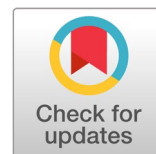




# Advanced Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage Technologies: A Review for Sustainable Carbon Cycle Management

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## ABSTRACT

As carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions continue to drive climate change, Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS) emerges as a transformative technology aimed at managing the carbon cycle sustainably. CCUS encompasses a range of advanced methods to capture CO<sub>2</sub> from both concentrated industrial sources and the ambient atmosphere, convert it into valuable products, and store it securely to prevent its release. This review explores four primary capture pathways: pre combustion systems that separate CO<sub>2</sub> before fuel combustion, post combustion capture from flue gases, oxy fuel combustion in oxygen rich environments, and Direct Air Capture (DAC) that extracts CO<sub>2</sub> directly from the atmosphere. Beyond storage, the utilization aspect of CCUS is equally vital. Captured CO<sub>2</sub> can be converted into construction materials, synthetic fuels and chemical feedstocks, supporting a circular carbon economy. CCUS is particularly crucial for decarbonizing hard to abate sectors such as cement and steel manufacturing, where conventional renewables fall short. However, widespread implementation faces challenges, including high costs (30 to 100 USD per ton of CO<sub>2</sub>), the need for global CO<sub>2</sub> transport infrastructure, and complex regulatory frameworks. Addressing these barriers requires collaborative efforts among industries, governments and communities. Ultimately, CCUS offers more than a mitigation tool. It provides a strategic pathway to net negative emissions, turning industrial byproducts into valuable resources. As we advance toward climate resilience, the question is no longer whether we can capture carbon, but whether we can harness its potential for a sustainable future.

## 1. Introduction

Comprehensive strategies to reduce anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions are urgently needed, as evidenced by the clear signs of a rapidly changing climate, including rising sea levels, more frequent extreme weather events, and rising global average temperatures[1]. The primary source of global warming among these is carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), which is produced when fossil fuels are burned for transportation, industry, and energy production [2]. In addition to drastically reducing current emissions, removing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere is also necessary to meet the ambitious targets set by international agreements, like those outlined in the Paris Agreement, to limit global warming to well below 2 °C, preferably to 1.5 °C [1, 3].

Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS) technologies have become an essential set of solutions in this

critical context for decarbonizing hard-to-abate sectors like steel, cement, and chemical production, as well as for drastically lowering emissions from large point sources like power plants[4]. First, CO<sub>2</sub> is captured from industrial flues or directly from the air; second, it is transported to appropriate locations; and third, it is used in a variety of applications or stored permanently in safe geological formations [4, 5].

This integrated strategy is widely recognized as a crucial way to achieve net-zero emission targets and ensure environmental sustainability and global energy security by prominent energy and climate organizations, including the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute (GCCSI) [2, 4]. After decades of research, CCUS is now being adopted more rapidly globally due to advancements in technology, increased policy

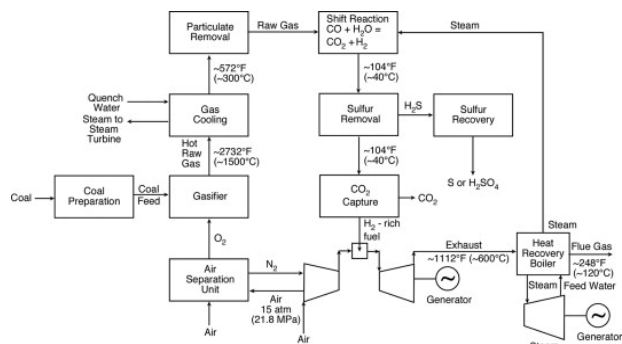


Figure 1. Pre combustion carbon capture [9].

support, and increased economic viability [6]. This study offers a comprehensive examination of the current status of CCUS, examining the latest advancements in carbon capture, diverse routes of utilisation, and secure storage options. It also covers the present problems and possible advancements of this important tool for climate change mitigation.

## 2. Carbon Capture Technologies

The core component of CCUS is carbon capture technologies, which are intended to extract CO<sub>2</sub> from gas streams prior to their release into the atmosphere. Numerous strategies, each with unique benefits, drawbacks, and degrees of technological maturity, have been developed and are presently being studied or implemented.

### 2.1. Pre-combustion Capture

Removing CO<sub>2</sub> from a fuel stream prior to combustion is known as pre-combustion capture (Figure 1). In processes like Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) power plants or hydrogen production facilities, fuel (such as coal, natural gas, or biomass) is gasified or reformed to create a synthesis gas (syngas) that is high in subsequently transforms the carbon monoxide into CO<sub>2</sub> and additional hydrogen, enabling the separation of CO<sub>2</sub> from a concentrated, high-pressure stream hydrogen and carbon monoxide. A water-gas shift reaction [7]. Because of the stronger driving force for separation caused by this high partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub>, pre-combustion capture typically uses less energy than post-combustion techniques [8]. Pre-combustion mature technologies frequently use physical solvents (e.g., Rectisol, Selexol, Amine solvents) for absorption, which works well at high pressures [9]. Novel membranes and adsorbents are the focus of recent developments to further increase efficiency and lower costs [7].

### 2.2. Post-combustion capture

The most established and extensively used carbon capture

technology for current power plants and industrial facilities is post-combustion capture (Figure 2(a)) [10]. Following combustion, CO<sub>2</sub> is extracted from the flue gas using this method. Large gas volumes must be treated because the flue gas usually contains diluted CO<sub>2</sub> (e.g., 3-15% by volume) at low pressure [8]. The most popular and widely accessible post-combustion method is chemical absorption, which mostly uses aqueous amine solutions (such as monoethanolamine, or MEA). This process uses a lot of energy, especially for solvent regeneration, even though it is very effective and frequently achieves 85–95% CO<sub>2</sub> capture efficiency (Figure 2(b)) [11-14]. Research is being done to create new generations of chemical solvents, like biphasic solvents and advanced amine blends, that have better stability, lower regeneration energy requirements, and slower rates of degradation [7].

### 2.3. Oxy-fuel Combustion

Burning a fuel in an atmosphere of almost pure oxygen as opposed to air is known as "oxy-fuel combustion." As a result, the flue gas's composition is drastically changed, becoming mostly composed of CO<sub>2</sub> and water vapour with a much lower nitrogen content [15]. The downstream CO<sub>2</sub> separation is made easier by the lack of nitrogen because water vapour is readily extracted by cooling and compression, producing a high-purity CO<sub>2</sub> stream [8, 16]. The production of pure oxygen, usually through cryogenic air separation units (ASUs), has a high energy demand, which entails a significant capital and operating cost [8, 15], even though this method avoids the energy penalty associated with separating CO<sub>2</sub> from a diluted flue gas stream. In spite of this, research is looking into advanced oxy-combustion cycles like the Allam cycle and alternative oxygen production techniques to increase overall efficiency [7, 16]. Oxy-fuel combustion is still regarded as a promising approach for new builds and particular industrial applications.

### 2.4. Direct Air Capture (DAC)

Direct Air Capture (DAC) is a technology that takes CO<sub>2</sub> straight from the air, unlike point-source capture techniques [17]. In DAC systems, large fans are typically employed to draw air across sorbent materials that selectively bind to CO<sub>2</sub> (Figure 3). After reaching saturation, the concentrated CO<sub>2</sub> is extracted from the sorbents through heating or depressurization, facilitating its storage or utilization [18]. To address diffuse or historical emissions that cannot be tracked from specific industrial sources and may lead to net-negative emissions, direct air capture is crucial [17]. Recent developments in DAC technology feature the design of

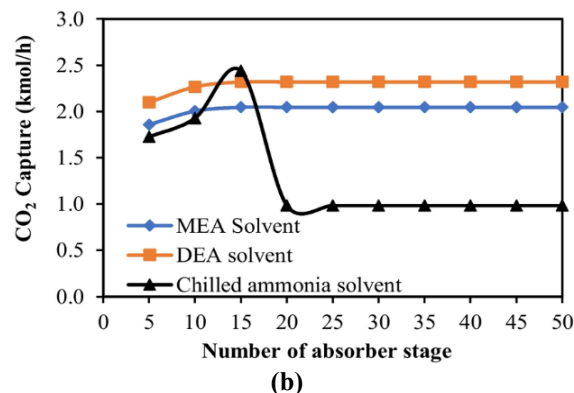
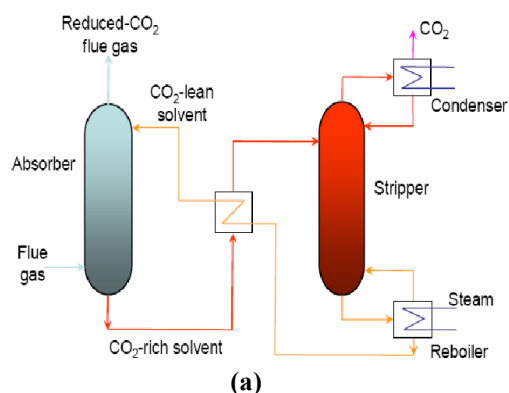
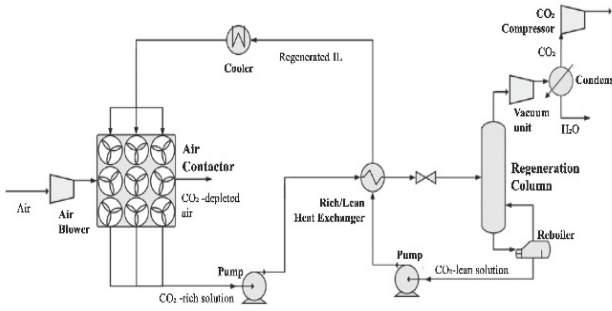


Figure 2. (a) Flowchart depicting the amine scrubbing process for post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture [13]; (b) CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Performance of Different Solvents vs. Absorber Stages [14]



**Figure 3.** Flow diagram of DAC for CO<sub>2</sub> capturing [17]

scalable and modular units, the introduction of advanced sorbents that significantly reduce energy requirements for regeneration, and better integration with renewable energy sources aimed at minimizing the overall carbon footprint of the capture process [18, 19]. Organizations like Clime works are developing third- generation technologies aimed at significantly reducing energy consumption and enhancing CO<sub>2</sub> capture capacity [19].

### 2.5. Comparative Analysis of Capture Technologies

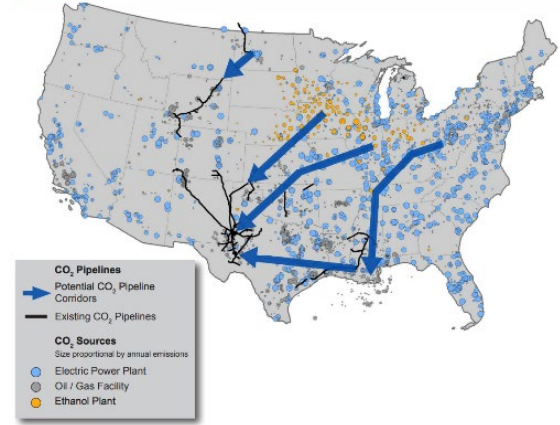
Since every carbon capture technology has advantages and disadvantages, selecting one can be challenging. The ideal choice is determined by the fuel type, target capture efficiency, economics, process technological maturity, and application (such as power generation or industrial processes). The key characteristics, advantages, drawbacks, and Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) of carbon capture techniques according to NASA are contrasted in the Table 1.

## 3. Transport Infrastructure

An essential component of the CCUS value chain is the safe and effective movement of captured CO<sub>2</sub> from its source to locations for use or storage. Distance, CO<sub>2</sub> volume, terrain, and cost considerations are some of the factors that affect the choice of transport method.

### 3.1. Pipeline Networks

Pipelines transporting significant amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> over long distances are the most cost-effective and energy-efficient



**Figure 4.** Potential regional CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline corridors [22, 23]

(Figure 4) [20, 21]. Although dedicated new pipelines are desired to assure integrity and prevent contamination, existing natural gas pipeline infrastructure may be converted or reused for CO<sub>2</sub> transmission [22]. CO<sub>2</sub> is delivered in its dense phase (supercritical or liquid state) to increase density and decrease compression energy, which requires certain pipeline temperature and pressure parameters [20]. CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines for Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) projects have proved technological viability and dependability internationally for decades, providing a firm foundation for CCUS infrastructure [21, 22].

### 3.2. Ship Transport

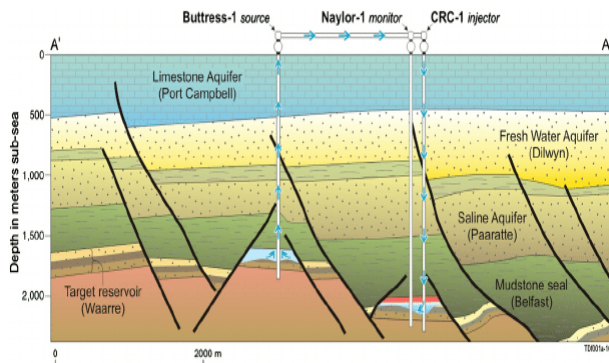
Ship transport of CO<sub>2</sub> is a potential alternative to pipelines across enormous bodies of water or to connect geographically spread sources to a central storage hub [23, 24]. Liquid CO<sub>2</sub> is transported by ships in L CO<sub>2</sub> carriers at moderate pressures (7–15 bar) and low temperatures (-50°C) [25]. This routing method can serve numerous smaller CO<sub>2</sub> sources without specialised pipeline connections. Although less developed than pipeline transport for large-scale CCUS, the concept draws inspiration from the LNG shipping sector, which has improved ship design and port infrastructure to increase efficiency and scalability [24, 25].

**Table 1:** Comparison of different types of Carbon Capture Technologies

Technology	Description	Advantages	Disadvantages	TRL (Approx.)*	Reference
Pre-Combustion Capture	Decarbonizing fuel before combustion (e.g., gasification)	High CO <sub>2</sub> capture efficiency, hydrogen byproduct, suitable for large-scale	High capital cost, complex process, fuel processing required	7-8	[7-9]
Post-Combustion Capture	Removing CO <sub>2</sub> from flue gas after combustion (e.g., amine scrubbing)	Can be retrofitted to existing plants, relatively lower capital cost (some)	Lower capture efficiency (some), high energy for solvent regeneration, solvent issues	6-7	[10-12]
Oxy-Fuel Combustion	Burning fuel in pure oxygen and recycled flue gas	High CO <sub>2</sub> capture efficiency, simpler CO <sub>2</sub> separation, reduced NO <sub>x</sub>	High energy for O <sub>2</sub> production, capital costs, material challenges	6-7	[15-16]
Direct Air Capture (DAC)	Capturing CO <sub>2</sub> directly from ambient air	Addresses historical & dispersed emissions, location flexibility	High cost, energy intensive, early stage of development	4-6	[17, 18]

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**Figure 5.** Geological cross-section of the Otway Project of CO<sub>2</sub> Storage

### 3.3. Safety Considerations

Every aspect of CO<sub>2</sub> transport infrastructure must be safe. CO<sub>2</sub> is neither flammable nor hazardous at atmospheric concentrations, but its higher density than air can dislodge oxygen and induce suffocating, especially in enclosed or low-lying environments [26]. Ship and pipeline designs must prioritise safety. Strict material standards to avoid brittle fracture, advanced leak detection systems, emergency shutdown processes, and detailed siting and operating risk assessments are examples [26, 27]. Emergency response planning and public awareness are essential for CO<sub>2</sub> transport network safety [27].

### 3.4. Infrastructure Requirements and Challenges

Building the CO<sub>2</sub> transit infrastructure needed for extensive CCUS implementation is difficult. Large-scale pipeline networks require a lot of money, land, and laws for where to put them, how to gain authorization, and how to run them [28]. Special loading and unloading terminals, liquefaction facilities at capture locations, and regasification units at storage and use stations are needed for transporting [24]. Governments, humankind mesh, and localus must work together to build a powerful and interconnected CO<sub>2</sub> transit network [29]. We require supportive policies, clear economic incentives, and strategic planning to overcome these issues and accelerate global CO<sub>2</sub> transport solutions [28-30]

## 4. Storage Methods

The final and most critical stage of CCUS involves the long-term containment of captured CO<sub>2</sub> to prevent its release into the atmosphere. Geological storage represents the most widely applied permanent CO<sub>2</sub> storage approach, in which the gas is securely stored within subsurface geological formations of the Earth.

### 4.1. Geological Storage Options

Geological storage involves burying CO<sub>2</sub> in deep, porous rock formations with impenetrable layers. Two types of geological formations are predicted to store a lot of CO<sub>2</sub>:

#### 4.1.1. Depleted Oil and Gas Fields

These formations have safely held hydrocarbons for millions of years. Infrastructure utilized for oil and gas extraction can be employed for other purposes, reducing development costs [31]. CO<sub>2</sub> can help extract more oil or gas (EOR/EGR), making storage cheaper [32-34].

#### 4.1.2. Deep Saline Aquifers

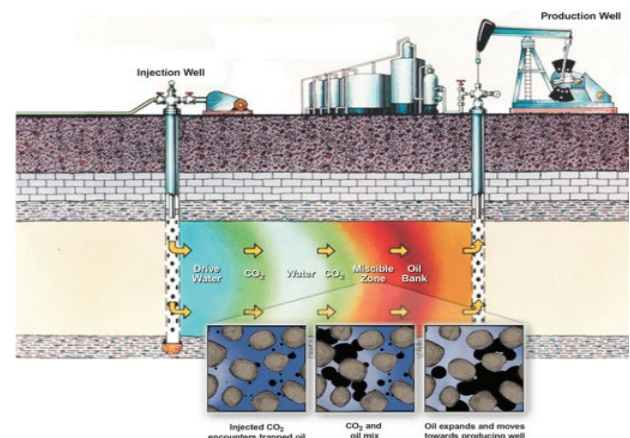
Deep saline aquifers are massive underground rock formations loaded with brine that can't be drunk (Figure 5). Saline aquifers have the most potential storage area and are everywhere, making them ideal for large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration [31, 34]. Structural trapping (under caprock), residue trapping (in pores), solubility trapping (in brine), and mineral trapping (reacting with rock to create stable carbonates) can trap CO<sub>2</sub> [33, 34].

### 4.2. Monitoring and Verification Systems

Monitoring and verification (M&V) systems are necessary to maintain geological storage sites, verify CO<sub>2</sub> confinement, and detect leaks [35]. Surface, shallow subsurface, and deep subsurface methods are used in M&V programs. Geochemical sampling of groundwater and soil gas, seismic surveys, boreholes with pressure and temperature sensors, and surface CO<sub>2</sub> flux measurements are examples [35, 36]. Satellite remote sensing is augmenting broad-area surveillance. M&V data is essential for regulatory compliance, public assurance, and adaptive storage management across decades to millennia [37].

### 4.3. Long-Term Storage Stability

Geological CO<sub>2</sub> storage relies on multiple trapping mechanisms and long-term geological stability that has persisted for thousands of years. Structural and residual trapping initially immobilize the injected CO<sub>2</sub>, while solubility and mineral trapping ensure its retention over extended time scales [6, 33, 38]. Over hundreds to thousands of years, the injected CO<sub>2</sub> gradually dissolves into formation waters and reacts with host minerals to form stable carbonate phases, thereby enhancing the permanence of storage [33]. For long-term safety and effectiveness, suitable storage sites must exhibit stable geological conditions, low seismic activity, and thick, competent caprocks [33].

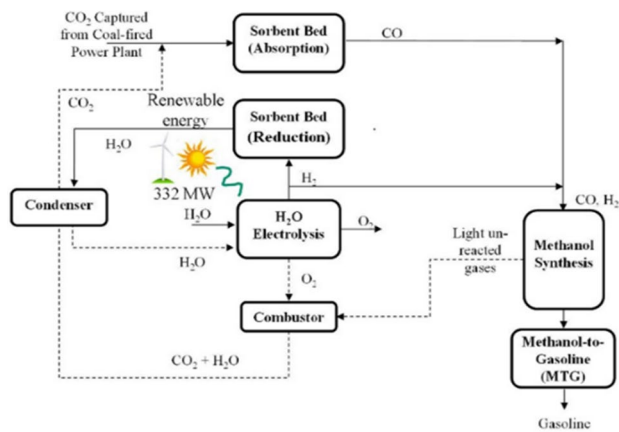


**Figure 6.** Schematic diagram for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR

## 5. Carbon Utilization Pathways

Beyond permanent geological storage, captured CO<sub>2</sub> can be converted and utilized as a feedstock for a wide range of products and processes, thereby generating economic opportunities and broadening the CCUS portfolio. Through the application of Carbon Utilization technologies that transform waste into valuable resources, a circular carbon economy can be effectively achieved.

### 5.1. Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)



**Figure 7.** CO<sub>2</sub> to Gasoline Conversion Process Using Renewable Energy [42-44]

The most well-established commercial use of CO<sub>2</sub> is CO<sub>2</sub>-Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) [39]. This method involves pumping collected CO<sub>2</sub> into mature oil reservoirs to mix with crude oil, reducing its viscosity and making it easier to extract (Figure 6). The injected CO<sub>2</sub> is trapped in the reservoir, providing geological storage and oil revenue [40]. Although CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR can increase recovery factor and prolong oil field life, it also permits the production of fossil fuels; therefore, careful consideration is required to ensure the net climate benefit [39, 41].

### 5.2. Chemical Conversion to Fuels and Materials

The transformation of CO<sub>2</sub> into valuable chemicals, fuels, and materials is a highly promising approach for its utilization. A diverse array of chemicals can be produced with carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) as a carbon source, including:

#### 5.2.1. Fuels

Methanol, methane (synthetic natural gas), and different liquid hydrocarbons, including synthetic gasoline and diesel, are fuels produced using processes such as hydrogenation or Fischer-Tropsch synthesis (Figure 7) [42-44]. The "power-to-X" approaches often integrate CO<sub>2</sub> conversion with renewable energy sources to provide carbon-neutral fuels.

#### 5.2.2. Chemicals

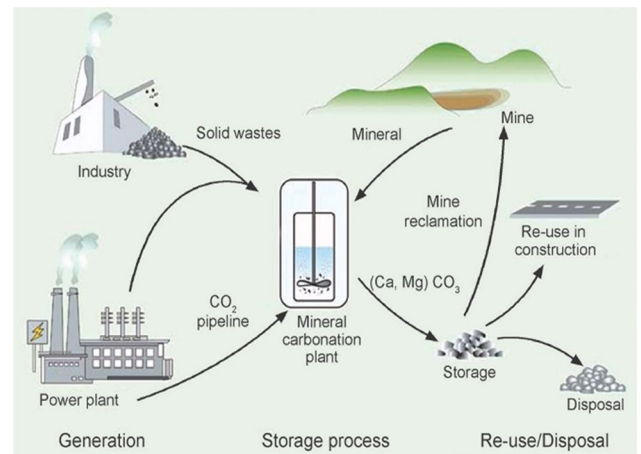
Comprising polymers (such as polycarbonates), urea (used in fertilizers), and intermediates for plastics and pharmaceuticals [42]. Research is being conducted on catalytic conversion approaches, including thermo-catalytic and electro-catalytic methods, to enhance selectivity and energy efficiency.

#### 5.2.3. Construction materials

Construction materials consist of aggregates and concrete, produced by reacting CO<sub>2</sub> with certain minerals or industrial byproducts [43, 45]. This generates high-quality materials while also sequestering CO<sub>2</sub>.

### 5.3. Mineralization

The reaction of CO<sub>2</sub> with metal oxides (such as calcium or magnesium oxides, which are often found in naturally occurring minerals or industrial waste) forms stable carbonate minerals (Figure 8) [46]. Because they are environmentally friendly and thermodynamically stable, solid carbonates can safely and permanently sequester CO<sub>2</sub> [40]. Even though reaction kinetics and energy needs limit direct large-scale implementation, research is focused on generating new reaction routes, catalysts, and ex-situ procedures to



**Figure 8.** CO<sub>2</sub> Mineralization and Utilization Process

make this process more effective and economically possible [40, 46].

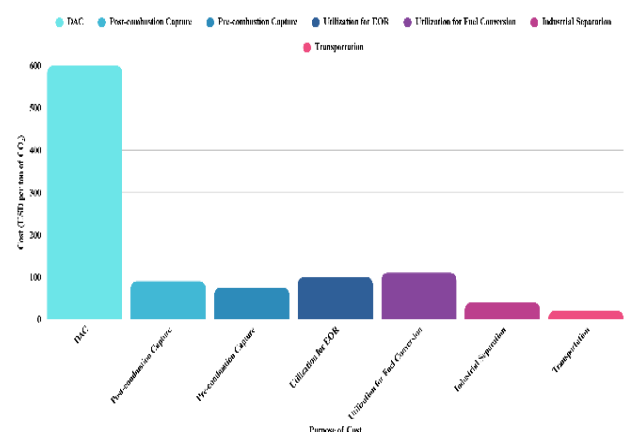
### 5.4. Industrial Applications

CO<sub>2</sub> has numerous industrial applications beyond its role as a chemical feedstock. It is widely used in the food and beverage sector (carbonation and refrigeration), agriculture (enhancement of greenhouse plant growth), and manufacturing (metal fabrication and fire suppression). Although these applications consume smaller quantities of CO<sub>2</sub> compared with large-scale capture initiatives, they represent established markets capable of utilizing a portion of the captured CO<sub>2</sub> and thereby contributing to the reduction of overall CCUS costs [2, 47].

## 6. Economic Aspects

### 6.1. Cost Analysis of Different CCUS Approaches

The capture source, technology, flue gas CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, and project scale all have a significant impact on CCUS costs. The majority of the CCUS chain is comprised of capture expenses (Figure 9) [48]. While pre-combustion and oxy-fuel combustion may be more integrated and economical for new power plants or industrial operations, post-combustion capture is more costly for existing facilities due to the diluted CO<sub>2</sub> in flue gases [6, 49]. Transport costs are determined by distance, volume, and mode (pipelines are less expensive for large volumes over long distances). Although storage is less expensive, it necessitates long-term monitoring and verification, drilling, injection, and site characterization [48]. The cost of capturing and storing CO<sub>2</sub> varies from 30 to



**Figure 9.** Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Utilization Methods (USD per ton) [48].

100 per ton, depending on the region and application. Efforts are being made to reduce these costs through economies of scale and technological advancements [48].

### 6.2. Carbon Pricing and Market Mechanisms

Strong market mechanisms and efficient carbon pricing are key to CCUS implementation. Carbon taxes and emissions trading systems (ETS) incentivize firms to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, making CCUS cheaper than paying for emissions [50]. Carbon prices boost CCUS investment. In addition to direct carbon pricing, low-carbon fuel standards, tax credits (like the U.S.'s 45Q tax credit), and carbon abatement contracts-for-difference (CfDs) can de-risk CCUS projects and accelerate their commercialization [51, 52].

### 6.3. Investment Requirements

Scaling CCUS to meet climate targets requires global investment. The construction of capture facilities, transportation networks, and storage sites will require billions of dollars in the upcoming decades [53]. Long lead times and high initial capital expenditures necessitate significant public funding, bank guarantees, and supporting policy frameworks in order to de-risk early projects and draw in capital, even though private investment is essential [54]. Large-scale CCUS infrastructure construction will also be financed through international cooperation and innovative financing techniques like climate funds and green bonds [53].

## 7. Future Prospects

Continuous advancements and its critical role in addressing global energy and environmental challenges make the future of this technology highly promising.

### 7.1. Innovations in technology

A constant stream of technology advancements will improve efficiency, lower prices, and expand applicability. This includes creating more durable and energy-dense materials, smarter control systems using AI and machine learning, and manufacturing process advancements that will speed up production and cut unit costs. Miniaturization and mobility may expand use cases.

### 7.2. Scalability Issues

The potential is huge, but scalability issues must be overcome to achieve widespread use. These hurdles include ensuring a reliable and sustainable raw material supply chain, building robust deployment and maintenance infrastructure, and navigating regional regulatory climates. Industry growth will also depend on workforce development and training.

### 7.3. Renewable energy system integration

One of its biggest prospects is seamless integration with renewable energy systems. This technology will stabilise, store, and provide on-demand energy for intermittent renewable sources including solar and wind power. This synergy will improve smart networks, reduce fossil fuel use, and optimize energy delivery.

### 7.4. Promoting Net-Zero Emissions

We need this technology to reach net-zero emissions. It will aid the clean energy economic transition, decarbonizing power generation, transportation, and industry. It can store energy, balance systems, and offer cleaner options to meet ambitious climate targets and prevent climate change.

## 8. Case Studies

### 8.1. Existing CCUS Projects Worldwide

Several large-scale CCUS initiatives are operational or under development across sectors. Many initiatives aim to capture CO<sub>2</sub> from power stations, natural gas processing facilities, and industrial operations including cement and steel manufacture.

#### 8.1.1. Sleipner CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Project (Norway)

Established in 1996, Sleipner is a highly successful CO<sub>2</sub> storage project worldwide. CO<sub>2</sub> is captured from natural gas production and injected into a salty aquifer in the North Sea [55]. This experiment successfully proved safe and effective long-term geological storage of CO<sub>2</sub>.

#### 8.1.2. Boundary Dam Carbon Capture and Storage Project (Canada)

The Boundary Dam Carbon Capture and Storage Project in Canada, operational since 2014, absorbs CO<sub>2</sub> from a coal-fired power station. Carbon dioxide is captured for improved oil recovery (EOR) and geological storage [56].

#### 8.1.3. Petra Nova Carbon Capture Project (US)

In 2017, Petra Nova began capturing CO<sub>2</sub> for EOR at a Texas coal-fired power plant [57]. The project demonstrated large-scale capture, but operational issues forced a shutdown in 2020.

#### 8.1.4. Australian Gorgon CO<sub>2</sub> Injection Project

Gorgon, a section of a huge LNG complex, proposes to inject and store CO<sub>2</sub> into a deep underground deposit [58]. Although built for large-scale injection, the project has faced delays and operational challenges, resulting in less CO<sub>2</sub> injection than planned.

## 8.2. Lessons Learned

### 8.2.1. Technological Maturity and Integration

Although capture technologies have been proven, it is costly and challenging to integrate them into power plants or industrial processes. Optimizing the capture process and integrating the host facility are essential for dependability and efficiency [59].

### 8.2.2. Geological Storage Characterization

Geological Storage Locations for storage need to be carefully described. Comprehending reservoir characteristics, caprock integrity, and leakage pathways is essential for safe and effective long-term storage [4, 33, 34, 55].

### 8.2.3. Cost and Financing

Extensive CCUS deployment is hindered by high capital and operating expenses. Government incentives, carbon pricing, and innovative finance are often necessary for project viability [22, 36, 39].

### 8.2.4. Regulatory Frameworks

Permitting, long-term liability management, and project development all depend on stable and transparent regulatory frameworks. Investment is discouraged by policy uncertainty [60].

### 8.2.5. Public Acceptance

Public approval and resolving local community concerns regarding safety, environmental impact, and hazards are essential to the project's success [61].

### 8.2.6. Utilization Opportunities



Using captured CO<sub>2</sub> for EOR, chemicals, or building materials can improve project economics and create new value chains, even though dedicated storage is essential. Emissions that require capture are rarely matched by utilization paths [62].

## 9. Challenges and Recommendations

Table 2 summarizes the principal challenges and their associated recommendations.

streamline regulatory processes. Planning and developing shared CCUS hubs and pipelines are also vital for realizing economies of scale. Engaging local communities and maintaining research and development efforts to reduce costs and enhance operations are crucial for building trust. Through coordinated efforts and the development of innovative solutions to these challenges, CCUS can achieve its full potential and play a pivotal role in the transition to a low-carbon, sustainable economy.

**Table 2:** Challenges and recommendations to overcome

Challenges	What is the problem?	Recommendations
Too costly	CCUS projects are not economically viable due to their high construction and operating costs	(i) More Funds & Assistance Governments need to provide more tax breaks, grants, and guaranteed loans to make projects less risky and more affordable for investors. (ii). Create "CCUS hubs" where businesses pool storage and pipelines. Making it affordable for all (iii) Look into ways to make technology more affordable and effective. Divide tasks into smaller, standardized portions to complete them more quickly.
An excessive amount of red tape	Projects that require permits, particularly those involving subterranean CO <sub>2</sub> storage, can be postponed indefinitely. Regulations pertaining to long-term CO <sub>2</sub> responsibility are unclear.	(i). Make permit procedures quicker and easier. All CCUS project documents may be managed by a single office. (ii). Explicit Regulations Provide stable, unambiguous rules for the handling, transportation, storage, and accountability of CO <sub>2</sub> . Investor confidence is increased as a result.
Absence of infrastructure	There are not enough pipelines or storage facilities to move and hold CO <sub>2</sub> . No one will build pipelines and storage, and companies won't capture or store CO <sub>2</sub> if there isn't enough for it to travel.	(i). Create areas where multiple factories can use shared pipes and storage to deliver CO <sub>2</sub> to a central location. (ii). To facilitate and lower the cost of connectivity, select CCUS project and infrastructure locations. (iii). Governments ought to provide financial support and incentives for the development of CO <sub>2</sub> pipelines and storage facilities.
Public scepticism	Concerns about safety or the environment may cause residents near potential CCUS sites to postpone or abandon the project.	(i). Projects need to interact with local communities, address their concerns, explain the technology, and show how it can benefit them. (ii). Launch campaigns to explain CCUS, its safety, and its importance in the fight against climate change.
Technical Difficulties	It is challenging to integrate CCUS technology into already-existing factories, and underground CO <sub>2</sub> storage might not be secure. Potential issues may arise from impurities in captured CO <sub>2</sub> .	(i). To guarantee seamless operation, plan and test how the CCUS system will work with factory operations. (ii). To maintain CO <sub>2</sub> in place, secure and keep an eye on subterranean storage facilities. (iii). To stop leaks, use materials that are suitable for CO <sub>2</sub> and make sure that pipelines and equipment are inspected and repaired.
Unclear Rules for CO <sub>2</sub> Use	There aren't clear standards for whether CO <sub>2</sub> used to make things like plastics or fuels instead of being stored lowers emissions,	(i). Set clear, agreed-upon ways to find out if CO <sub>2</sub> in products lowers carbon emissions compared to current methods. (ii). Give money to research into other useful and large-scale uses for captured CO <sub>2</sub> besides recovering oil.
Coordination Issues	Many different companies and groups are involved in a CCUS project (capture, transport, storage). Getting them all to work together smoothly and share risks can be difficult.	(i). Governments and private companies should partner up to share the financial risks and work together on projects. (ii). Establish rules that clearly state who is responsible for what (and who takes on which risks) across the entire CCUS project chain.

## 4. Conclusion

CCUS is a critical technology for achieving global decarbonization targets, particularly in high-emitting industries. However, several major challenges must be addressed to enable its large-scale deployment. Key barriers include high capital and operational costs, lengthy permitting processes, and, most critically, a severe lack of developed infrastructure for CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage. Additional challenges for industrial integration involve securing public acceptance and addressing technical concerns.

Broad collaboration is essential to overcome these obstacles. The most important recommendations for mitigating investment risk are to offer greater financial incentives and

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