

# Carbon capture for use or sequestration

Renewable Thermal Technology



## **Carbon capture is applicable for a range of large** stationary combustion and process emitters

Industrial: Concentrated CO<sub>2</sub>

Industrial: Dilute CO<sub>2</sub>



**Petrochemicals** Byproduct from production of methanol, carbon black, etc.

Refining Mostly fuel combustion for boilers & furnaces to refine raw materials

Power sector (not focus of this fact base)



**Coal-to-Power** 



#### Ammonia

Byproduct from use of fossil fuels to produce hydrogen for ammonia



Cement Byproduct of calcination of limestone to produce clinker



#### Gas-to-Power



Ethanol Byproduct of fermentation of glucose for ethanol production



Iron & Steel Several sources of CO<sub>2</sub> including coking coal, blast furnaces



#### **Biofuels-to-Power**

Nearly all applications also produce combustion emissions for industrial heating



**Aluminium** Reduction process creates CO<sub>2</sub> from alumina electrolysis

List not exhaustive, many smaller emitting industrial sectors also appropriate for CCUS

## CCUS captures up to 90% of CO<sub>2</sub> from stationary emitters and transports it for storage or utilisation



## Four main drivers determine the technical and economic viability of CCUS for thermal combustion applications



#### Concentration

 Cost of carbon capture inversely correlated with level (i.e., partial pressure) of CO2 in capture stream



#### Location

- CO2 source location
  important for:
  - aggregating emission streams
  - transport of captured CO2
  - storage or use of CO2



#### Source of Heat

 Regeneration of carbon capture solvent typically requires low-cost heat at ~120°C



#### **Process Emissions**

 Opportunity to simultaneously capture noncombustion process emissions

#### Concentration

### Level of CO2 in flue gas is a key cost driver

#### \$/ton captured



CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in flue gas (%)

• Flue gas from industrial thermal combustion typically contains <10% CO2, resulting in higher carbon capture costs relative to process emissions

 Note: Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> capture (\$/ton) is independent of emissions intensity (kg CO<sub>2</sub> per MMBtu) and fuel costs

### Location Carbon capture costs increases proportionally with CO2 transportation distance, but decline with increasing pipeline capacity

Trunk pipeline total cost (\$/tCO<sub>2</sub>)



- Pipeline network development is likely necessary to unlock CCS potential for a wider set of industrial players.
- Joint or national development of CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline will accelerate CCS for industrials, who may be currently geographically challenged to deploy CCS

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## CO<sub>2</sub>

### **Location Viable geologies for CO2 sequestration available in large portions of North America, providing potential sites for carbon capture and storage**



1. Not yet fully proven but with high expectation as a form of permanent CO2 sequestration given the chemical reactions within basalt to form solid carbonates Source: USGS, NETL NATCAB Location

## Similar to storage, utilization of captured CO2 also depends on proximity between source of emissions and end use location



**Current key pathway,** synthesis of methanol, syngas, urea, ethylene, ethanol, formic acid etc

#### Source of Heat

## Thermal energy used to drive carbon capture is a major component of CCUS cost



- Existing CCUS systems typically use a solvent (e.g., MEA) to capture CO<sub>2</sub>, while novel CCUS systems are being developed using pressure-swing or electrification processes
- Heat at approximately 120°C is applied to the solvent to release CO<sub>2</sub>
- Depending on flue gas CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations, source of heat, and other factors, cost of solvent regeneration heat can constitute 20-50% of total carbon capture costs per ton of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Waste heat streams is the most effective way to provide heat to drive the carbon capture process



Forms of regeneration heat (in order of descending cost)

- Electric resistance
- Low temperature steam
- Hot water
- Waste heat streams

#### **Process Emissions**



### **Beyond thermal-related CO2 capture, CCS is likely required to** decarbonize process emissions in various hard to abate sectors



Range of cost increase per ton of material produced, with coal or natural gas as original heat source

1. Cement clinker production likely not able to separate thermal vs full facility emissions in kiln | Source: Columbia University

## Inflation Reduction Act increases 45Q tax credits to \$85/t making CCUS potentially viable for refining, hydrogen, cement, & steel sectors

\$85/ton incentives significantly expand CCUS commercial viability



...and further cost reductions of ~12% are expected as deployment doubles, making coal+CCUS potentially viable



## Three broad strategies can increase the viability of CCUS for industrial heating decarbonization



Emissions

### CCUS for industrial heating decarbonization has many advantages and unique features, but faces several key barriers to adoption



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