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Net-zero Flexible Power: High Capture Rate Project Review Meeting



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ENERGY
Fossil Energy and
Carbon Management

Carbon Capture Program...Evolution

1st and 2nd Generation Technologies

2025: \$40/tonne CO₂



2008 -

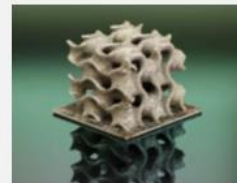
- ✓ Lower CAPEX/OPEX
- ✓ Reduced regeneration energy
- ✓ Increased working capacity

Transformational Technologies

2030: \$30/tonne CO₂



Hollow Fibers



3D Print



Biphasic Solvent

2015 -

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

Scale-up

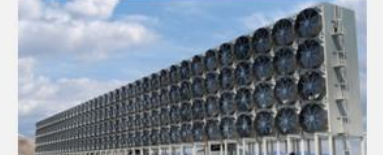


TCM

2018 -

- ✓ Engineering Scale testing
- ✓ FEED studies

Industrial, NG, CDR & CCS Demos



Carbon Engineering, DAC



Ethanol Plant

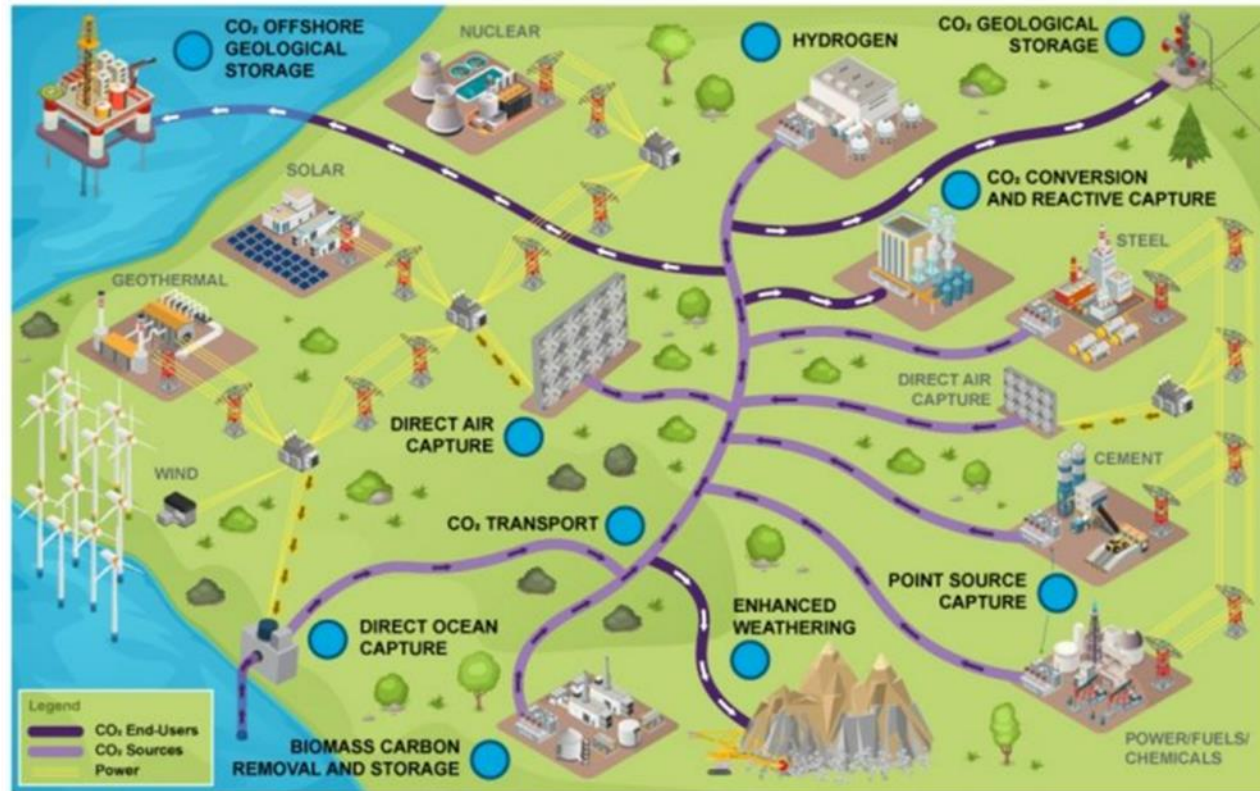
2020 -

- ✓ CDR: DAC & BiCRS
- ✓ Industrial, NG
- ✓ CCS Demos

Carbon management: BIL & IRA funding

Carbon Transport and Storage

- CO₂ transportation loan support
- CO₂ transportation engineering studies
- Expanding storage capacity: CarbonSAFE



Carbon Dioxide Conversion

- Utilization Procurement Grants & CO₂ Conversion

Carbon Capture & Industrial Decarb

- Commercial CCS Demos
- Carbon Capture Pilots
- H₂ Hubs
- Industrial Decarbonization

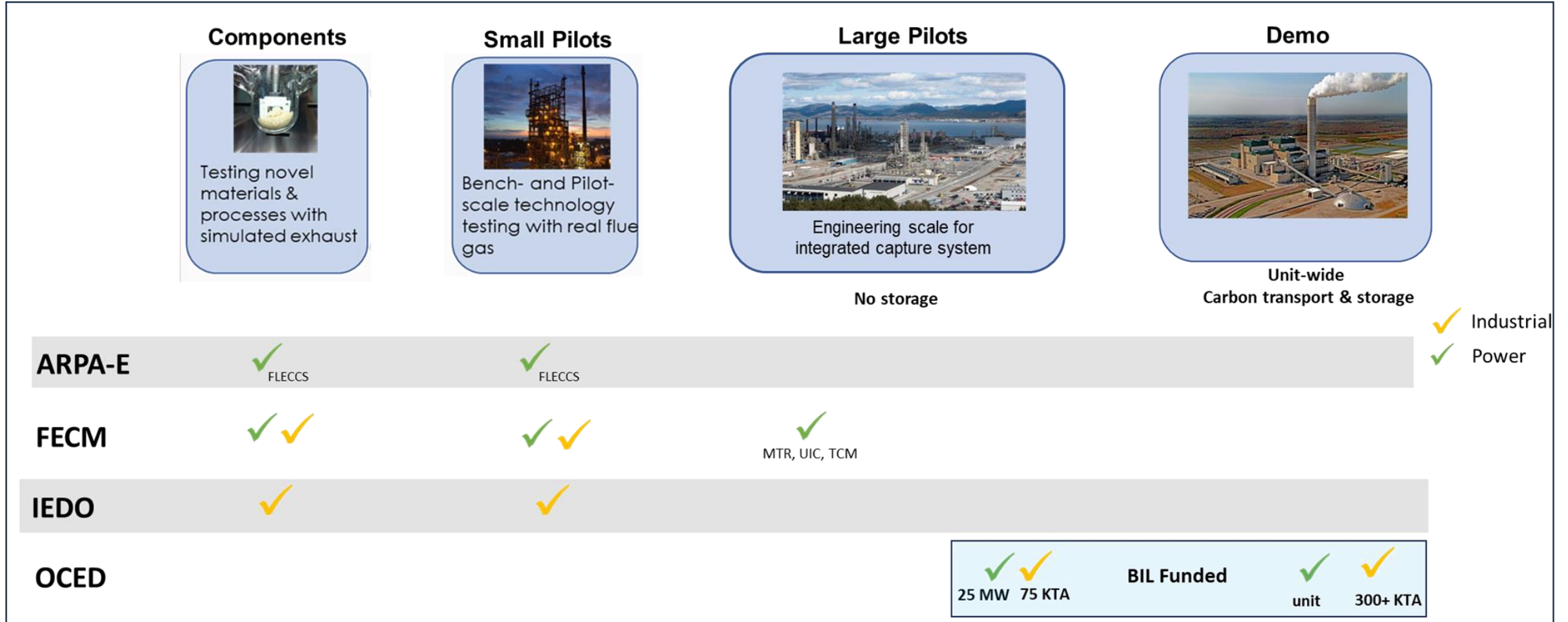
Carbon Dioxide Removal

- DAC Hubs

BIL: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law; **IRA:** Inflation Reduction Act



DOE Point Source Carbon Capture Portfolio



ARPA-E: Advanced Research Program Agency – Energy

OCED: Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

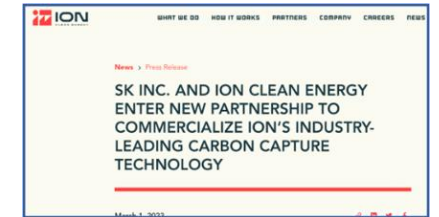
FECM: Fossil Energy and Carbon Management;

IEDO: Industrial Efficiency & Decarbonization Office

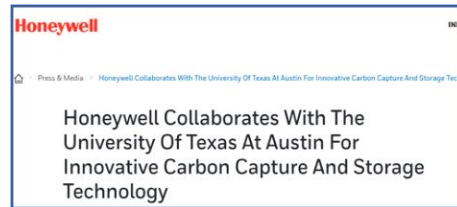


Commercial, licensing deals

chevron invests in carbon capture and removal technology company, ION clean energy



SLB Announces Agreement to Acquire Majority Ownership in Aker Carbon Capture



chevron invests in carbon capture and removal technology company, svante
HOUSTON/VANCOUVER, Dec. 15, 2022 - Chevron New Energies (CNE), a division of Chevron U.S.A. Inc., and Svante announced that Chevron is the lead investor in Svante's Series E fundraising round, which raised \$318 million that will be used to accelerate the manufacturing of Svante's carbon capture.



Technip Energies and Shell Catalysts & Technologies Strengthen Strategic Alliance on CANSOLV Technology to Address Growing Carbon Capture and Storage Demand



Linde Signs Agreement with ExxonMobil for Carbon Dioxide Off-Take



Exxon Mobil buys Denbury, pipeline company with carbon capture expertise, for \$5 billion

LG&E and KU, EPRI, University of Kentucky, begin industry-leading research



GE and Svante Announce Collaboration to Develop Carbon Capture Technology for Power Generation



FOA 2614 Round 6: NOI

Notice of Intent No.: DE-FOA-0003397

AOI-1F. Reactive Carbon Capture Approaches for Point Source Capture or Atmospheric Capture with Integrated Conversion to Useful Products

AOI-3F. Engineering-Scale Testing of Transformational Carbon Capture Technologies for Natural Gas Combined Cycle (NGCC) Power Plants

AOI-3G. Engineering-Scale Testing of Transformational Carbon Capture Technologies in Portable Systems at Industrial Plants

AOI-3H-a. Preliminary Front-End Engineering Design Studies (Pre-FEED) for Carbon Capture Systems at Existing (Retrofit) Domestic NGCC Power Plants

AOI-3H-b. Preliminary Front-End Engineering Design Studies (Pre-FEED) for Carbon Capture Systems at Hydrogen Production Facilities Using Coal, Mixed Coal/Biomass, or Natural Gas Feedstock

AOI-1. Carbon Conversion Technology

The objective of AOI-1 is to support R&D investigating the conversion of carbon dioxide (CO₂) into environmentally responsible and economically feasible products.

AOI-2. Carbon Dioxide Removal Technology

The objective of AOI-2 is to solicit applications that develop carbon dioxide removal (CDR) technologies (e.g., direct air capture with durable storage, biomass carbon removal and storage, enhanced mineralization, ocean-based CDR, terrestrial sequestration) to support progress towards achieving the U.S. Department of Energy's Carbon Negative Shot target

AOI-3. Point Source Carbon Capture

The objective of AOI-3 is to solicit applications that are specifically focused on developing lower cost, highly-efficient, technologies for point source capture from fossil fuel power plants and industrial point sources.

AOI-4. Carbon Storage Technology

AOI-4 aims to support resource assessments to securely store large amounts of CO₂.

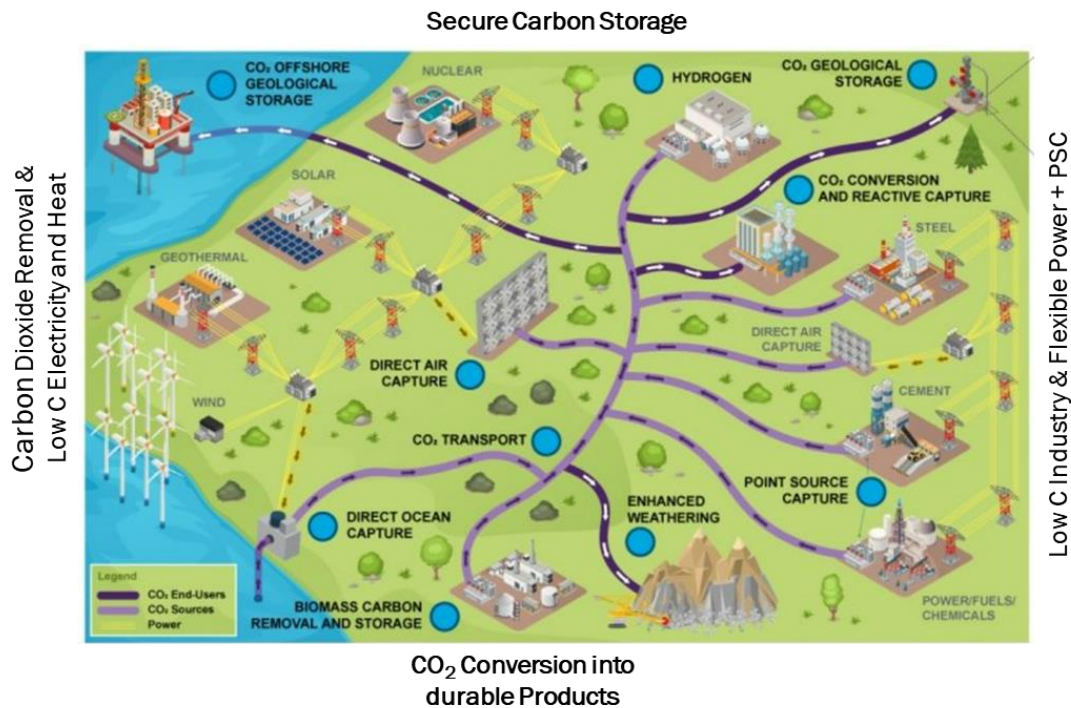
[FedConnect: Opportunity Summary](#)



FECM Point Source Carbon Capture Team

PSC Strategic Vision

Support demonstration of first-of-a-kind carbon capture on power and industrial sectors coupled to dedicated and reliable carbon storage, that will lead to commercially viable carbon hub opportunities for widescale deployment and facilitate a carbon-free economy by 2050, emphasizing robust analysis of life cycle impacts, and understanding air/water quality impacts.



Focus Area 1: Support Power Retrofit Demos

- Enabling technologies

Focus Area 2: Net Zero, Flex Power

- Technology development to support flexible CCS with high capture efficiency
- FEEDs to seed the formation of Carbon Hubs.

Focus Area 3: Support Industrial Retrofit Demos

- Enabling technologies

Focus Area 4: Integrated decarbonized industrial + CCS

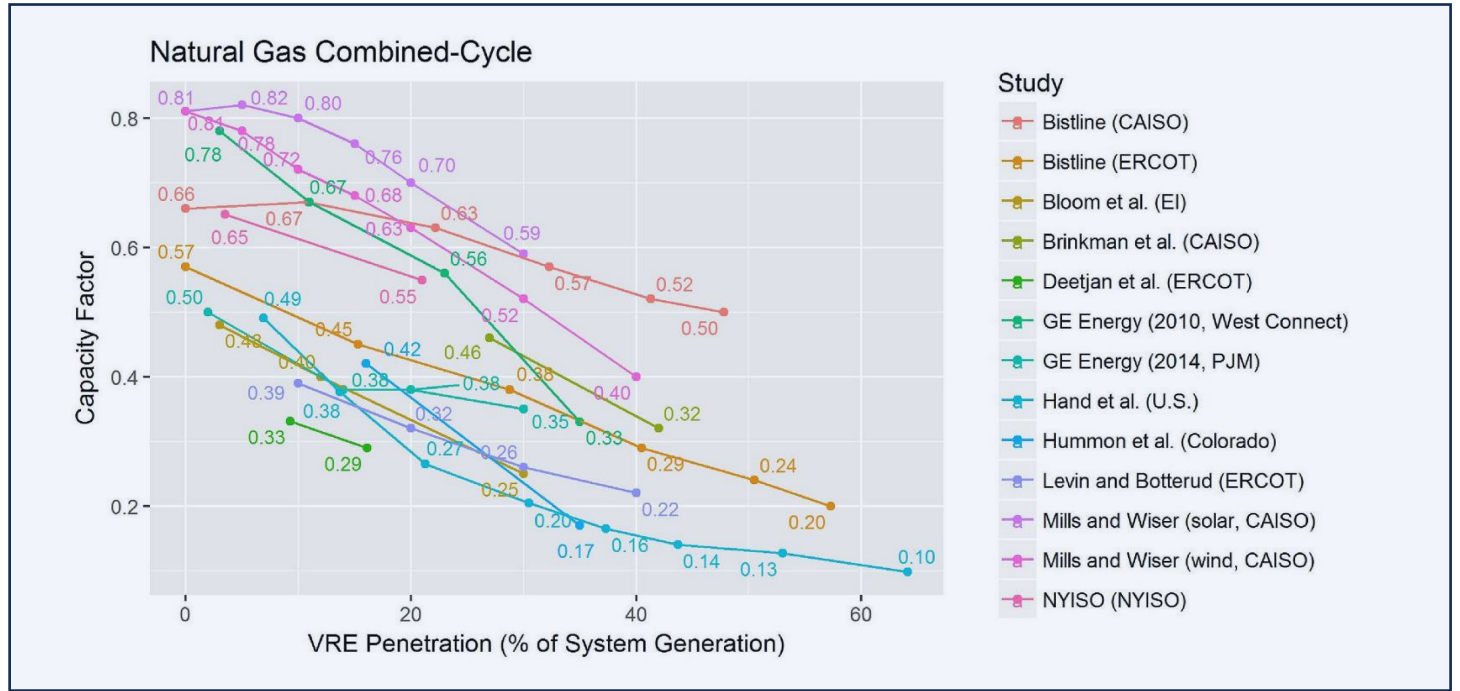
- Technology development for integrated decarbonized industrial processes coupled with transformational CCS
- FEEDs to seed the formation of Carbon Hubs.



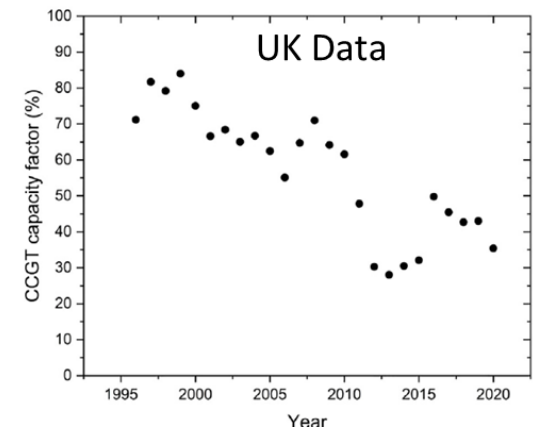
Motivation

As penetration of intermittent renewables in the grid increases, the **capacity factor of NGCC will decrease** and **frequency of start-up and shut-down events of power plants with CCS will increase**

- *The existing paradigm that CCS is a technology intended for steady state operation is being challenged for both electric generation and industrial applications.*



Mills, Andrew D., et al. "Impacts of variable renewable energy on wholesale markets and generating assets in the United States: A review of expectations and evidence." Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews 120 (2020)



Degree of Capture _{Duty Cycle} = f (Capture Rate_{steady state}, Flexibility)

- Distinguish between the instantaneous Degree of Capture (DoC) and the Integrated Degree of Capture (IDoC)

$$DoC = 100. \left(\frac{CO_2^{Generated} - CO_2^{Emitted}}{CO_2^{Generated}} \right)$$

$$IDoC = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} DoC dt$$

- High capture rates under steady state operations could offset CO₂ emitted during transient operations and enable to reach carbon intensity goals under flexible operations

Mac Dowell et al. "Optimization of post-combustion CO₂ capture for flexible operation." Energy Procedia (2014)



Could we achieve high capture?..

Capture Tech	90% CO ₂ Capture	99% CO ₂ Capture	Comments
Chemical absorption	+	+	
Physical absorption	+	+	
Solid sorbent – chemical	+	+	
Solid sorbents – physical	+	+/-	Trade off with CO ₂ purity Process design optimization
Chemical looping	+	+	
Polymeric membranes*	+	-	Trade-off with CO ₂ purity High compression/low vacuum needed
Metal membranes (H ₂)	+	+	
Ion transport membranes (O ₂)	+	+	
Ceramic membranes	+	+	
Refrigeration	+	+/-	Higher capture rates achievable with CO ₂ -solid formation; purity issues with liquid formation

(+) achievable, (-) not achievable

*technically achievable with higher selectivity

At what cost?

- Evaluated maximum limit of feasible CO₂ capture rate for a power and industrial sources of CO₂ (solvent PCC)
- CR > 98% economically unfeasible (more effectively addressed by CDR) for dilute CO₂ point sources (<4%). Marginal cost varies with CO₂ concentration with low concentration streams being systemically more costly

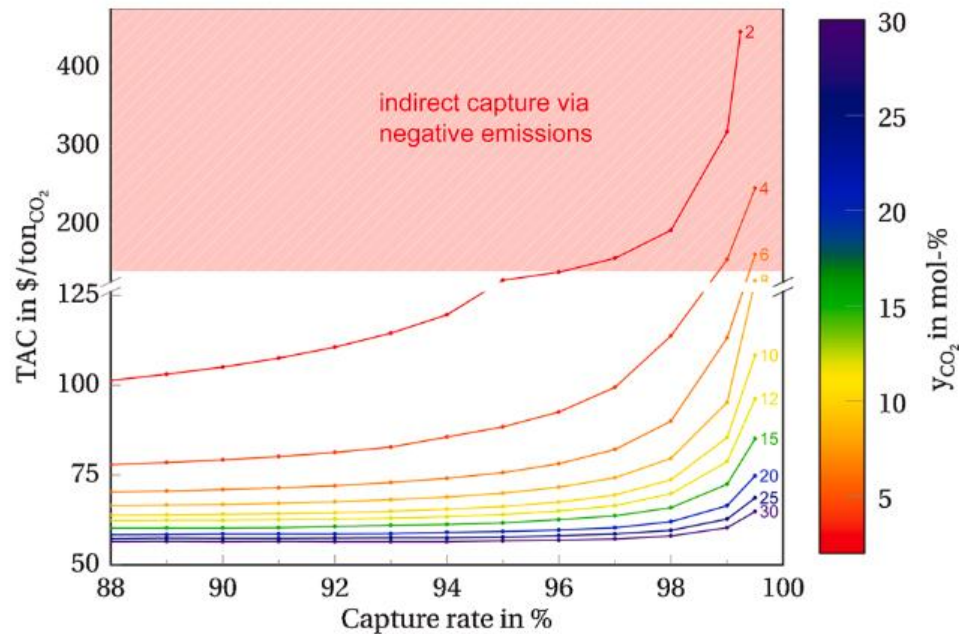


Fig. 15. Total annualised cost TAC plotted over capture rate. Same data as

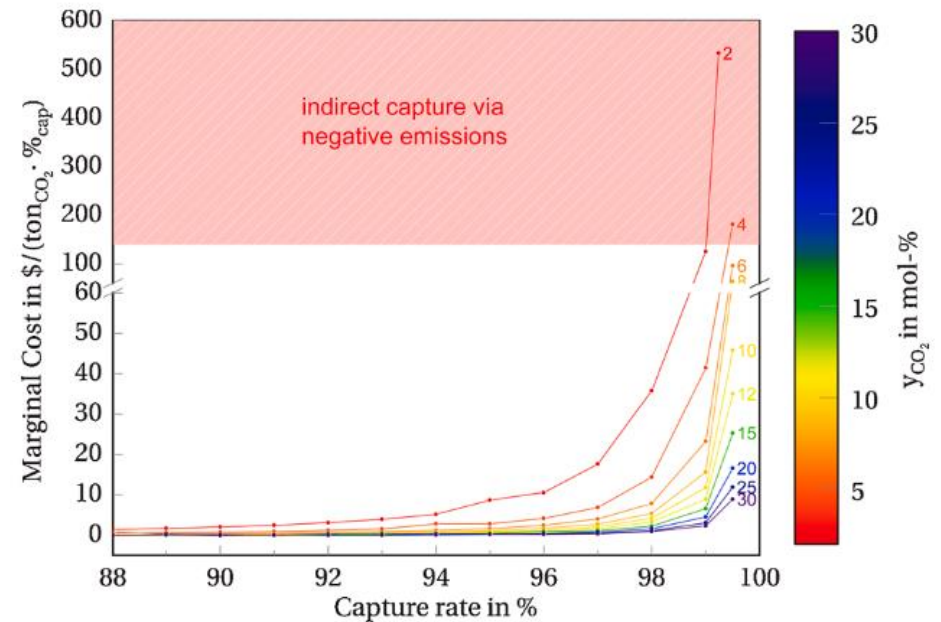
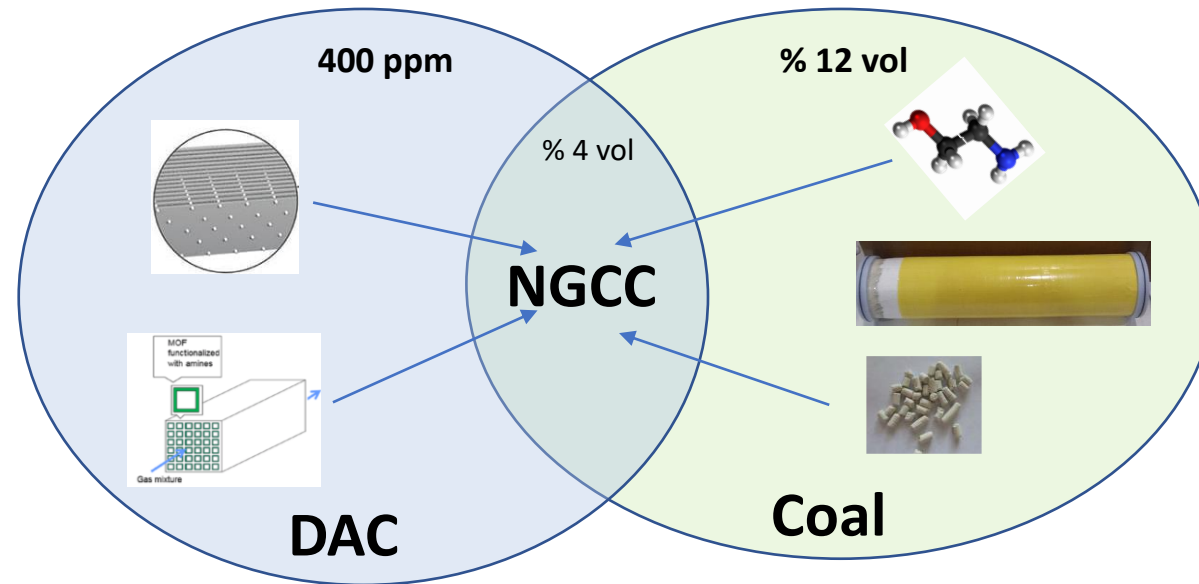


Fig. 16. Marginal cost defined as the derivative of the total annualised costs (see Eq. (2)) with regard to the capture rate as a function of CO₂ concentration (colour).



95+% NGCC Solution.. Leverage both PSC & DAC developments?



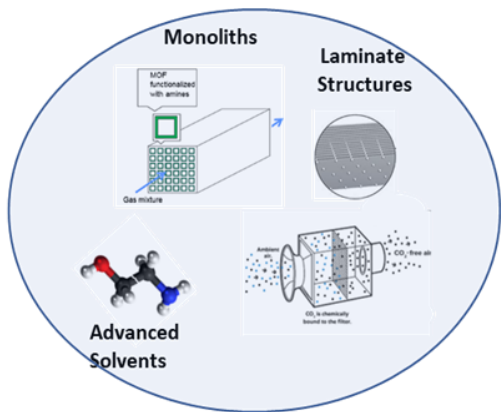


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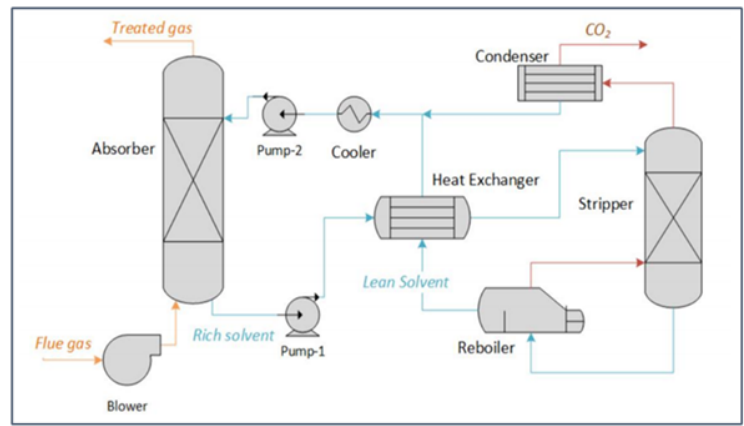
AOI 1: Bench-Scale Testing of Highly-Efficient Components and Processes for NGCC Plants

AOI1a: Components: Simulated Exhaust / Bench Scale, Batch Testing

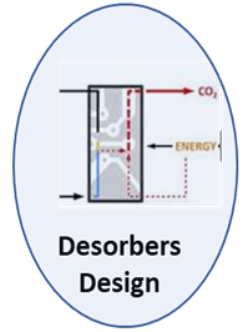
AOI1b: Integrated Process: Simulated or Real Exhaust / Bench Scale, Continuous Testing



Components (AOI1a)



Integrated Process (AOI1b)



Components (AOI1a)

Inputs

- Carbon Capture Materials (TRL 2)* or Components/ Processes (TRL 3)**
- Material Systems Advanced Solvents (no aq. Amines)
- Hybrid/novel processes**
- No membranes

Research Objectives (Targets)

- Improve stability for hydrothermal & oxidative degradation
- Increase vol. productivity (300 mol CO₂/l h)
- Reduce pressure drop (<150 Pa)
- Lower Heat Duty (<2 GJ/ton)






Success Criteria

- 95+% Carbon capture efficiency
- 1 month steady-state operation**
- Progress towards 20% reduction in cost
- TRL 3*, TRL 4**
- Cost = f (% capture efficiency)
- Pathways to Net zero C

* AOI1a
** AOI 1b



FOA 2515/ Round 1

	Prime	Sub-recipients	Material	Innovation to achieve 95%	Prior / Related Work
1A		TDA Research, Inc., University of California Berkeley, and University of South Alabama	TEPA, Covalent organic framework (COF)	Plastic, tri-furcated structure, rotating contactor with indirect heating	DOE AIR2CO2 (DE-FE0031956)
		OLI Systems Inc.; Trimeric Corporation; Baker Hughes	Ammonia Mixed Salt Process (MSP)	Ultra-lean regenerator coupled with 2-absorber system to achieve 95% capture efficiency & produce almost dry, pressurized CO2.	0.5 MWe scale for coal application is underway (DE-FE0031588)
1B		EPRI, Louisville Gas & Electric and Kentucky Utilities	Dual Solvent System: Water-lean amines (bulk removal) + KOH-based electrochemical system (polishing step)	Coupled water-lean solvent with KOH polishing step to achieve up to 99% capture efficiency	Award selection (FOA 2402): development of KOH based electrochemical DAC system
		Membrane Technology Research, Schlumberger, Dr. Ashok Rao	Polymer laminates of functionalized mixed matrix polymer (MMP) sheets: TEPA, PMA, PES	Microwave assisted temperature swing adsorption (MTSA) & vacuum desorption	MMP & VCSA (Coal): DE-SC0018682 MMP & MTSA (DAC): DE-SC0020848
		Global Thermostat, Middle River Power, Southern Company, Zero Carbon Partners	Extruded silica monolith with amine functionality (PEI)	Vacuum-free desorption, Multi-brick contactor design (~ SCR installations), with no inlet air dilution	DAC with PPI monolith: 2402 DAC continuous process: FE0031957

polymethacrylate (PMA) tetraethylenepentamine (TEPA) polyether sulfone (PES) polymer



FOA 2515/ Round 2

Prime	Sub-recipients	Carbon Capture Technology
Gas Technology Institute	University of Buffalo	Nano-confined ionic liquid (NCIL) membrane combined with a dehydration membrane
Susteon Inc.	University of Wyoming	Amino acid/MDEA based solvent and ionic liquid catalyst (ILC)
University of Kentucky Research Foundation	Electric Power Research Institute	Novel carbon capture materials and absorber reactor components that contribute to increased CO ₂ mass transfer through increased turbulent gas-liquid interface and improved solvent wetting
Research Triangle Institute	Pacific Northwest National Lab Partner: Schlumberger	Next generation non-aqueous solvent technology (GEN2NAS) in smaller footprint capture plants with rotating packed bed absorbers



Summary of Meeting Objectives

1. Review current FECM projects targeting high CO₂ capture rates as well as summarize ARPA-E FLECCS.
2. Identify **promising approaches** to achieve high CO₂ capture rates from point sources
3. Identify **challenges and R&D needs** to achieve high CO₂ capture rates and flexible operation
4. Identify **challenges and R&D needs** to maintain high capture rates over entire power duty cycles in **future grid scenarios**
5. Determine **economic trade-offs of achieving high capture rates**
6. Identify opportunities to **co-deploy point source capture and direct air capture** to reach net-zero



Meeting Structure

- **Full workshop agenda:** [Net-zero Flexible Power: High Capture Rate Project Review Meeting | netl.doe.gov](https://netl.doe.gov)
 - **3 panel discussions:** perspectives from technology developers, OEMs and utilities
 - **2 sessions current FECM projects report-out:** 9 projects
 - **3 talks:** research findings on feasibility of high capture rates and flexible operation
 - **Report out from ARPA-E FLECCS program**
 - **Breakout sessions:** 3 topics to cover
- **Summary report** will follow the meeting