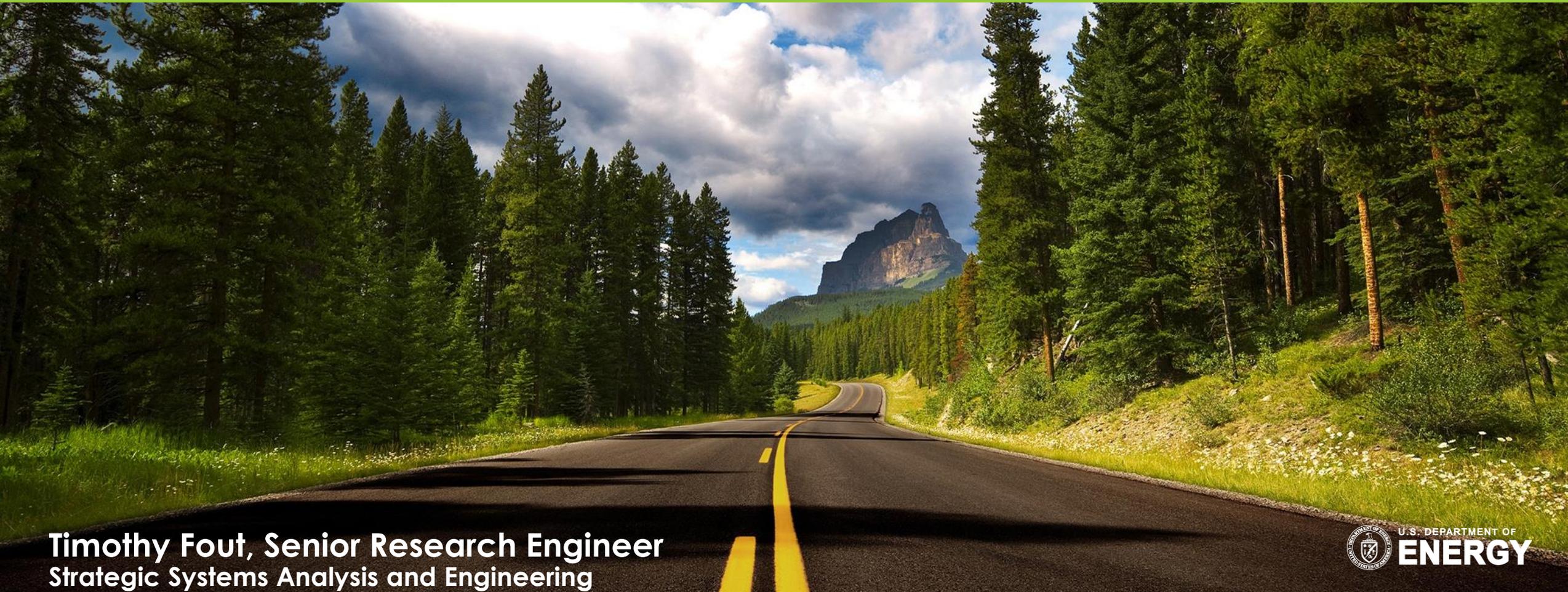




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# **Carbon Capture Technologies: Status and Challenges**

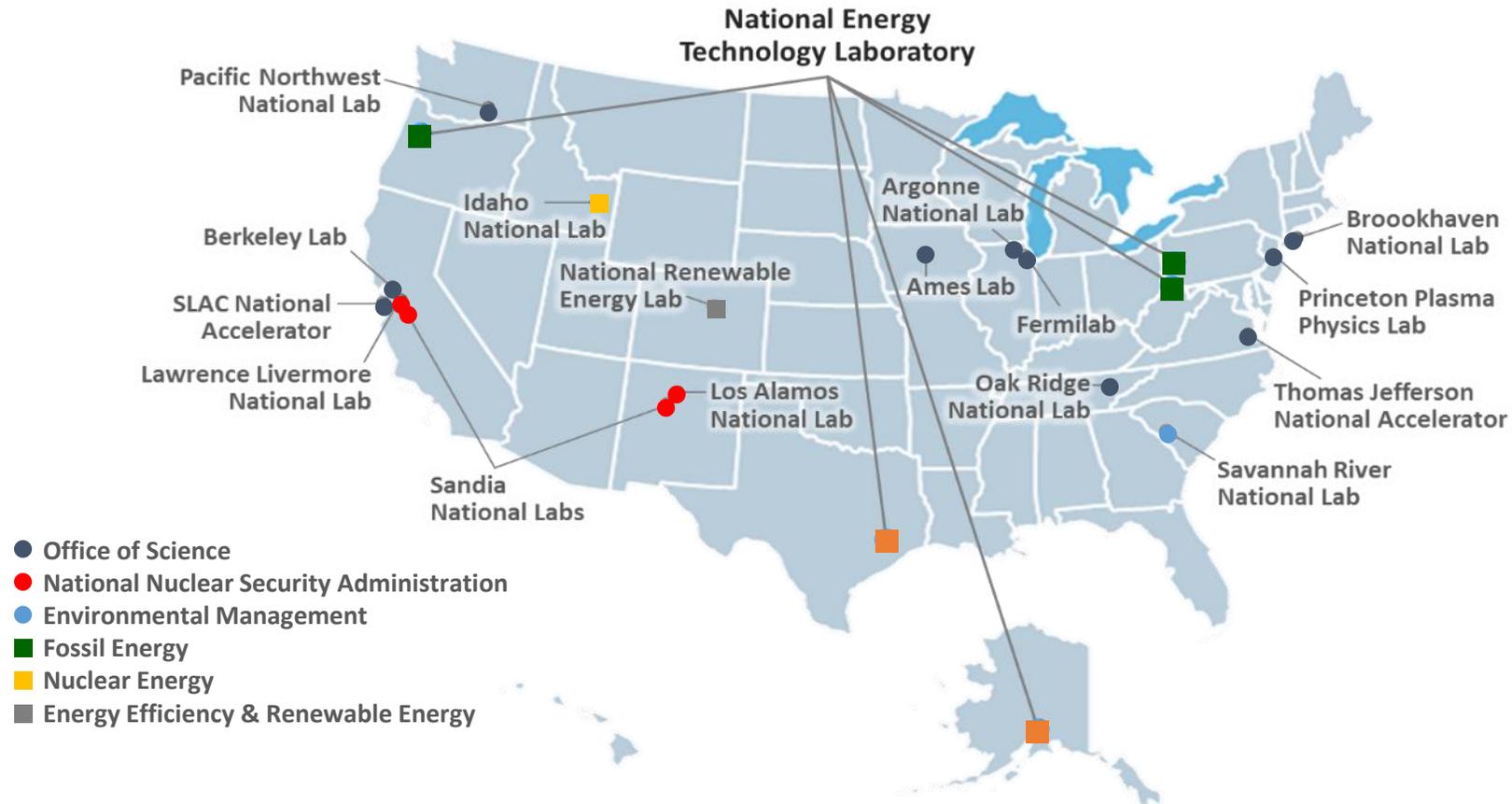


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This presentation provides an overview of a Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) R&D Program that is implemented based on both Administration priorities and Congressional direction. Plans for future technology development reflect expected trajectories of current R&D, but these plans are subject to change. Furthermore, some stages of future technology development, although necessary for commercialization, may not be financially supported by the government.

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# Presentation Outline

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- Capture Overview
- Post-Combustion Capture
  - Approaches
  - Challenges
  - Costs and Resources
- Direct Air Capture – Sorbents
- Direct Air Capture – Solvents

# Capture Overview

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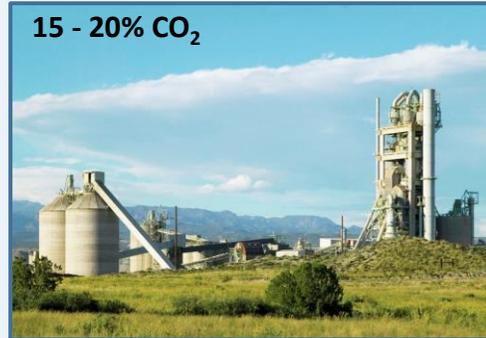
# Carbon Dioxide Reducing vs Carbon Removal

## Carbon Reducing.. CCS for Power Generation and Industrial Sectors



NG: 4% CO<sub>2</sub>

Power Plants



15 - 20% CO<sub>2</sub>

Cement Plants



20% CO<sub>2</sub>

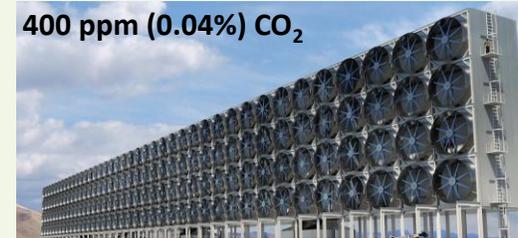
Iron and Steel Plants



15 - 45% CO<sub>2</sub>

Hydrogen Plants

## Carbon Dioxide Removal from Atmosphere



400 ppm (0.04%) CO<sub>2</sub>

Direct Air Capture



Direct Ocean Capture

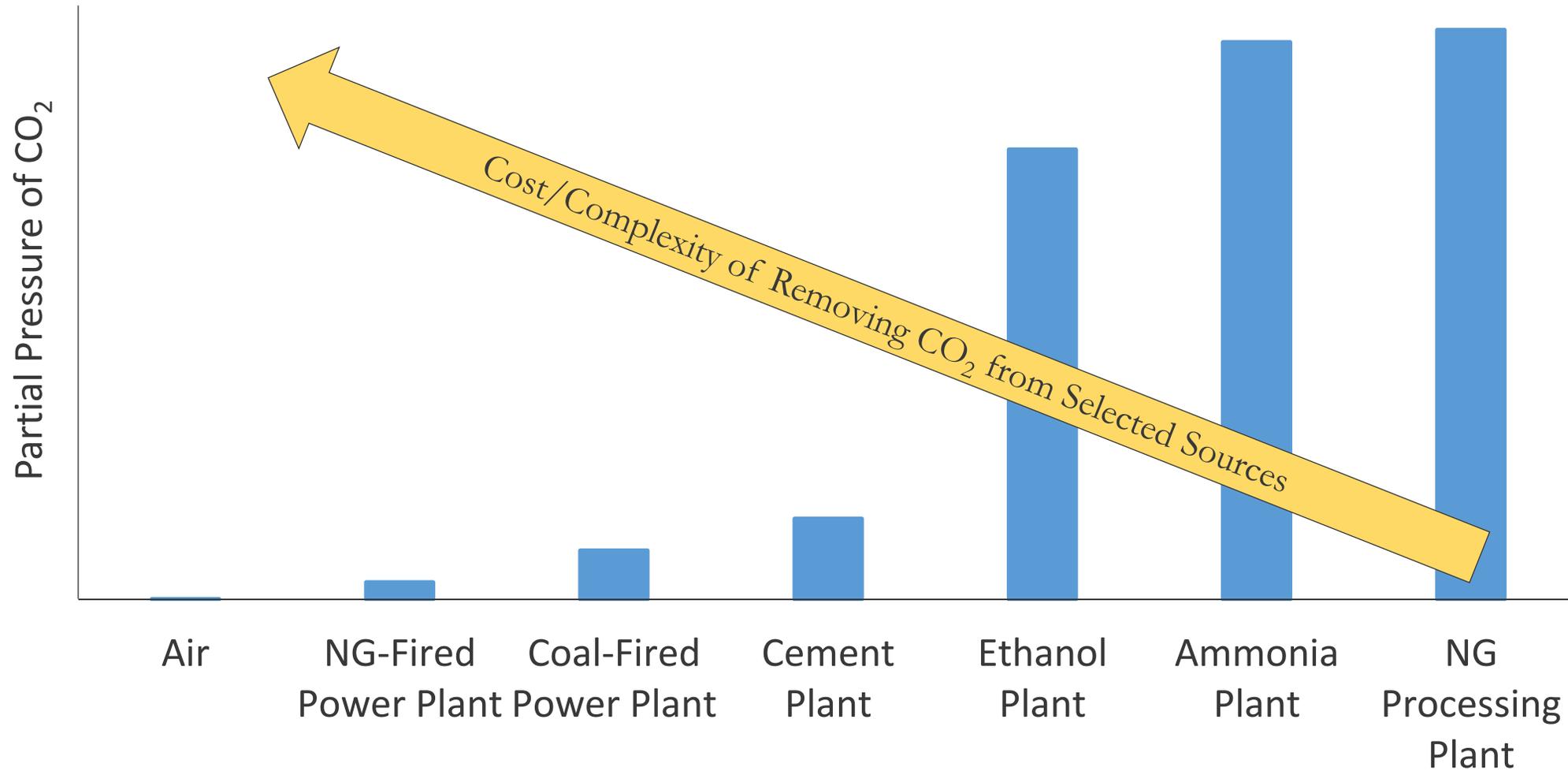


Biomass Carbon Removal and Storage



Enhanced Mineralization

# CO<sub>2</sub> Partial Pressure and Capture Cost

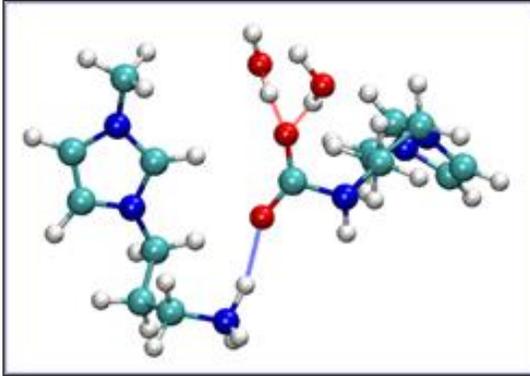


# Post-Combustion Capture

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## Solvents



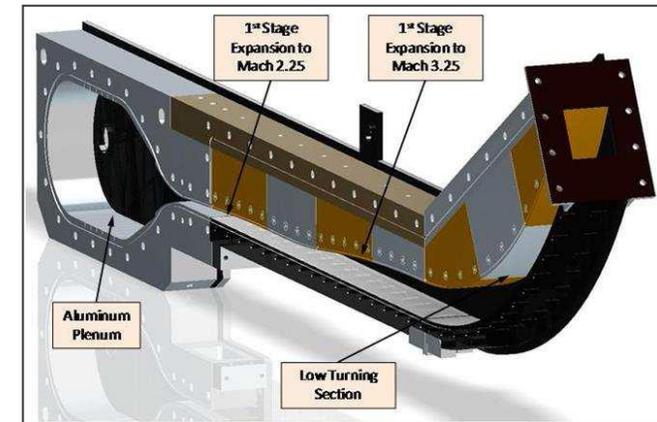
## Sorbents



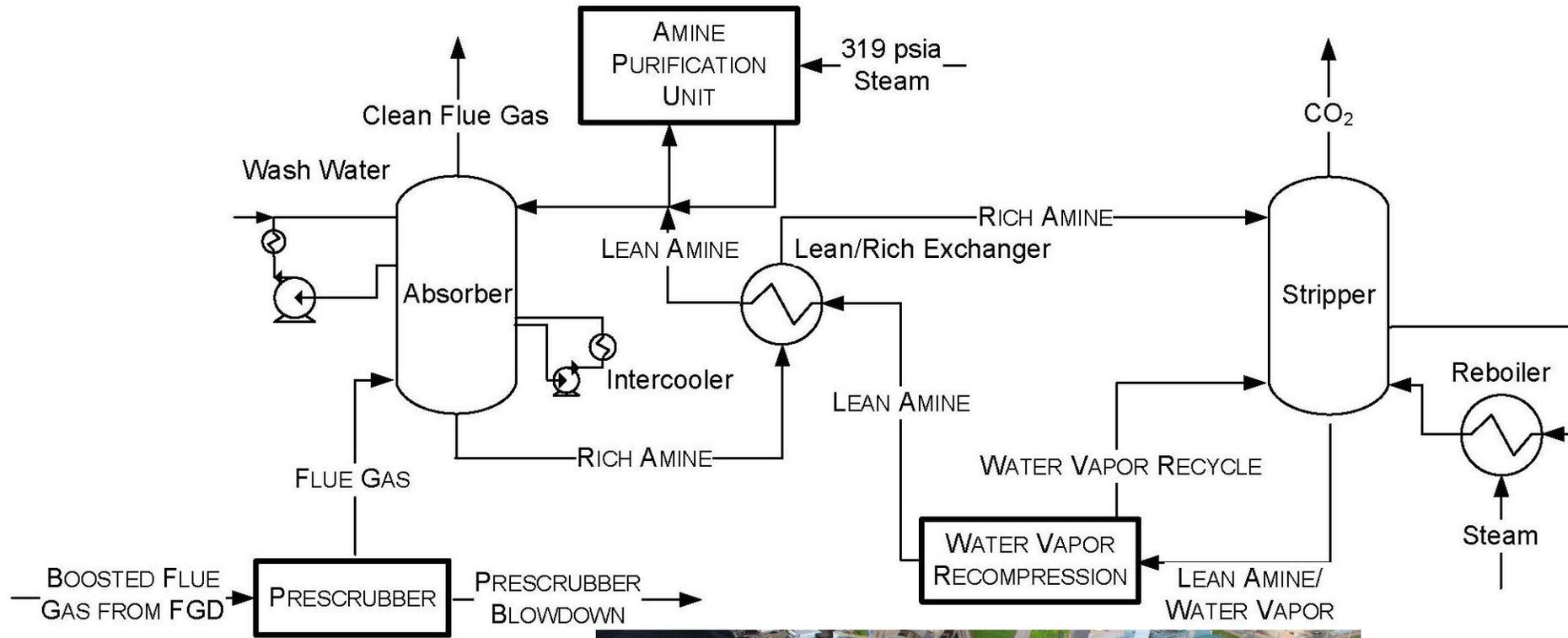
## Membranes



## Novel Concepts



# Solvent Capture Systems

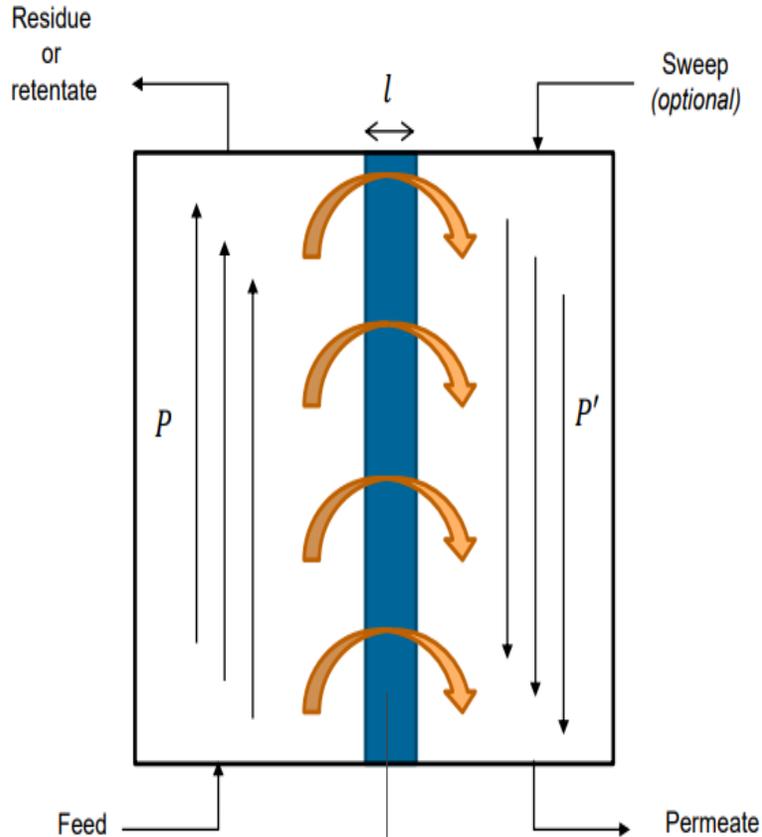


## Solvent System Considerations

- Aqueous/non-aqueous
- Physical or Chemical solvent
- Operational temperature
  - Volatile solvent
  - Viscosity
- Regenerator Type
  - Stripper
  - Flash Unit
- Novel Absorber/Regenerator Equipment
  - Rotating Beds
  - Membrane Contactors

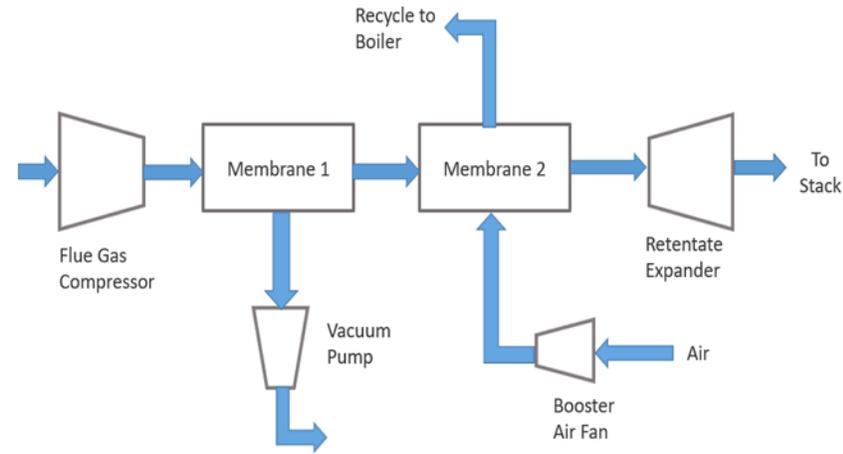


# Membrane Capture Processes



Gases dissolve into the membrane material, diffuse across, and enter the gas on the other side

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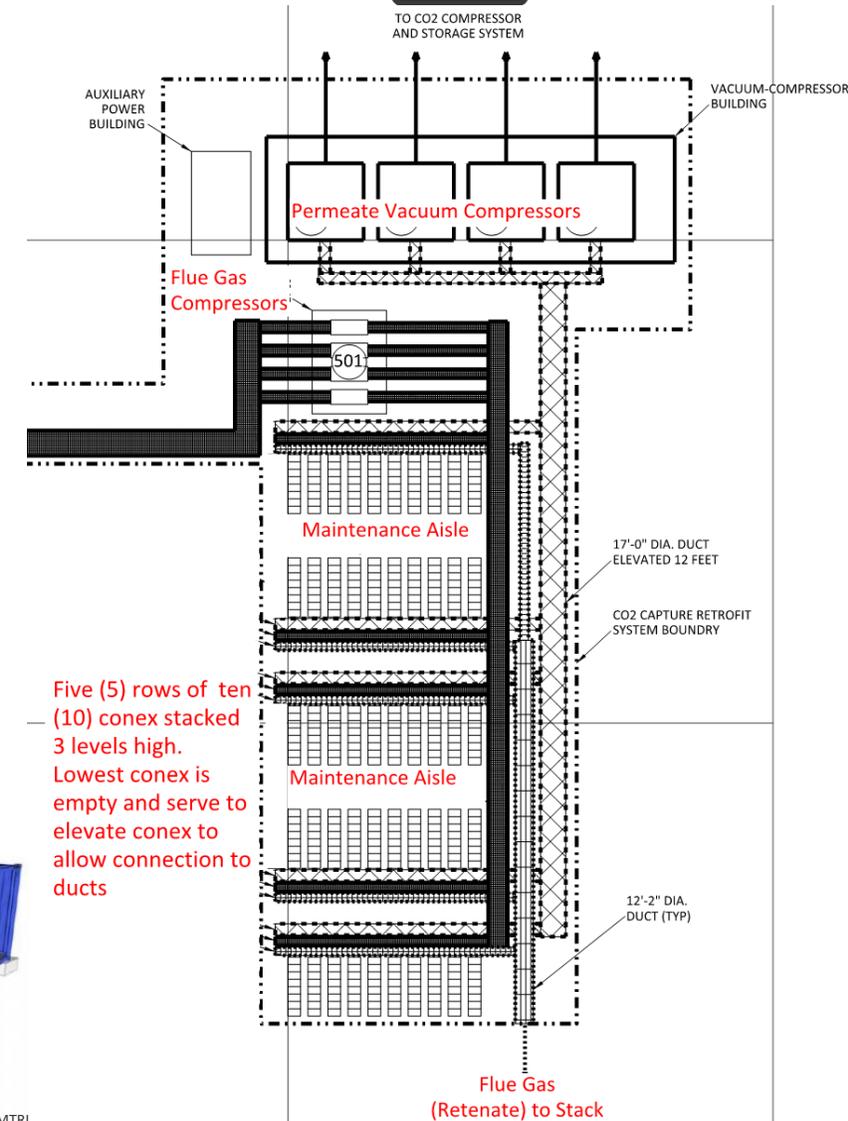


## Membrane System Considerations

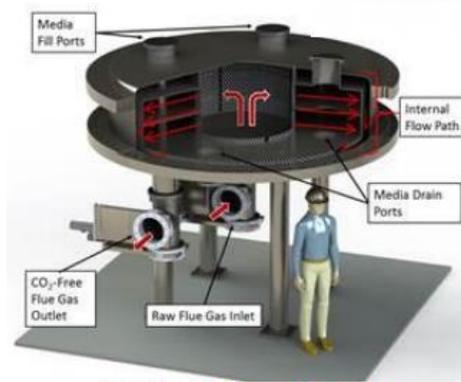
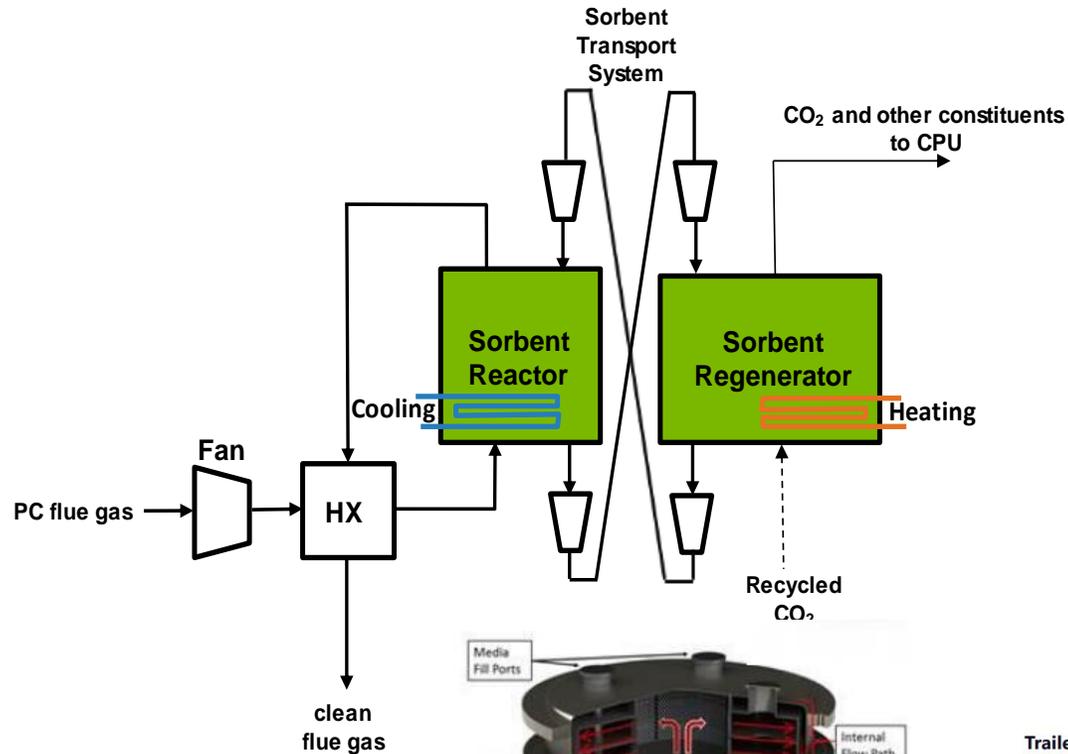
- Membrane Material
  - Separation Layer
  - Support Layer(s)
- Membrane Configuration
  - Flat Sheet
  - Spiral Wound
  - Hollow Fiber



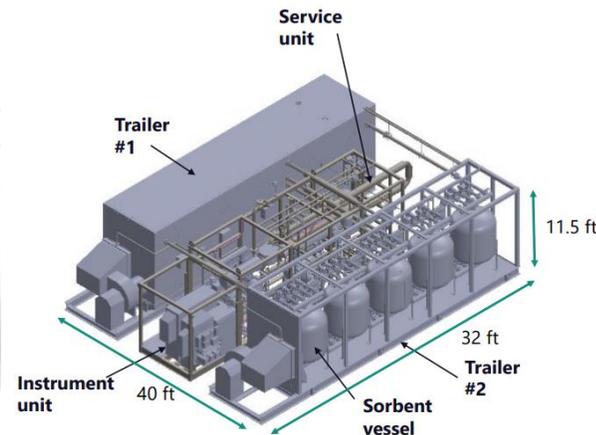
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# Sorbent Capture Processes



TDA's Sorbent System



## Sorbent System Considerations

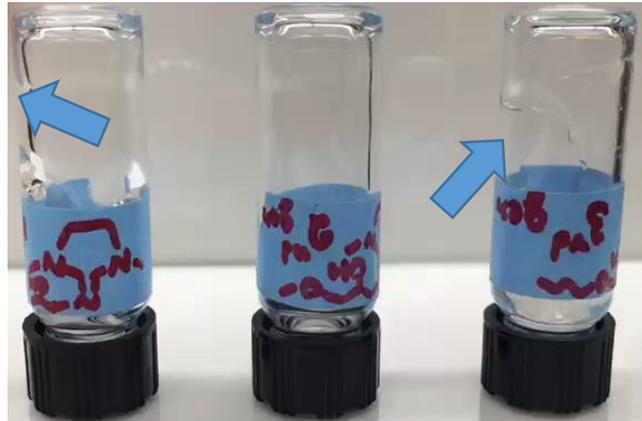
- Sorbent Type
  - Physical or Chemical
- Regeneration Mode
  - Temperature
  - Pressure (Vacuum)
  - Sweep Gas
  - Combination
- Bed type
  - Circulating
  - Bubbling
  - Packed
  - Moving

# Carbon Capture Challenges

## Aerosols



## Viscosity



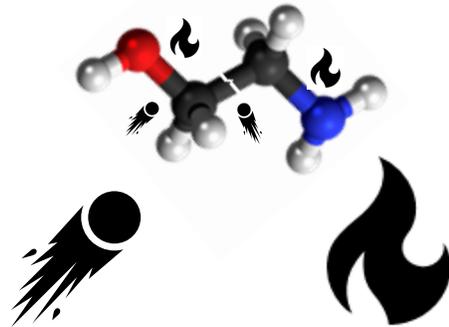
## Attrition



## Corrosion



## Degradation



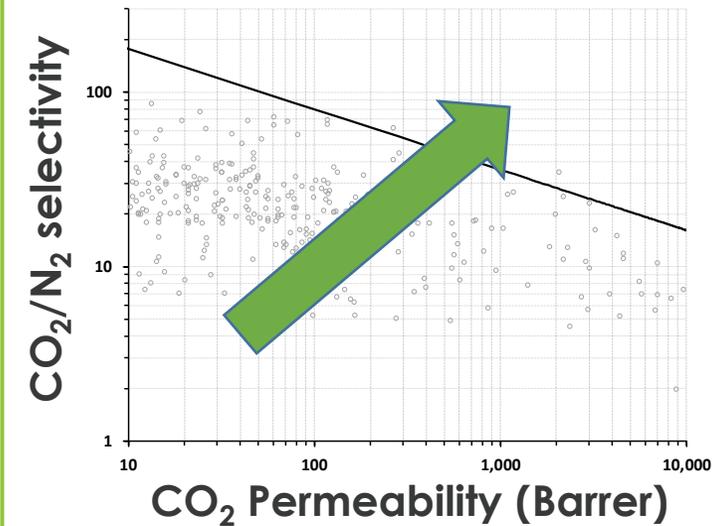
Oxidative

Thermal

## Disposal & Loss

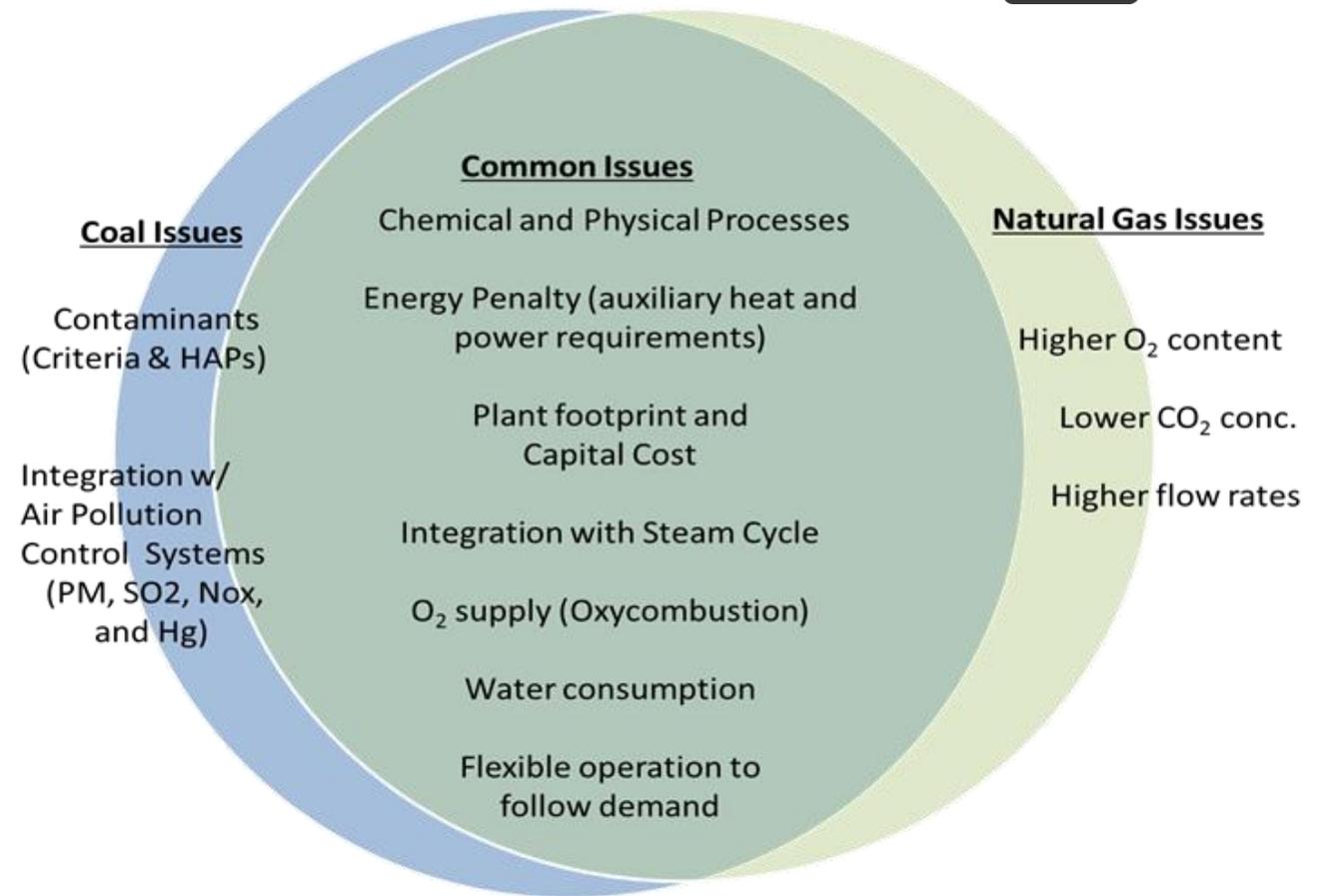


## Selectivity and Flux



# Natural Gas Carbon Capture

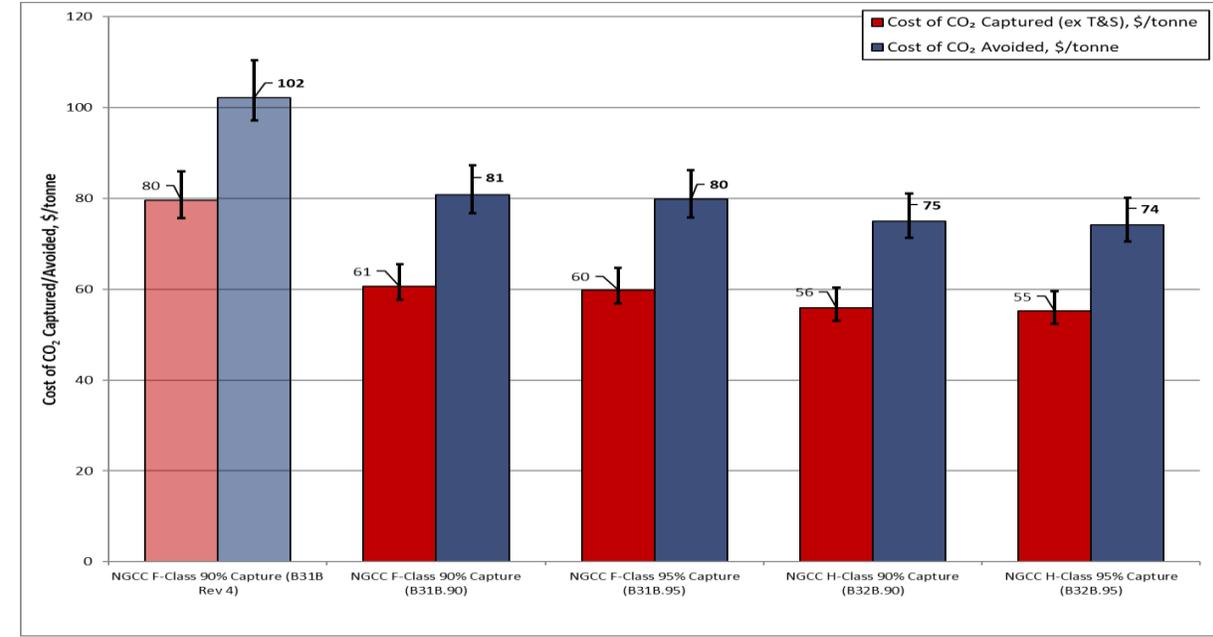
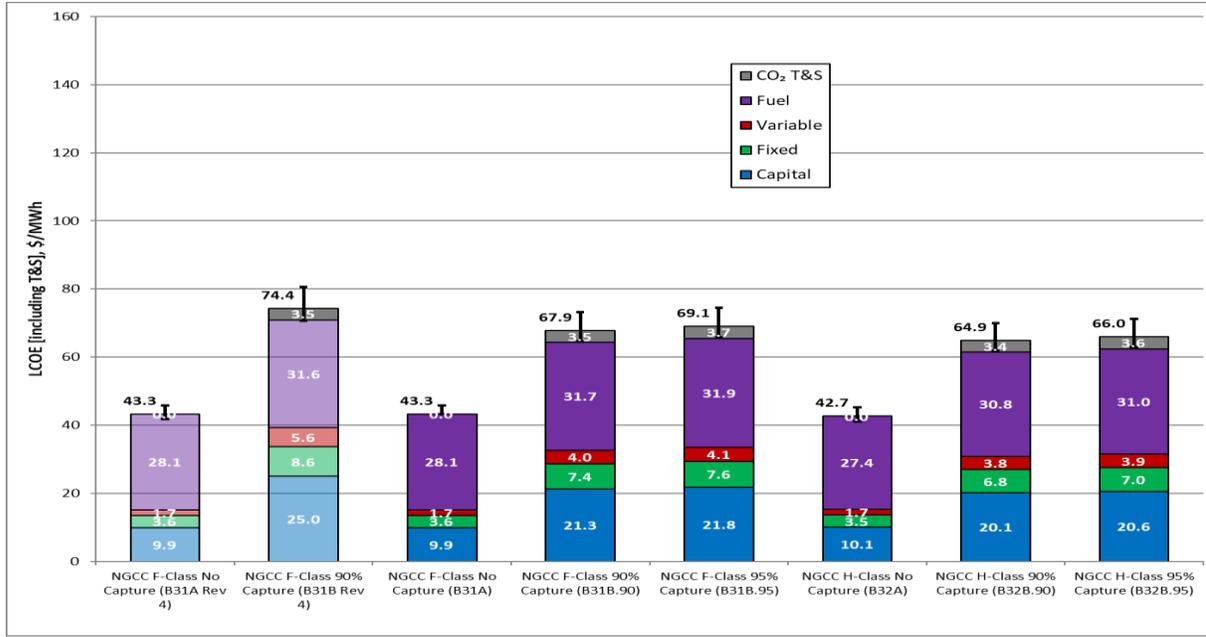
- In the future, it is anticipated that natural gas-fired facilities will also be expected to capture CO<sub>2</sub> and this research will focus on the unique technical challenges
- R&D is necessary to address



Common and Distinct Issues for Carbon Capture Technology for Coal and Natural Gas-fired Power Systems

# Natural Gas Combined Cycle (NGCC) Cases

## LCOE, Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> Capture, and Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> Avoided\*



- Rev 4 to Rev 4A (2016 and 2021 capture system quotes, respectively)
  - No change in LCOE for the F-class base plant (no CCS)
  - Note that the H-class NGCC is new for Rev 4A
  - F-class NGCC with 90% capture: 9% decrease in LCOE and 23% decrease in cost of CO<sub>2</sub> capture
    - The primary driver is a reduction in the capital cost for the Shell CANSOLV capture system (now uses same solvent as coal system)
- 95% capture increases LCOE ~2% relative to 90% capture, cost of CO<sub>2</sub> capture is unchanged
- H-class NGCC with 90% CCS has a LCOE 4.4% below the F-class system, and a \$5/tonne cost of CO<sub>2</sub> capture advantage

# Industrial Sources – Post-Combustion Capture



Case Class	Process	Captured CO <sub>2</sub> Stream Purity (mol %)	Point Sources (mol %, where shown) <sup>1</sup>	Base Plant Capacity	CO <sub>2</sub> Available for Capture (M tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> /year)
High Purity <sup>7</sup>	Ammonia	99	Primary reformer flue gas <sup>2</sup> , ammonia CO <sub>2</sub> stripper vent (99)	394,000 tonnes/year	0.486
	Ethylene Oxide	100	Ethylene oxide CO <sub>2</sub> stripper vent	364,500 tonnes/year	0.122
	Ethanol	100	Fermentation off gas	50 M gal/year	0.143
	Natural Gas Processing	96-99 <sup>3</sup>	CO <sub>2</sub> acid gas removal discharge	330 MMSCFD	0.649
	Coal-to-Liquids	100	Gasification, F-T acid gas removal <sup>4</sup>	50,000 BPD	8.74
	Gas-to-Liquids	100	Acid gas removal discharge	50,000 BPD	1.86
Low Purity	Refinery Hydrogen	12	Steam methane reformer syngas	87,000 tonnes/year	0.405
	Cement	22	Kiln off gas	1.3 M tonnes/year	1.21
	Iron/Steel	23 <sup>5</sup> , 23	Power plant stack (23), coke oven gas (27), blast furnace stove (21), sinter stack <sup>6</sup> , blown oxygen steelmaking stack <sup>6</sup> , hot strip mill stack <sup>6</sup> , plate mill stack <sup>6</sup> , kiln off gas <sup>6</sup>	2.54 M tonnes/year	3.74 (total of both point sources)

<sup>1</sup>This study neglects CO<sub>2</sub> emissions generated by miscellaneous plant process heating, or CO<sub>2</sub> emissions arising from steam generation required for solvent regeneration  
<sup>2</sup>This stream is not considered as part of this study but could be considered as a separate capture stream in future work.  
<sup>3</sup>Varies depending on raw natural gas composition  
<sup>4</sup>Combined into a single high-purity CO<sub>2</sub> stream  
<sup>5</sup>Coke oven gas, blast furnace stove combined into a single stream; two separate capture systems required for iron/steel cases  
<sup>6</sup>CO<sub>2</sub> concentration comparable to that of fossil fuel-fired power generation flue gas, and so not considered as part of this study  
<sup>7</sup>High purity cases require compression only and, in some cases, glycol dehydration  
 Note: MMSCFD = million standard cubic feet per day; BPD = U.S. barrels per day

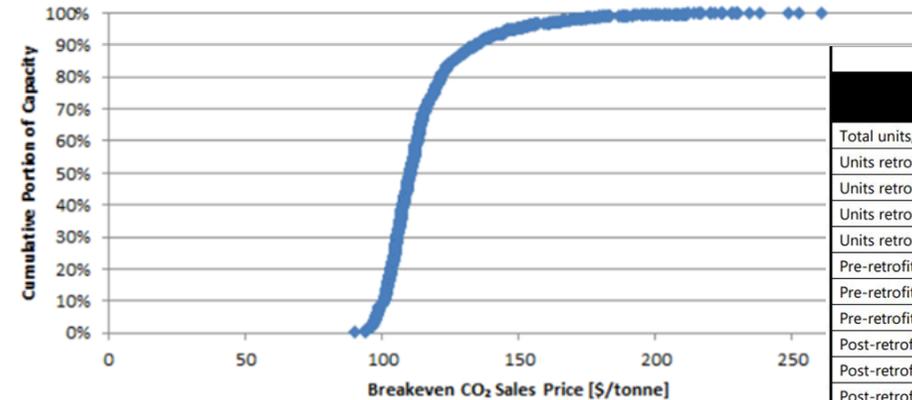
# PC/NGCC CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Analysis Products



## Carbon Capture Retrofit Databases (CCRD)

- Spreadsheet tools available to calculate CO<sub>2</sub> capture costs for natural gas and pulverized coal electricity generation facilities
- Users can vary parameters to evaluate impact on capture cost (capture rate, financing assumptions, utility pricing, etc.)
- Allows for scenario analysis based on inputs and assumptions set by user

Breakeven CO<sub>2</sub> Sales Price vs Cumulative Portion of Capacity

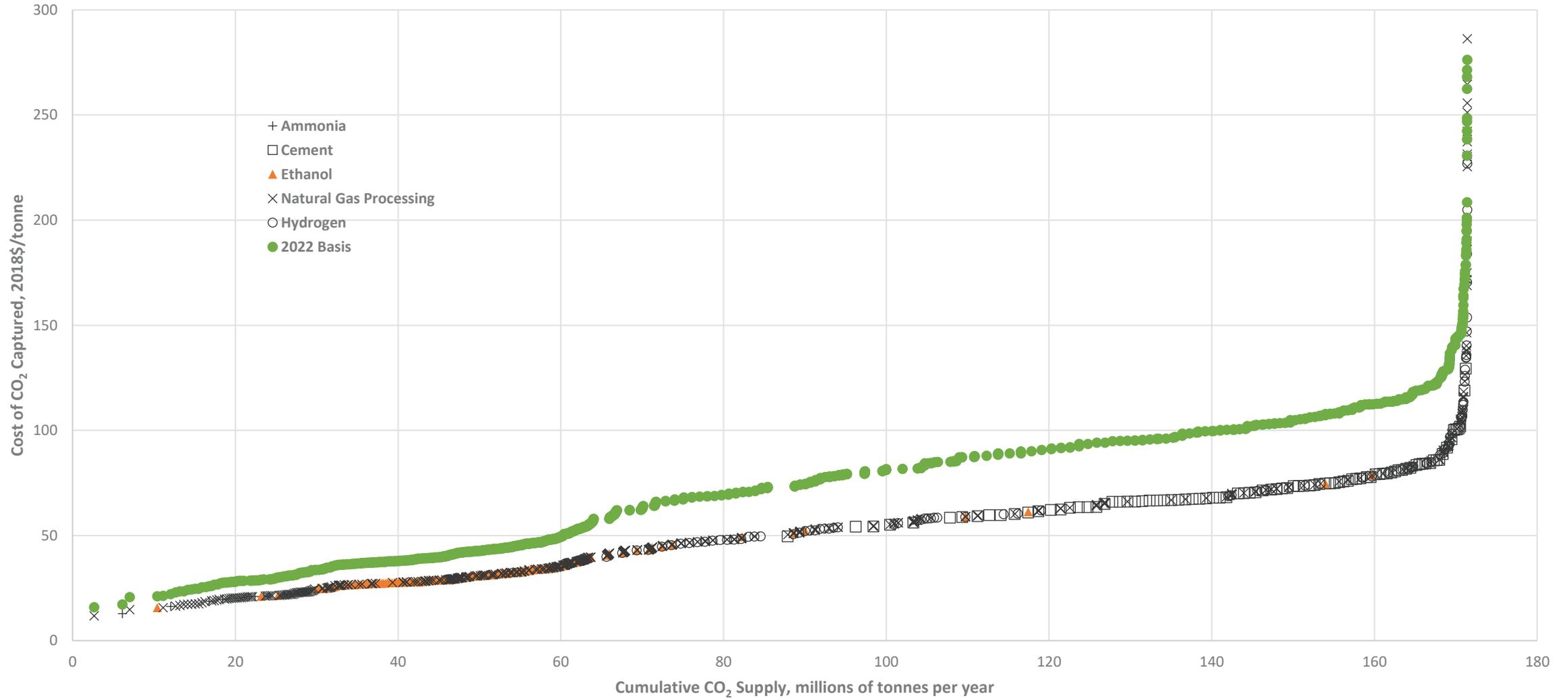


Parameter	Units	Value		
		SCENARIO #1	SCENARIO #2	SCENARIO #3
CO <sub>2</sub> Capture Rate	Choose Option	Default	Default	Default
	%	90%	90%	90%
CO <sub>2</sub> Capture Technology	Choose Option	Amine Based	Amine Based	Amine Based
Pre-Retrofit Capacity Factor	Choose Option	User Input	User Input	User Input
	%	85%	75%	65%
Post-Retrofit Capacity Factor	Choose Option	Delta	Delta	Delta
	% or Reduction Delta	10%	10%	10%
Retrofit Unit Capacity Applicability Limit	Choose Option	Default	Default	Default
	MW	25	25	25
Retrofit Cost Factor	Choose Option	Default	Default	Default
		1.10	1.10	1.10
Capital Charge Factor	Choose Option	High Risk	High Risk	High Risk
	Choose Option	30-Year	30-Year	30-Year
		0.111	0.111	0.111

Parameter	SCENARIO #1	
	Total Fleet	Average Unit
Total units, No.	964	-
Units retrofit with CCS, No.	714	-
Units retrofit with dry cooling, No. Entries	143	-
Units retrofit with SCR, No.	588	-
Units retrofit with FGD, No.	473	-
Pre-retrofit capacity, MW	283,466	397
Pre-retrofit heat rate, Btu/kWh	-	10,767
Pre-retrofit CO <sub>2</sub> emissions, x1,000 TPY	2,209,470	3,094
Post-retrofit capacity, MW	206,071	289
Post-retrofit heat rate, Btu/kWh	-	14,656
Post-retrofit CO <sub>2</sub> emissions, x1,000 TPY	194,953	273
Retrofit CO <sub>2</sub> capture, x1,000 TPY	1,754,579	2,457
Retrofit parasitic load, MW	77,396	108.4
Makeup/Excess power, x1,000 MW/yr	-	-
Retrofit capital cost (TOC), \$/10 <sup>6</sup>	713,001	999
Retrofit 1st year COE, \$/MWh	-	84.7
Breakeven CO <sub>2</sub> Sales Price, \$/tonne	-	66.5
Breakeven CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions Penalty, \$/tonne	-	110.0
Scenario Assumptions:		
CO <sub>2</sub> capture rate, %	90%	
CO <sub>2</sub> capture technology	Amine Based	
Average pre-retrofit capacity factor	85%	
Average post-retrofit capacity factor	75%	
Retrofit unit capacity applicability limit, MW	25	
Retrofit cost factor	1.05	
Capital charge factor	0.124	
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions rate, lb/MMBtu	N/A	
Maximum CO <sub>2</sub> capture rate per train, TPD	15,772	
Plant capacity metric	Nameplate	

# CCRD CO<sub>2</sub> Supply Curve

## Individual Plant Cost of Capture – Industrial Report Parameters



# Carbon Capture Program... Evolution

## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Technologies

2025: \$40/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>



**2008 -**

- ✓ Lower CAPEX/OPEX
- ✓ Reduced regeneration energy
- ✓ Increased working capacity

## Transformational Technologies

2030: \$30/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>



Hollow Fibers



3D Print



Biphase Solvent

**2015 -**

- ✓ Water Lean Solvents
- ✓ Adv. Membranes
- ✓ Hybrid Systems
- ✓ Process Intensification

## Scale-up



TCM

**2018 -**

- ✓ Engineering Scale testing
- ✓ FEED studies

## Negative Emissions Technologies & Industrial



Carbon Engineering, DAC



Ethanol Plant

**2020 -**

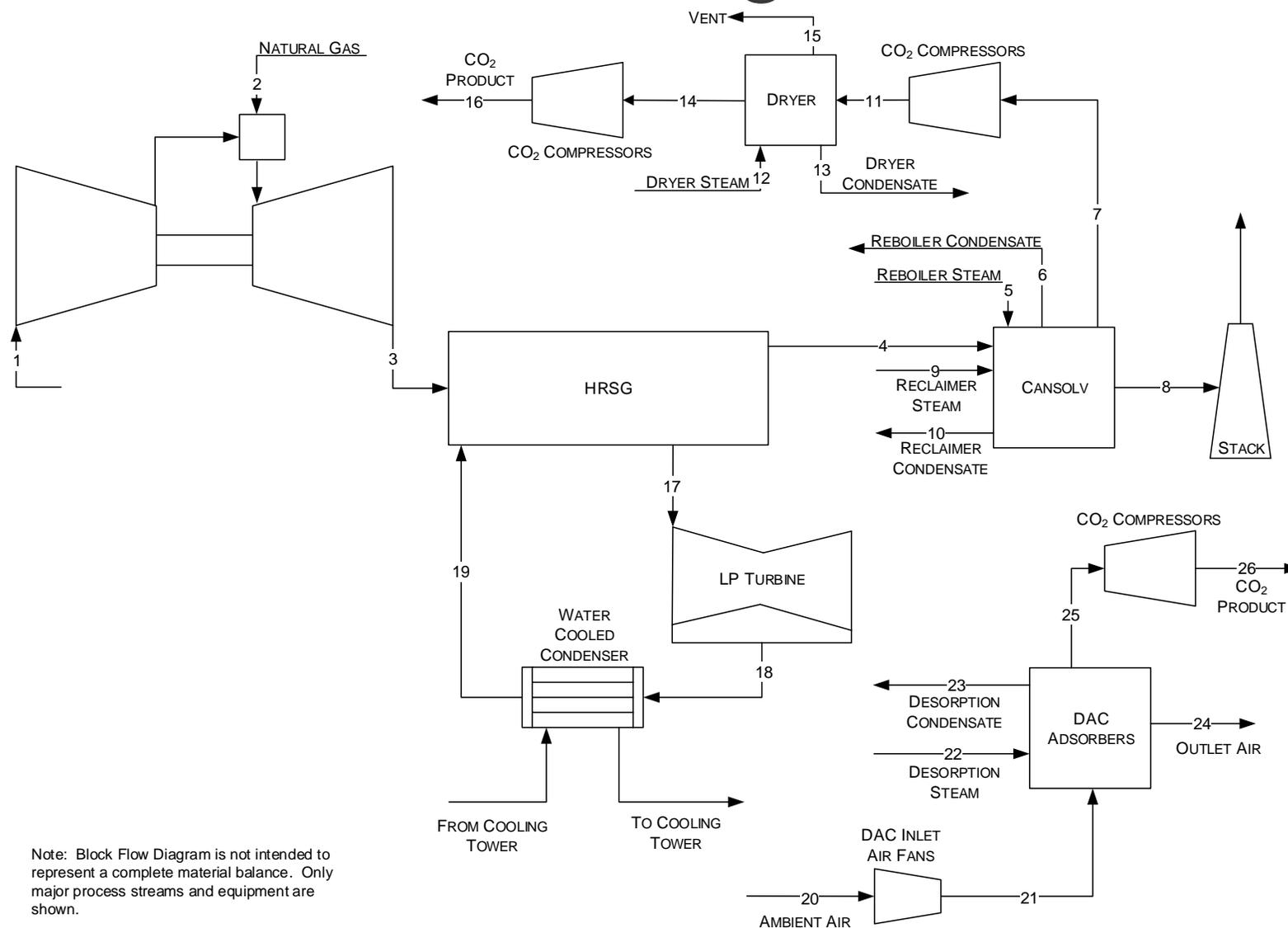
- ✓ DAC & BECCS
- ✓ Industrial
- ✓ NG

# Direct Air Capture - Sorbent

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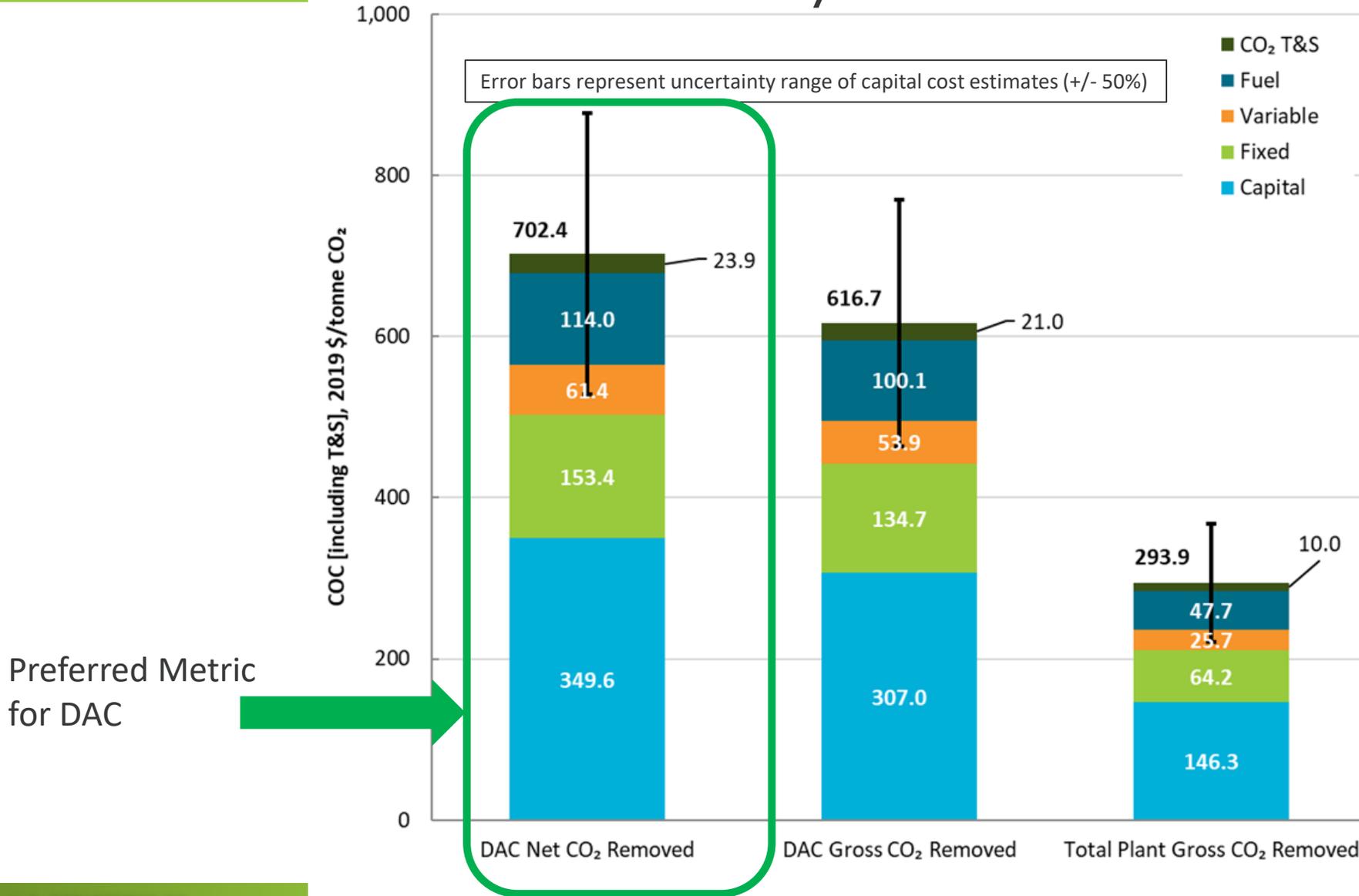
# DAC Sorbent Block Flow Diagram



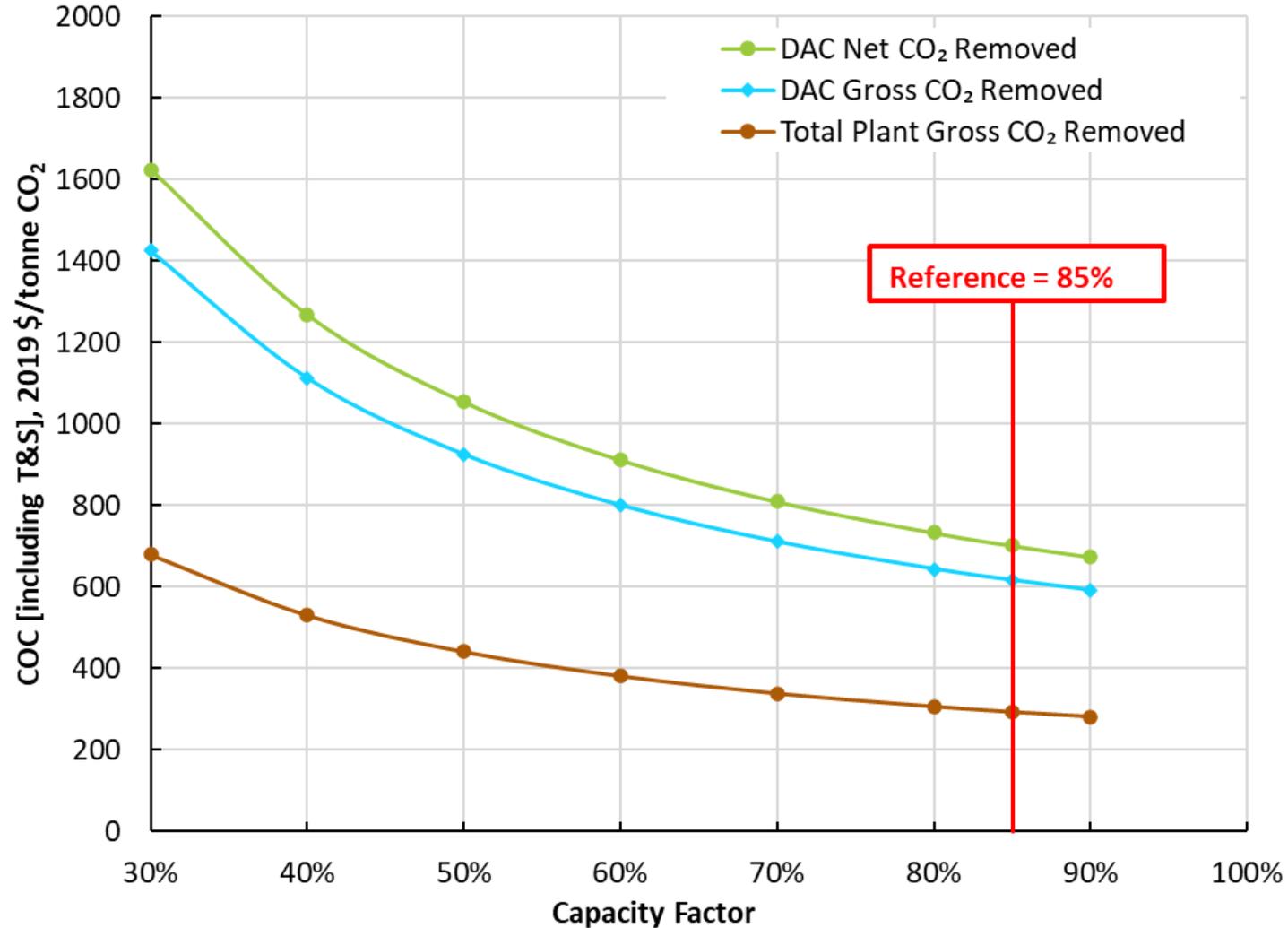
Note: Block Flow Diagram is not intended to represent a complete material balance. Only major process streams and equipment are shown.

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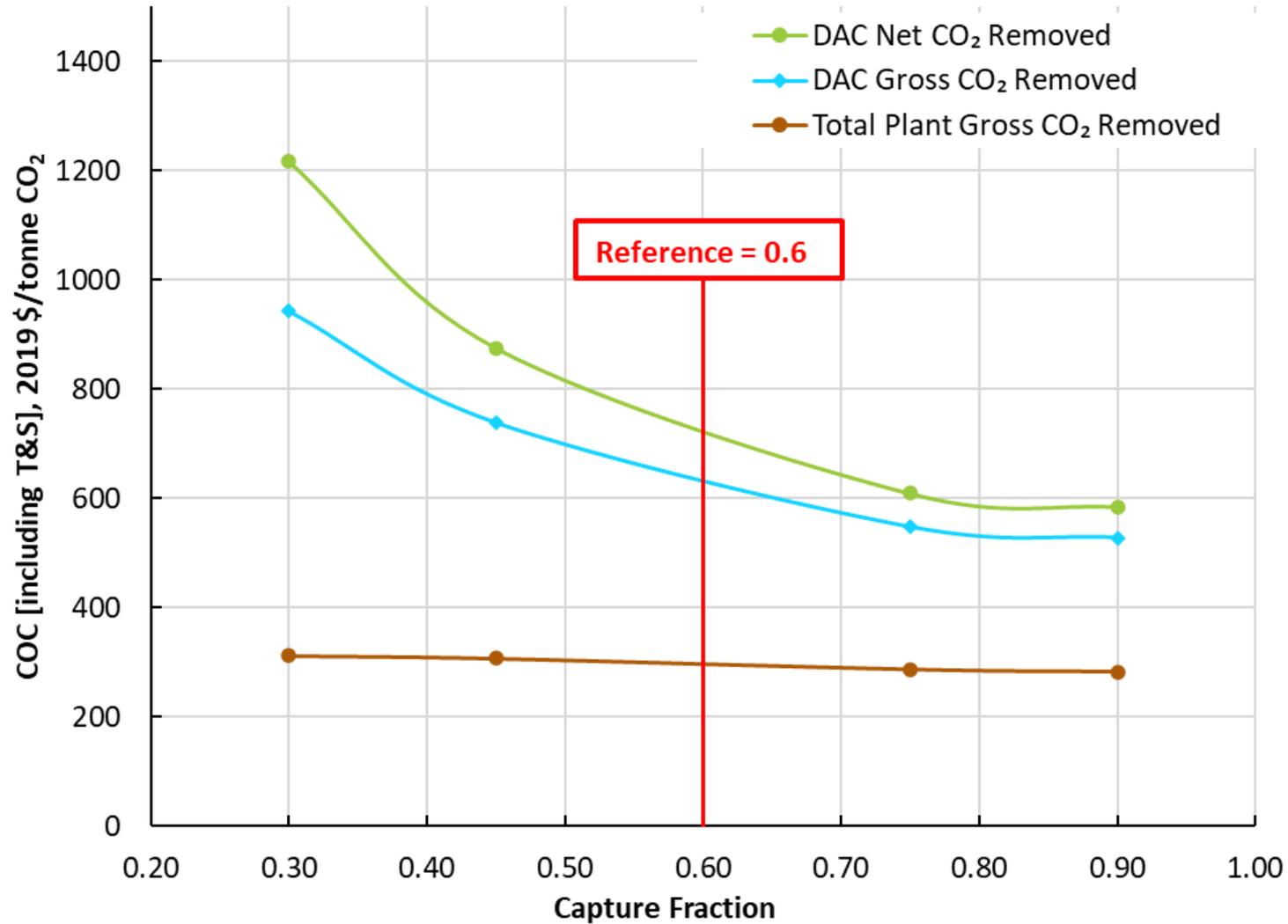
# Sorbent DAC Case Study Results



# Sensitivity – Capacity Factor



# Sensitivity - Capture Fraction

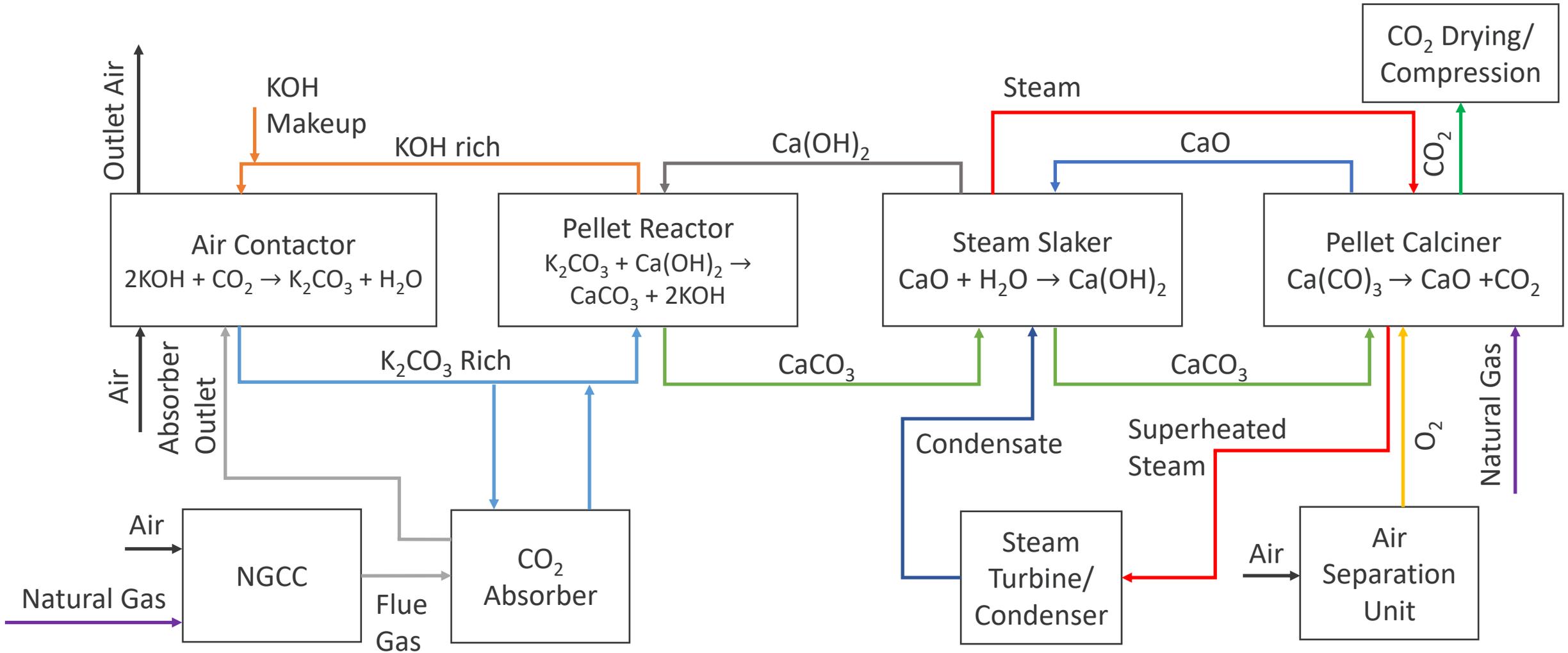


# Direct Air Capture - Solvent

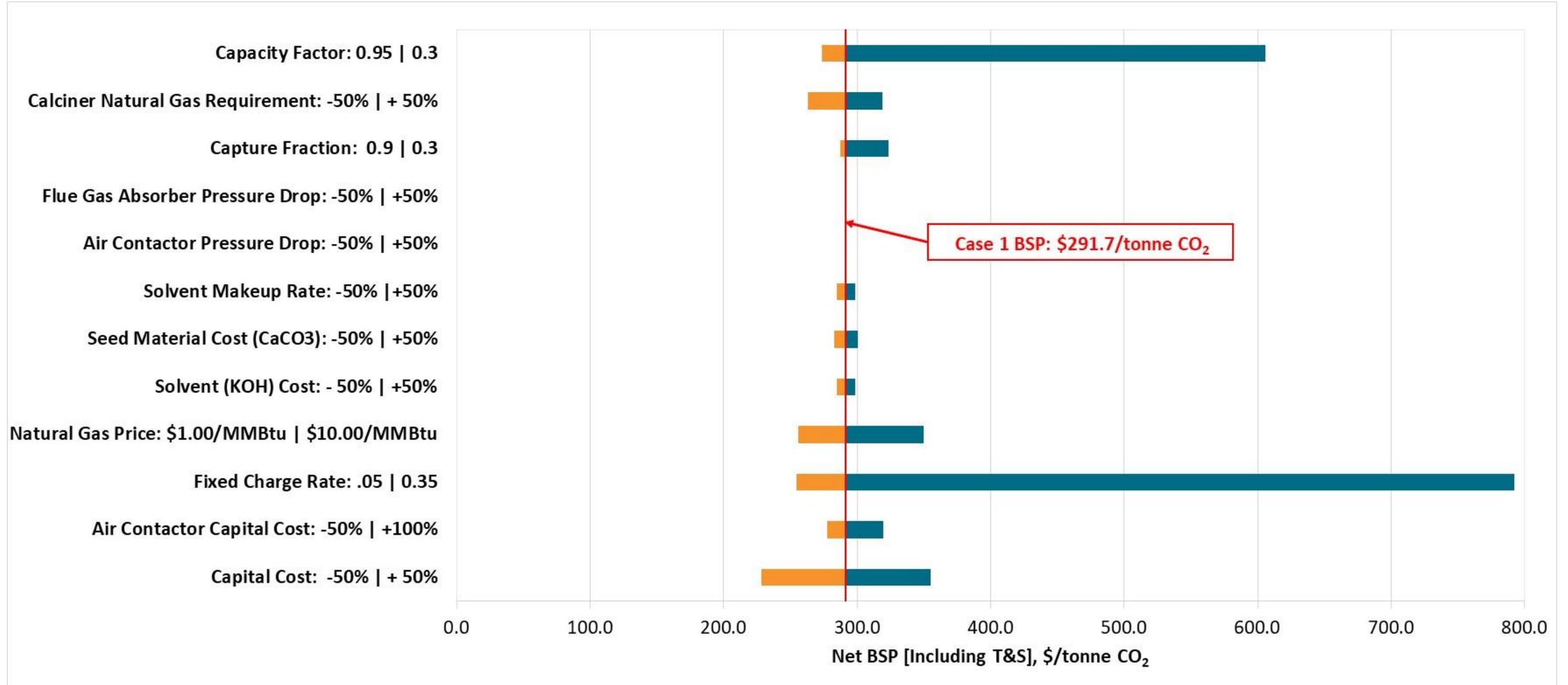
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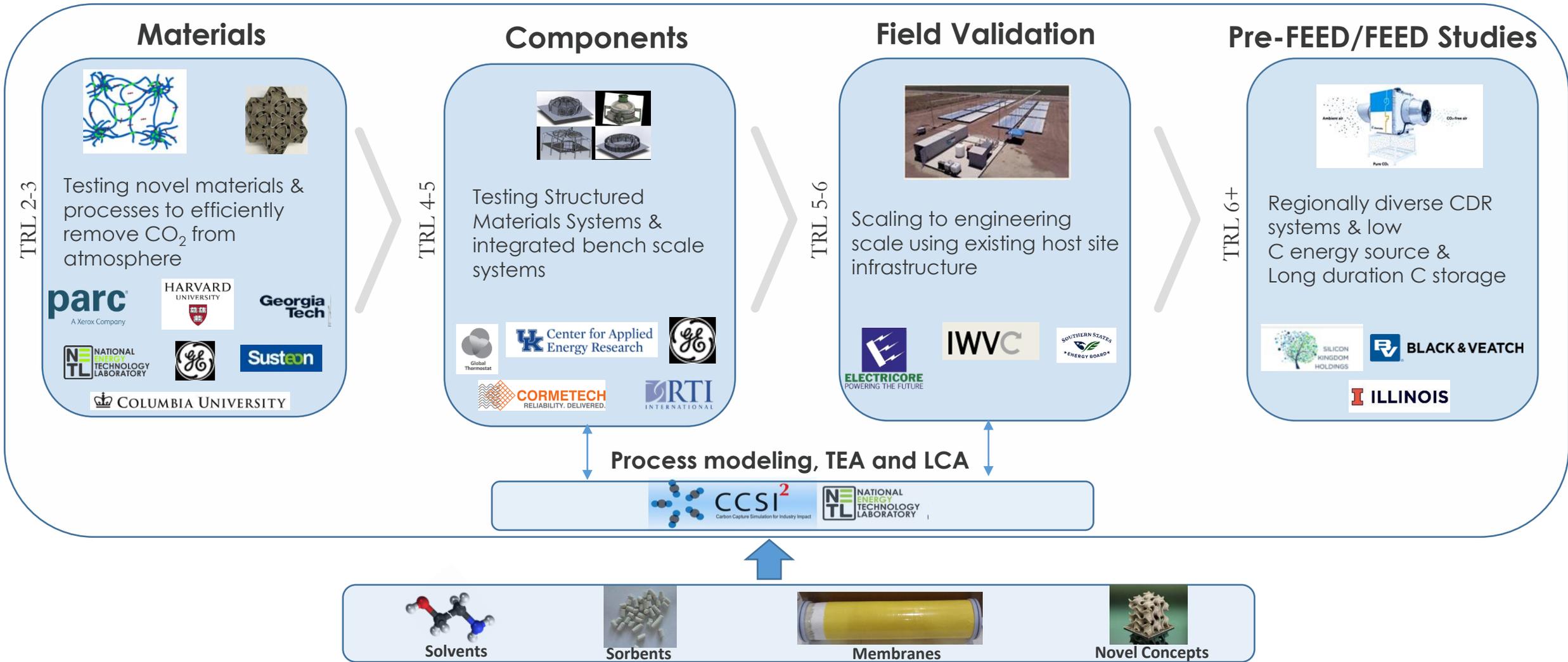
# Solvent DAC: Simplified Block Flow Diagram



# Solvent DAC Results Summary



# Carbon Dioxide Removal... Program Structure



# Questions/ Comments

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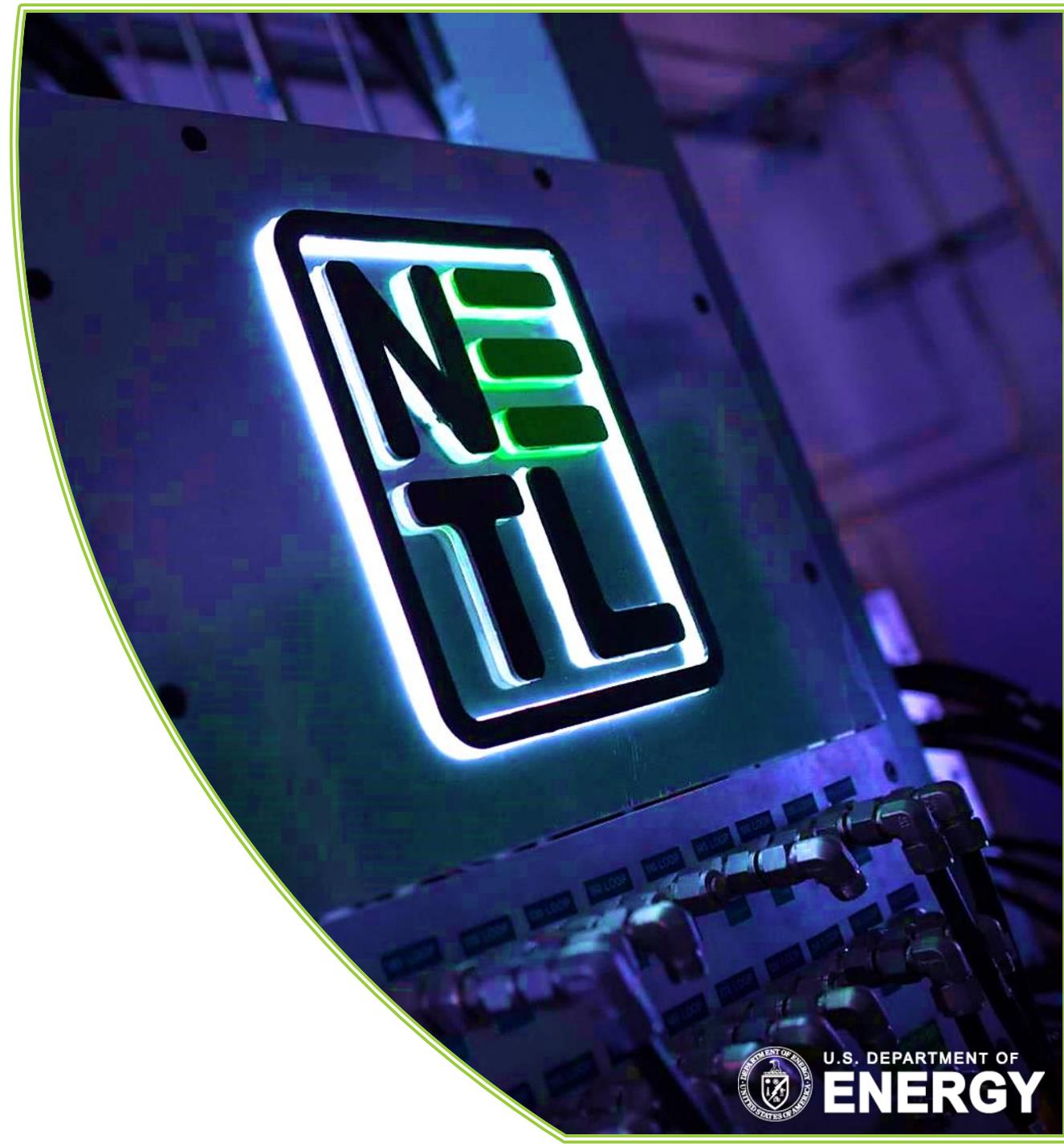
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