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Addressing the Challenges of Large-Scale Carbon Capture, Storage and Utilization

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Dr. Harisinh Parmar

Harisinh is a chemical engineer with a strong background in CFD modeling involving multiphase flow. Currently, he is working as a lab coordinator and academic staff at EIT. Along with teaching bachelor's and postgraduate students, Harisinh has recently been involved with Hydrogen Energy related teaching and modeling work. In his previous role at Curtin University, he modeled and designed a subsea settling tank using ANSYS Fluent and conducted pilot scale experiments to validate settling efficiency.

Survey

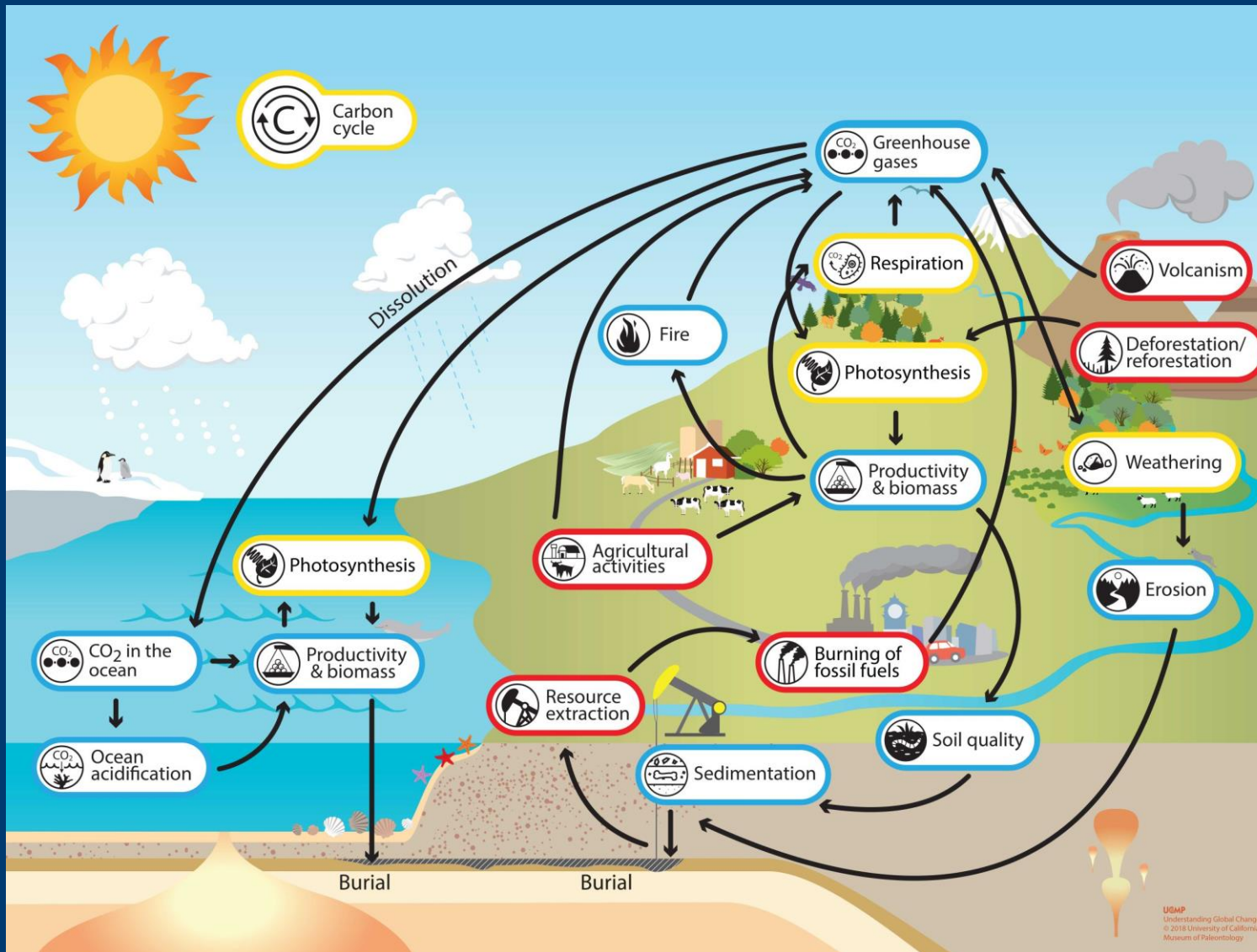
In your view, what are the three primary global challenges?



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- Carbon Cycle
- Carbon Budget
- CCS Plans around the world
- Carbon capture process
- Carbon storage
- Transportation
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Carbon Cycle and CO₂



CO₂ :

- Dominant anthropogenic, or human sourced, greenhouse gas (GHG).
- Generated by use of fossil fuels, biomass combustion, agriculture, and diffuse industrial and domestic sources.

How we reduce the Emission:

- Energy efficiency and
- Substitution of fossil fuels by renewable or nuclear energy.
- To achieve net zero emissions, any surplus emissions need to be captured and securely stored.

Global Carbon Budget 2022

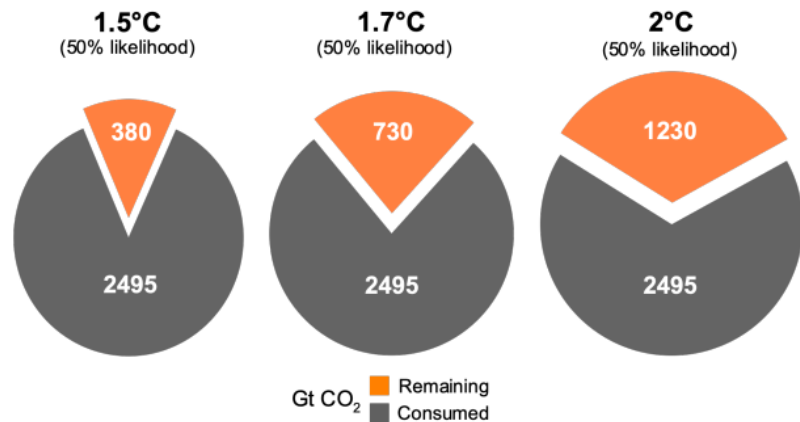
- The carbon budget is the amount of CO_2 that a human can emit while still having a chance to contain global warming within 1.5° centigrade compared with preindustrial levels, as advocated by the Paris Agreement.
- Our planet can count on certain natural **carbon sinks** such as forests and oceans, but even these sinks can no longer keep up with the rate at which greenhouse gases are pouring into the atmosphere.

Global Carbon Budget 2022

The numbers that tell the truth about climate action Global carbon emissions in 2022 remain at record levels

There is a limited cumulative CO₂ emission budget for any given climate target.

If current emissions levels persist, there is now a 50% chance that global warming of 1.5°C will be exceeded in nine years.

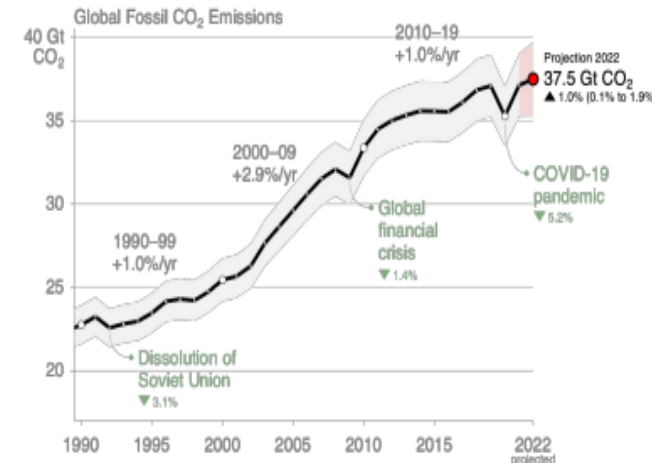


Global fossil CO₂ emissions

2020 emissions: declined 5.4% from 2019 levels to due COVID-19 measures.

2021 emissions: rebounded 5.1% from 2020 levels.

Emissions projected to rise again by 1.0% in 2022 – slightly above the pre-COVID-19 levels.

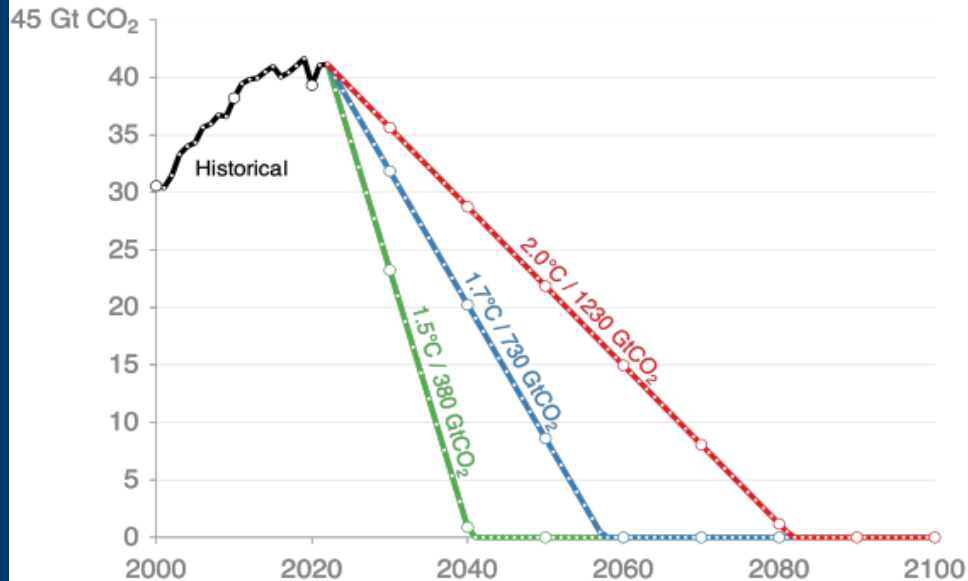


Every un-emitted gigatons CO₂ matters. Every avoided tenth of degree of warming matters

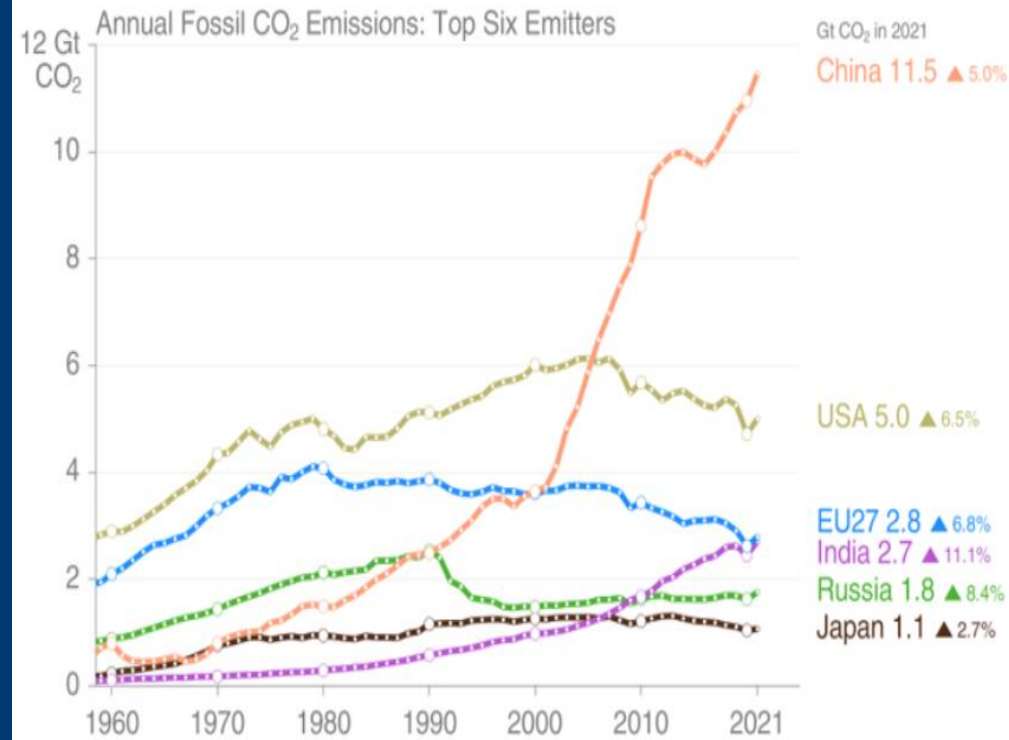
Global Carbon Budget 2022

Global CO₂ emissions must reach zero to limit global warming.

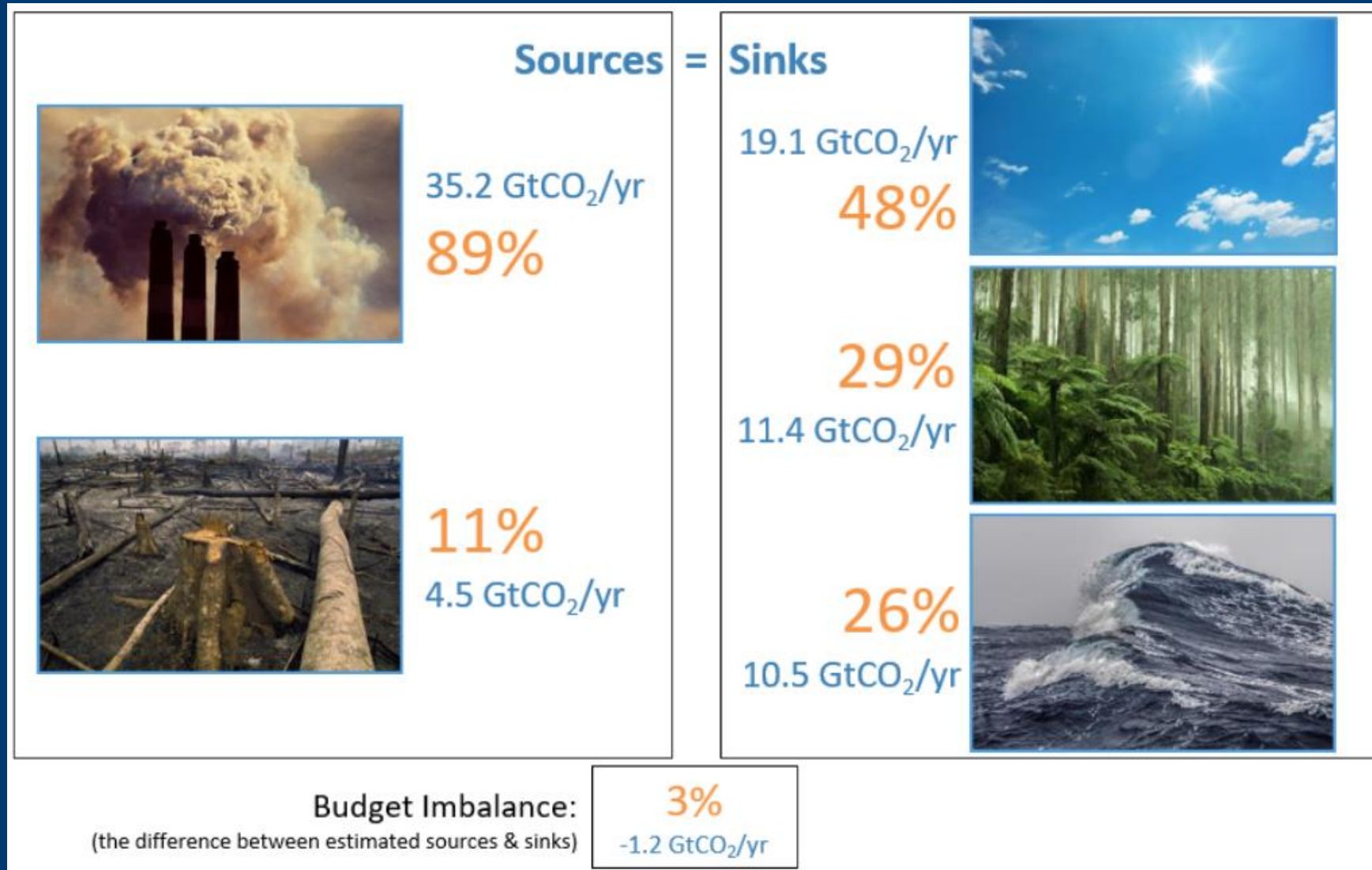
World leaders must take meaningful action if we are to have any chance of limiting global warming close to 1.5°C.



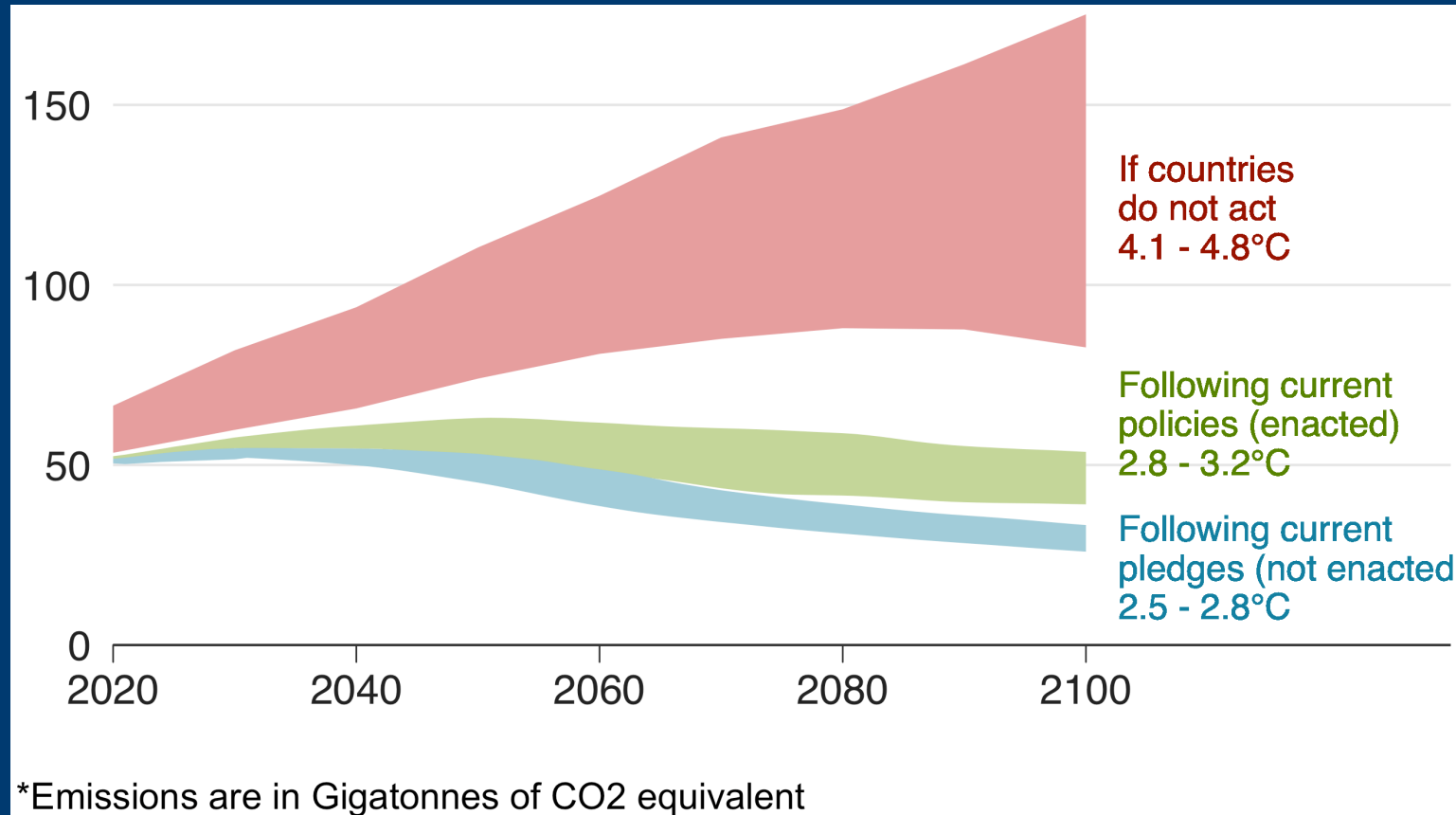
The top six emitters in 2021 covered 67% of global emissions
China 31%, United States 14%, EU27 8%, India 7%, Russia 5%, and Japan 3%



Global Carbon Budget 2022



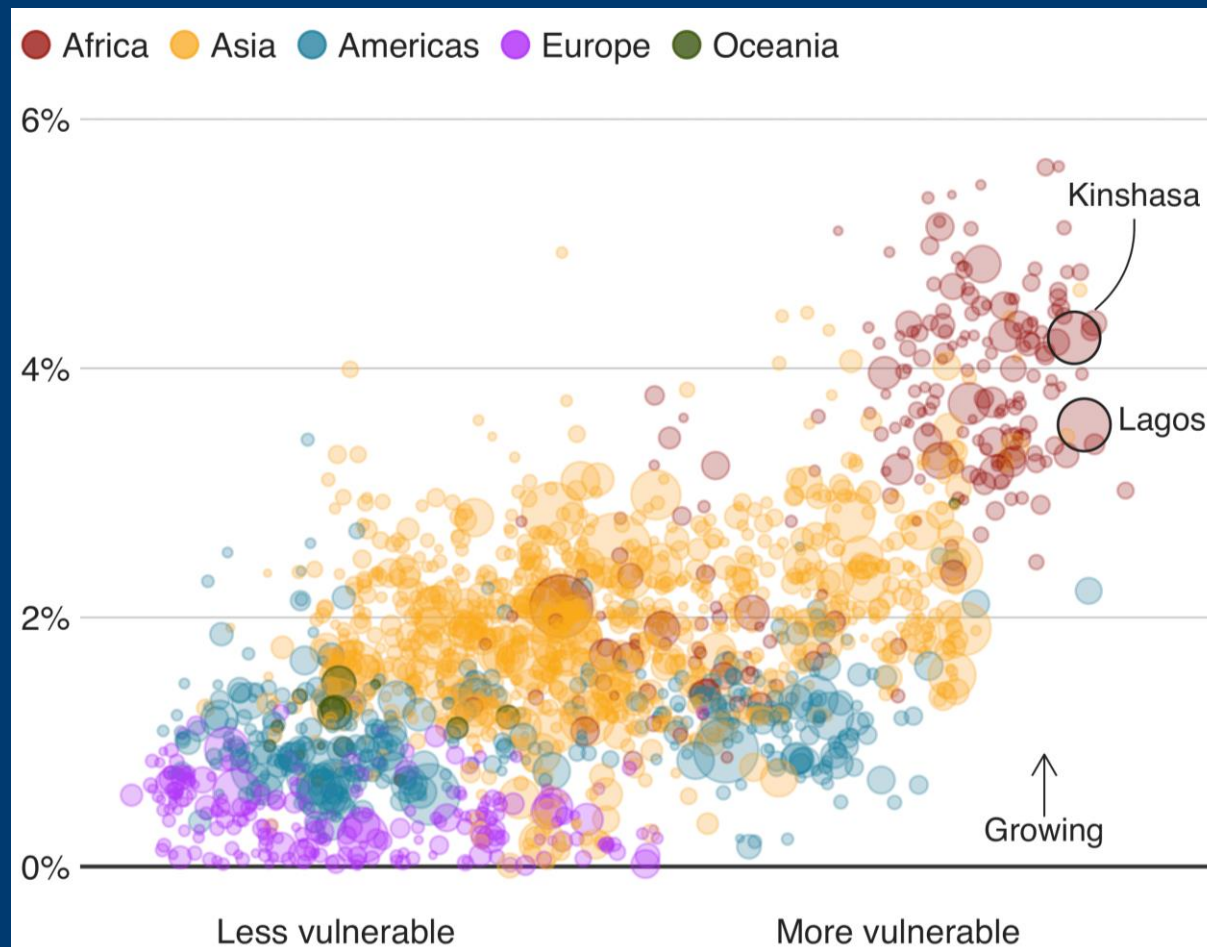
How much worse will the problem get?



If we add up all the promises to cut emissions made by countries that are party to the Paris climate agreement, the world would still warm by more than 3C by the end of this century

Fast-growing cities-worse climate risks

Population growth 2018-2035 over climate change vulnerability



- 95% of cities facing extreme climate risks are in Africa or Asia,
- Lagos in Nigeria and Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- 84 of the world's 100 fastest-growing cities face "extreme" risks from rising temperatures and extreme weather brought on by climate change.

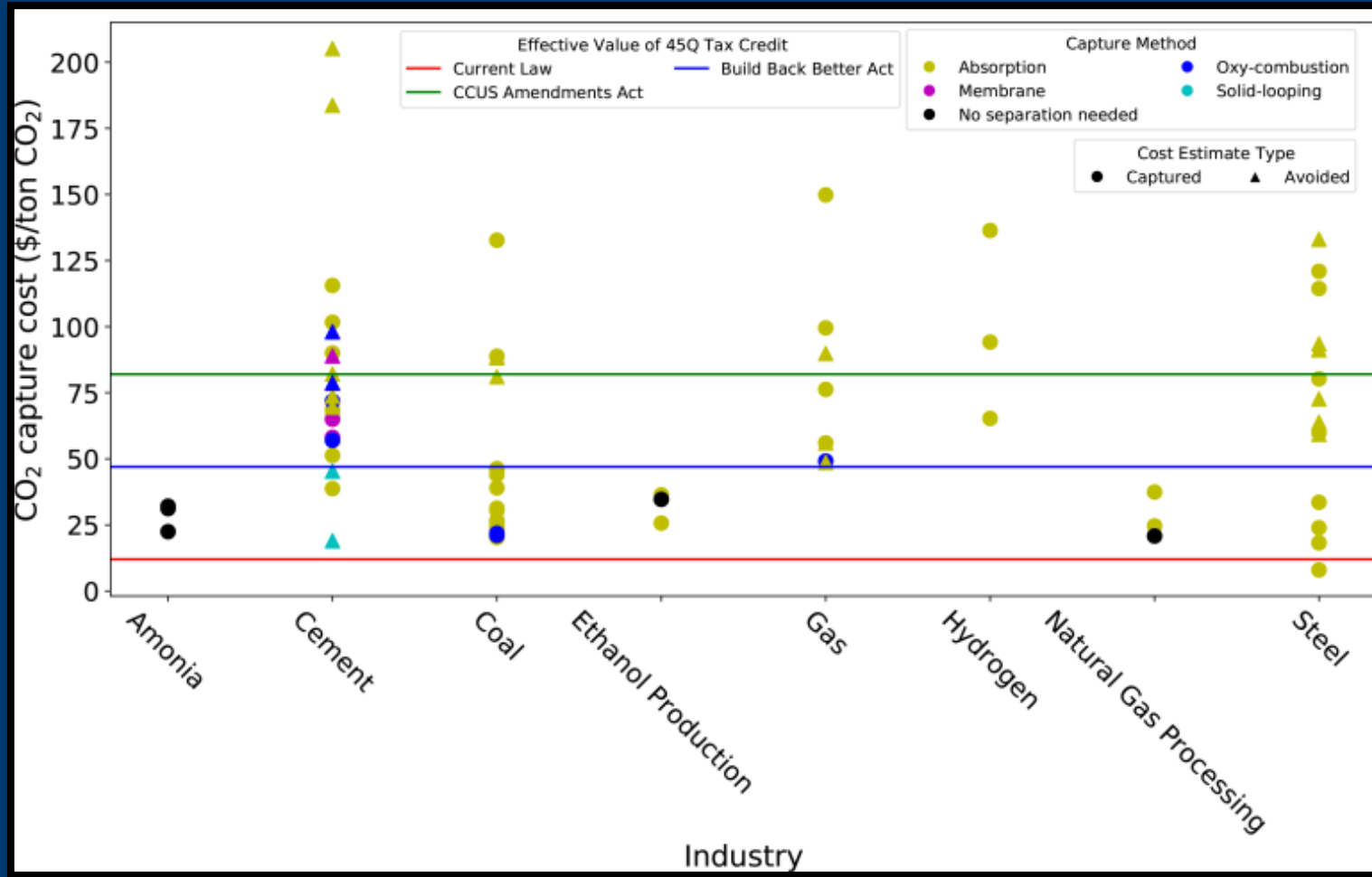
Survey

What steps do we take as a matter of priority to reduce the carbon intensity?



Carbon Capture and its cost

Estimates of carbon capture costs by industry and category of capture technology, presented in 2021 U.S. dollars.



Carbon Capture: Key Challenges

Technical Issues

- Capture Technology
 - Existing Plants
 - New Plants
- Cost of CCS
- Sufficient Storage Capacity
- Best practices
 - Storage site characterization
 - Monitoring / Verification
 - Site Closure

Legal/Social Issues

- Regulatory Framework
 - Permitting
 - Treatment of CO₂
- Policy incentives
- Infrastructure
- Human capital
- Legal Framework
 - Liability
 - Ownership
 - Pore Space\
 - CO₂
- Public Acceptance



Carbon Capture: Pros Vs Cons

PROS

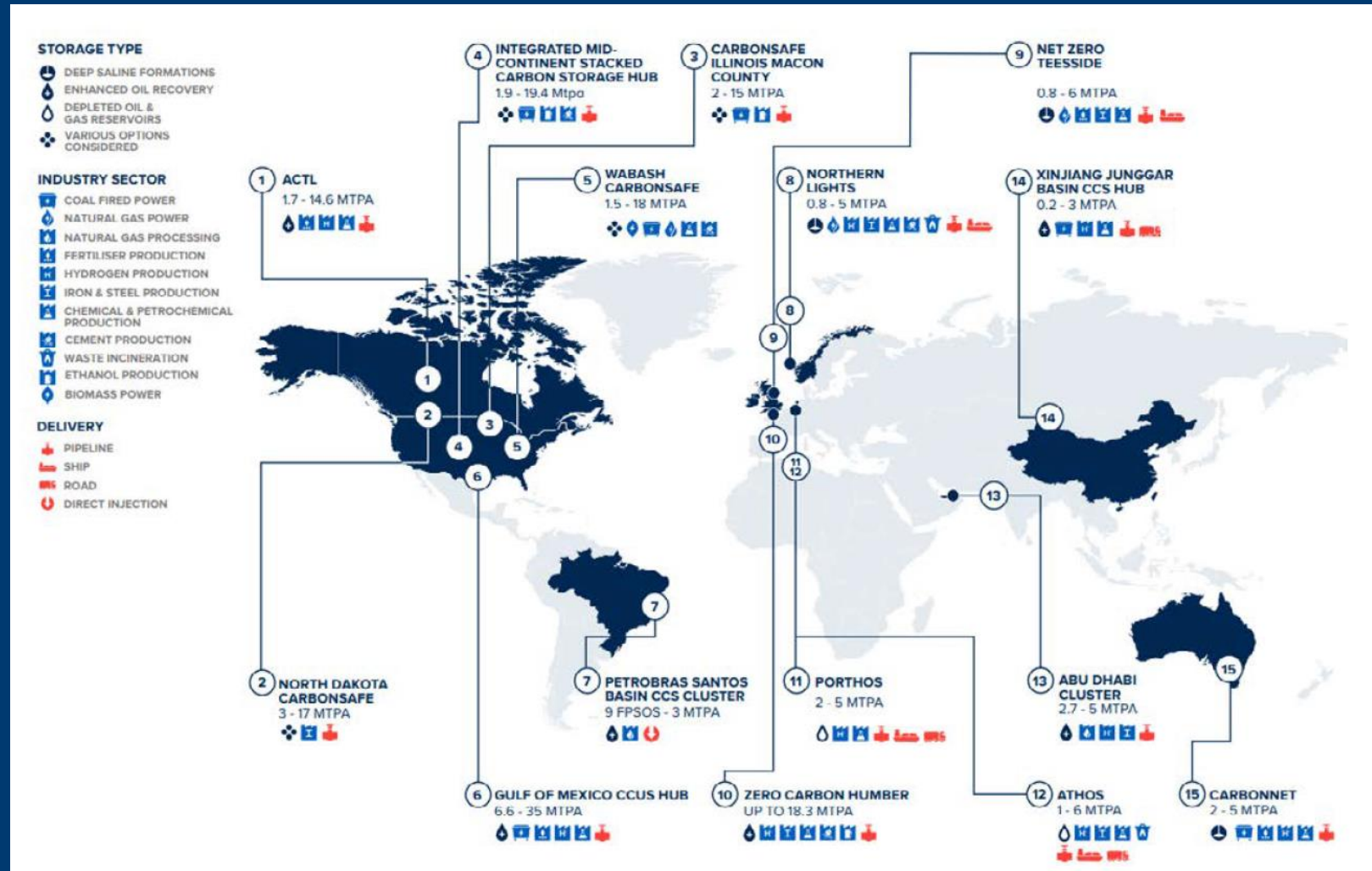
- It can reduce emissions at source
 - Capable to remove 20% of total CO₂ emissions from industrial and energy production facilities
 - Capable of removing 90% of CO₂ from power plants
- Faster removing CO₂ than planting trees
 - A typical tree: capture around 21 kilograms (kg) of CO₂ per year - after 20 years
 - Over the first 20 years of a tree's life, it only actually absorbs 39kg of carbon dioxide
 - Carbon capture, on the other hand, can reduce large amounts of CO₂ emissions at the source

CONS

- Expensive
 - It currently costs an average of \$600 (£440) per tons of CO₂ absorbed, which isn't ideal, given humans emit 36 billion tons of CO₂ a year.
 - Treatment of CO₂
 - Experts are working to make more affordable
- Energy Intensive
 - more amount of thermal energy required
 - Compress CO₂ for storage
- Increase emission
- Significant risk involved
 - it can be harmful to human health.
 - Water bodies damage risk



CCS Plants operating/development



Global capture and storage capacity is now around 40MtCO₂/yr.

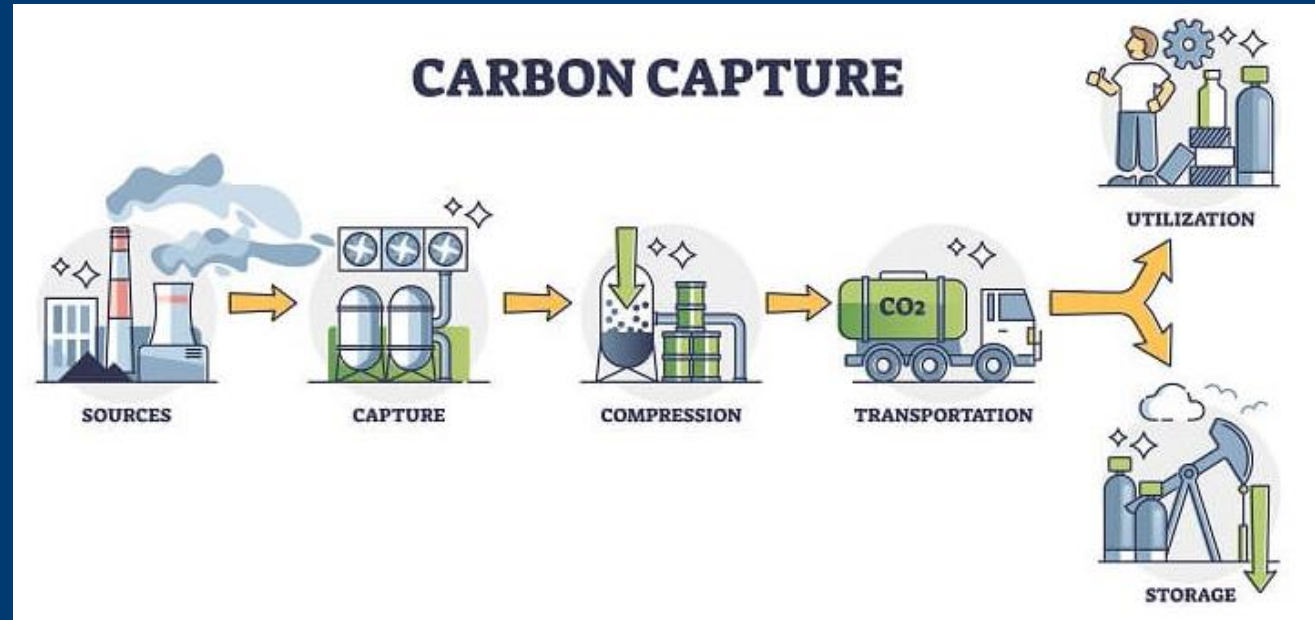
CCS Plants operating/development

- Natural gas processing uses well-established CO₂ separation technologies. Operations in Shute Creek (7MtCO₂/yr) and Century Plant (5MtCO₂/yr) in the USA as well as Gorgon (4MtCO₂/yr) in Australia
- Coal-fired power with CCS using amine solvent for post-combustion capture of CO₂ used for EOR has performed safely and effectively at two power stations. The Boundary Dam plant in Saskatchewan (Canada) since 2014 and Petra Nova in Texas, since 2017.
- Gas-fired power with CCS has not yet been undertaken at scale, although small-scale CO₂ capture without permanent storage has been used commercially at a natural gas combined cycle plant in the USA 'clean gas' project at Teesside, North-East England, is now proposed, while two similar gas-power-CCS projects are being planned in the Humber region.
- Blue' hydrogen production in the QUEST project in Alberta, Canada, uses amine solvent to capture 1MtCO₂/yr with 99.5% purity. The Port Arthur refinery in Texas, uses pressure swing adsorption to separate CO₂, leaving 99% pure hydrogen

CCS Plants operating/development

- Cement production decarbonization, which accounts for 8% of the world's CO₂ emissions, the EU Low Emissions Intensity Lime and Cement industry-research collaboration (LEILAC) has run a demonstration plant at Lixhe, Belgium, and is designing a scaled-up plant at Hannover, Germany.
- Norway's Longship CCS programmed includes capture of CO₂ from the Brevik cement plant and a waste-to-energy facility in the Oslofjord region, shipping it in liquid form to an onshore terminal on the coast, from where it will be piped to storage under the North Sea by the Northern Lights project
- Emirates Steel Industries in Abu Dhabi, has developed the first iron and steel plant with CCS, using methane reformed to a hydrogen / carbon monoxide syngas for direct reduction of iron ore

Carbon Capture Process

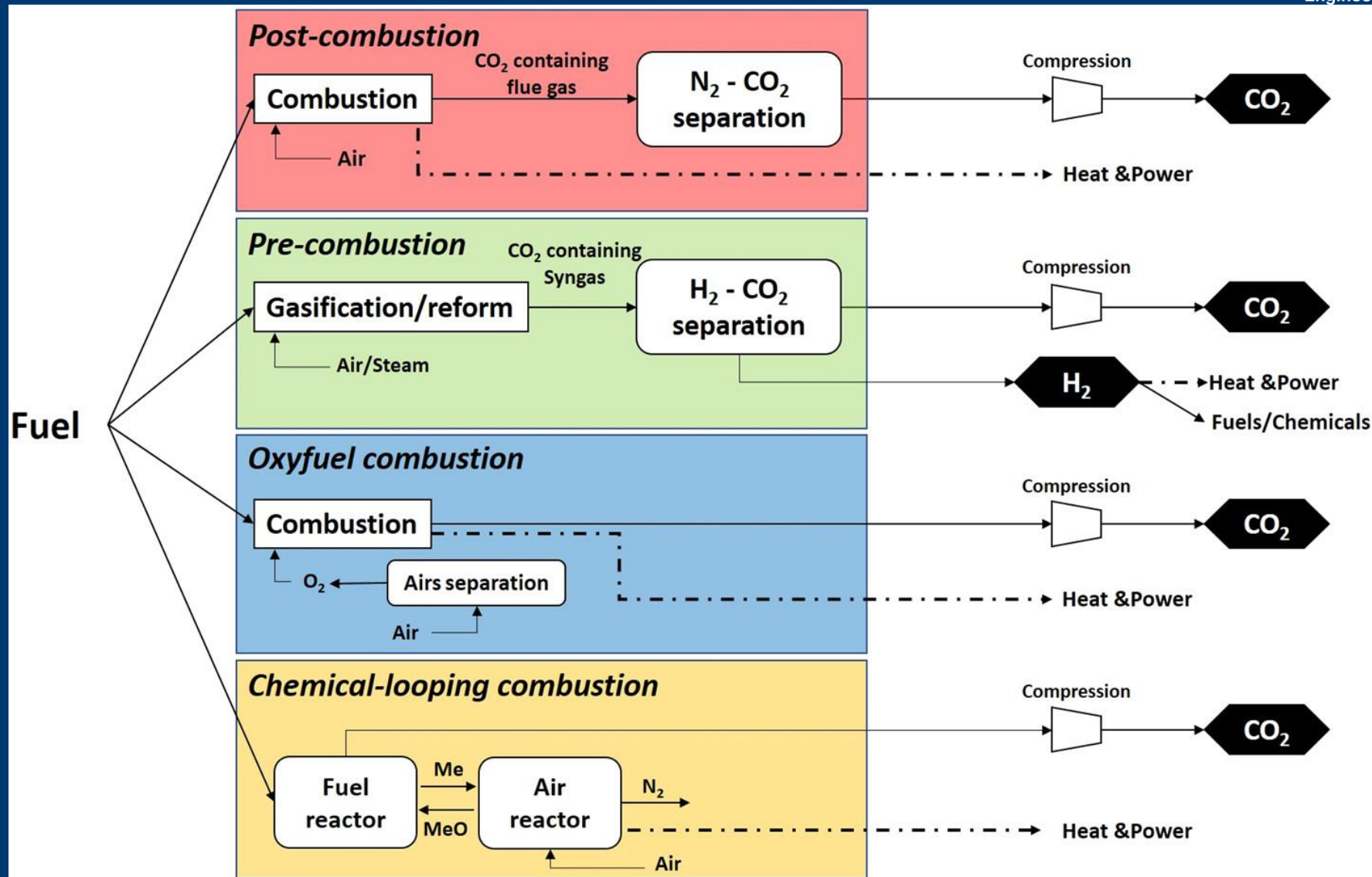


- Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) is a way of reducing carbon emissions, that helps to tackle with global warming.
- CCS involves the capture of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from industrial processes (steel and cement production) or burning of fossil fuels in power generation.
- This carbon is then transported from where it was produced, through shipping or in a pipeline and can be stored deep underground in geological formations.

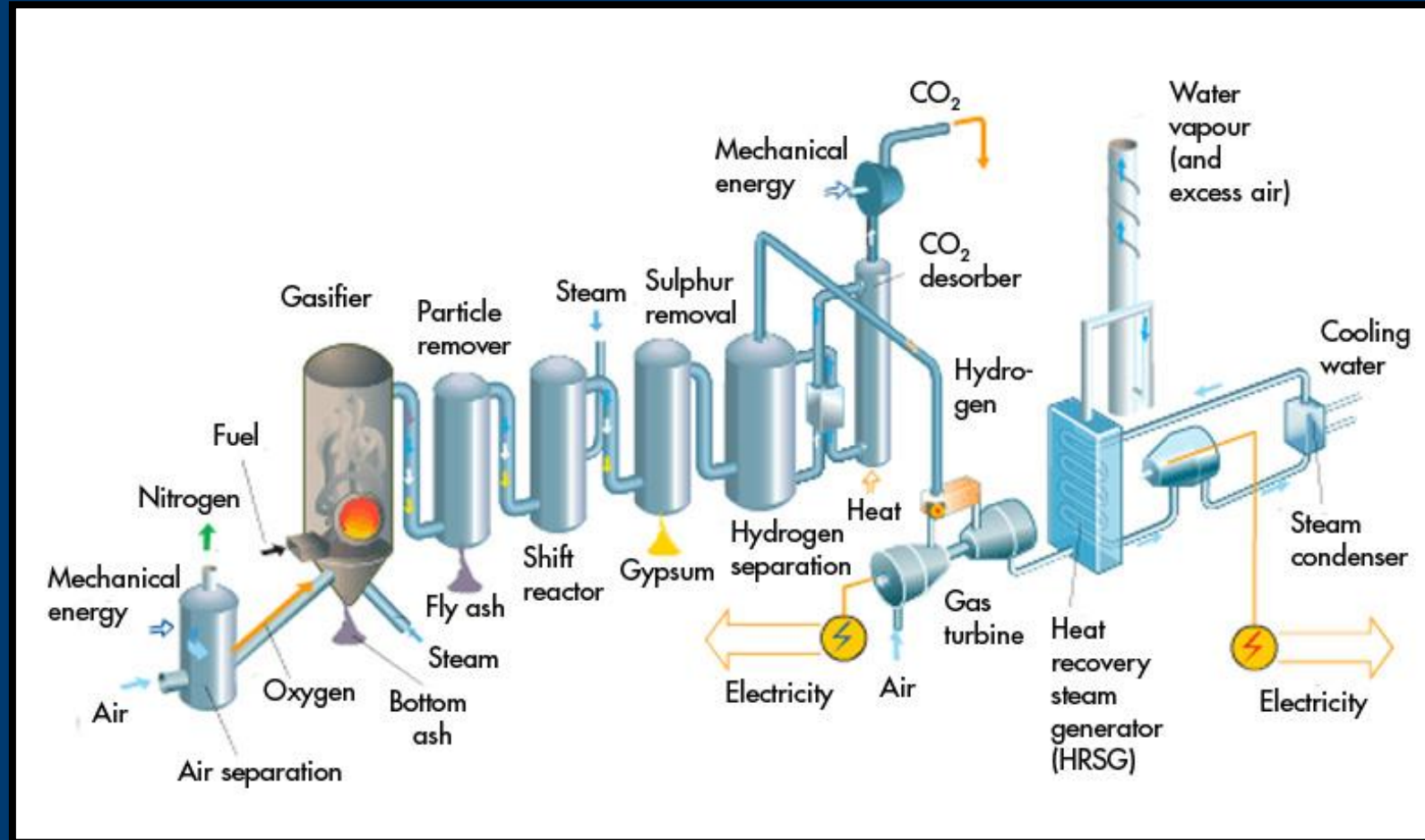
Carbon Capture Process

1. **Capturing carbon dioxide** – CO₂ is separated from other gases that are produced in industrial processes. There are three basic types of CO₂ capture: pre-combustion, post-combustion, and oxyfuel post-combustion:
 - **Pre-combustion** – Converts fuel into a gaseous mixture of hydrogen and CO₂. The hydrogen is separated and can be burnt without producing any CO₂, and the CO₂ can be compressed and stored
 - **Post-combustion** – Separates CO₂ from combustion-exhaust gases. The CO₂ is captured using a liquid solvent or other separation methods. Once absorbed by the solvent, CO₂ is then released and forms a “high-purity CO₂ stream”
 - **Oxyfuel combustion** – Uses oxygen rather than air for the combustion of fuel. This produces exhaust gas that is mainly water vapor and CO₂, which can be easily separated to produce high-purity CO₂
2. **Transport** – The CO₂ is then compressed and transported by road transport, ships, or through underground pipelines to a storage site
3. **Storage** – Once it reaches the storage site, the CO₂ is injected into rock formations underground, which typically run 1km deep. These storage sites are usually located at saline aquifers (geological formations) or depleted oil and gas reservoirs.

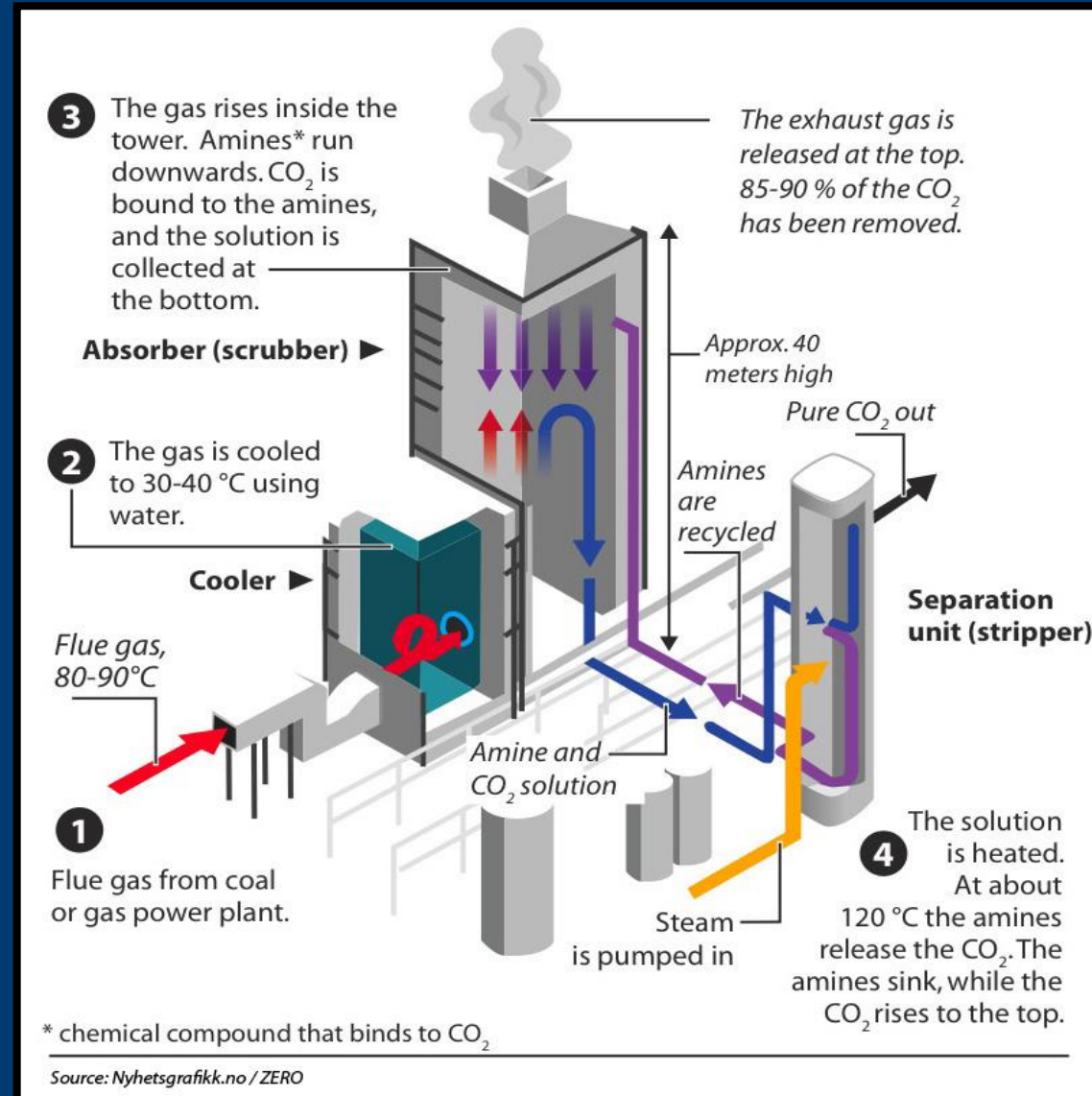
Carbon capture Process



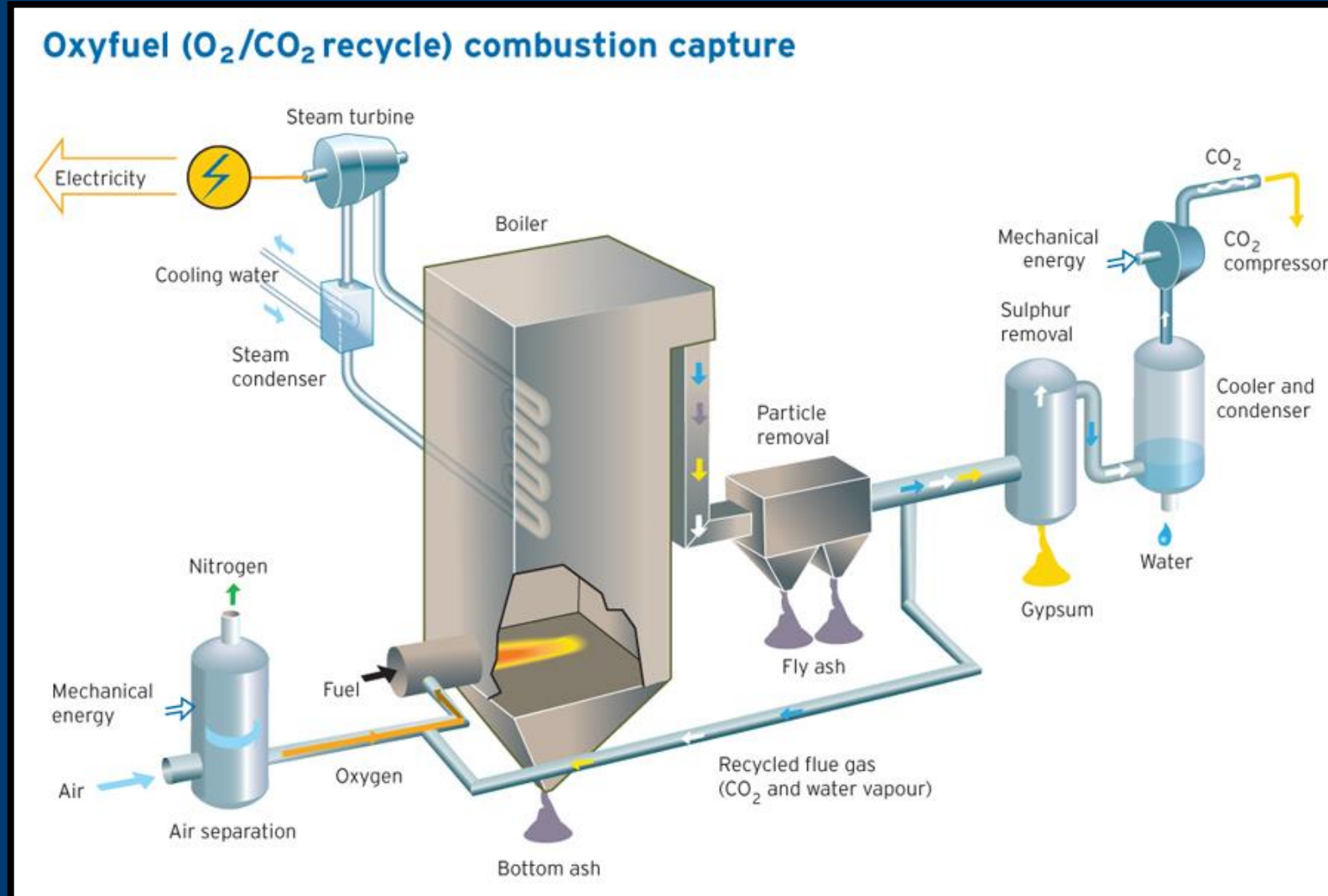
Pre combustion capture



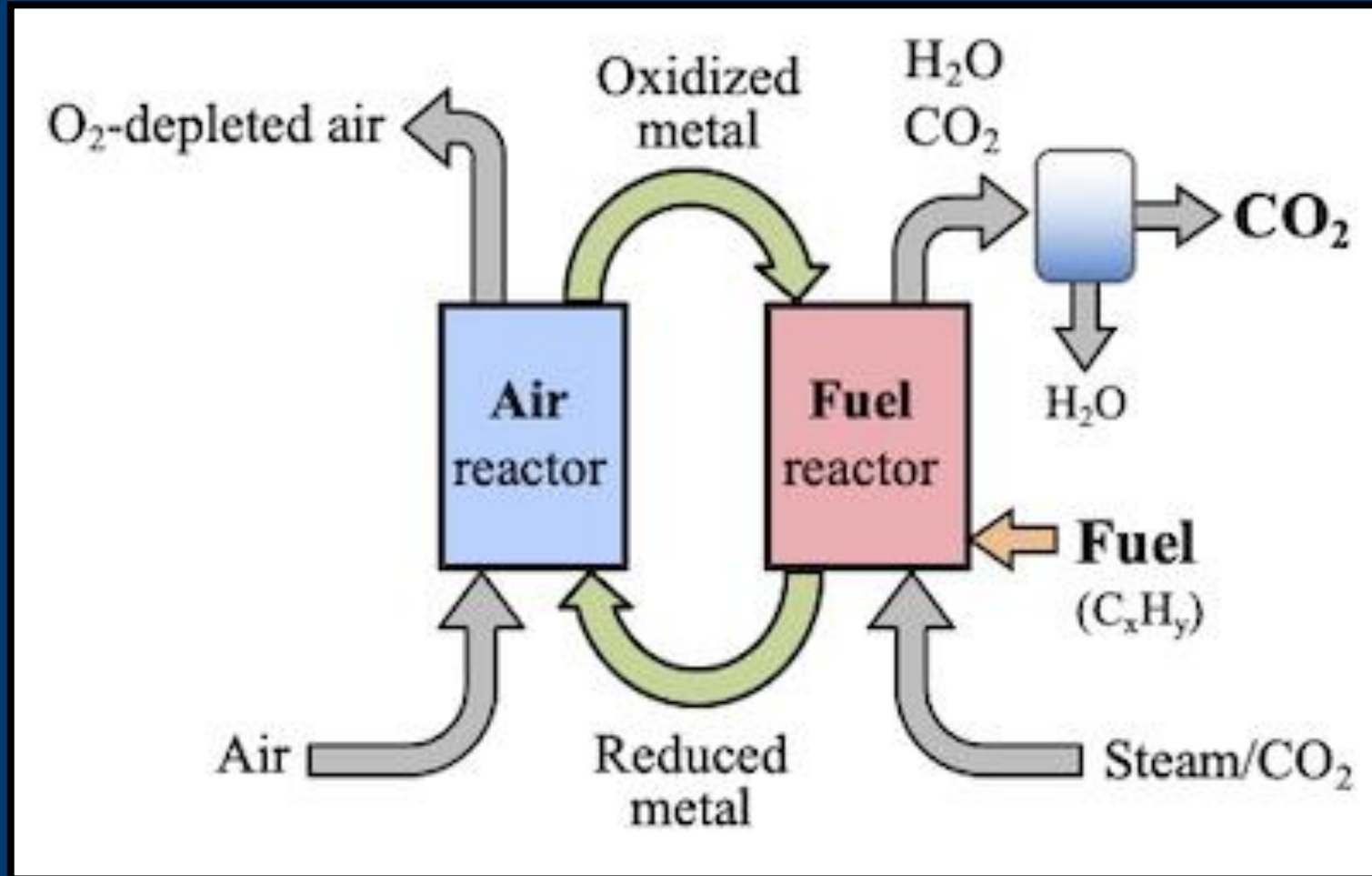
Post combustion capture



Oxy-fuel combustion capture



Chemical looping capture



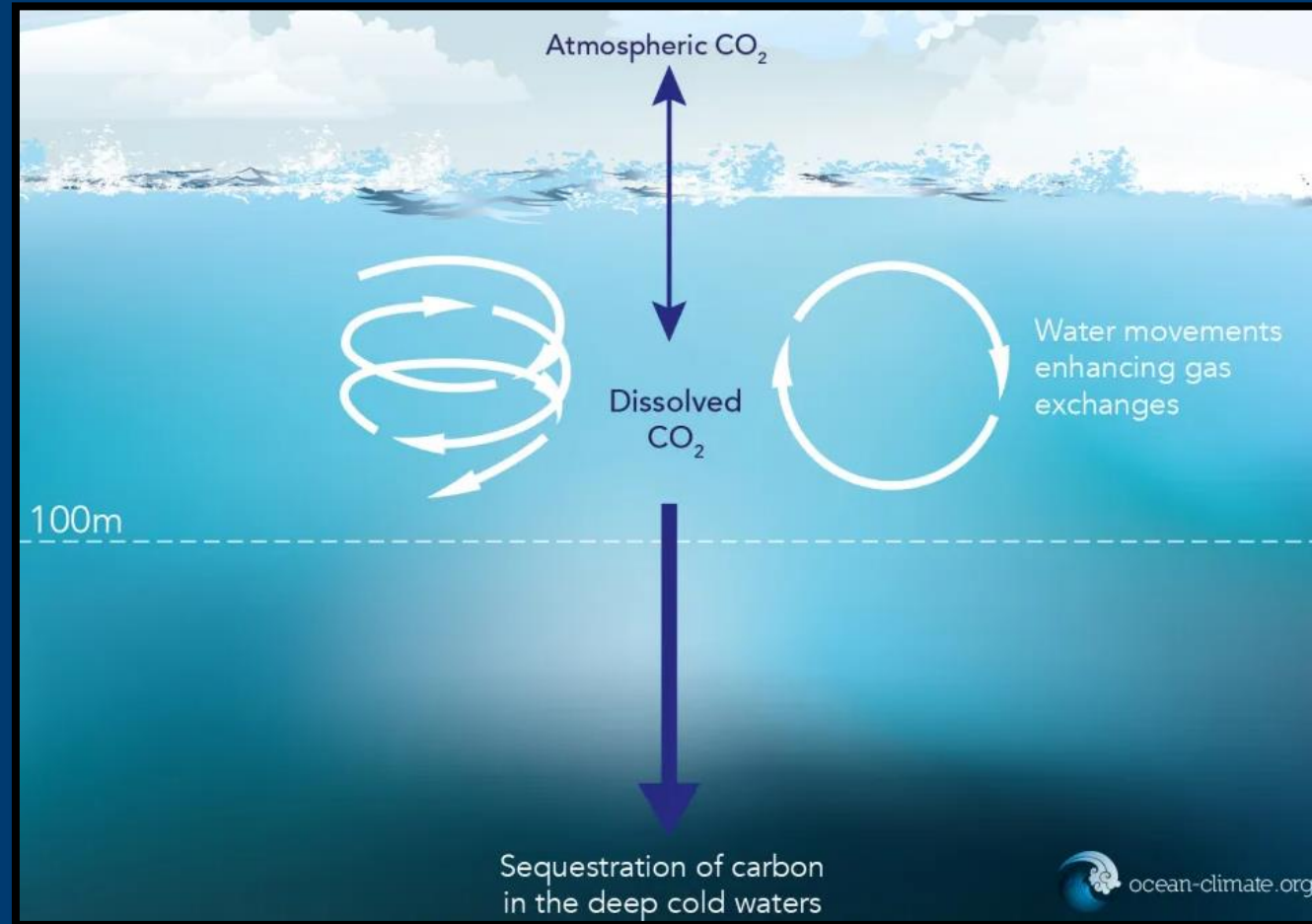
Novel capture Technologies

- Molten carbonate fuel cells (MCFC) use hydrogen from a fuel source such as natural gas along with CO₂ from flue gas to produce electricity, heat, and water. The captured CO₂ exits the fuel cell at a high concentration and can easily be separated.
- Advanced cycles for combustion: Techniques such as calcium and chemical looping – where an oxygen carrying substance is circulated through two reactors – work to improve the basic efficiency of the CO₂ capture process through better integration with the power supply process.
- Novel supercritical CO₂ (sCO₂) techniques use CO₂ at or above its critical temperature and pressure, offering potential benefits such as higher efficiency, lower capital costs and higher CO₂ capture rates. One emerging sCO₂ process attracting significant interest is the Allam-Fetvedt Cycle which creates a new type of power station. Rather than fitting a CCS unit onto a current combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) plant, the turbine burns gas in a single operation with oxygen, with pure CO₂ becoming the working internal fluid, before capture or recycling. An Allam-Fetvedt Cycle demonstrator in Texas has reported a net efficiency of 59%, similar to a conventional gas-fired plant³⁸

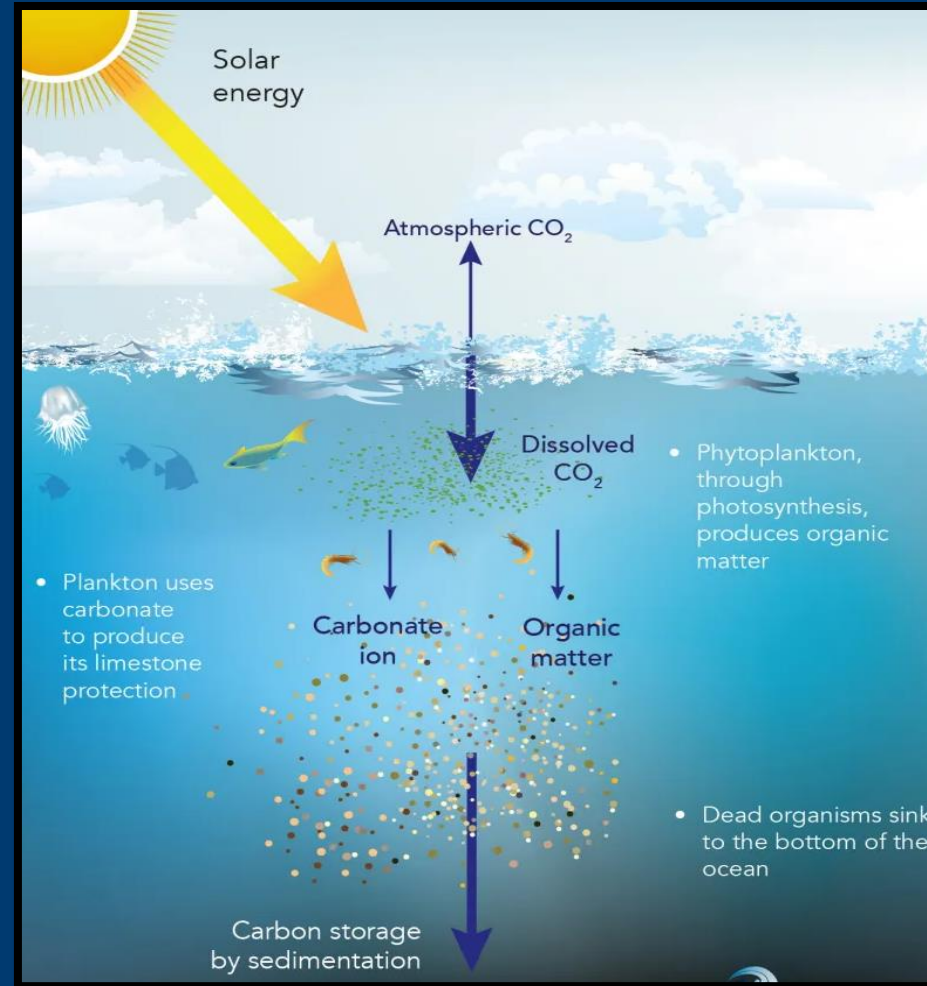
Storage operations

- While much captured CO₂ is currently stored by means of enhanced oil recovery (EOR), geological storage has also been carried out and monitored to meet high performance standards for climate purposes.
- For example, 1.7MtCO₂/ yr is stored in saline aquifers at the North Sea Sleipner and Snøhvit operations and 1MtCO₂/yr in an onshore aquifer from the Quest project. More than 12,000Gt of potential CO₂ storage resources have been identified worldwide and 400Gt have been evaluated as investable.

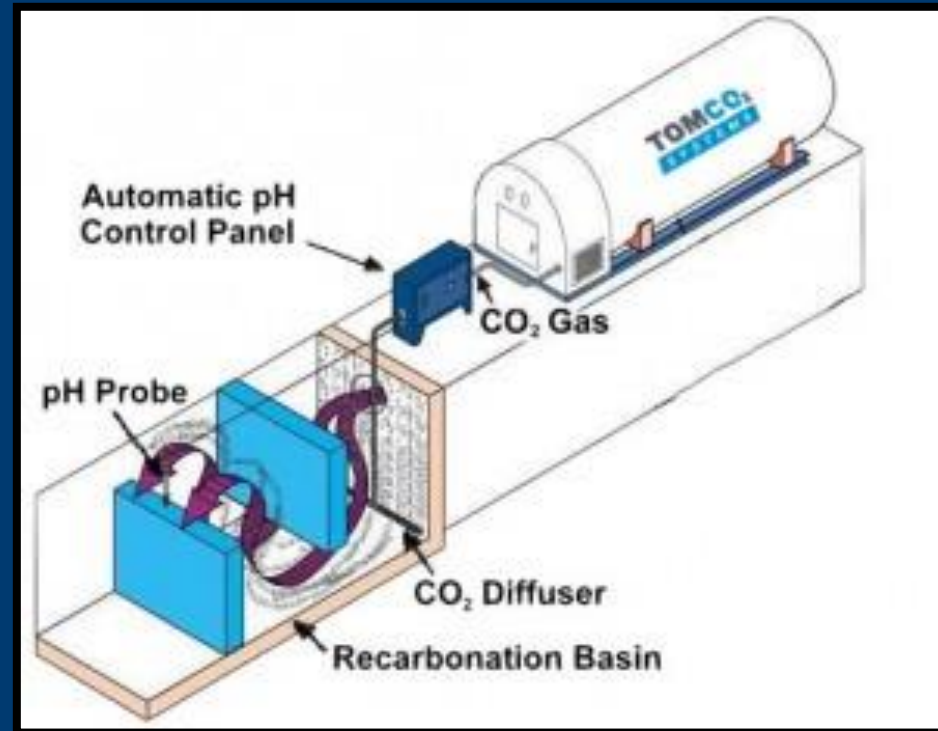
The Ocean- Carbon Sink



The Ocean- Biological Pump



Direct CO₂ injection



Sequestration: Agriculture, Wetlands

Carbon sequestration in forests

- Depending on their characteristics and local circumstances, forests play different roles in the **carbon cycle**, from net emitters to net sinks of carbon.
- Forests sequester carbon by capturing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and transforming it into biomass through **photosynthesis**. Sequestered carbon is then accumulated in the form of biomass, deadwood, litter and in forest soils.
- Release of carbon from forest ecosystems results from **natural processes** like respiration and oxidation as well as deliberate or unintended results of human activities.
- The contribution of forests to carbon cycles has to be evaluated taking also into account the use of **harvested wood**.

Compression & transportation of CO₂

- Carbon dioxide (CO₂) captured from coal flue gas or synthesis gas must be **compressed**.
- **Compression of CO₂ is challenging** because it represents a potentially large auxiliary power load on the overall power plant system.
- In August 2007 study conducted for **NETL**, CO₂ compression was accomplished using a six-stage centrifugal compressor with inter-stage cooling that required an auxiliary load of approximately 7.5% of the gross power output of a subcritical pressure, coal-fired power plant.
- CO₂ can be transported via trucks or ships, but the most common and efficient method is by **pipeline**.
- In a **supercritical state**, CO₂ has the density of a liquid but the viscosity (thickness) of a gas and is, therefore, easier to transport through pipelines.
- To enable the **safe use of CO₂ pipelines**, CCS projects must ensure captured CO₂ complies with strict purity and temperature specifications, as well as making sure CO₂ is dry and free from impurities that could impact pipelines' operations.

Transportation via pipeline and marine



Carbon Capture, Utilisation & Storage

Program Structure	
1. Introduction	7. Membrane Technology in CCS
2. CCS over the Entire Economy	8. Geological Carbon Storage
3. Capturing Carbon for Power Industry	9. Ocean Storage
4. Carbon capture from industrial operations	10. Terrestrial ecosystem storage
5. Absorption capture systems	11. Carbon Dioxide Transportation
6. Adsorption capture systems	12. Economic & Social Perspective

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