

CARBON UTILIZATION – A VITAL AND EFFECTIVE PATHWAY FOR DECARBONIZATION

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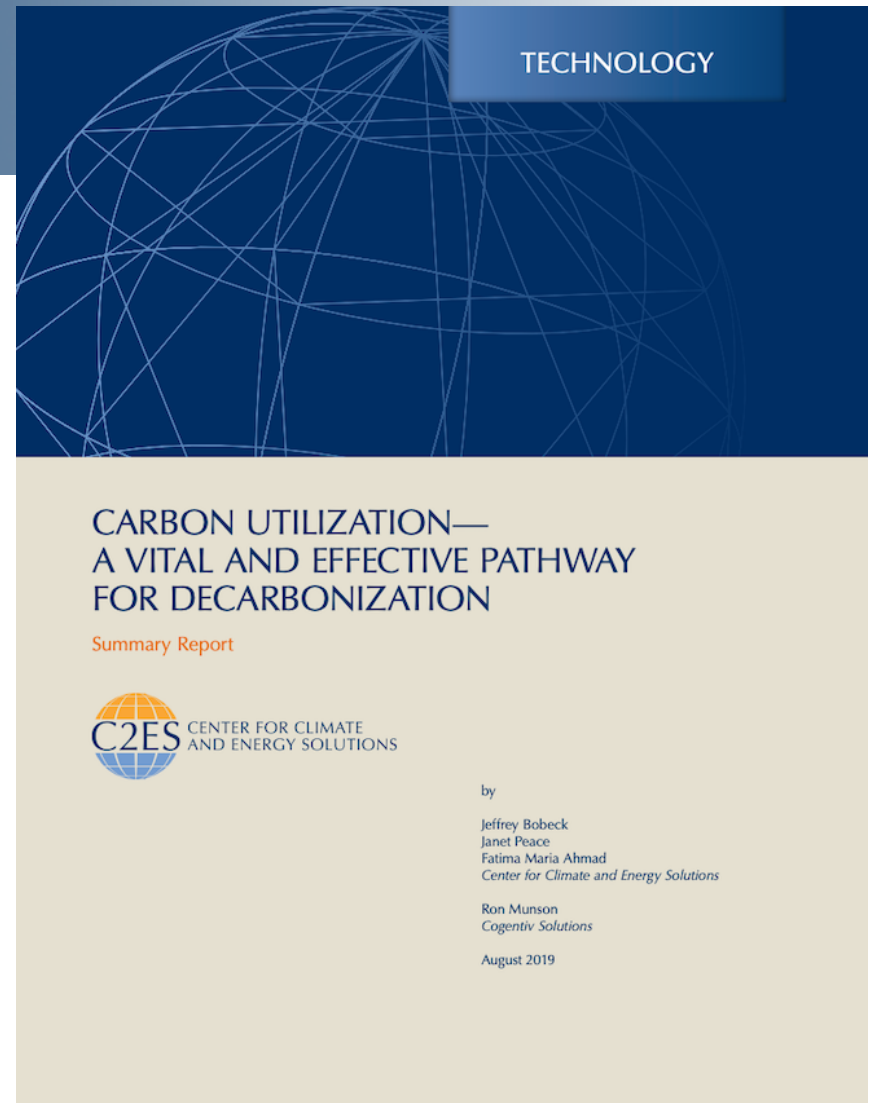
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C2ES Report on Carbon Utilization

- Four high-level workshops of **Carbon Capture Coalition** participants
- Original research contributed by **Cogentiv Solutions**
- Build upon past work of the **National Academy of Sciences, Global CO₂ Initiative**
- More than 20 interviews with **carbon utilization developers** and experts
- Goal: **Identify policy options** that will support a path forward for carbon utilization



Carbon Utilization Sectors



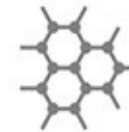
Construction Materials

- Cement and concrete
- Asphalt
- Aggregate
- Timber/super hardwood



Fuel

- Synthetic (methanol, butanol, natural gas, syngas, etc.)
- Micro-algae fuel
- Macro-algae fuel



New materials

- Carbon fiber
- Carbon nanotubes and fullerenes
- Graphene



Industrial gas & fluids

- Enhanced oil recovery
- Enhanced coal bed methane recovery
- Enhanced water recovery
- Semiconductor fabrication
- Power cycles



Plastics

- Polyurethane foams
- Polycarbonate (glass replacement)
- Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene
- Many more



Agriculture & food

- Algae-based food or animal feed
- Microbial fertilizer
- Biochar, bio-pesticides, bio-cosmetics



Chemicals

- Preservatives (formic acid)
- Medicinal
- Antifreeze (ethylene glycol)
- Carbon black
- Many more

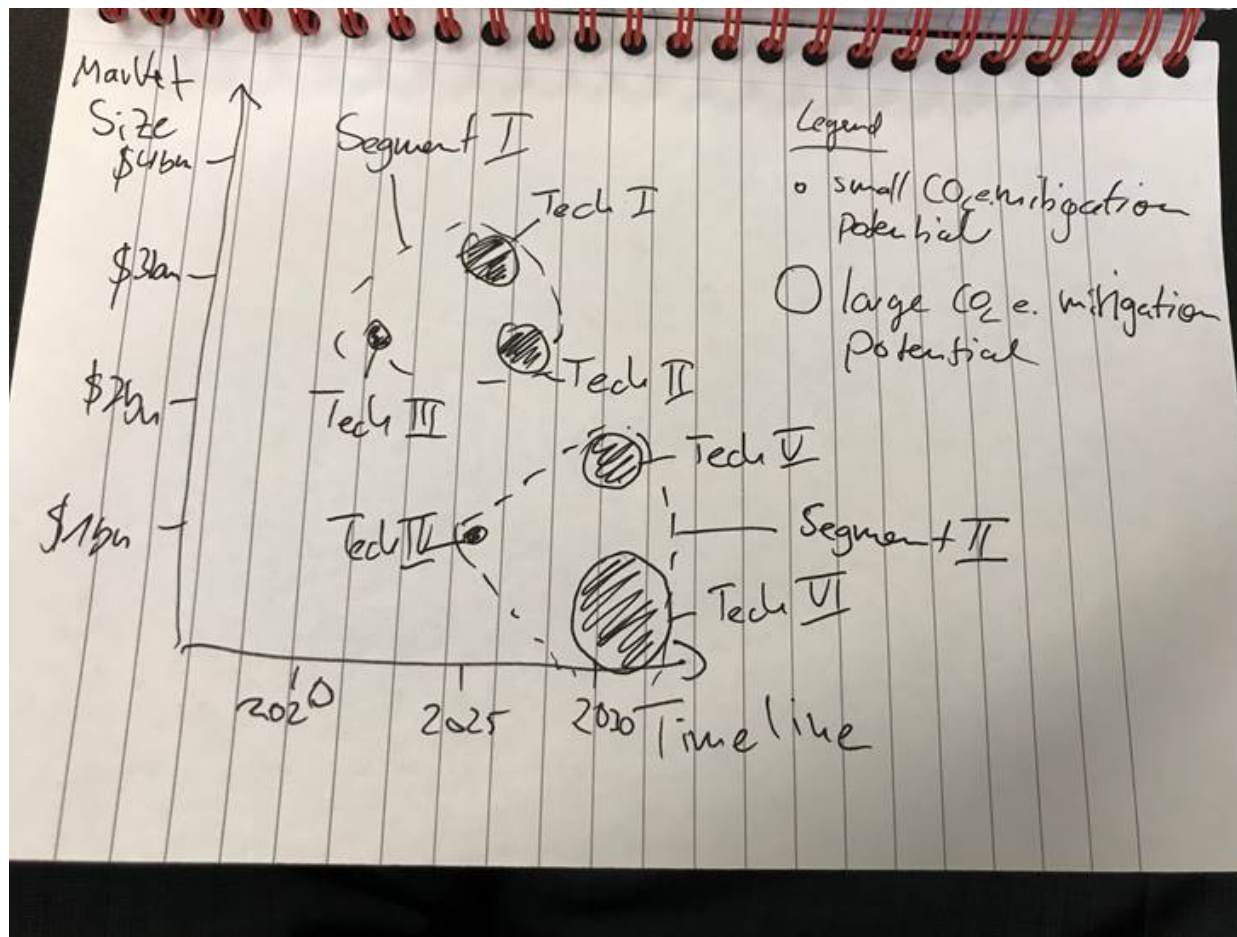
Carbon Utilization's Potential Contribution to Decarbonization



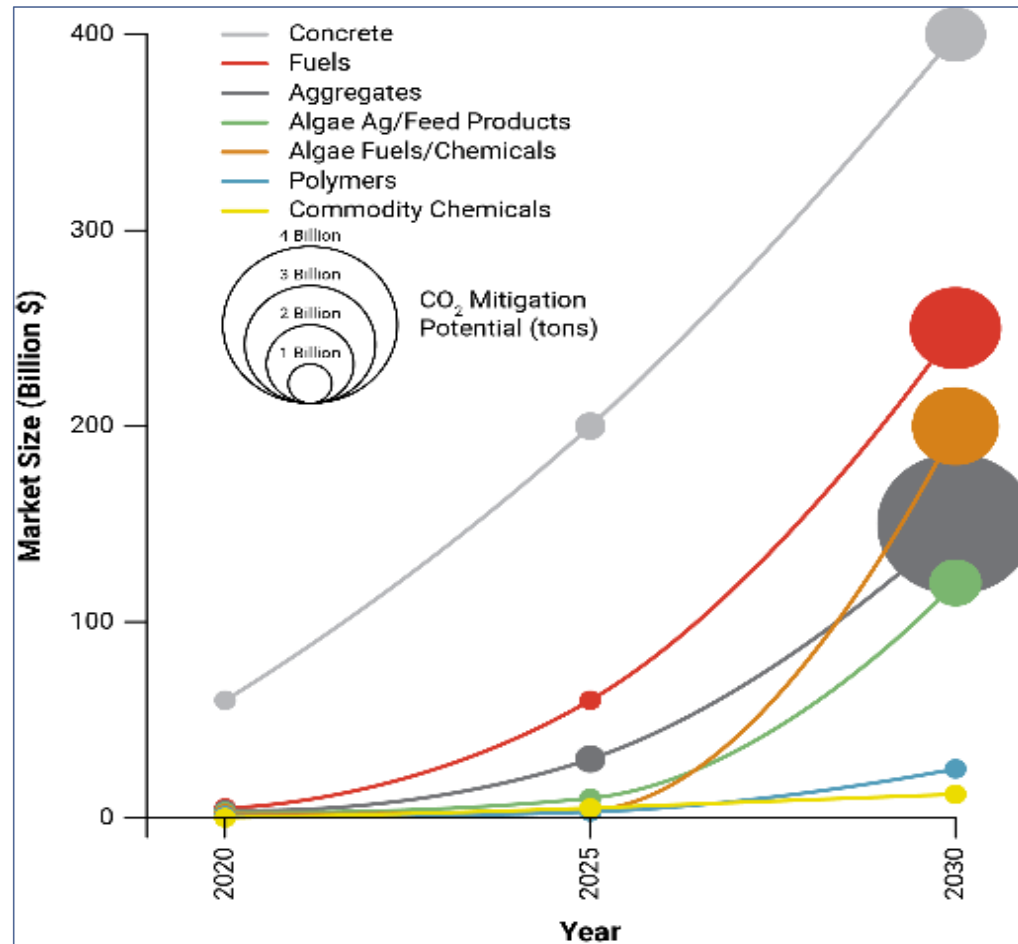
Accelerating development and deployment of CO₂ utilization would provide critical pathways for decarbonization. Those include:

- 1. *Decarbonization of certain industrial sectors.*** While many sources of carbon emissions can be solved through traditional carbon capture, certain industrial sectors are harder to decarbonize.
- 2. *Decarbonization in locations where more options are needed.*** Development of carbon capture in some geographic locations may be constrained by social issues or land use restrictions.
- 3. *Increased development for broader carbon capture technologies.*** Inclusion of CCU technology development within federal DOE R&D will help drive carbon capture innovation generally, where CCU developments may have technology transfer potential beyond their original scope.

An Idea



2030 Market Size Projection and CO₂ Mitigation Potential



Policy Imperatives for Accelerating CCU by 2030



Immediate Actions (2019)

- **Publish IRS guidance** for implementation of 45Q
- Pass the **USE IT Act**
- Reauthorize, reform and increase funding for **DOE's Fossil R&D program**
- Include **CO₂ pipelines** in national infrastructure legislation

Mid-term Actions (2019-2022)

- Lower the **45Q eligibility threshold** and extend the 2024 “commence construction” deadline
- **Increase federal R&D spending** to a level to meet research needs of the 2018 NAS Report
- Permit the funding of **more and larger pilot projects** (\$5 million-10 million range), ensure follow-through to commercialization
- Create **low-carbon procurement** preferences
- **Update codes and standards** to permit or specify low-carbon products



- **Targeted policies** alone cannot fully realize carbon utilization's potential.
- **Adoption of broad-based policies** and market preferences favoring decarbonization is imperative. (carbon pricing, performance standards)
- **Timing** is everything –
 - Carbon use markets need to reach a stage of **commercialization by 2030** if longer-term GHG impact is to be possible; and
 - **Near-term actions are required** if that 2030 goal is to be met.

NPC Study: Meeting the Dual Challenge

National Petroleum Council CCUS Study

December 2019

- Requested by the U.S. Secretary of Energy
- “Define the potential pathways for integrating CCUS at scale into the energy and industrial marketplace.”
- More than 300 contributors over two years

<https://dualchallenge.npc.org/>



NPC Study: Defining CCUS “Deployment at Scale”



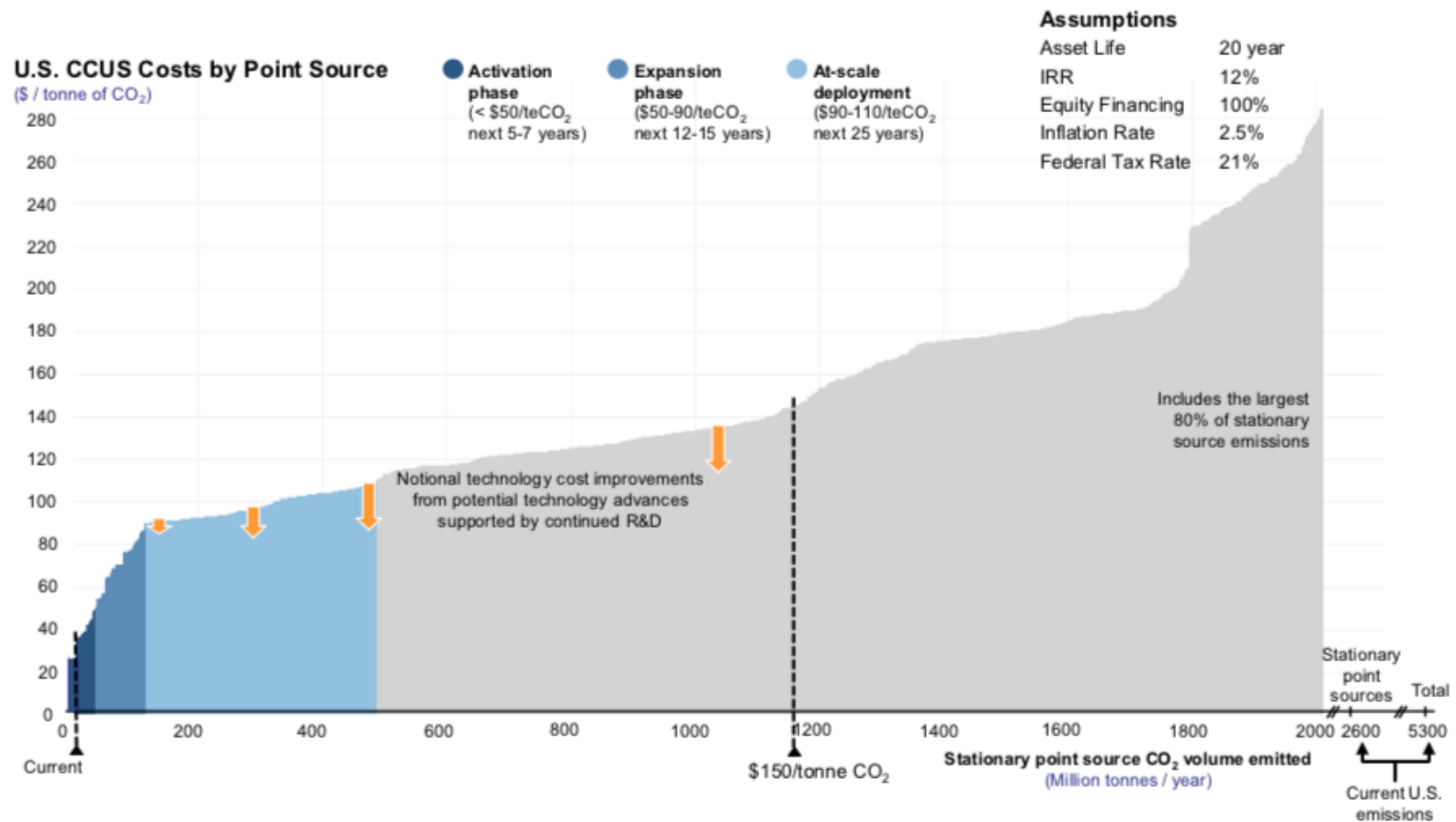
Will mean:

- Moving from 25 to **500 Million tonnes per annum** of CCUS capacity
- Infrastructure buildout equivalent of **13 million barrels per day** capacity
- Incremental investment of **\$680 billion**
- Support for **236,000 U.S. jobs** and **GDP of \$21 billion** annually

Will require:

- Improved **policies, incentives, regulations** and **legislation**
- Broad-based **innovation** and **technology** development
- Strong **collaboration** between **industry** and **government**
- Increased **understanding** and **confidence** in CCUS

NPC Study: Cost Assessment and Phases of Deployment



NPC Study: R&D Needs \$15 Billion Over 10 Years



Technology	R&D (including pilot programs)	Demonstrations	Total	10-Year Total
Capture (including negative emissions technologies)	\$500 million/year	\$500 million/year	\$1.0 billion/year (over 10 years)	\$10 billion
Geologic Storage	\$400 million/year		\$400 million/year (over 10 years)	\$4 billion
Nonconventional Storage (including EOR)	\$50 million/year		\$50 million/year (over 10 years)	\$500 million
Use	\$50million/year		\$50 million/year (over 10 years)	\$500 million
Total	\$1.0 billion/year	\$500 million/year	\$1.5 billion/year	\$15 billion

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