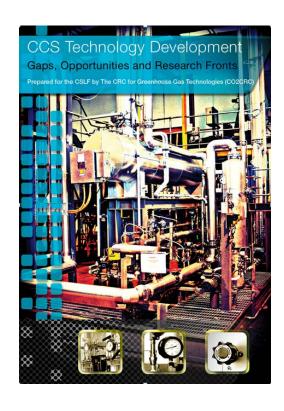


# CCS Technology Developments Gaps, Opportunities and Research Fronts

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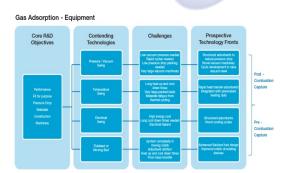
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## Overview

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- Identified key research fronts in CCS
- Opportunities, gaps & recommendations
- Considers the dynamics around CCS technology development
- Supports 2013 CSLF TRM
- A CSLF listing of R&D pilot plants

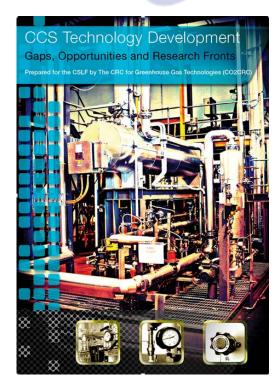




# Sections of Report:

- Capture and Integrated Combustion
- CO<sub>2</sub> Transport
- Storage
- MMV
- Knowledge & capability building
- Industry dynamics and technology development
- Listing of pilot projects





#### **Example**

#### Solvent Absorption - Materials

Core R&D **Objectives** 

Contending **Technologies**  Challenges

Prospective **Technology Fronts** 

Regeneration Energy

#### **Prospective Technology Fronts: Solvents**

- Amines Precipitating amino acids

Oxidation inhibitors

Reducing vapour pressure

- Carbonates Promoting reaction rates

Solids handling

- Blends Combining best features of solvents

- Ionic liquids & Separation techniques

Immiscible liqs. material manufacturing

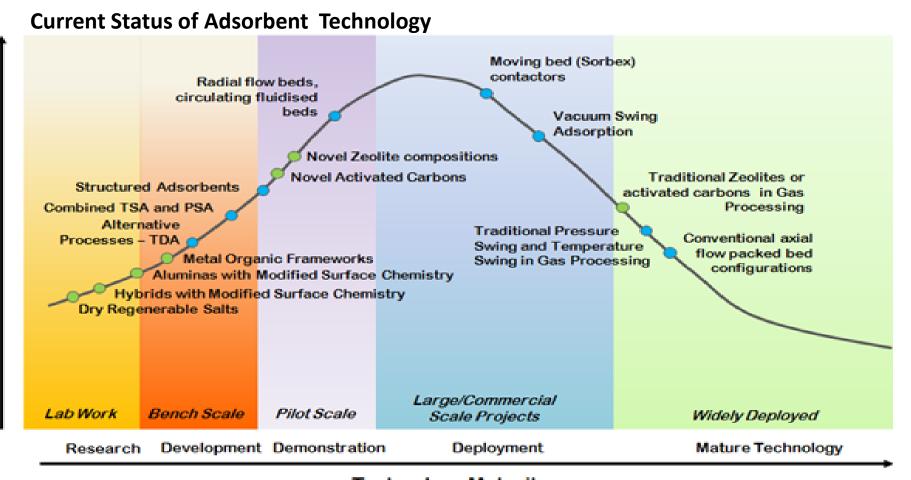
-Physical Solvents Blends to improve absorption rates

High temperature thermal stability

Post -Combustion

Capture

Pre -Combustion Capture



#### Adsorbent Materials

Adsorbent Equipment/Processing

#### Technology Maturity

# Overall High Level Observations

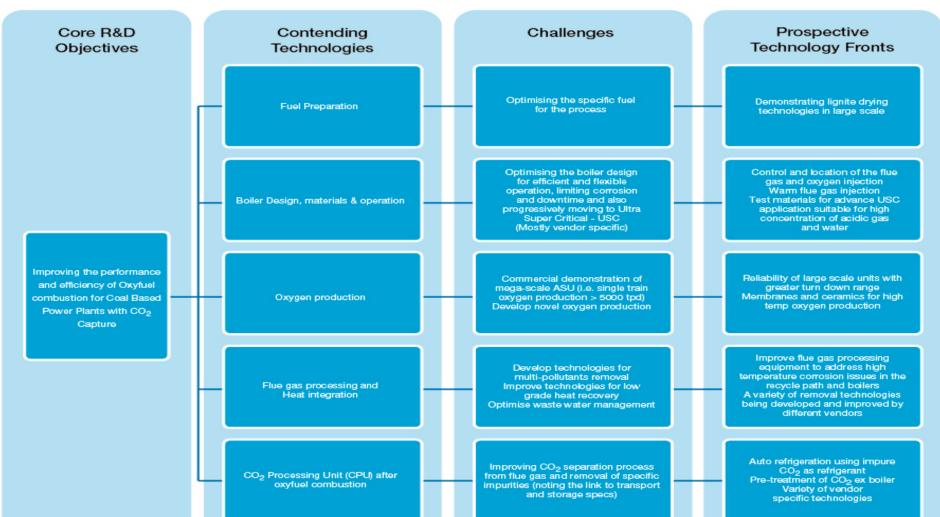


- At a high level there are no major technology gaps
  - CCS technologies are ready and available and being deployed today.
- There are many contending capture technologies in both current technologies & 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation technologies
- Next generation technologies vital for substantial cost reduction
- No strong market pull for technologies at the moment
- The lack of exploration is a significant barrier to rapid deployment and thus learning by doing

# **Observations on Capture & Integrated Combustion**

- Capture technologies are available (mostly solvent-based) and deployed
  - cost of these technologies will continue to fall substantially by 2025-2030.
- Need to support 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation technologies,
  - Lead times can run to decades.
  - Adsorbents and membranes may well play a big role.
- Pre-combustion capture also progressing
- Chemical looping cement industry developments
- Oxy fuel technologies progressing well low cost ASU the key
- Capture of CO<sub>2</sub> from gas combustion needs to be progressed

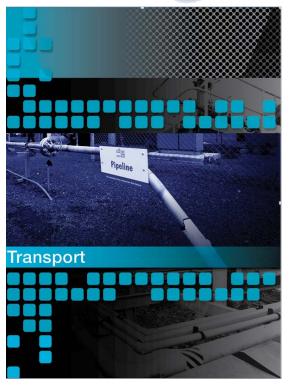
#### Technology and Engineering Fronts for Oxyfuel Combustion



# Transport

- Transport pipeline technology is mature and available; however, some technology improvements are needed to get costs down and further increase safety.
- Large scale transport of CO<sub>2</sub> by ship offers promise and needs to be demonstrated at scale.
- Experience is needed in planning, designing and implementation of large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> transport networks.





# Fundamental Storage R&D

#### **Storage Geology**

Eg Seals, faults saline aquifers

# Sub surface CO2 behaviour

Eg fluid flow, trapping mechanisms.

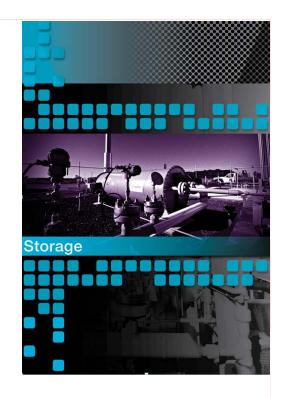
#### **MMV** technologies

Eg seismic EM etc

# Storage

 CO<sub>2</sub> storage technology builds on years of research
 experience in oil & gas

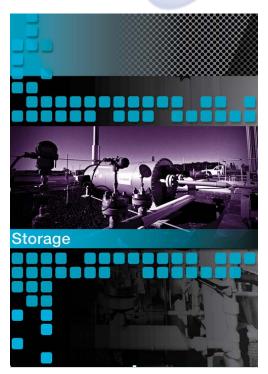
 There are fundamental and applied aspects of CCS that are unique



# Recommendations on Storage



- Need to continue both fundamental and applied R&D
  - Modelling and understanding CO<sub>2</sub> behavior in the subsurface must be continued to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness of storage
- Internationally consistent standards required (based on oil and gas industry practice) for:
  - Storage site characterisation methodologies;
  - Storage efficiency factors; and
  - Capacity estimation and reporting standards.
- Technology and risk management strategies to mitigate or manage unintended CO<sub>2</sub> migration.



# Recommendations on MMV



- Continue towards continuous, high resolution, low cost, low impact subsurface monitoring;
- Develop new seismic interpretation and inversion techniques for enhanced CO<sub>2</sub> detection.
- Establish technologies and methodologies for offshore (sub marine) MMV
- Continue work on controlled release calibration and natural analogues; important for CO<sub>2</sub> detection and accounting;
- Develop an agreed methodology and language for dealing with most monitoring – a null result;



# Recommendations on other aspects sequestration leadership forum

#### Building technical knowledge capability and people

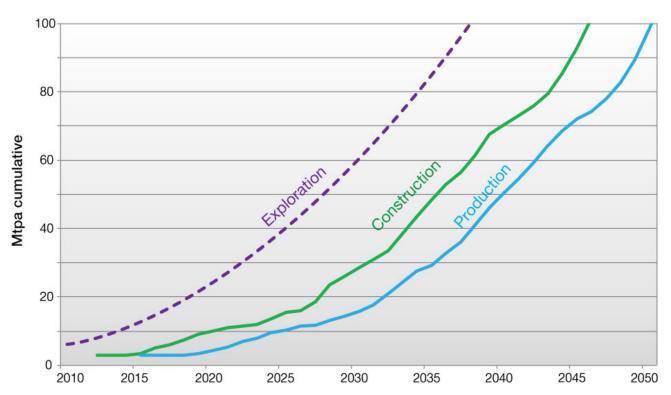
- Continue R&D and technology development to both develop the knowledge base and to train engineers and scientists in CCS technologies.
- Stimulate international collaboration.

#### Industry dynamics associated with exploration and technology development

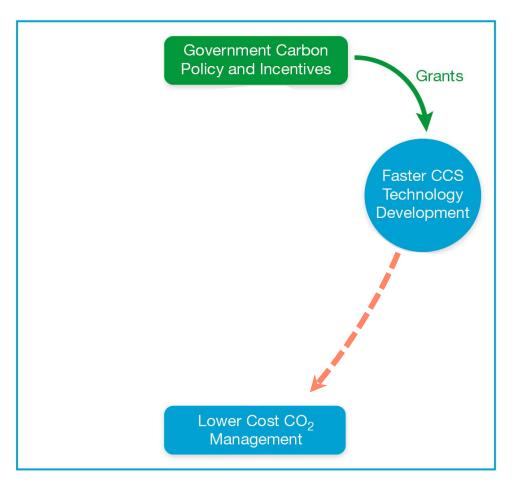
- Start the identification and pre-competitive data generation of prospective storage basins, making assessments of the likely realistic storage capacity.
- Either start exploration or incentivise the private sector to start exploration.

# **Exploration Lead Times**





### **Incentives Dynamics Exploration & Technology**





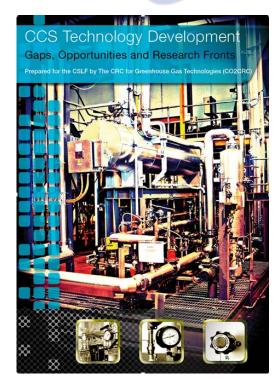
 Governments provide grants or incentives

 Market dynamics will drive exploration and technology progress

# **Concluding Thoughts**

- Governments now have a technology that can be deployed to manage carbon emissions.
- Consider the role of government in USA SO<sub>2</sub> scrubbing and the nuclear industry, and gas pipelines in many countries
- The rate of take-up and associated improvements in technology needs to be incentivized.
  - important for getting new projects up
  - vital to pull next generation technologies through development







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