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Energy is critical to the well-being of a developing world

- CO₂ emissions from fossil fuels are unsustainable and unnecessary
 - Non-fossil energy alternatives will help, but are too little, too expensive, or too late
- Fossil energy creates a vast carbon waste management challenge
 - For every ton of carbon coming out of the ground another will have to be disposed of
- Nascent carbon management technologies exist
 - Carbon storage, point source capture, direct air capture, carbon recycling
- Technologies need demand to improve
 - Demand for disposal and recycle requires regulation

Waste problems have been solved before



- Waste management is a lucrative service industry that need to be built
- CO₂ waste is global and can be addressed globally
- Carbon recycling will be driven by the cost of waste disposal

Photovoltaic power can challenge fossil energy



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- It is the cheapest source of electricity
- Its energy can be stored in liquid fuels
- Cheap storage and easy transport