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Challenges of Onboard CO₂ Capture and Storage (OCCS)

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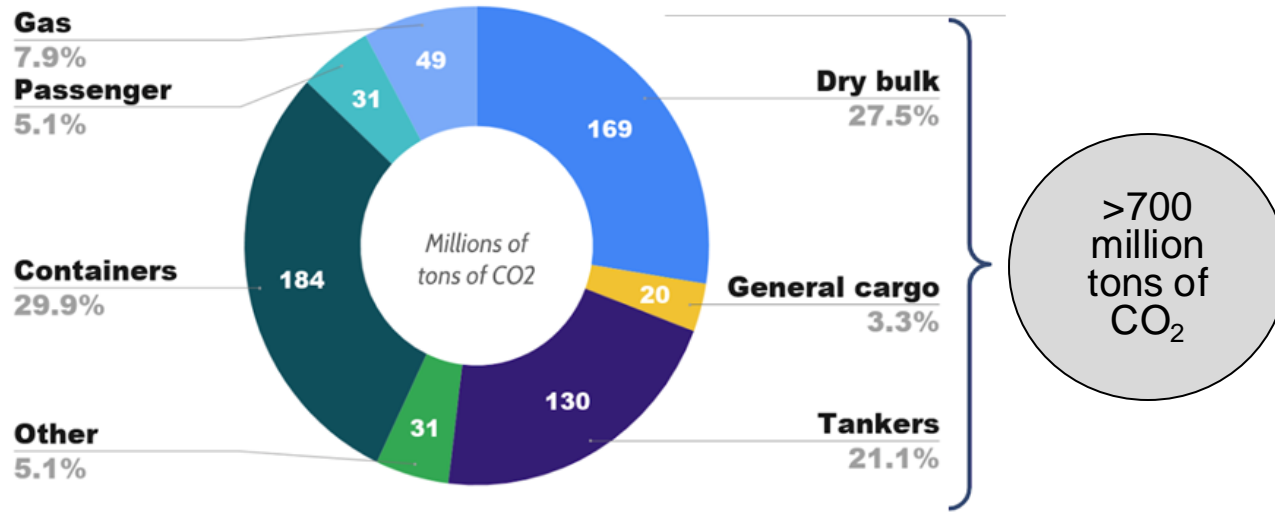
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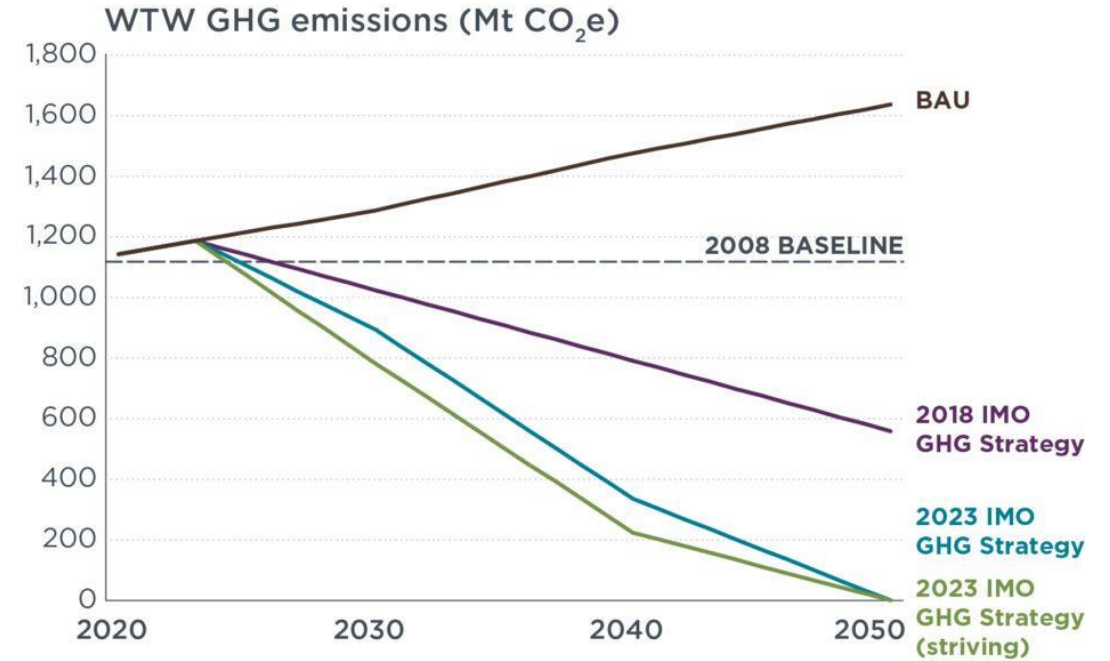


CO₂ Emission from Shipping Industry: Trends and Regulations

World fleet CO₂ emissions in 2023



GHG Emission Pathway Under Different Scenario



IMO Action to Reduce Greenhous Gas Emissions from International Shipping

2008	2018	2023	2023-2030	2030	2040	2050
2011	2018	2023	2023 – 2030	2030	2030 - 2050	2050
Base Year	Initial IMO strategy on reduction of GHG emissions from ships	2023 IMO strategy on the reduction of GHG emissions from ships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low carbon fuels Emission reduction mechanisms Market-based measures (CO₂ tax) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% Total reduction in CO₂ 40% reduction in CO₂ emission per transport work 	70% reduction of total annual GHG	Net-zero GHG Emission

Source: IMO. 2019

Pathway Towards Ship Decarbonisation

Vessel design

Engine technology

- Enhanced fuel injection system
- Hybrid diesel-electric
- Early intake valve closing
- Waste heat recovery (WHR)



3 - 8% ↓CO₂



- Optimum ship size dimensions
- Construction weight
- Hull dimensions
- Bulbous bow retrofit
- Bow thruster tunnel optimisation
- Hull coatings
- Interceptors
- Ducktail waterline extension
- Air lubrication
- Ballast reduction and trim optimisation
- Ballast free vessel design

0.5 - 10%* ↓CO₂

Voyage optimisation



- Slow steaming
- Advanced port logistics
- Optimise vessel capacity utilisation
- Advanced autopilots
- Weather routing
- Autonomous shipping
- Power demand management e.g. lighting
- Engine efficiency measurements
- Hull cleaning
- Propeller cleaning polishing

0 - 38%* ↓CO₂

Power assistance

- Flettner rotors
- Towing kites
- Sails
- Solar panels
- Shore power supply



0.5 - 50%* ↓CO₂

Options to decarbonise shipping

Alternative propulsion technologies



- Large area propellers (LAP)
- Contra rotating propellers (CRP)
- Podded thrusters (PID)
- Propeller Ducts (PID)
- Pre-swirl (PID)
- Post-swirl fins and rudder bulbs (PID)

0.5 - 15%* ↓CO₂

Future energy carriers



- Ammonia
- Hydrogen
- Methanol
- LNG/BioLNG
- Biofuels: FAME, HVO
- Electricity (battery)

Up to 100%* ↓CO₂

Carbon capture



Collection, transportation and eventual storage or recycling, of carbon dioxide to reduce emissions

Up to 100%* ↓CO₂

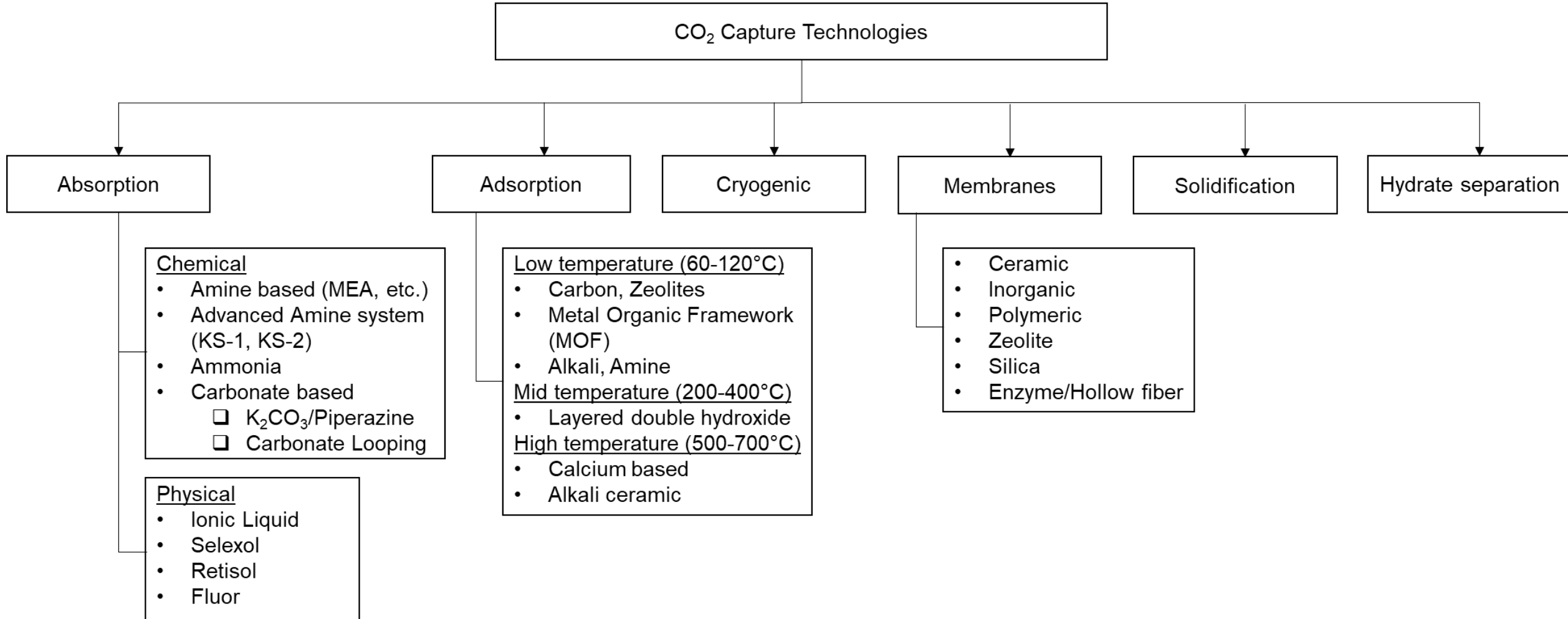
A combination of multiple approaches is the way forward to achieve decarbonisation of the maritime industry.

Refers to range of possible emission reduction for different technologies within each group of measures

Source: Ricardo Energy & Environment. 2022

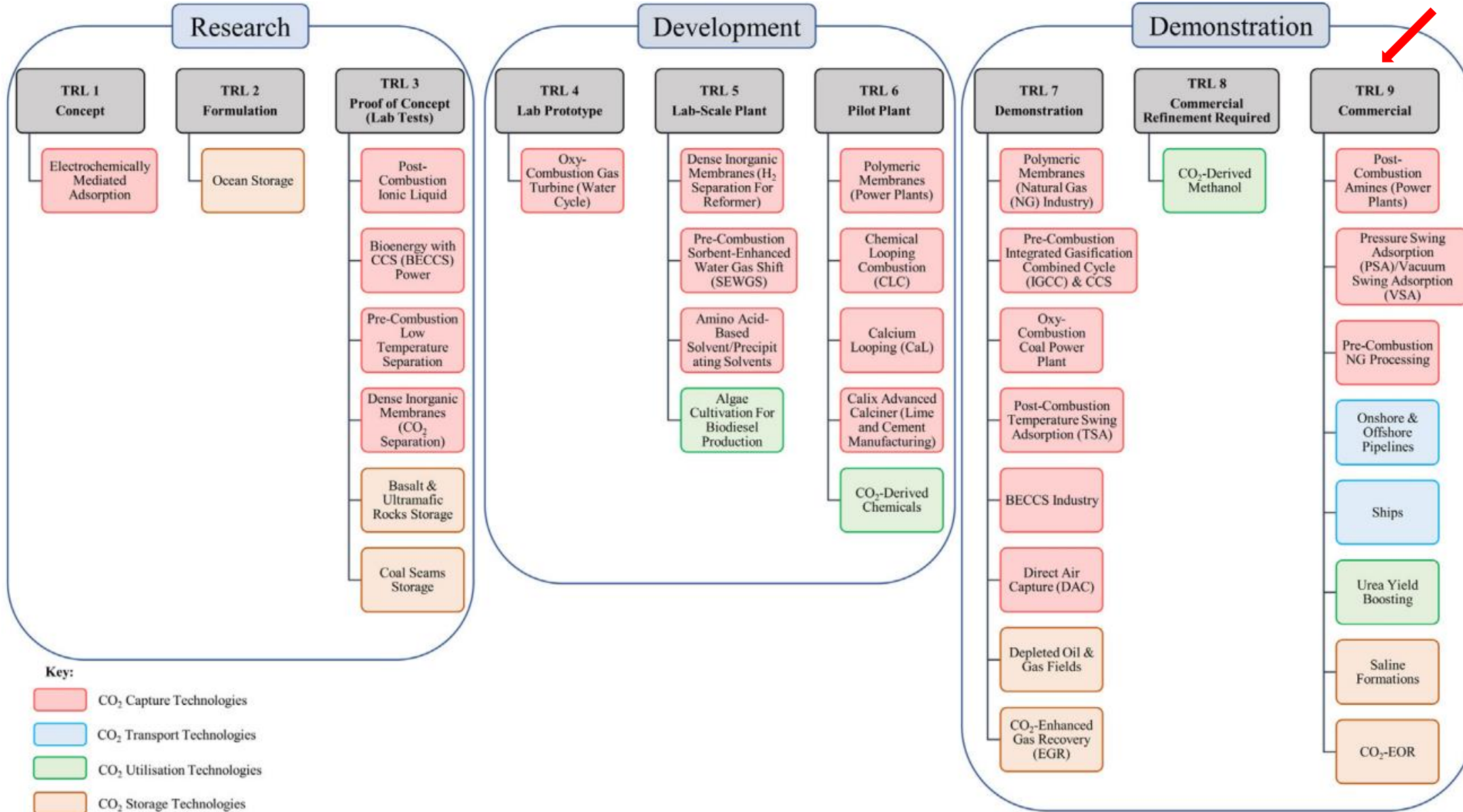
*Theoretically, 90% is economically viable

Post-combustion Capture Technologies: Overview



Technology Readiness Level for Different CCUS Technology

TRL for land-based CO₂ Capture.
TRL for Onboard CO₂ Capture is expected to be lower.



Differences Between OCCS and CCS

Land-based CCS



~4-99% CO₂

Flue Gas

+ Energy

CO₂ Separation

+ Energy

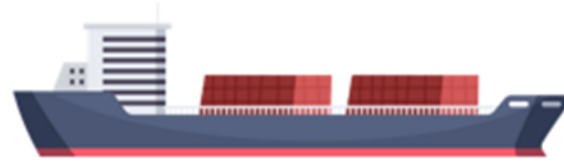
Compression

Transportation

Storage

Utilisation

Onboard CCS



~3.5-5.5% CO₂

Flue Gas

+ Energy

CO₂ Separation

+ Energy

Compression

Onboard Storage

Offloading

Storage

Utilisation

Limited Space

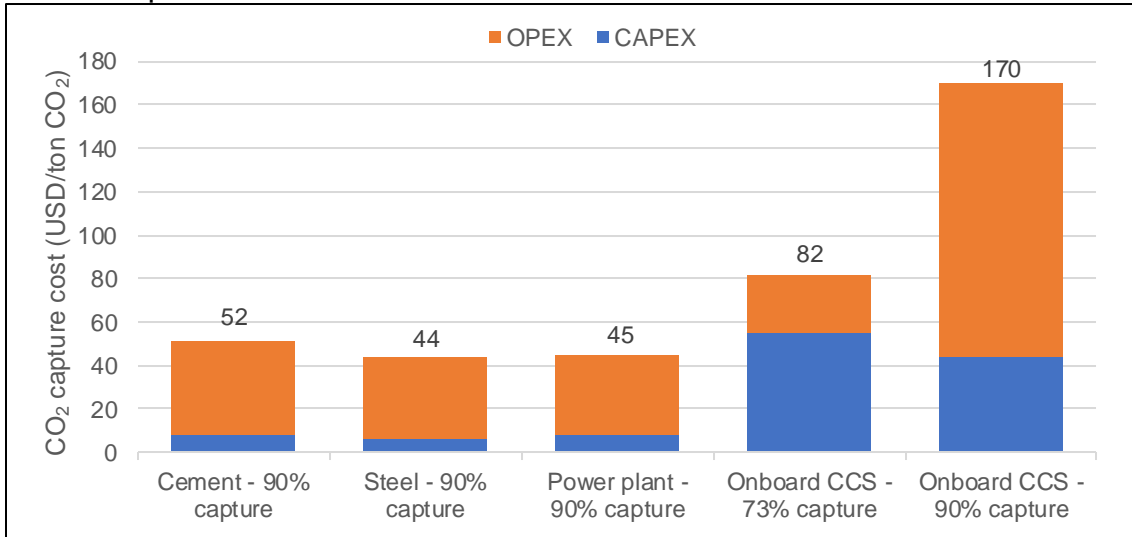


Lower Capture Driving Force

Limited Energy Availability

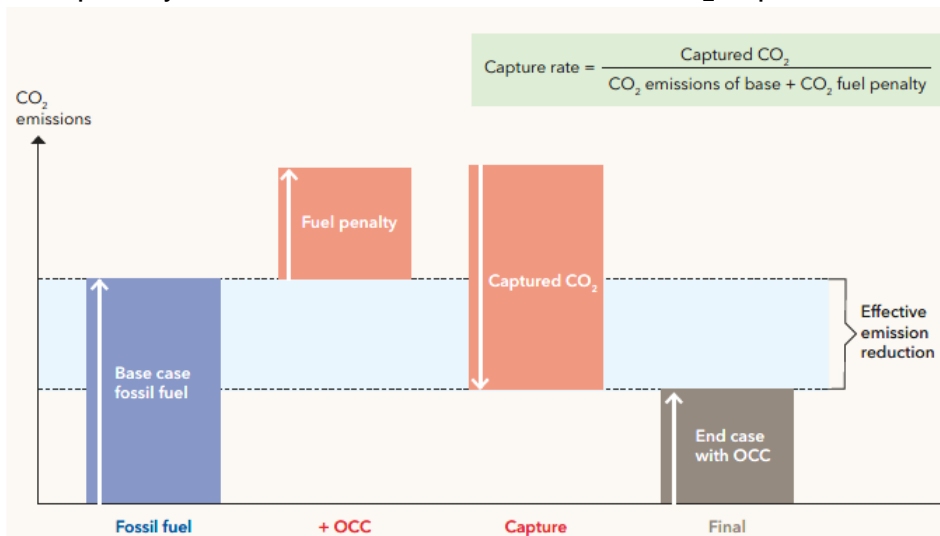
Case Study: The Simulation of Conventional Amine (MEA) for Onboard CCS

Cost comparison between land-based CCS and OCCS



Source: Roussanaly et al. 2018

Fuel penalty to be included to obtain effective CO₂ capture



Description	Case Study : Amine-based system for		
	No Capture	Onboard CCS- 73% capture	Onboard CCS- 90% capture
Main engine power, MW	17		
Auxiliary engine, MW	3		
CO ₂ capture system	Without CO ₂ capture	Amine-based	Amine-based
CO ₂ removal		73%	90%
CCS power consumption (MW _e)		0.86	1.1
Regeneration duty (MW _{th})	-	7.8	12.2
Equipment size	-	A: φ4.2m x H12.5m S: φ1.6m x H6.5m Amine tank 0.65m ³	A: φ4.9m x H12.5m S: φ2.1m x H6.5m Amine tank: 1.0m ³
CO ₂ storage (m ³)	-	560 (liquefied CO ₂)	940 (liquefied CO ₂)
Cost of CCS (USD/ton CO ₂)	-	82	170

Energy intensive

Huge footprint

Source: Luo and Wang, 2018

Although conventional amine system (MEA) is a proven technology for power plants, it may not be directly applicable for ships because of its huge footprint and high energy requirement, leading to a higher cost per ton of CO₂.

Challenge of CCS to meet IMO – Ship Types



LNG Carrier	Tanker	Bulk Carrier	Container
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Integration of cooling from LNG for liquefaction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + More available space for CO₂ storage on deck 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + / - Bigger ship may have space, but smaller vessels have more energy and space constraints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Frequent port calls enable less CO₂ to be stored onboard. However, this depends on the maturity of CCUS supply chain
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Lesser CO₂ from LNG require lesser space and energy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy and space constraints for higher CO₂ capture rate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy and space constraints for higher CO₂ capture rate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cost loss may be more significant because of container loss.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Space constraints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cargo loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cargo loss 	

Source: DNV

Challenge of CCS to meet IMO – Space Requirement

Impact of voyage duration and capture rate to the space requirement of CO₂ storage

	Volume of Fuel Used	Volume of liquefied CO ₂ captured in 1 trip of ~2700 hours (m ³)	
		30% Capture	90% Capture
Scenario 1	100% Fuel Tank	2,387	7,161
Scenario 2	75% Fuel Tank	1,791	5,373
Scenario 3	50% Fuel Tank	1,194	3,582
Scenario 4	25% Fuel Tank	597	1,791

The different scenario shows that lower CO₂ capture and lesser trip duration will reduce space requirement for CCS:

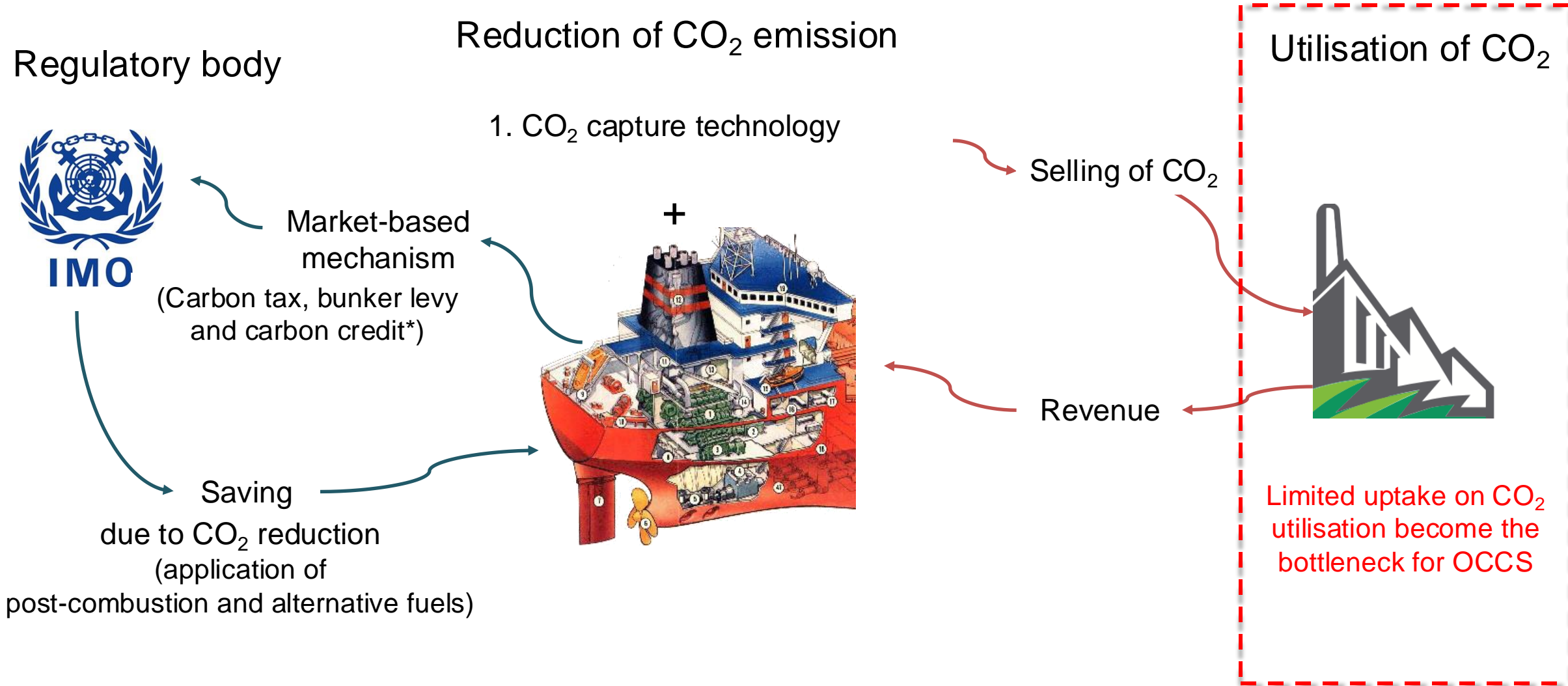
Scenario 1:

- there is no CO₂ offload throughout the entire trip (CO₂ is captured and stored throughout voyage duration)

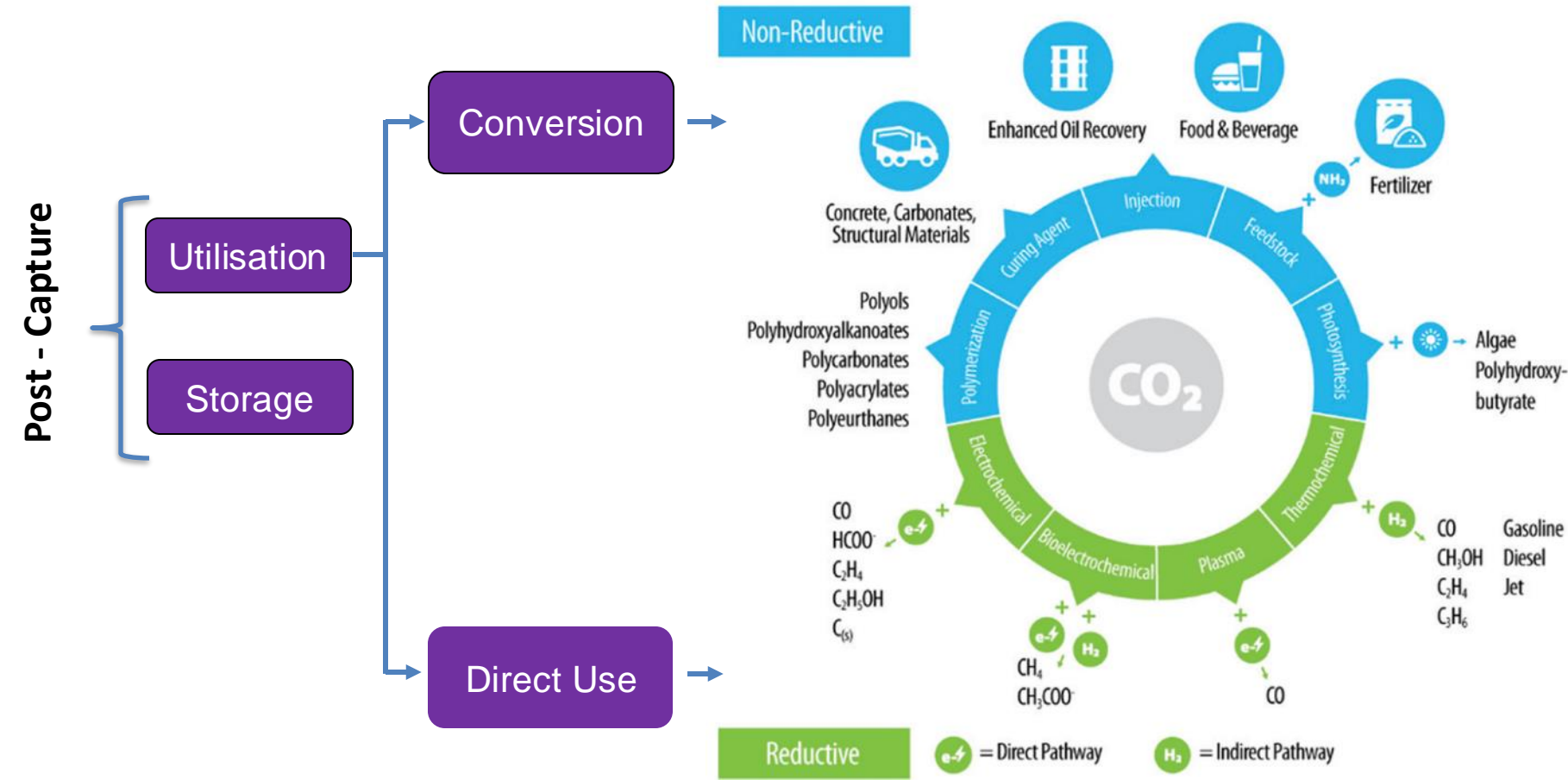
Scenarios 2 to 4:

- CO₂ needs to be offloaded at the nearest port when 75%, 50%, or 25% of fuel was consumed.
- This can reduce the space requirement to store CO₂ after CCS before interim offload
- Each scenario may not be applicable to all type of ships
- Container ship may be able to be in Scenario 1
- Other ship types may not have frequent port of call

Economic Aspects – Ship Owners and Operator



CO₂ Storage and Utilisation



Source: NREL

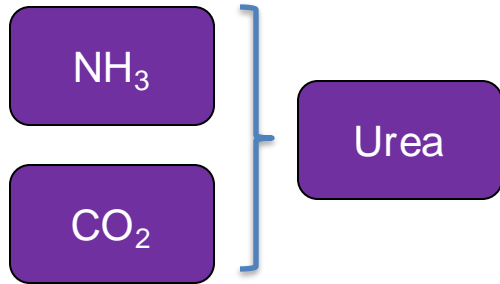
International Energy Agency (IEA) estimate CO₂ utilisation is around 230 million tons CO₂ in 2019:

- Fertiliser : 57%
- EOR: 34%
- Food and beverages: 6%
- Others: 3%

This is less than 30% of CO₂ emitted by the shipping industry

CO₂ Storage and Utilisation

Fertiliser production



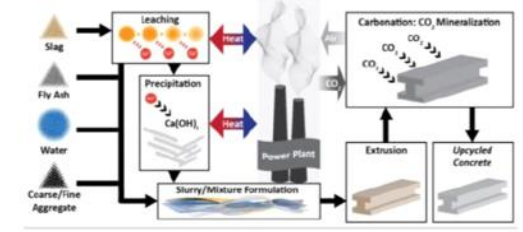
Algae cultivation for biodiesel production

Injection of flue gas into an open algae system (Orlando, Florida, USA)



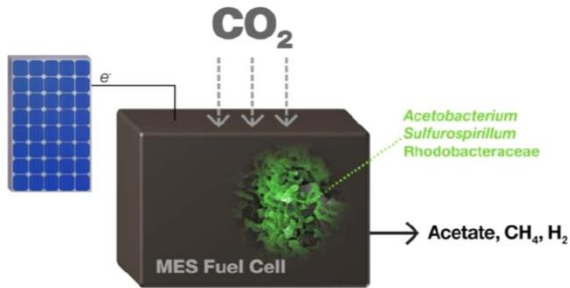
US Dept of Energy, 2020

Additives for concrete production



Sant, 2019

Conversion to fuels/chemicals



Gulliver, 2019. US DOE/NETL Annual Meeting, Carbon Capture and Utilization, August 2019, Pittsburgh, PA

Pathways	Application/ Product	CO ₂ Utilised (Mt CO ₂ /year)	Product Produced (Mt/year)	CO ₂ Storage Period	TRL
Direct usage	Algae cultivation for biodiesel	2.0	1.0	Weeks/Months	4 to 7
	Beverage carbonation	2.9	2.9	Days/Months	9
	Enhanced oil and gas recovery (EOR/EGR)	25.0	7% to 23% of oil reserve; <5% of gas reserve	Millennia	9
	Food packaging	8.2	8.2	Days/Months	9
Conversion	Industrial gas	6.3	6.3	Days/Months	9
	Urea yield boosting	132.0	180.0	Days/Months	9
	Carbonates	0.5	>2.0	Decades/Centuries	7 to 8
	Methanol	10.0	60.0	Weeks/Months	7 to 8
	Chemicals (such as formaldehyde and acrylates)	6.5	28.0	Days/Decades	6 to 8
	Polymers (such as polycarbonates and polyurethanes)	1.5	15.0	Months/Decades	7

The majority of CO₂ uptake is fertiliser industry, followed by EOR. Other technologies are still in development and not yet at commercial level

Summary

Topic	Challenges	Potential Solutions
Capture Rate	CCS will not be able to reach net zero by its own	CCS can be combined together with alternative fuel to improve capture rate
Energy Consumption	CCS requires energy. Proper configuration and additional energy may be required to achieve targeted CO ₂ capture percentage	Better solvent and heat recovery management
Space Requirement	Cargo loss from CCS unit	Frequent port of call and/or lower CO ₂ capture rate
Cost	It is more expensive than land-based CCS. How much more expensive depends on many factors, including the uptake on CCS	Better solvent/technology, design optimisation, combined with existing HFO+scrubber system
CO ₂ Utilisation	Limited CO ₂ handling infrastructure, slow development on CO ₂ utilisation technology	Development of high TRL technology, hybrid solutions (storage and utilisation)

CCS faces challenges posed by the CO₂ offloading and logistic. The current economics of CCS offtake are not currently viable based on prevailing technological trends.



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