Green chemistry & green engineering wait...what?



Karolina Mellor



Chef



The meals I make are delicious! Sure they're poisonous. But there are other chefs working on "non-lethal cooking"

Architect



The homes I've built are luxurious and attractive. Sure they collapse and kill people on a regular basis. But there are other builders who are working on "safe housing".

Car designer



I build the most beautiful and fastest cars in the world. They often fall apart and explode unexpectedly. But there are other car designers working on "sustainable cars".

Chemist



I've developed some of the best methodologies and processes for making hundreds of target molecules. Sure they harm humans and the environment. But there are other chemists working on "green chemistry".

Green chemistry does things differently

WHY?

Name 2 items in this room that are chemical - free

- Efficient yet safe for people and environment
- From renewable sources
- Innovative

Green chemistry is the design of chemical products and processes that reduce or eliminate the use and generation of hazardous substances.

HOW?

 Uses bio-based materials - chicken feathers to develop a circuit board



Richard Wool pioneer in bio-based materials Uses CO₂ to build polymers (plastics)



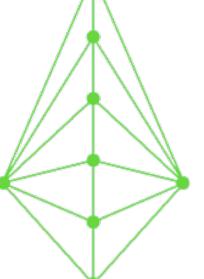
Geoffrey Coats pioneer in plastics

 Uses cellulose from wood to build polymers and plastics



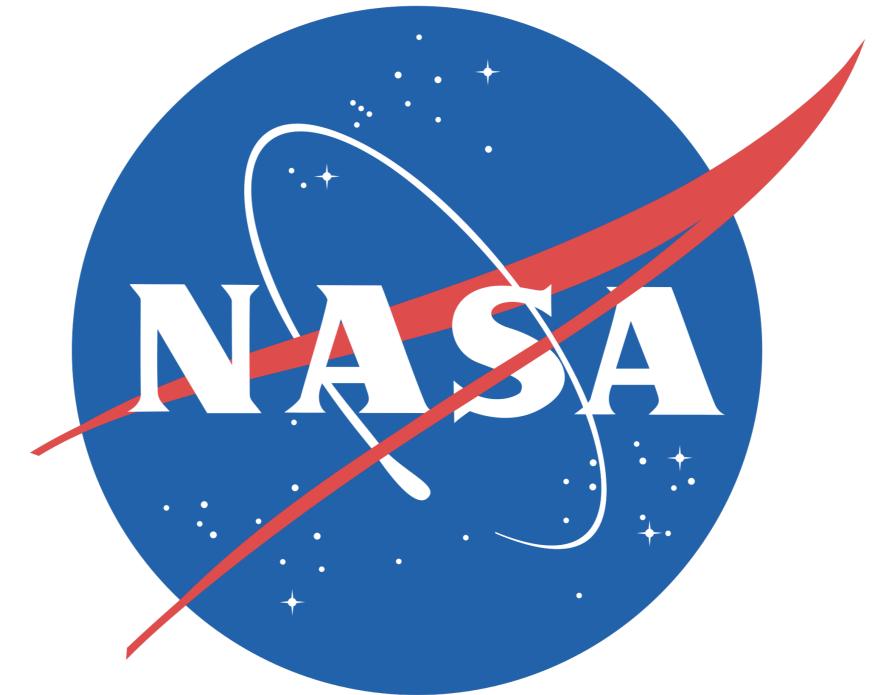
Robin D. Rogers pioneer in polymers and plastics





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Even NASA does green chemistry



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- International research networks in 35 countries devoted to green chemistry
- Businesses
- Presidential awards in green chemistry



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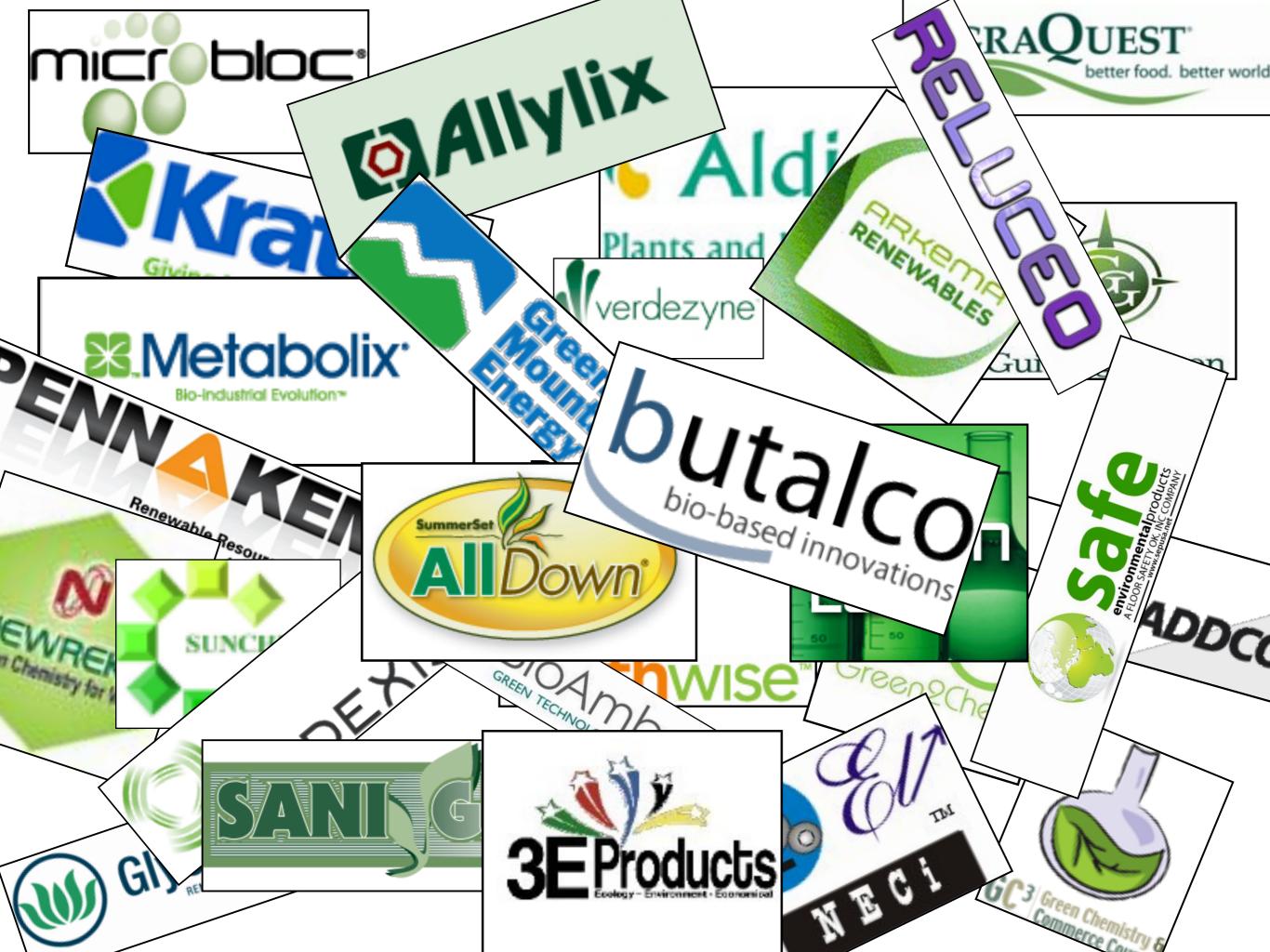
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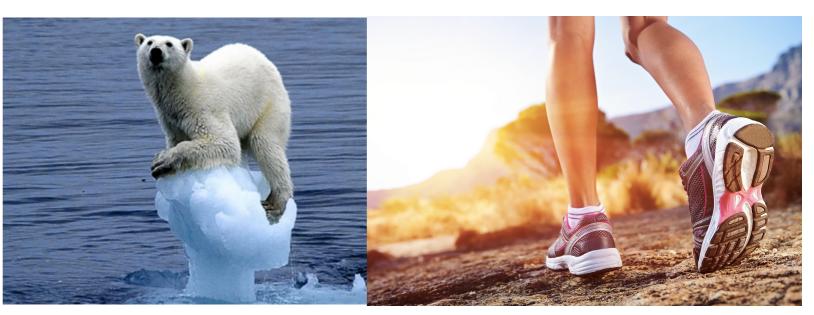


Better news

The unfinished business of green chemistry represents opportunities to advance sustainability through innovation as never before imagined.

Chemistry is addressing some of the world's most pressing challenges

- Climate change
- Energy
- Water
- Agriculture
- Health
- Poverty





However

It's important to recognize things as part of a system.

Whack-a-mole



Otherwise, even noble pursuits can bring about unintended consequences.



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You can't make a delicious cake

With rotten eggs..

..and spoiled milk!

The CORE of Green chemistry

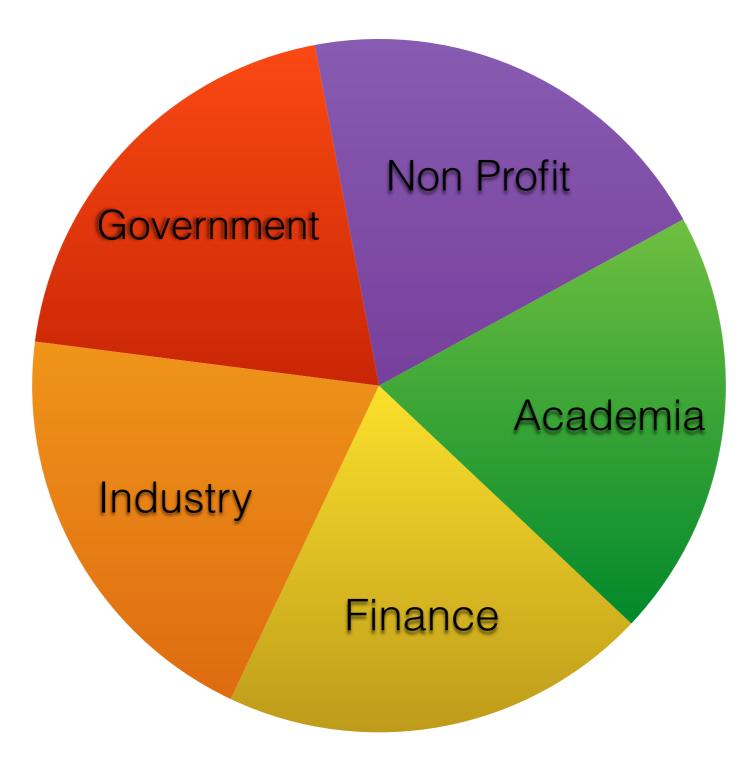
- improving industry (chemical, biotech, engineering) reaction yield & synthesis, product performance, energy savings
- looking for sustainable solutions
- making chemicals safer for human & environment

SAFETY PERFORMANCE SUSTAINABILITY

These industries are affected

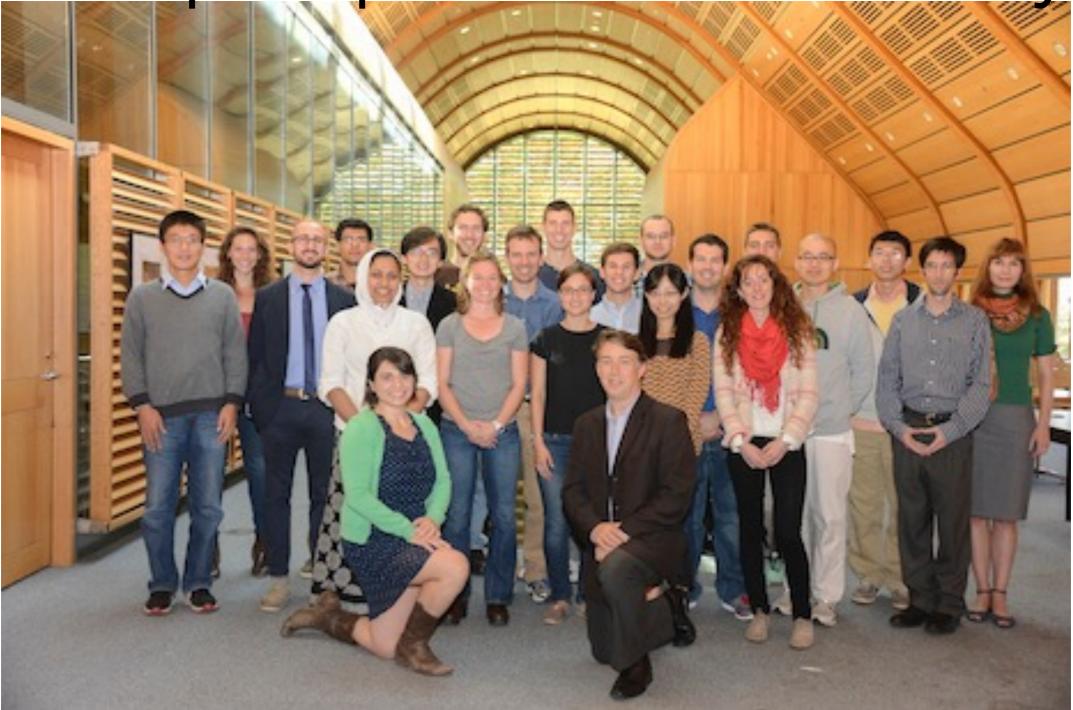


Jobs in green chemistry



Who do you want to be when you grow up?

These people started like you



Center for Green Chemistry and Green Engineering at Yale

Elon Musk – Founder of Tesla Motors



"I have no desire to make the best electric car. I want to make the best car that happens to be electric."







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Green Chemistry Motto

"There is no desire to do the best green chemistry. We will do the best chemistry and it will happen to be green."

Be curious

Be innovative

Give it a try

Useful resources

American Chemical Society http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/greenchemistry.html

> Green Chemistry at U of Oregon http://greenchem.uoregon.edu/

Beyond Benign <u>http://www.beyondbenign.org/</u>

Green Chemistry Education Network http://cmetim.ning.com/

The Berkeley Center for Green Chemistry http://bcgc.berkeley.edu/

> BizNGO <u>http://www.bizngo.org/</u>