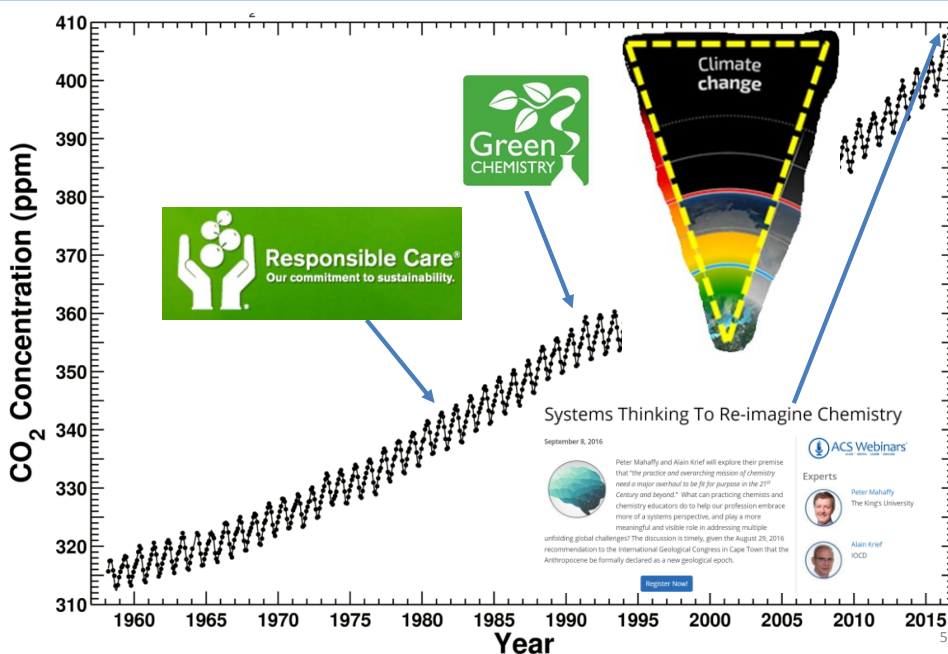


I believe systems thinking in chemistry is emerging rapidly and comprehensively enough to address these multiple unfolding global challenges.

- True
- False

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Systems Thinking: Comprehensive & Fast Enough?



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The Challenge for Re-imagination of Chemistry Education to Embrace Systems Thinking

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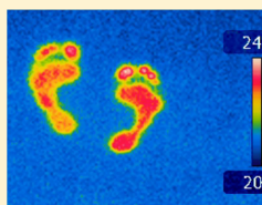
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Telling Time: Chemistry Education in the Anthropocene Epoch

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ABSTRACT: An International Union of Geological Sciences working group is expected to soon formalize a determination that we have moved from the Holocene to the Anthropocene Epoch on the geologic time scale. In addition to reaching consensus on the scientific evidence for this change, this initiative is meant to raise awareness in other scientific communities of the effects of large-scale human activity on fundamental earth system parameters. In parallel, work is being done to understand the resiliency of our planet to the large human footprint, and to define and quantify the planetary boundaries that define a safe operating space for humanity. Many of these planetary boundaries are quantified by chemical measurements. We explore the implications of these parallel developments for chemistry educators.



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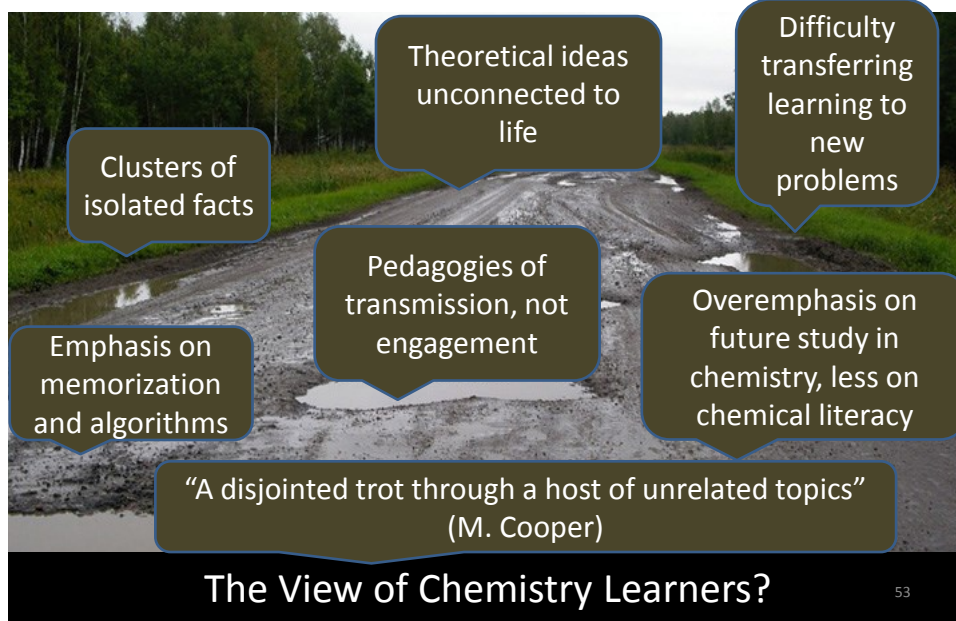


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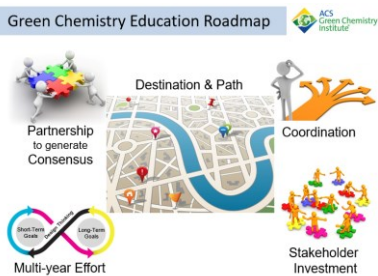
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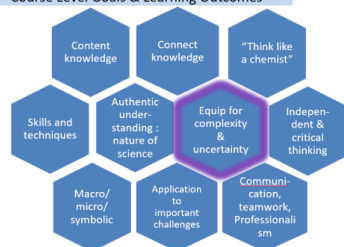


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Emerging Systems Thinking in Chemistry Education – Examples



Post-Secondary Chemistry: Course Level Goals & Learning Outcomes

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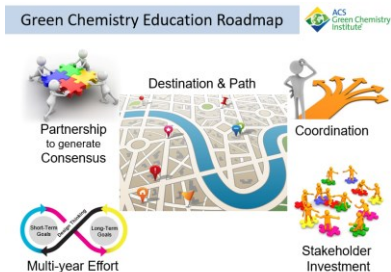


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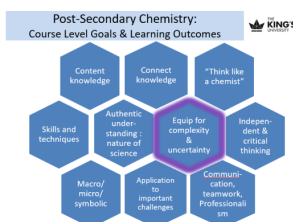
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The Road map will define and clarify the needs for green chemistry education and...

- Make it easier to find and adopt the best materials and approaches
- Make it easier to get funding to develop and adopt materials
- Build capacity to adopt and teach green chemistry topics and themes
- Build capacity to create and develop innovative new materials

Resulting in..

- Clearer learning objectives and assessment
- Increased impact of teaching efforts
- Greater opportunities to engage in green chemistry education



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Systems Thinking: Teaching/Learning from Rich Contexts

- The implementations of case studies or context-based learning that provide deep and rich opportunities for learning diverse concepts through contexts, and that nurture the use of higher order cognitive skills to connect concepts and apply the knowledge gained to new contexts.
- Motivating context is the starting point to develop scientific content for students rather than the more traditional approach of systematically building up general chemistry concepts and then introducing applications of those ideas.”
- Potential to facilitate achieving affective domain objectives



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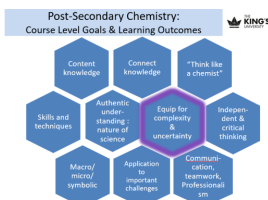
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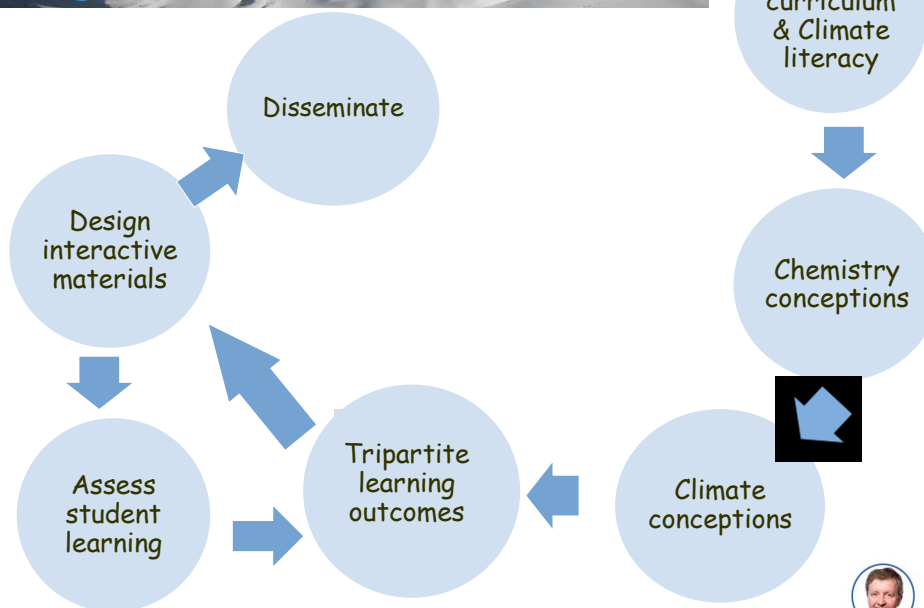
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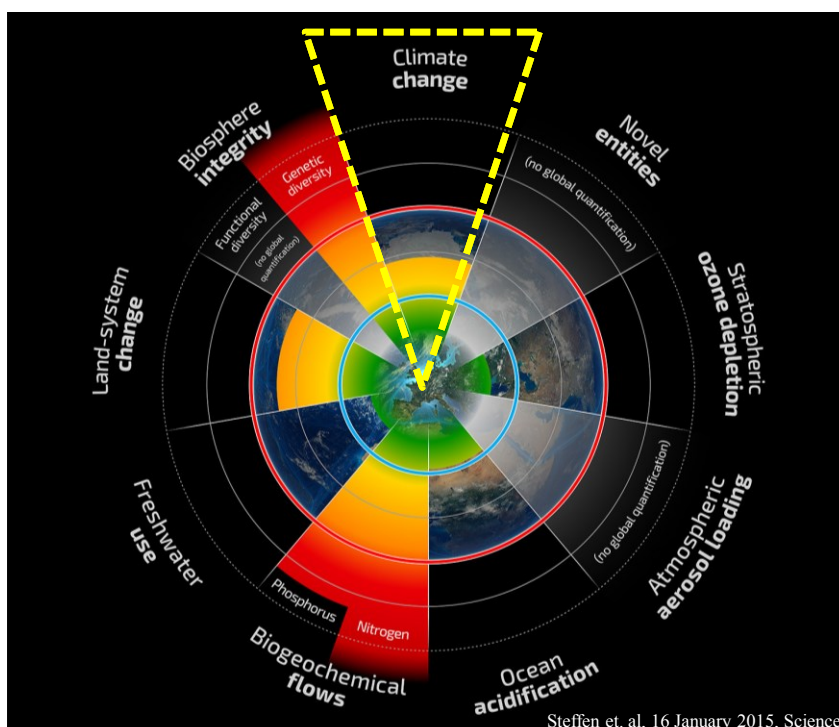
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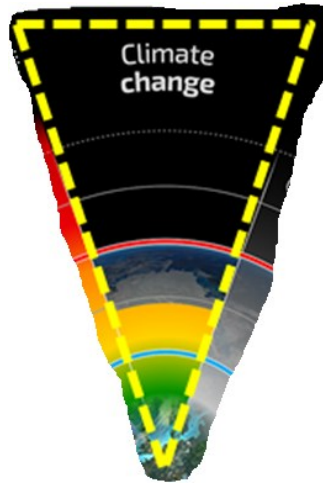
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Rich Context Concept Questions that Nurture Systems Thinking in Students

- **Isotopes:** How is 800,000 years of temperature data determined from ice core samples?
- **Gases:** Which atmospheric gases support life directly? Which gases support life by regulating the energy balance of our planet?
- **Acids/Bases:** How does atmospheric carbon dioxide influence the pH of the ocean? What are the implications for marine ecosystems?
- **Thermochemistry:** How is the way we power our planet altering Earth's energy balance?



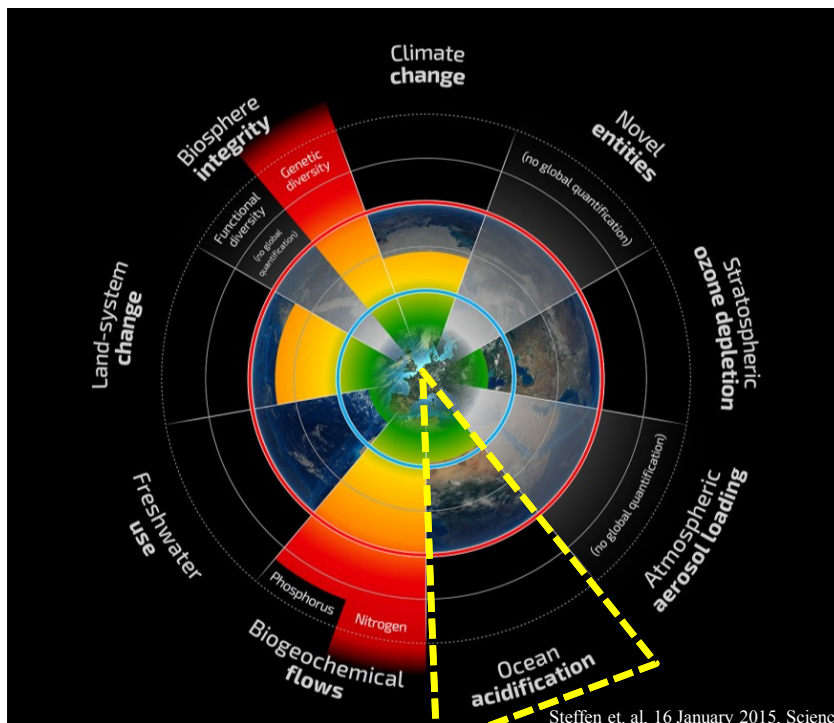
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Control variable(s)	Planetary boundary (zone of uncertainty)	Current value of control variable
Atmospheric CO ₂ concentration, ppm Energy imbalance at top-of-atmosphere, W m ⁻²	350 ppm CO ₂ (350-450 ppm) Energy imbalance: +1.0 W m ⁻² (+1.0-1.5 W m ⁻²)	396.5 ppm CO ₂ 2.3 W m ⁻² (1.1-3.3 W m ⁻²)

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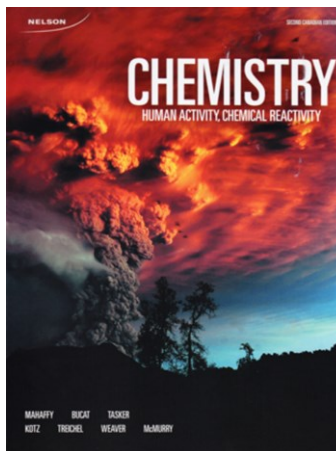
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Post-Secondary Chemistry: Course Level Goals & Learning Outcomes



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- We must meaningfully include systems thinking and multiple unfolding global challenges in our learning objectives and assessments!
- One small step: Proposal underway for an IUPAC project to articulate program and course level learning objectives based on systems thinking and with the goal of helping the next generation to guide human development on our rapidly changing planet.
- Recommend change strategies for implementation
- Consider how to best assess completion of these LO, including in program accreditation standards and incorporation into standardized exams.

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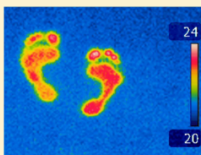
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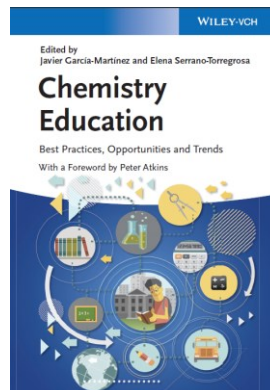
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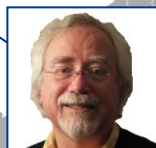
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