



# Premium Carbon Capture Applications for ***Metal Organic Frameworks***

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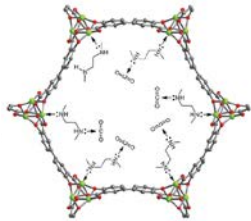


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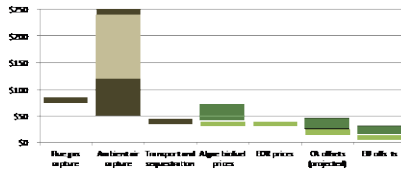
# Improved approach to carbon capture, but how to monetize it?



**The Opportunity:** 30B tons CO<sub>2</sub> emitted per year



**Technology:** new chemistry, better performance



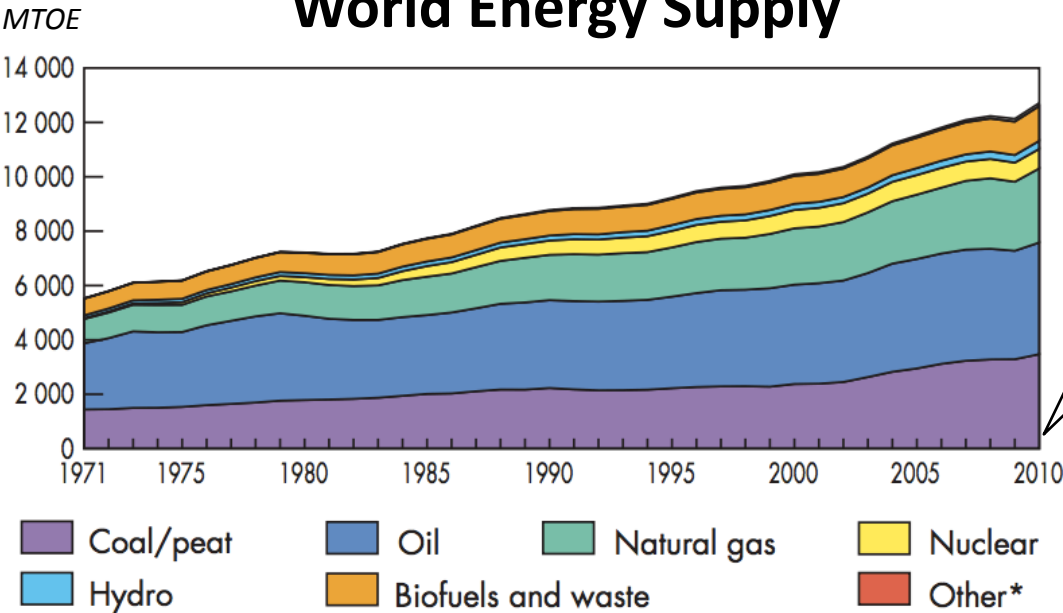
**Carbon Economics:** policy vs. industrial customers



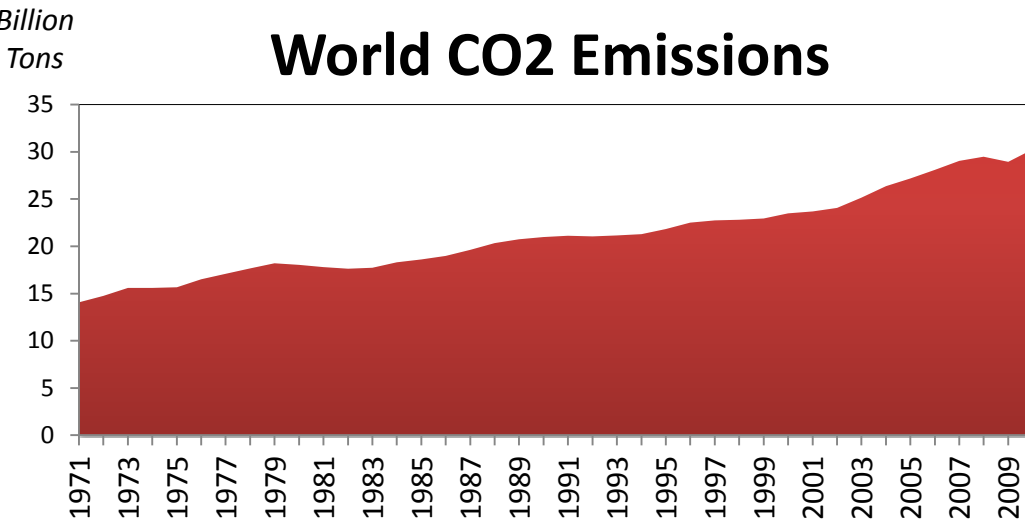
**Applications:** niche markets pay premium price

# CO2 emissions almost too large to comprehend in real terms

## World Energy Supply



## World CO2 Emissions



## CO2 as a Market



= 20 tons CO2



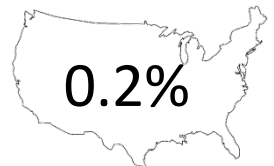
**\$100M business**

*At \$10/ton CO2*

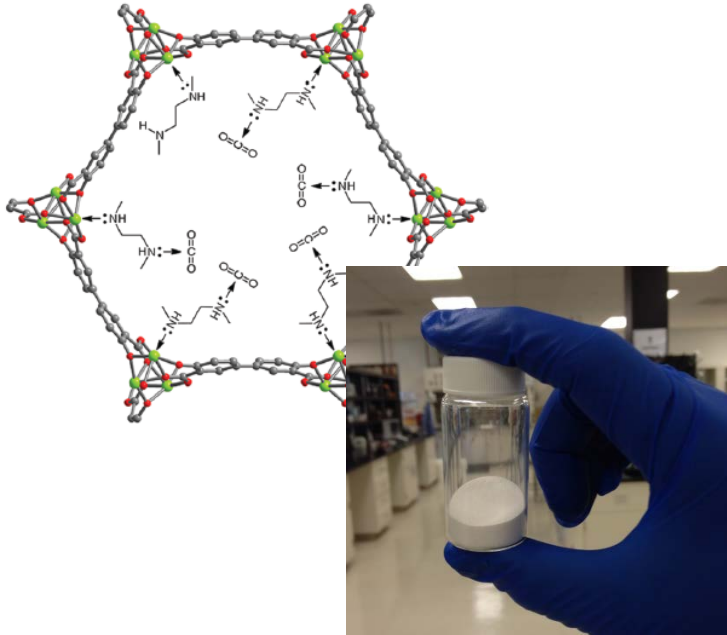
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= 0.2%



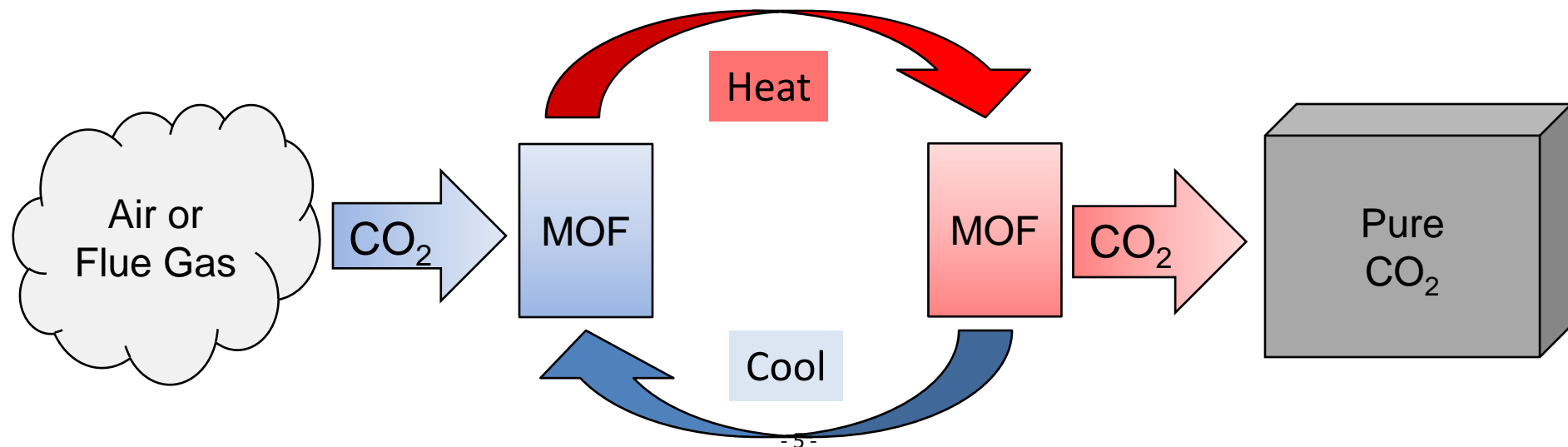
# Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) have high CO<sub>2</sub> capacity



- Porous framework with tunable centers that add functionality
- Walls tuned to adsorb CO<sub>2</sub>
- A lot of walls! (70 m<sup>2</sup>/g)



= 10 x



# Breakthrough MOF outperforms competing technologies

	Amines	Zeolites
Max. Capacity	<5.5%	16 wt%
Capacity from Air	--	1.4 wt%
Regeneration Temp	<100 °C	>135 °C
Energy input TSA	High	Low
Pressure Drop	Low	High

- Very **high capacity** from high surface area
  - Smaller volume MOF material, higher volume of carbon
- **High adsorption from low concentration**
  - Wider range of operating conditions and gas streams
- **Low heat capacity and  $\Delta T$**  between capture and release
  - Less energy needed to heat and cool down the MOF
  - Energy = cost

# MOFs as component of larger processes in diverse industries

## Metal Organic Frameworks

### Carbon Capture Applications



Policy-Driven Sequestration

### Existing Industrial Applications



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Cryogenic Air Distillation



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Algae Biofuels



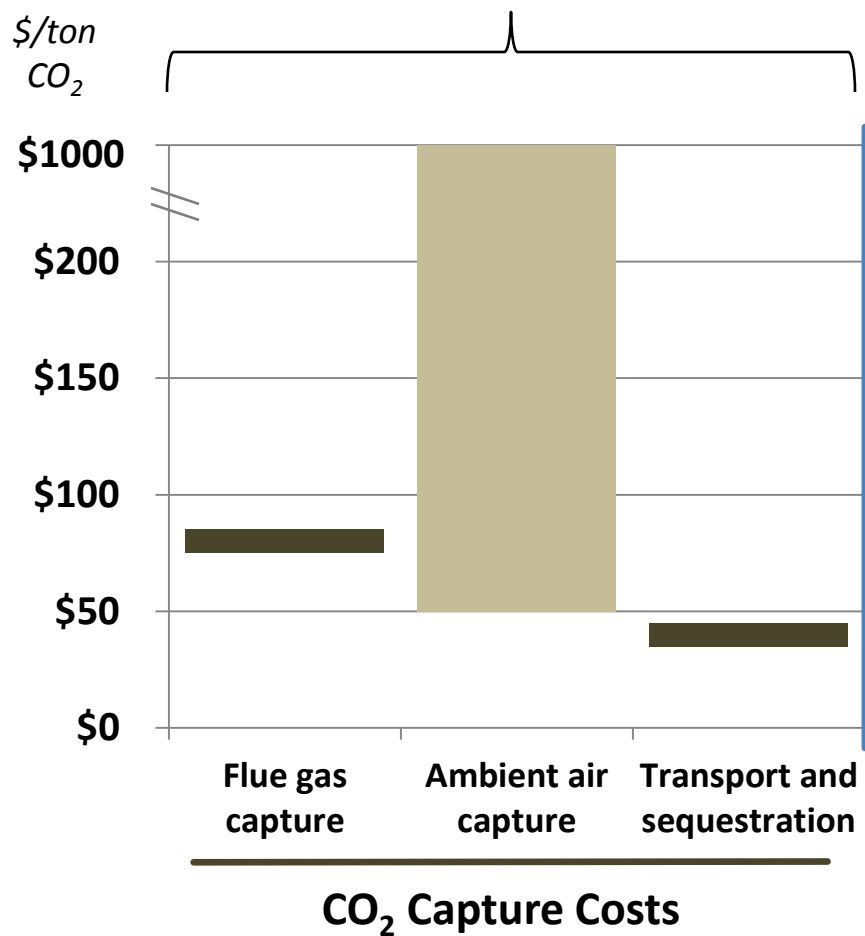
CO<sub>2</sub> Scrubbing



Alkaline Fuel Cells

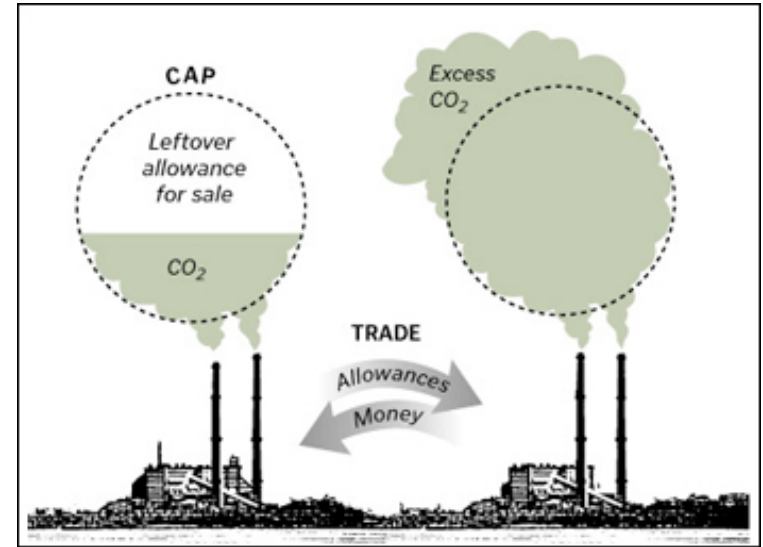
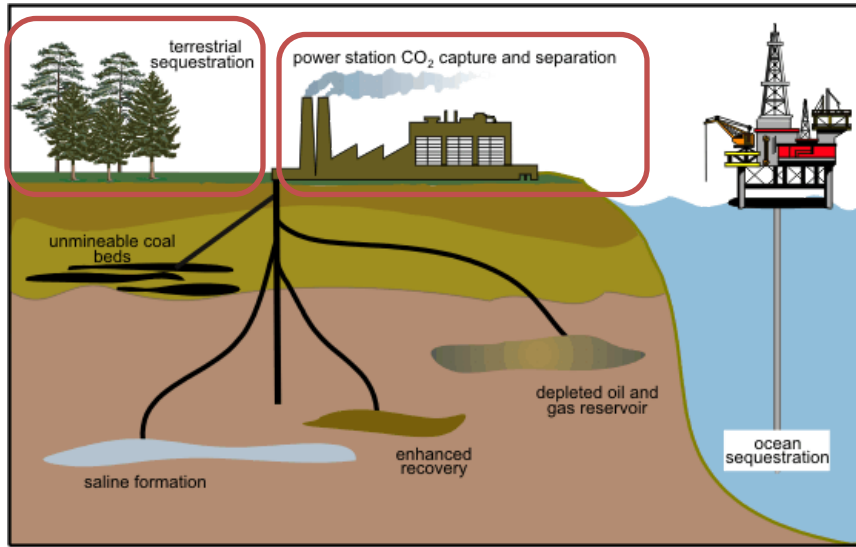
# Carbon economics driven by policy and technical constraints

Technical constraints contribute to high costs





# CCS: price on CO<sub>2</sub> depends on policy that penalizes emissions



## Challenges for CCS

- ? Sequestration debated as reliable
- ? Limited policy leads to low CO<sub>2</sub> price
- ? Low cost alternatives: reforestation

## Opportunities for CCS

- ✓ Proven scientifically; no leakage
- ✓ Positive policy momentum worldwide
- ✓ MOF conserves valuable arable land

# Near-term focus on niche applications for carbon capture

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# Natural gas sweetening: numerous technologies available

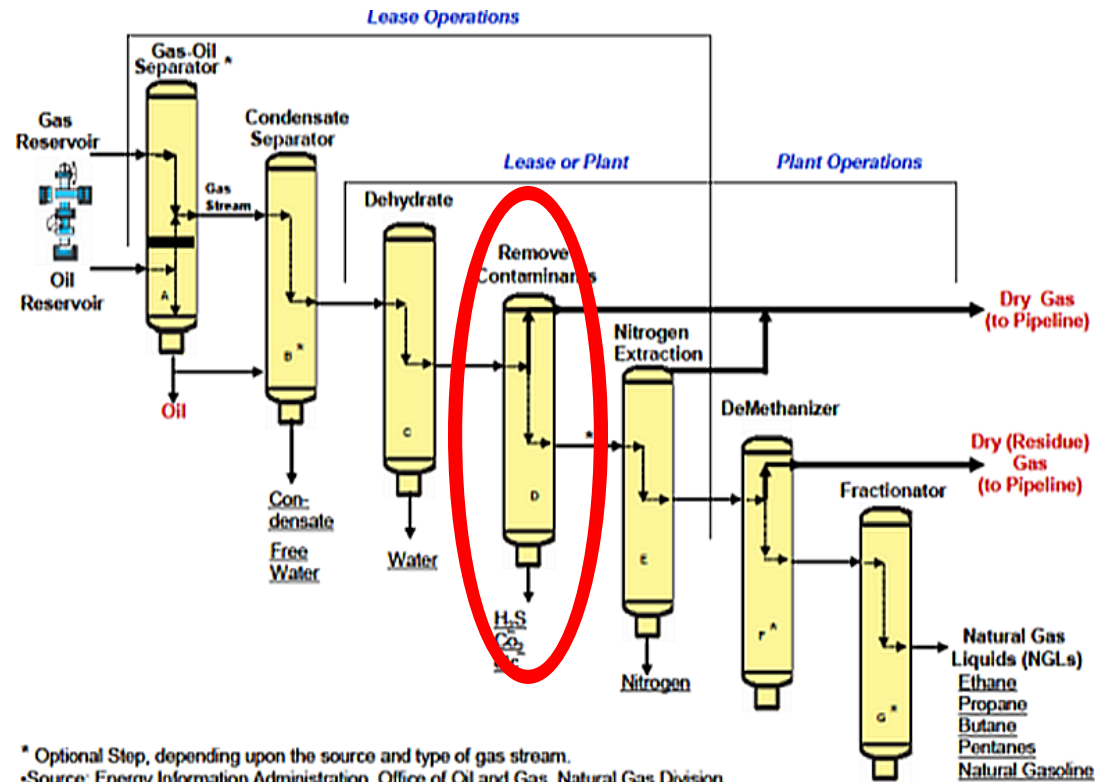
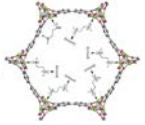
Membranes < 10%

Amine Scrubbers ~ 90%  
Used for bulk CO<sub>2</sub> removal



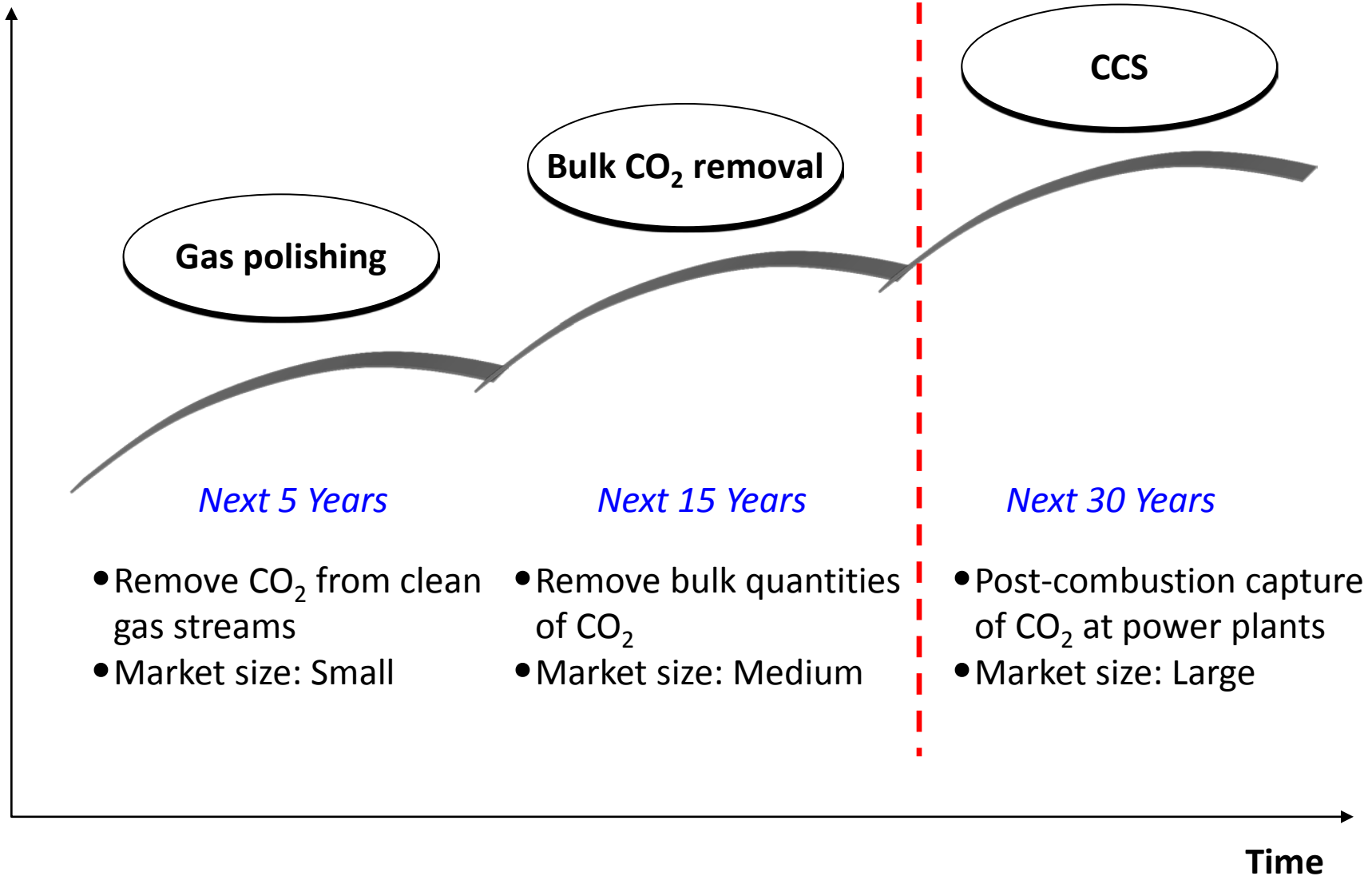
→ Emerging technologies

→ **Adsorbents: Used for low CO<sub>2</sub> gas**

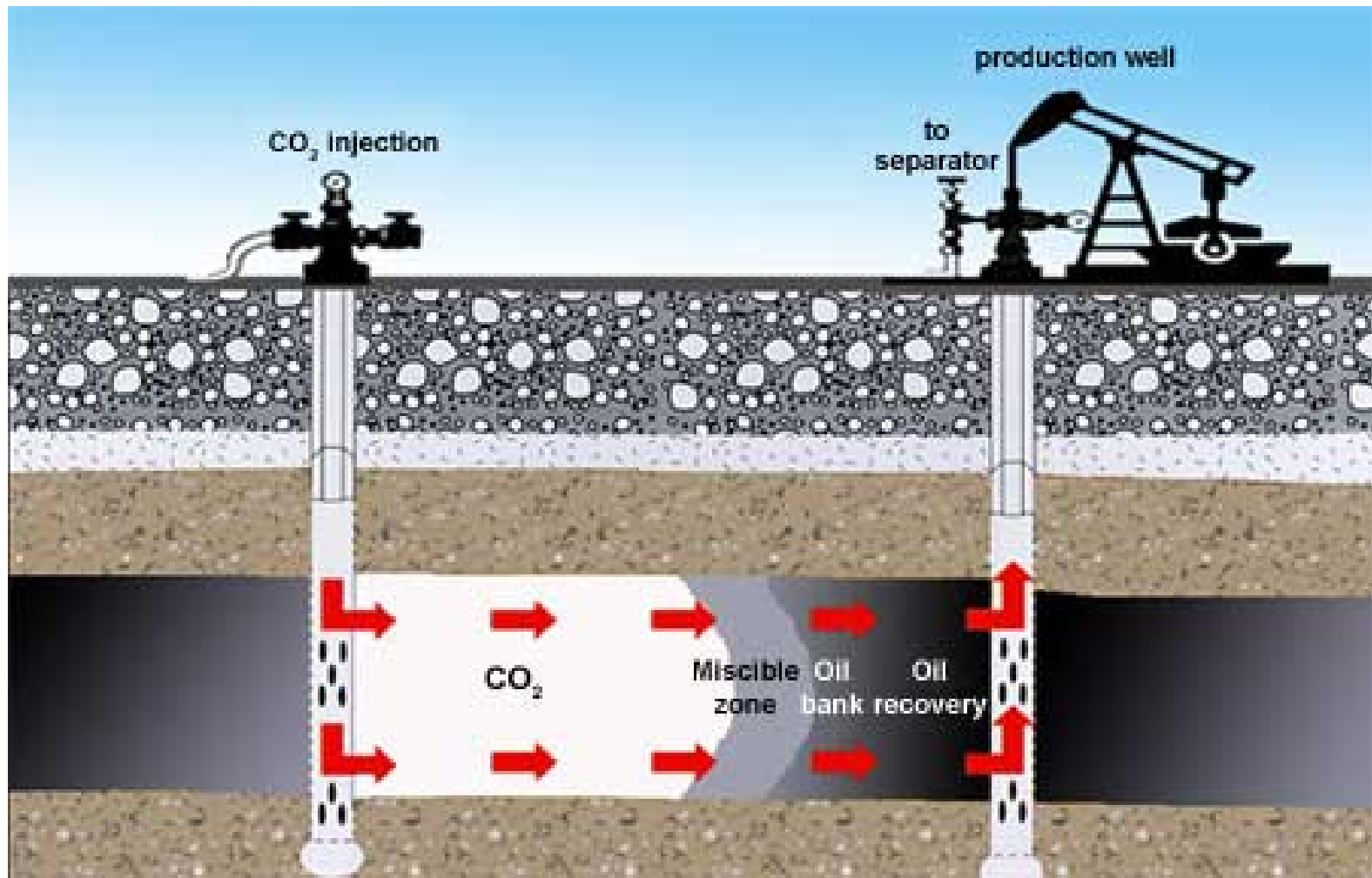


# Natural gas sweetening: best pathway to prove the technology

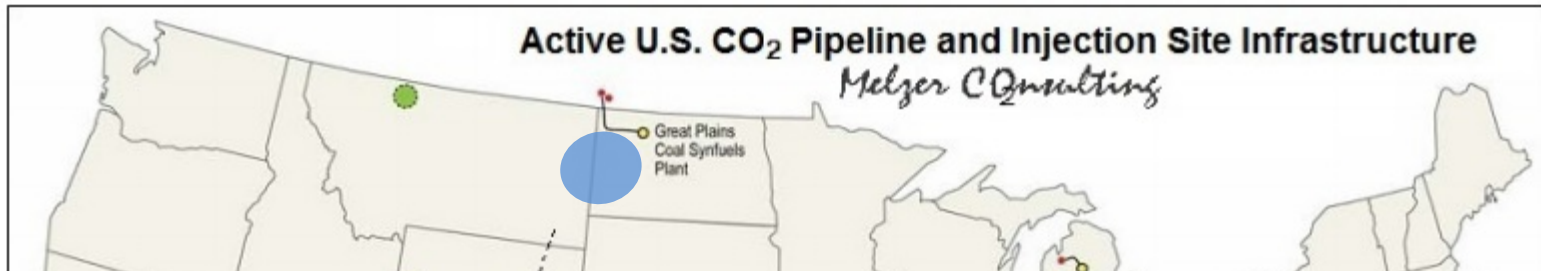
Market size



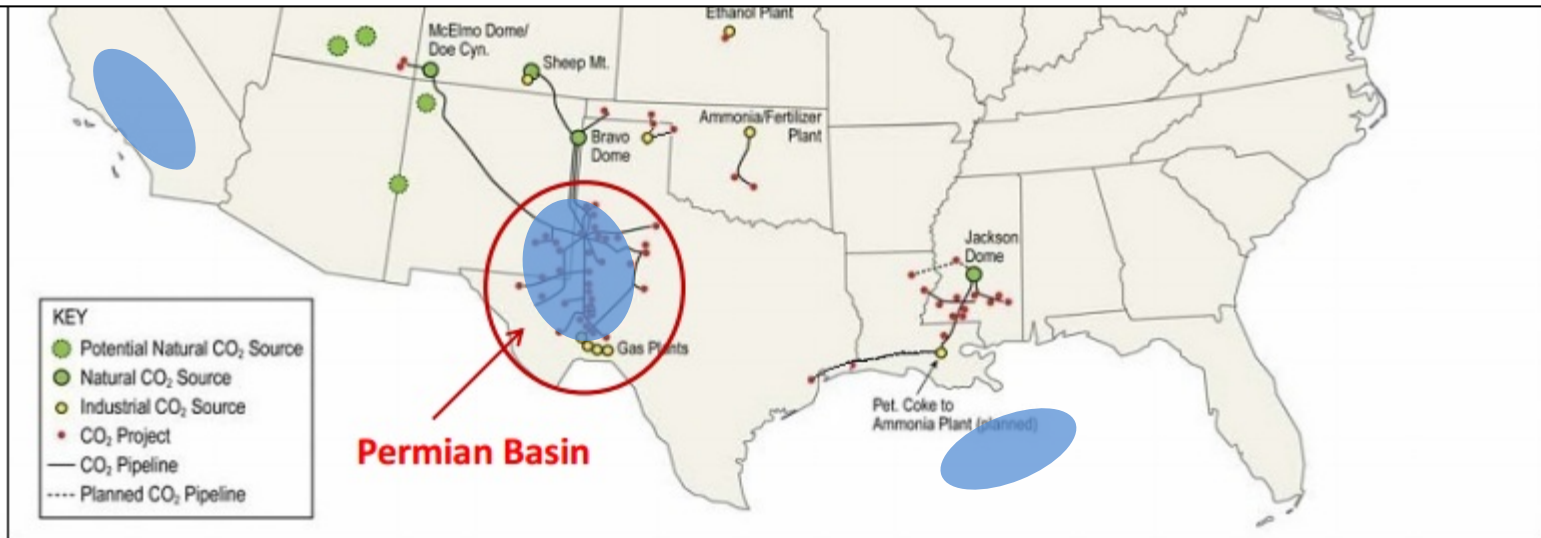
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Combination of EOR and current policy subsidies will support CCS costs of up to \$60 per ton.



Concentrations of the country's largest oil fields:



# Algal biofuels: large customer base, but constrained by CO<sub>2</sub> pricing



## Potential revenue from one customer

Ethanol per acre (gallons)	7,000
Tons CO <sub>2</sub> per acre	40,000
# of acres	1,000
\$s per ton CO <sub>2</sub>	\$40
Potential revenue	<b>\$1,600,000</b>



Optimal algae development is in US Southeast, not close to current CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines



“Green” CO<sub>2</sub> for algae production needs a policy mandate



Algae doesn't need high purity CO<sub>2</sub> like EOR projects

# Recommendation: niche applications until carbon policy matures

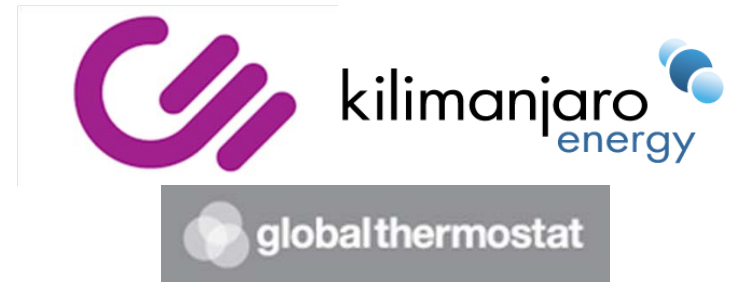
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**License** with companies involved in natural gas sweetening



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**License** with companies doing CCS with existing EOR and algae customers



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**Research** MOF's capability to capture CO<sub>2</sub> from complex gas streams such as syn gas



**Thank You!**

# Appendix

# MOFs can be used in industrial processes - anywhere CO<sub>2</sub> is unwanted

## Description

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## Obstacles

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### Gas treating

- Removing CO<sub>2</sub> from natural gas before transportation

- Not currently competitive for bulk CO<sub>2</sub> removal

### Cryogenic distillation

- Making pure streams of oxygen, nitrogen, and argon for industrial uses

- MOFs unlikely to improve significantly on existing technology

### CO<sub>2</sub> scrubbing

- Removing CO<sub>2</sub> in spacecraft, submarines, and SCUBA gear

- Very difficult market to enter and limited opportunities

### Alkaline fuel cells

- Preventing CO<sub>2</sub> contamination in AFCs, which powered Apollo space missions

- Technology has largely been abandoned

# Why is our MOF better?

material chemical formula <sup>a</sup>	common names	CO <sub>2</sub> uptake at 0.15 bar (wt %) <sup>b</sup>
Mg <sub>2</sub> (dobdc)	Mg-MOF-74, Mg-CPO-27	20.6
		18.9
		16.7
		14.5
Ni <sub>2</sub> (dobdc)	Ni-MOF-74	16.9
	CPO-27-Ni	
Co <sub>2</sub> (dobdc)	Co-MOF-74	14.2
	CPO-27-Co	
Cu <sub>3</sub> (BTC) <sub>2</sub>	HKUST-1	11.6
H <sub>3</sub> [(Cu <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>3</sub> (BTTri) <sub>8</sub> (mmen) <sub>12</sub> ]	mmen-Cu-BTTri	9.5
Zn <sub>2</sub> (ox)(atz) <sub>2</sub>		8.3
Zn <sub>2</sub> (dobdc)	Zn-MOF-74	7.6
	CPO-27-Zn	
Pd(μ-F-pymo-N <sup>1</sup> ,N <sup>3</sup> ) <sub>2</sub>		6.5
Cu <sub>3</sub> (TATB) <sub>2</sub>	CuTATB-60	5.8
Co <sub>2</sub> (adenine) <sub>2</sub> (CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	bio-MOF-11	5.4
Fe <sub>3</sub> [(Fe <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>3</sub> (BTT) <sub>8</sub> (MeOH) <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	Fe-BTT	5.3
Al(OH)(bpydc)·0.97Cu(BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>		4.0
Zn(nbIm)(nIm)	ZIF-78	3.3
Al(OH)(2-amino-BDC)	NH <sub>2</sub> -MIL-53(Al), USO-1-Al-A	3.1
H <sub>3</sub> [(Cu <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>3</sub> (BTTri) <sub>8</sub> ]	Cu-BTTri	2.9
Cu <sub>2</sub> (bdcppi)(DMF) <sub>2</sub>	SNU-50	2.9
H <sub>3</sub> [(Cu <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>3</sub> (BTTri) <sub>8</sub> (en) <sub>3.75</sub> ]	en-Cu-BTTri	2.3
Zn <sub>2</sub> (bpdcc) <sub>2</sub> (bpee)		2.1
Ni <sub>2</sub> (2-amino-BDC) <sub>2</sub> (DABCO)	USO-2-Ni-A	2.1
Cu <sub>3</sub> (BPT(N <sub>2</sub> )) <sub>2</sub>	UMC-150(N) <sub>2</sub>	1.9
Cu <sub>3</sub> (BPT) <sub>2</sub>	UMCM-150	1.8
Zn <sub>2</sub> (BTetB)		1.8
Al(OH)(BDC)	MIL-53(Al), USO-1-A	1.7
Zn <sub>2</sub> (bmbdc) <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-bpy)		1.4
Ni <sub>2</sub> (BDC) <sub>2</sub> (DABCO)	USO-2-Ni	1.2

- Highest capacity from dilute streams
- High stability under humid streams
- Potential to reversibly adsorb H<sub>2</sub>S and water

