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# THE IMPORTANCE OF R&D IN ADVANCING ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

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Cover image: Aerial view of Tomakomai CCS Demonstration Project facilities located at Tomakomai City, Hokkaido, Japan. Image provided by JCCS.



# The Global CCS Institute

One mission: to accelerate CCS deployment on a global scale by increasing . . .

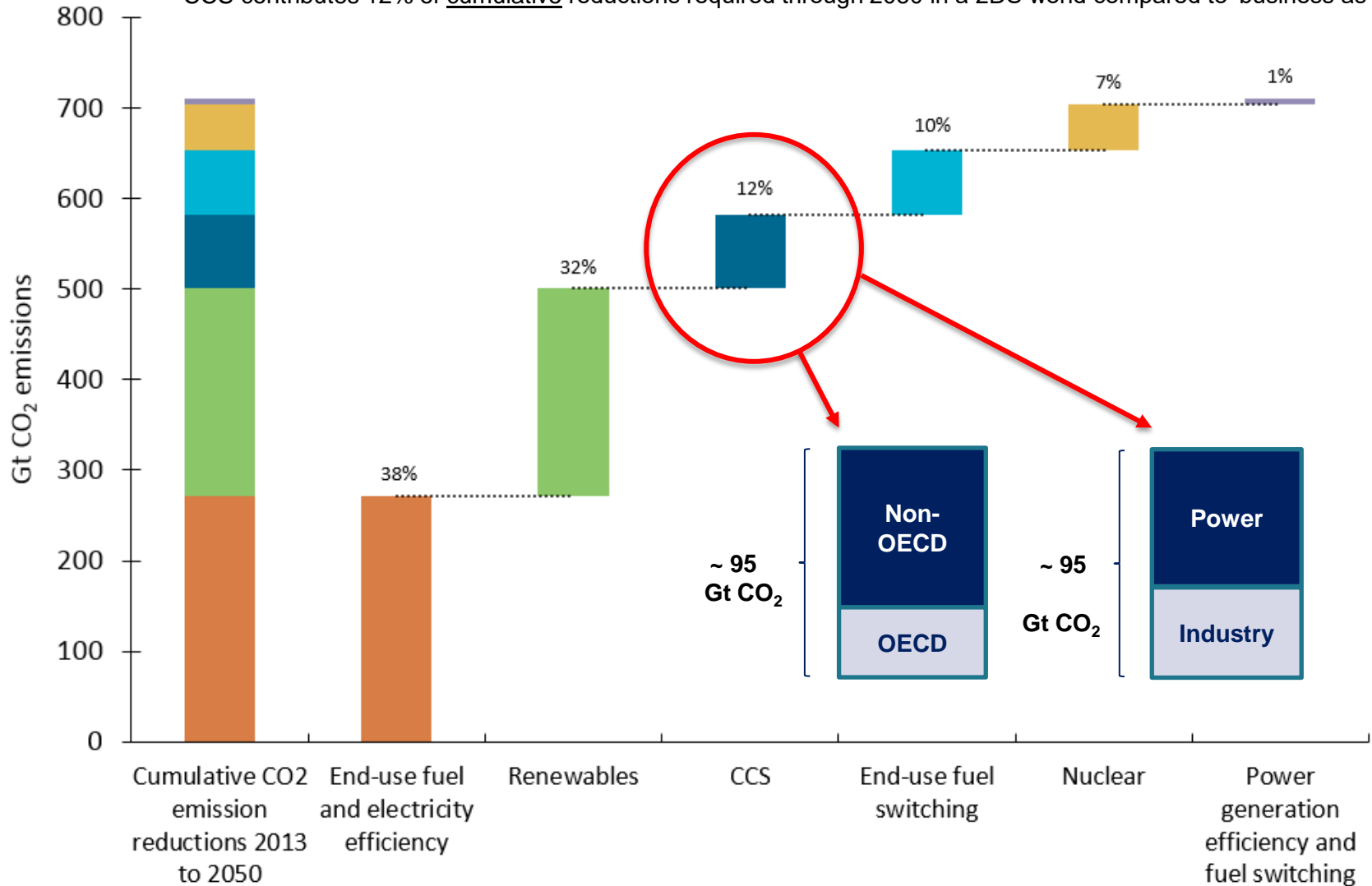
- ***Public understanding*** and acceptance of Carbon Capture
- ***Policy support*** for Carbon Capture, and
- ***Commercial opportunities*** for Carbon Capture





# CCS is critical in a portfolio of low-carbon technologies

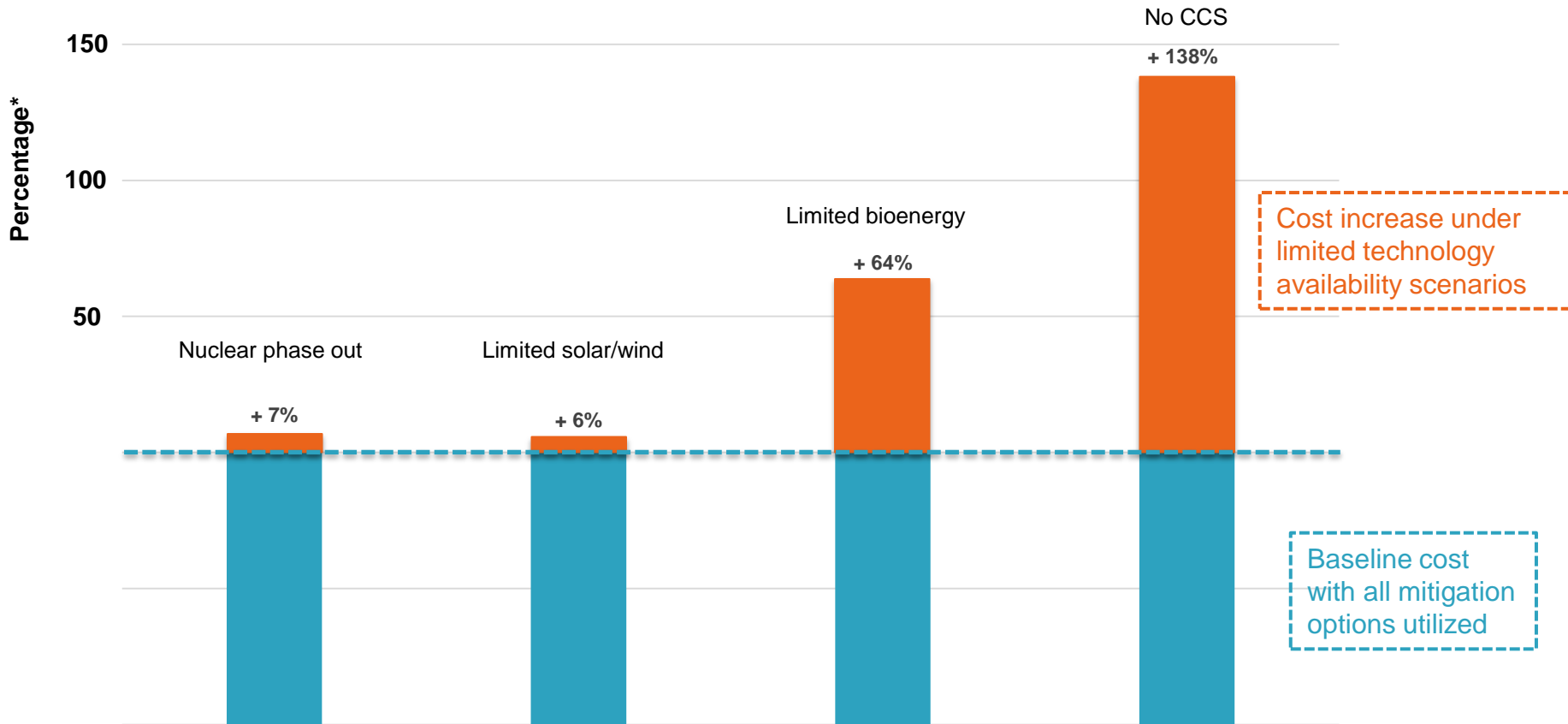
CCS contributes 12% of cumulative reductions required through 2050 in a 2DS world compared to 'business as usual'



Source: IEA, Energy Technology Perspectives (2016)



# Mitigation costs more than double in scenarios with limited availability of CCS



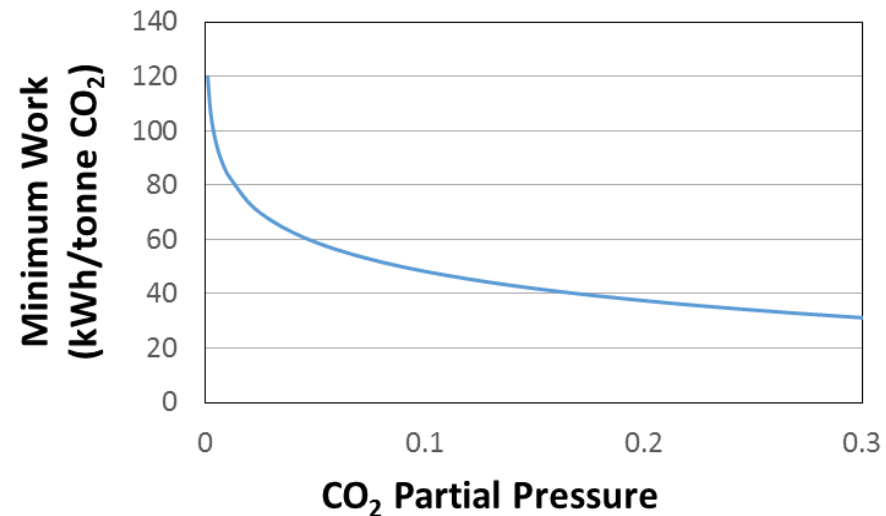
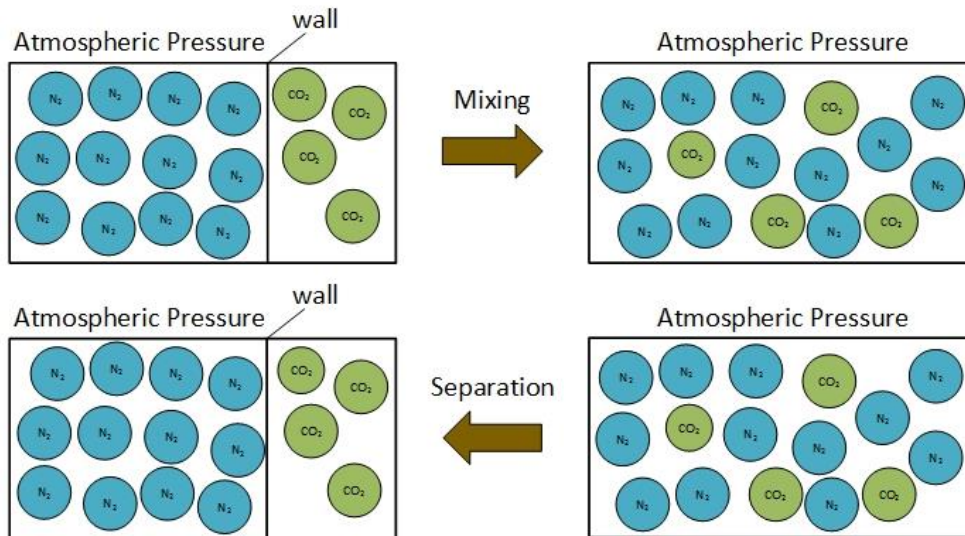
\*Percentage increase in total discounted mitigation costs (2015-2100) relative to default technology assumptions – median estimate

Source: IPCC Fifth Assessment Synthesis Report, Summary for Policymakers, November 2014.



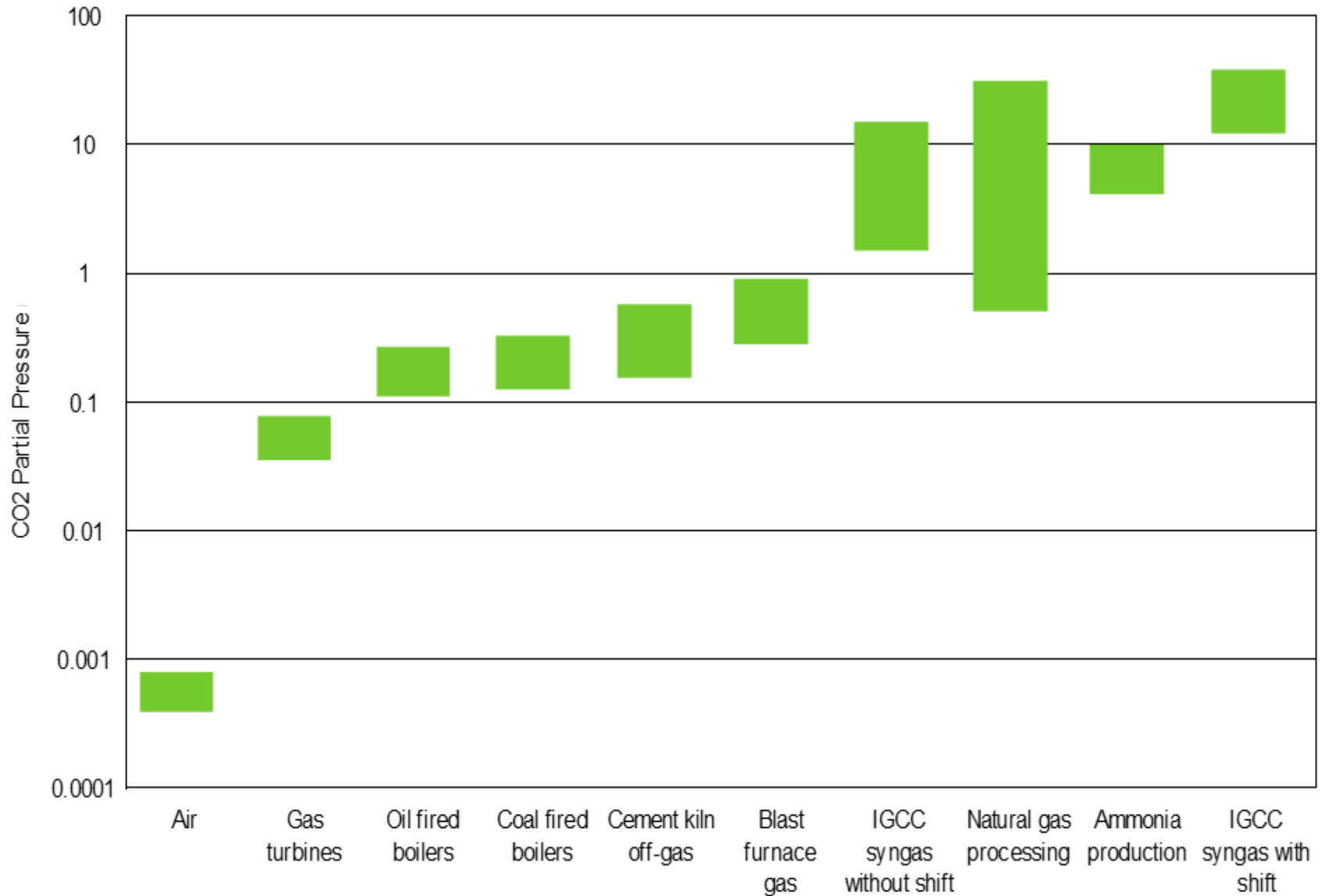
# Definition of CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

Separation of the CO<sub>2</sub> from a gas stream produced in a power station or an industrial process to obtain pure CO<sub>2</sub> for geological storage or further use



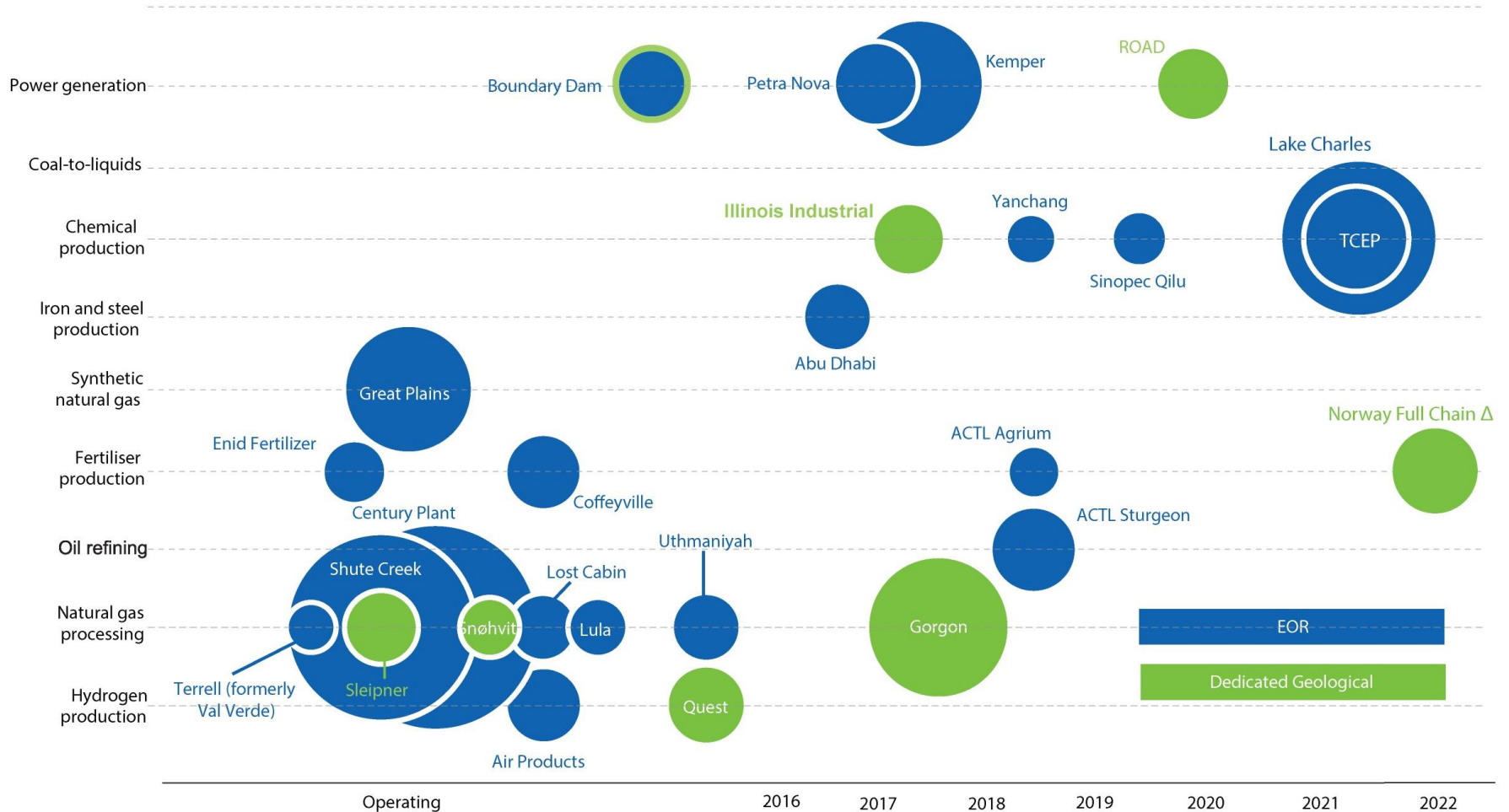


# CO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations: Select Sources





# Actual and expected operation dates up to 2022 for large-scale CCS projects by industry and storage type\*



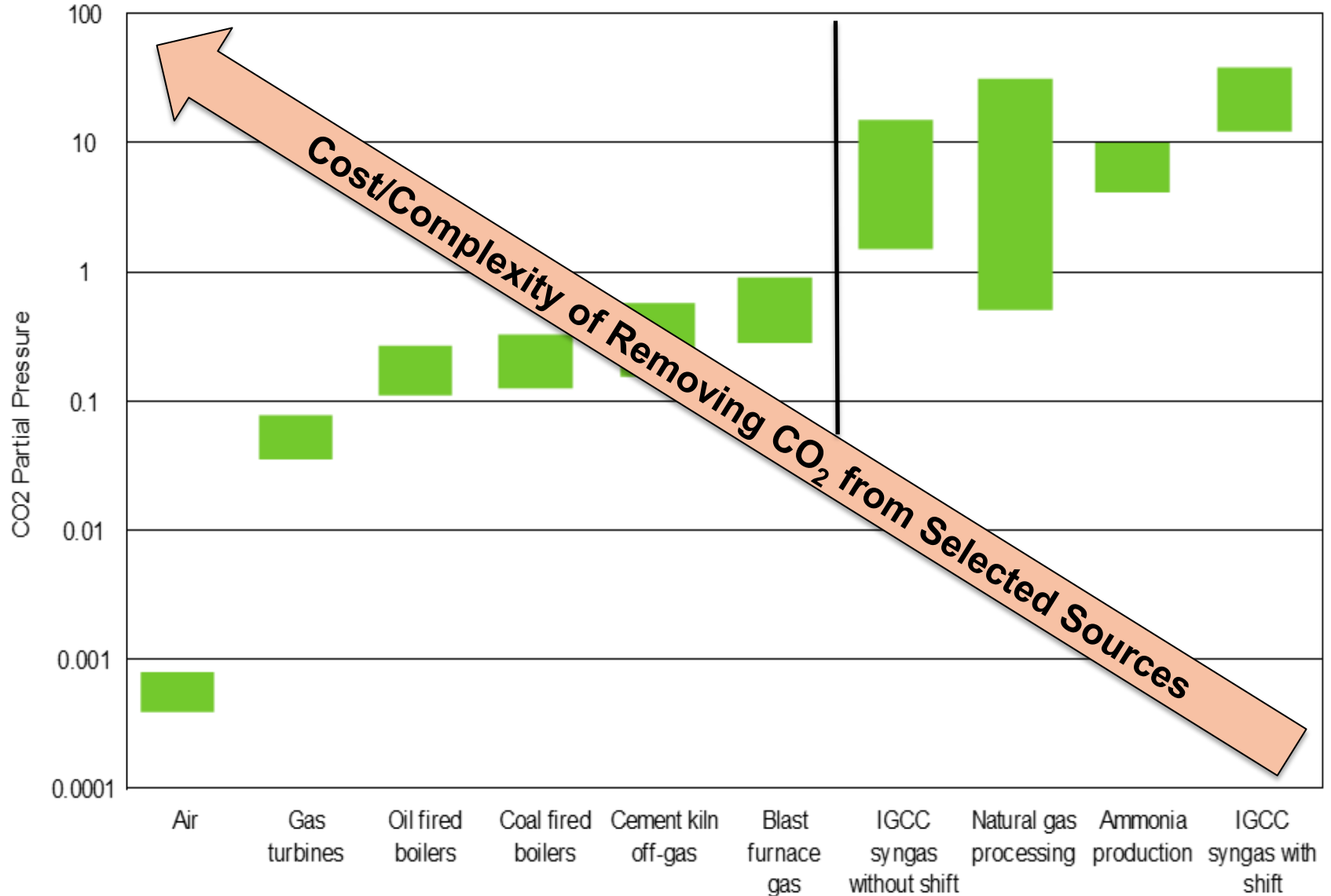
○ = 1Mtpa of CO<sub>2</sub> (area of circles proportional to capacity)

\* Includes projects in the Operate, Execute and Define stages

Δ Feasibility studies assessed the possibility of CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage from ammonia production, from cement production and from waste-to-energy sources



# Cost/Complexity Increase at Lower CO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations







# DOE Fossil Energy Program



## Major Demonstrations

First Generation fossil energy technology systems built to validate first-of-a-kind fully integrated projects at full scale for the power and industrial sectors



## Advanced Energy Systems

Technologies that greatly improve plant efficiencies, reduce CO<sub>2</sub> capture costs, increase plant availability, and maintain the highest environmental standards



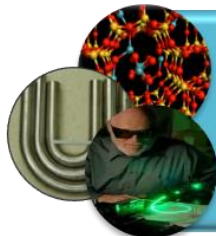
## Carbon Capture

R&D and scale-up technologies for capturing CO<sub>2</sub> from new and existing industrial and power-producing plants



## Carbon Storage

Safe, cost-effective, and permanent geologic storage of CO<sub>2</sub> in depleted oil and gas fields and other formations

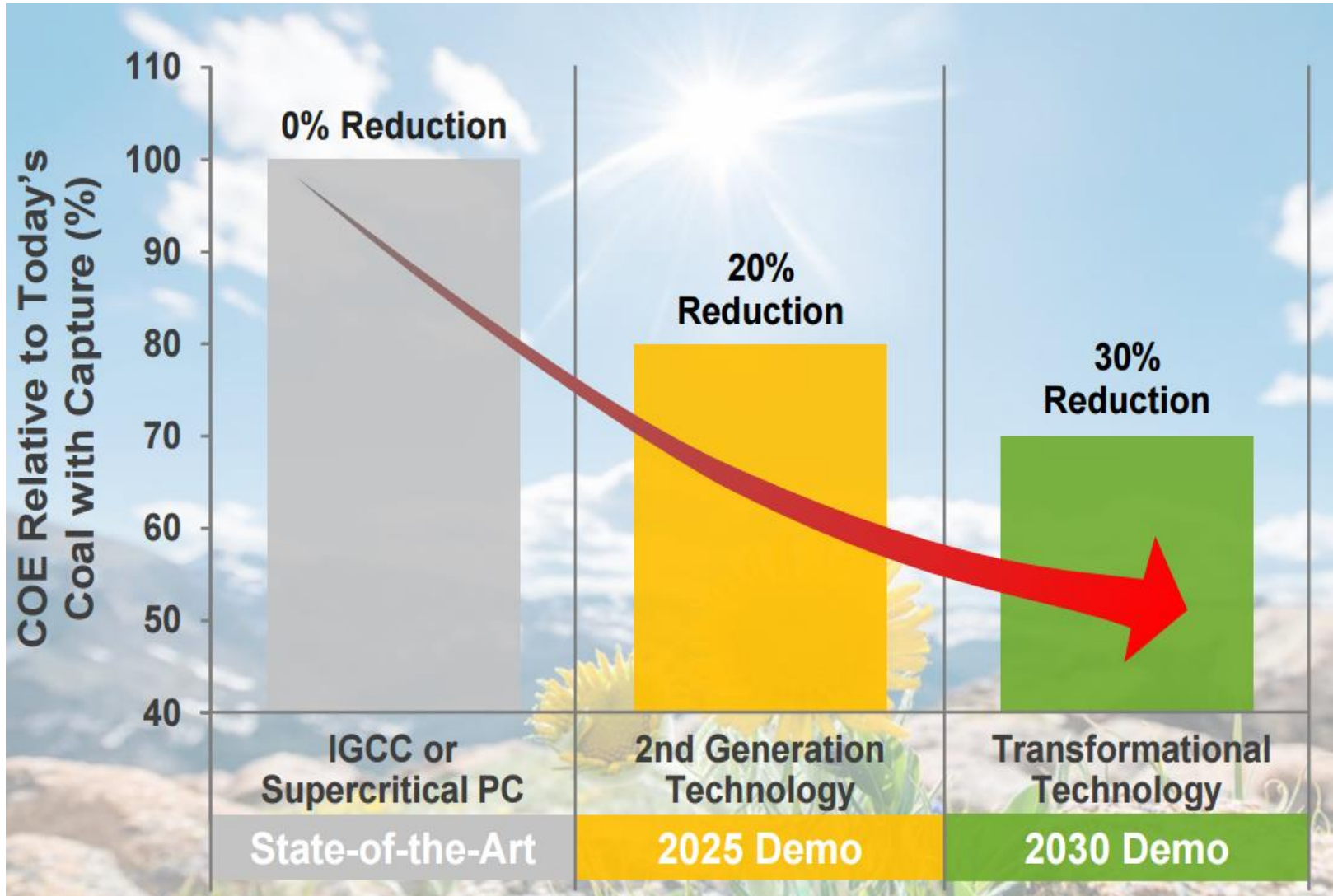


## Cross Cutting Research

Materials, sensors, and advanced computer systems for future power plants and energy systems

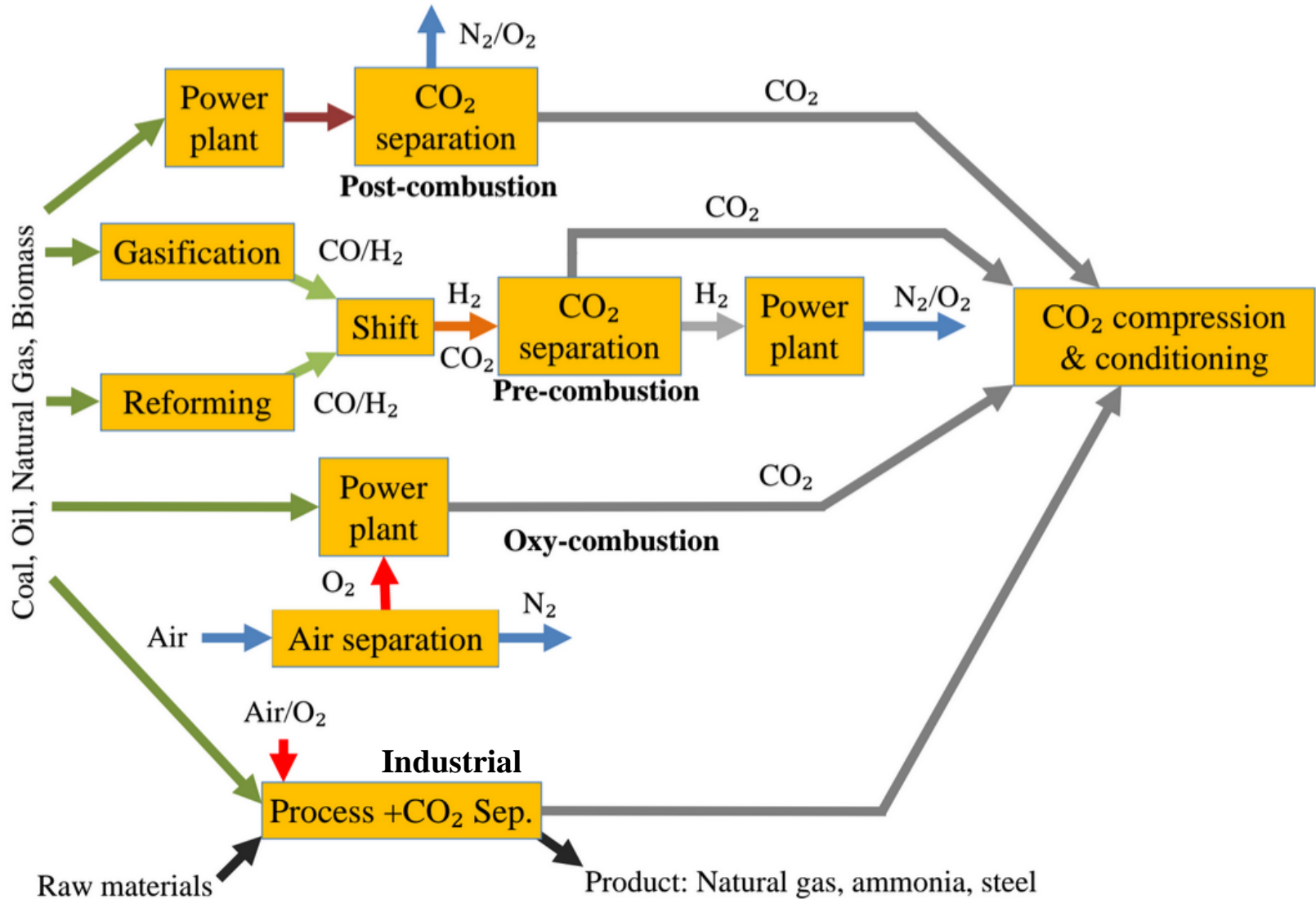


# Cost reduction targets





# CO<sub>2</sub> Capture routes





# R&D areas

## Pre-Combustion

- Solvents
- Sorbents
- Membranes
- Hybrid processes
- Water-gas shift reactor



## Post-Combustion

- Solvents
- Sorbents
- Membranes
- Hybrid processes



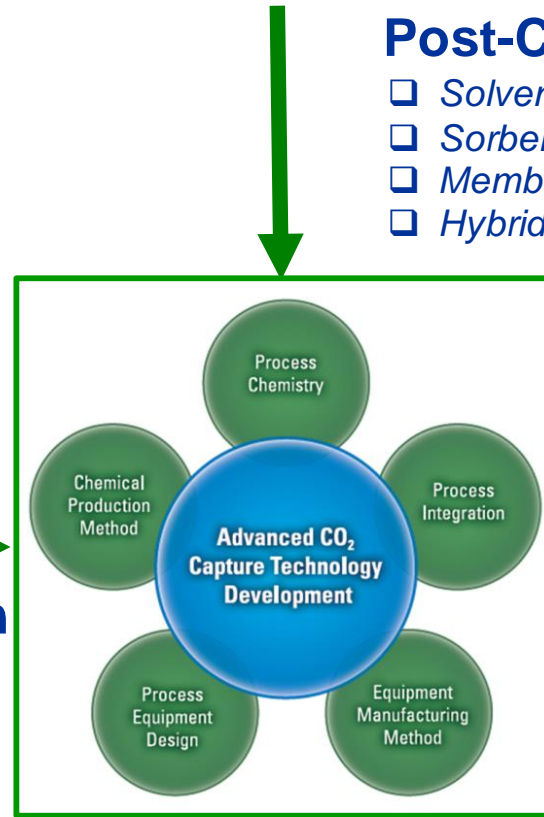
## Advanced Combustion

- Atmospheric oxy-combustion
- Pressurized oxy-combustion
- Oxygen transport membrane
- Chemical looping



## Advanced Compression

- Intra-stage cooling
- Cryogenic pumping
- Supersonic shock wave compression





# Deployment Barriers for CO<sub>2</sub> Capture in Low-Concentration Gas Streams

## Energy Penalty

- 20% to 30% less power output

## Cost

- Increase Cost of Electricity
- Adds Substantial Capital Cost

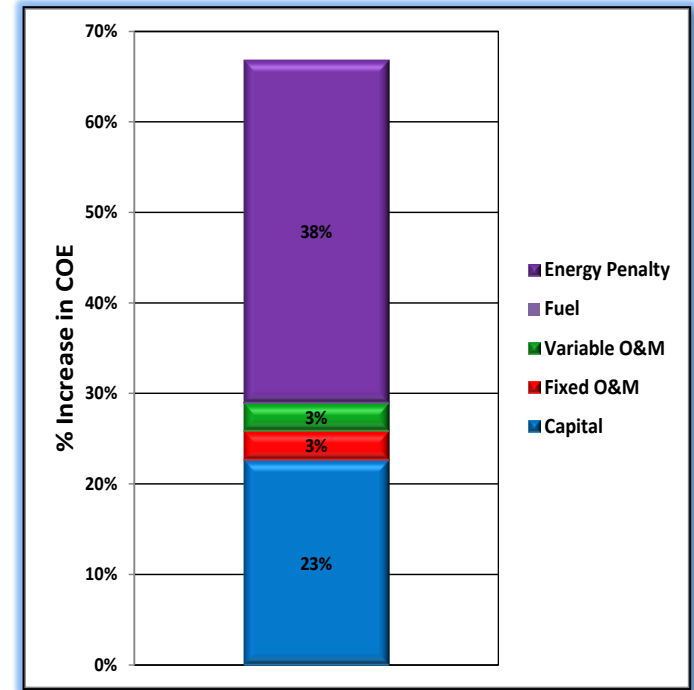
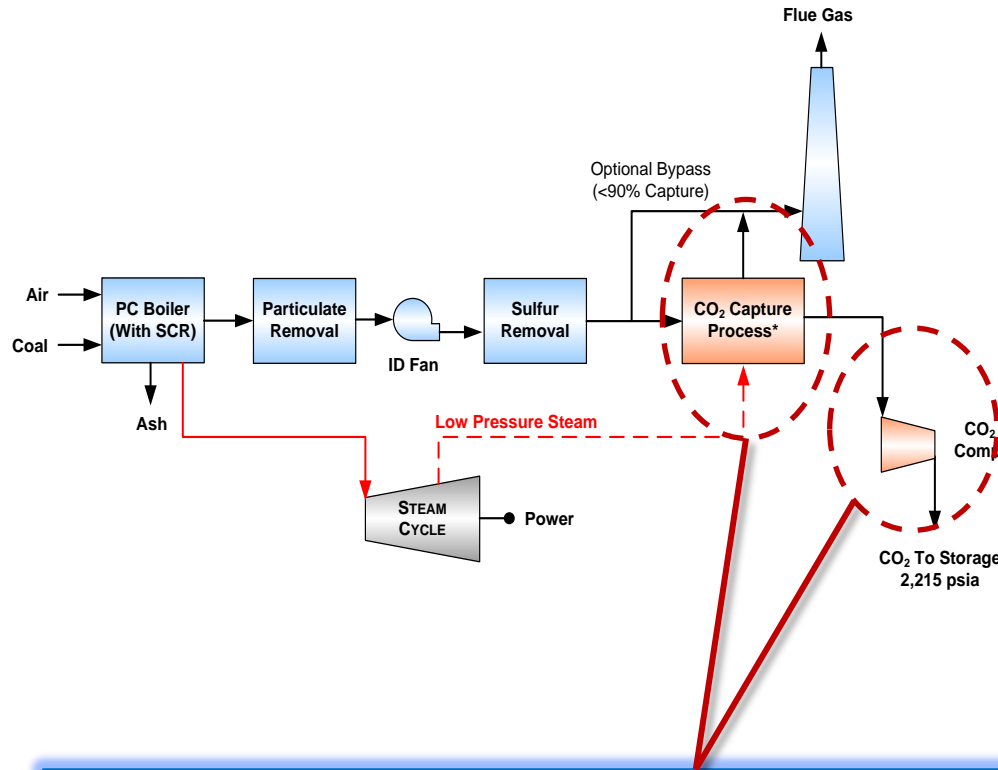
## Scale-up

- 550 MWe power plant produces 13,000 TPD





# Energy Penalty – Low-Concentration Gas Streams



**Two-step separation process requiring 5 energy inputs:**

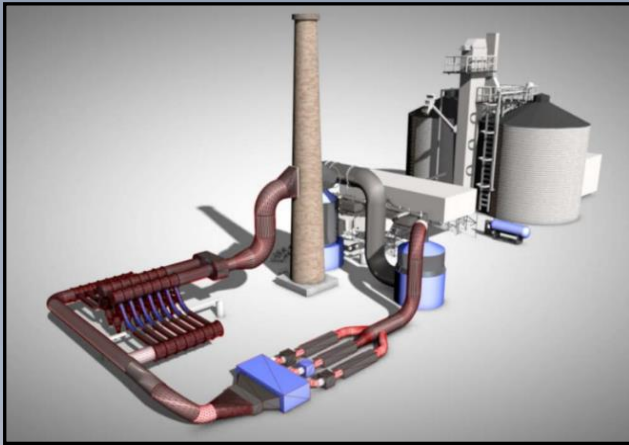
$$\text{Energy} = Q (\text{sensible}) + Q (\text{reaction}) + Q (\text{stripping}) + W (\text{Process}) + W (\text{Compression})$$

**ALL must be reduced in order to significantly reduce Capture COE impact!**



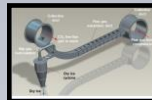
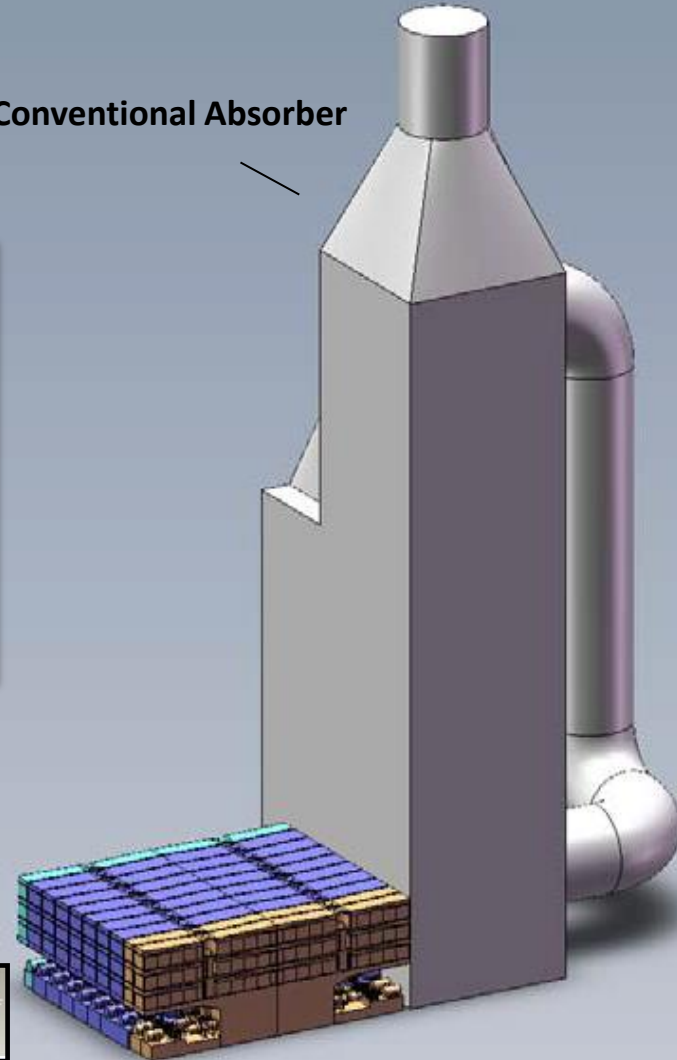
# Reactor Size Reduction – Lowers Capital Cost

**~1/3<sup>rd</sup> the Footprint  
of Solvent-Based  
Capture**



**Significant  
Size  
Reductions!**

Conventional Absorber

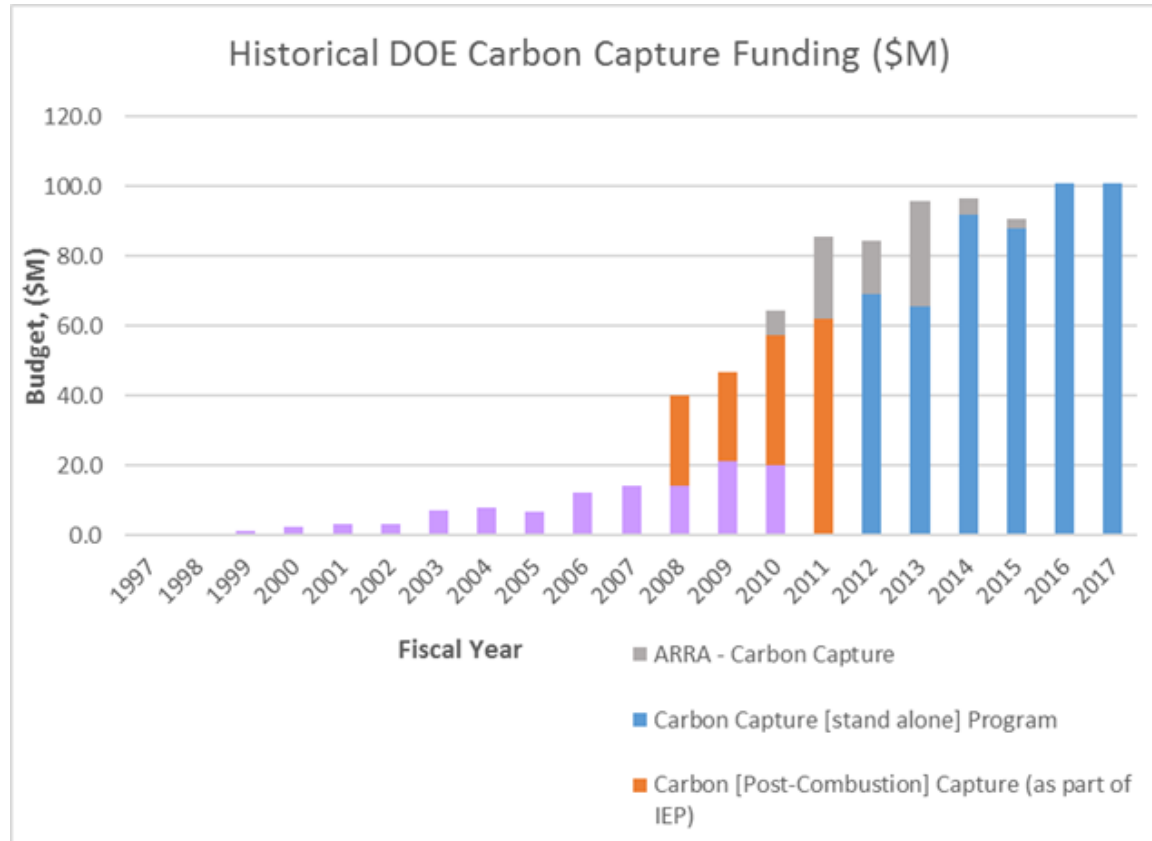








# Progress of the Program to Date



## Highlights

- Developed multiple 2<sup>nd</sup> gen solvents with reduced energy penalty
- Several process designs that reduce CapEx
- Membranes materials decreasing CapEx
- Graduated 6 technologies through TRL 6 – small pilot complete
- Testing 4 technologies at TRL 5 – small pilot in progress



# Successful Past R&D Initiatives – Unconventional Extraction

Lab/bench through small pilot-scale development

TRL 2 - 5

Scale-up and integration of technologies

TRL 5 - 6

Demonstration-scale testing/commercialization

TRL 7 - 9

1970s

1980s

1990s

- Early shale drilling/fracturing and three-dimensional microseismic imaging  
TRL 2 - 3
- **1976** – DOE patents early directional drilling technology  
TRL 3 - 4
- **1977** – DOE demonstrates massive hydraulic fracturing  
TRL 4 - 5

- **1986** – First successful multi-fracture horizontal well drilled by joint DOE-private venture in West Virginia  
TRL 5 - 6

- **1991** – DOE/Gas Research Institute subsidize Mitchell Energy's first successful horizontal well in Texas Barnett Shale  
TRL 7
- **1998** – Mitchell Energy – commercial shale gas extraction  
TRL 9

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*“DOE started it, and other people took the ball and ran with it. You cannot diminish DOE’s involvement.”*

*- Dan Steward, former Mitchell Energy  
Vice President*

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