



US Merchant CO₂ Market Overview

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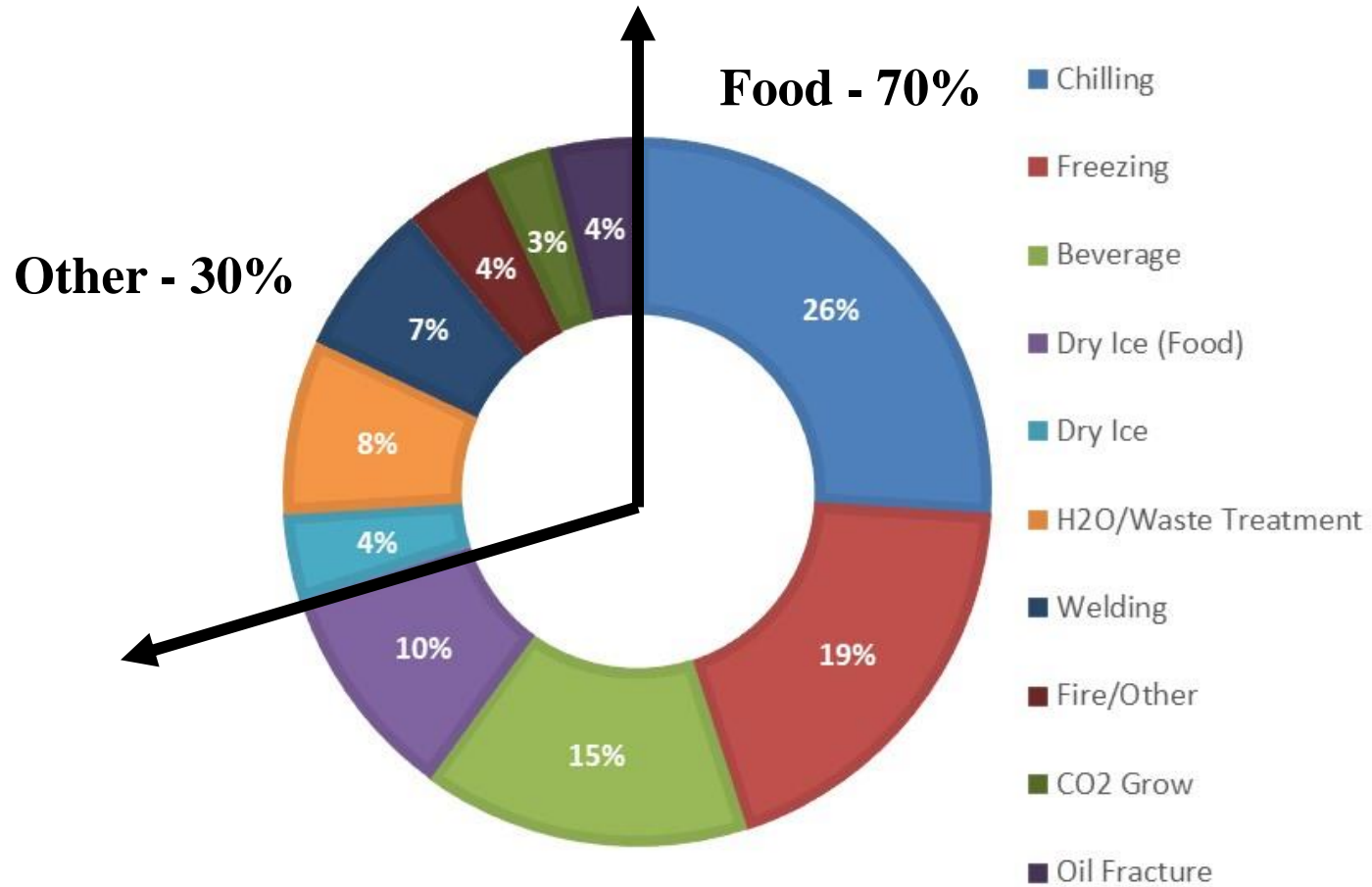
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US Merchant CO₂ Demand By Application 2023 Market



US CO₂ Demand = 10.3 million tons per year (mtpy)

Drivers Of CO₂ Demand

- **Food**

- Food processing plants – Population, and Geography – key drivers
 - Chilling – Big in Poultry, Pork, and Beef - growing
 - Freezing – Big in Prepared foods - growing
- Ice/Pellets – Packaging & transport of food – Fast growing area
- Beverage – Solid growth
 - Big in bottling and fast food/restaurants/taverns – Demand driven by per capita consumption & climate
 - Breweries/microbreweries - Expanding

- **Industrial**

- Gas Shielding (Metal Working) – Tends to follow the fabrication market in the US
- H₂O Treatment – Growing in municipal and industrial wastewater treatment – cost effective and environmentally responsible vs sulfuric acid
- Other (fire extinguisher, cold pellet blast cleaning, cement, etc.)

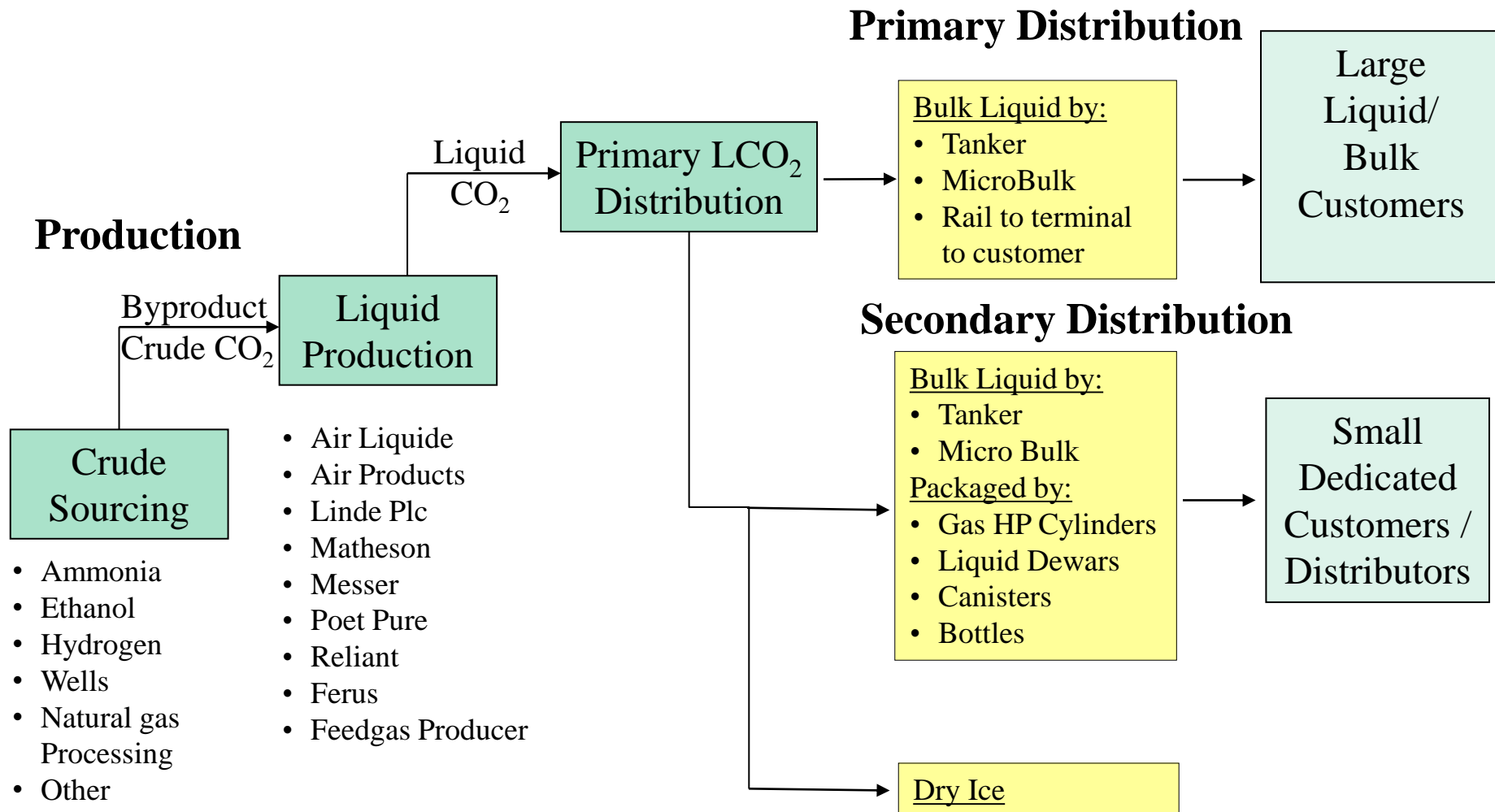
- **Oil Field**

- Primarily geography; new discovery and fracking technology – shale frack is mostly water frack – mature application

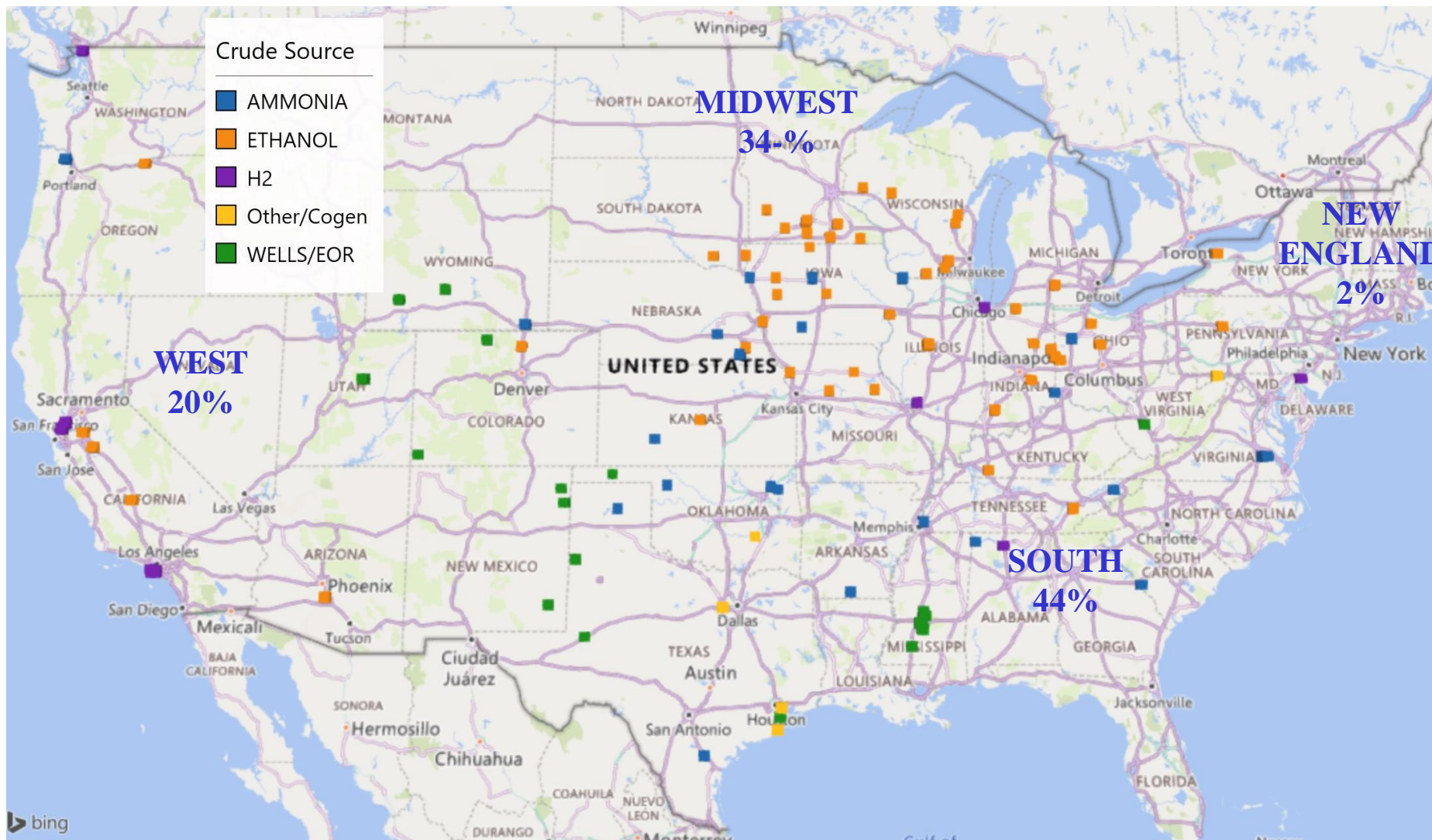
- **Other**

- Cannabis and CBD (Cannabidiol) – Fast growing - legalization increasing

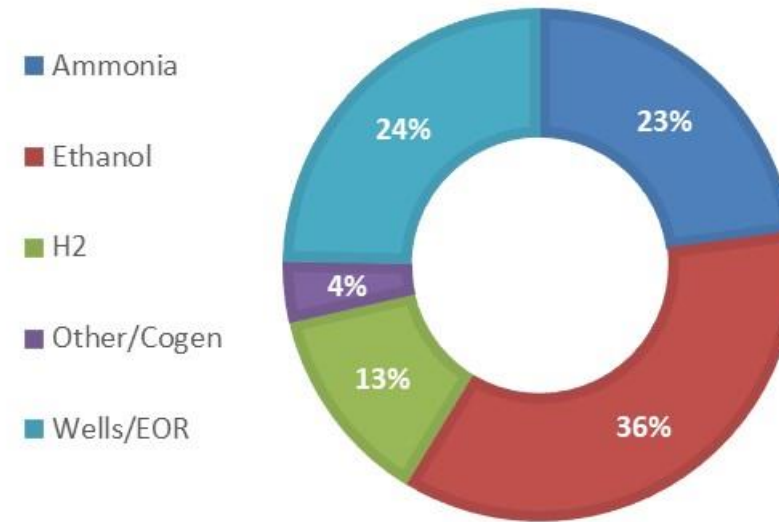
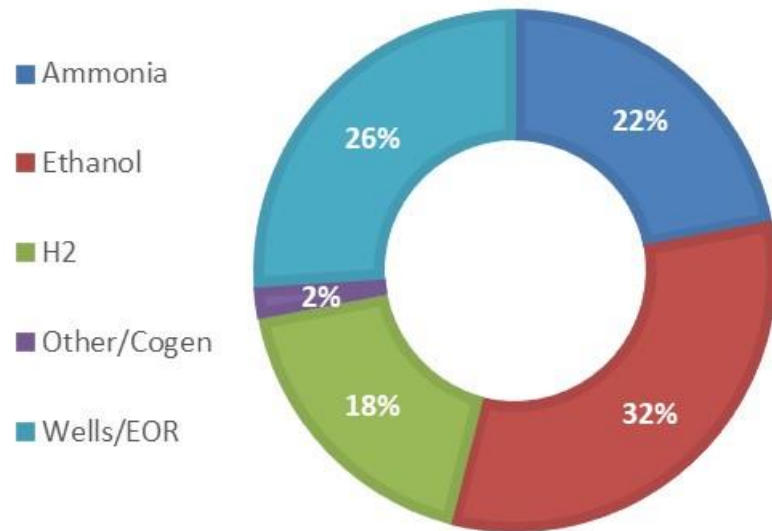
US CO₂ Supply Chain – Sources & Players



US Merchant CO₂ by Source - 2023



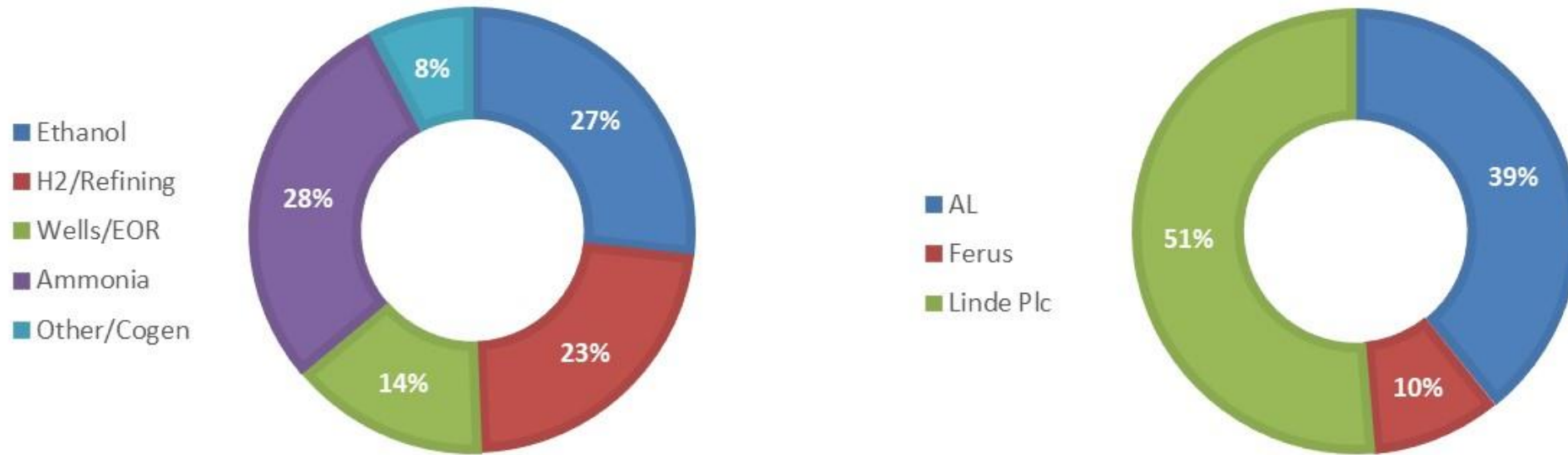
US Crude CO₂ NP Capacity by Source – 2014 to 2023



- Crude sourcing has experienced a shift toward Ethanol - away from H₂/Refining.
- Demand for Merchant CO₂ grew from 9.6 mtpy in 2014 to 10.3 mtpy in 2023 – 0.9% AGR – Covid Impact

Canadian Merchant CO₂ Nameplate Capacity – 2023

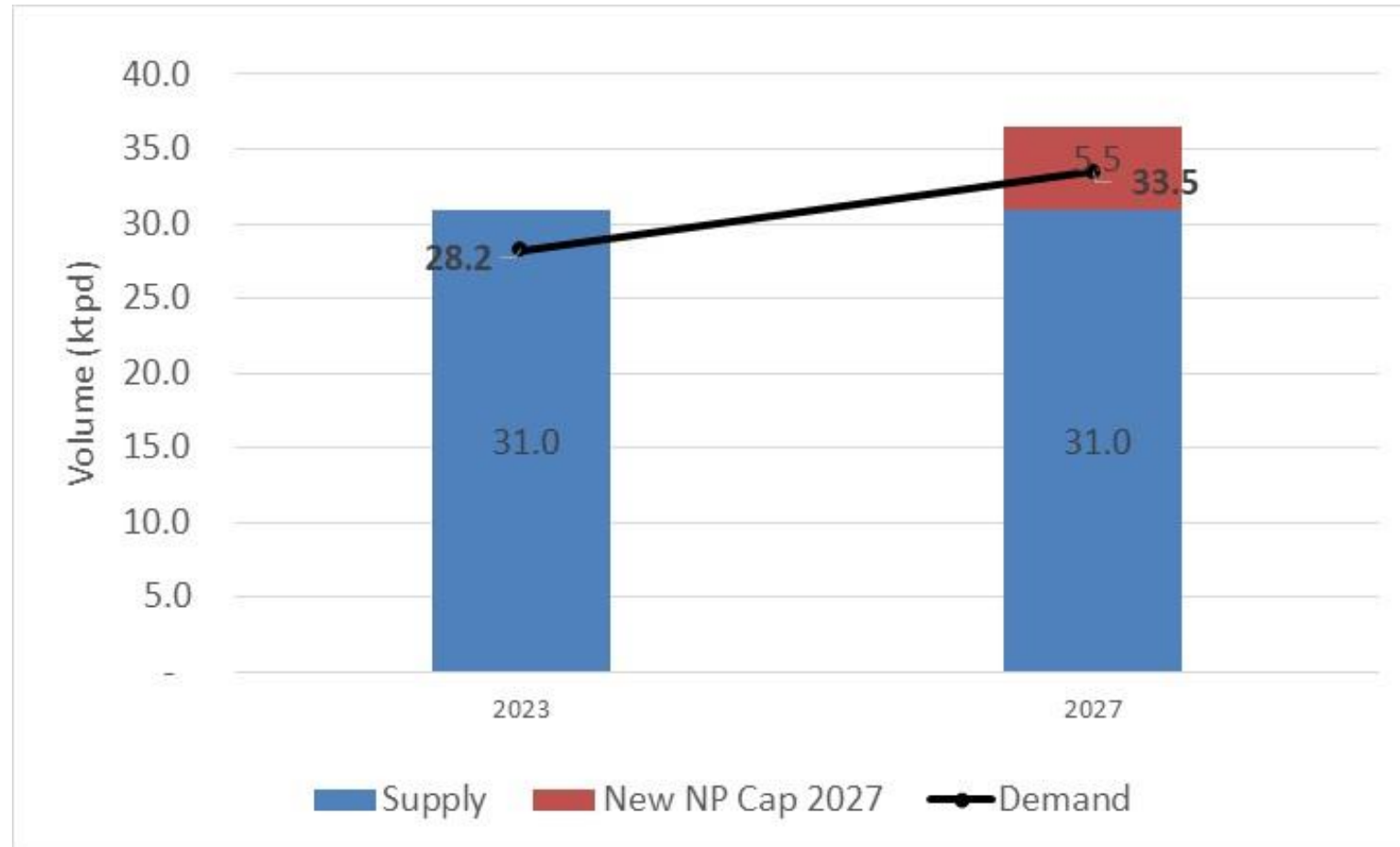
By Player and By Source



2023 Canadian CO₂ Capacity = 6.6 KTPD

- Linde Plc and Air Liquide dominate CO₂ sourcing from Canada.
- 78 percent of Canadian CO₂ is sourced from Ammonia, Ethanol, and H₂/Refining

US CO₂ Demand – Supply Balance (ktpd) 2023 to 2027



- CO₂ Demand estimated to grow at 2.0% per year to 12.2 mtpy.
- To support Demand growth – a minimum of five 400 tpd plants need to be added by 2027.

Conclusions - US CO₂ Business

- US CO₂ demand is 10.3 million tons per year which equals production.
 - Food applications comprise 70 percent of CO₂ demand
- US demand is projected to grow 2.0% AGR during the next five years
- US CO₂ nameplate capacity is currently estimated at 13.2 million tons per year.
- To meet five-year growth forecast, 2,000 tpd additional capacity must be developed (5 – 400 tpd plants). Plenty of crude CO₂ feedstock
- End-users need to take action to mitigate supply risk
 - Work with suppliers
 - Invest in your supply chain
- Security of the US Food Supply Chain
 - Covid 19 impact on Ethanol and support to Food industry and suppliers by VP Pence
 - CCS and 45Q/IRA and 45Z – this will negatively impact the ability of Merchant CO₂ to keep up with demand. Currently planned CCS pipelines in the upper Midwest already have agreements with Ethanol and Ammonia producers that will take 2,000 tpd out of existing supply after 2025.

Navigator CO₂

Utilization Market Update

March 2023



Heartland Greenway Project Summary

Large-scale point source CCUS platform across the Midwest for 2025 operational in-service

► Pipeline

- ~2,300 miles of new liquid CO₂ mainline pipeline across 5 states
- ~32 receipt points across various industries
- Up to 15 million metric tons/year capacity
- Filed state and federal pipeline permits
- Focused on acquiring right of way and obtaining permit approvals in 2023
- Construct in 2024 and be in service 2025

► Sequestration

- Permanent storage in Illinois, spread across multiple injection sites
- Filed 8 Class VI wells with the EPA
- Acquiring pore space and surface sites for injection and monitoring wells



CO₂ Economic Shift Driving Different Market Behaviors

Different value propositions arising due to regulatory changes around decarbonization

- 45Q Credit
 - Eligible if the emitter captures CO₂ that would otherwise be emitted into the atmosphere and contracts for permanent sequestration
 - Construction of capture facility begins before 1/1/2033
 - Minimum emissions capture of 12,500 MT/yr
 - Eligible for the \$85/MT credit over a 12-year term
- Additive to the 45Q Credit, the emitter may sell environmental attributes (EA) to third parties in the voluntary credit offset market
- An alternative to selling EA but still additive to the 45Q, an ethanol plant that can sell their ethanol into an LCFS market can achieve a premium uplift for their ethanol
- 45Z Clean Fuel Credit a separate option and could be the most lucrative to ethanol depending on overall CI-score reduction

100M Gallon Ethanol Plant @ 250,000 MT/yr of CO ₂ *	45Q + EA	45Q + LCFS
45Q	\$85	\$85
(+) Environmental Attributes @ \$25/MT	\$25	\$--
(+) LCFS @ \$80/MT	\$--	\$80
(=) Total Value of Carbon	\$110	\$165
(-) Capture Equipment	(\$5)	(\$5)
(-) Capture Equipment OPEX	(\$10)	(\$10)
(-) Pipeline + Sequestration	(\$35)	(\$35)
(=) Net \$/MT Uplift	\$60	\$115
(x) MT per year	250,000	250,000
(=) Net Revenue per year	\$15M	\$29M

Numbers are for illustrative purposes only and may vary based on size, location, credit, structure, etc.

CO₂ Price Floor Resetting from “Waste” to Commodity, Shift from Byproduct to Coproduct

45Q + LCFS/environmental attributes value - cost

**Assume 100M gallon ethanol plant produces
250,000 MT/yr of CO₂ at full capacity**

**Current:
Waste**

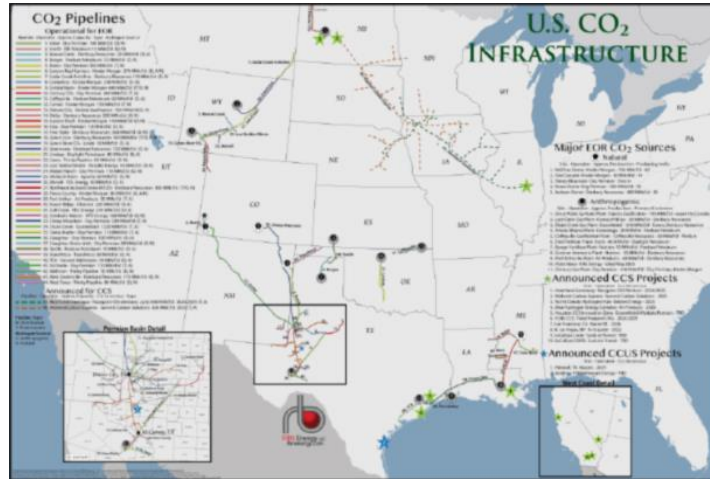
- **CO₂ buyer** invests all capital to capture/process CO₂ + opex + maintenance
- Ethanol plant sells CO₂ to a buyer @ ~**\$12/MT**
- Revenue to ethanol plant = **\$3M/year**

- **Ethanol plant** invests capital to capture/process CO₂ + opex + maintenance
- Plant sequesters CO₂ for \$85/MT less costs of \$50/MT to net **\$35/MT**
- Plant either 1) qualifies for LCFS for **\$80/MT** or 2) sells offsets for **\$25/MT**
- Revenue to ethanol plant = **\$15M - \$30M/year**

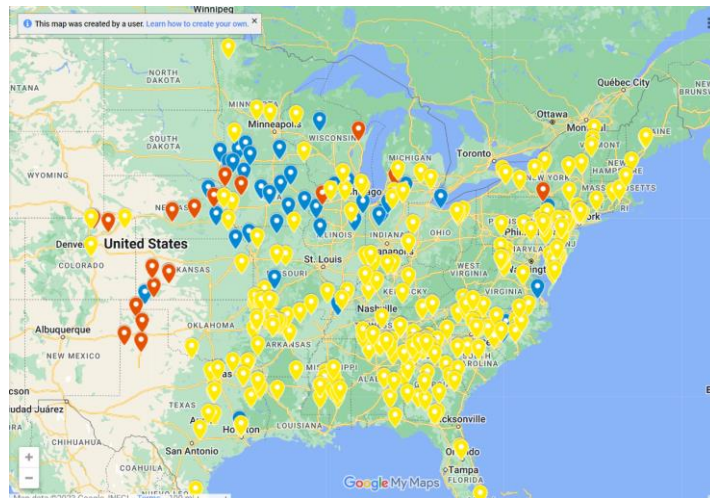
Would the ethanol company forgo this opportunity to continue to sell its CO₂ to a buyer for ~\$3M/year?

Colocation of CO₂ Pipelines to Supply is No Accident

Significant portion of CO₂ supply will be adjacent to CO₂ sequestration pipelines for ease of connection



Source: RBN



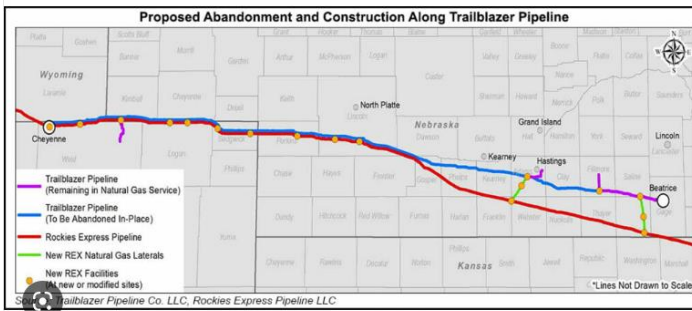
Proposed routes through Nebraska, Iowa

Summit Carbon Solutions Navigator Ventures



maps4news.com/DHERE, Lee Enterprises graphic

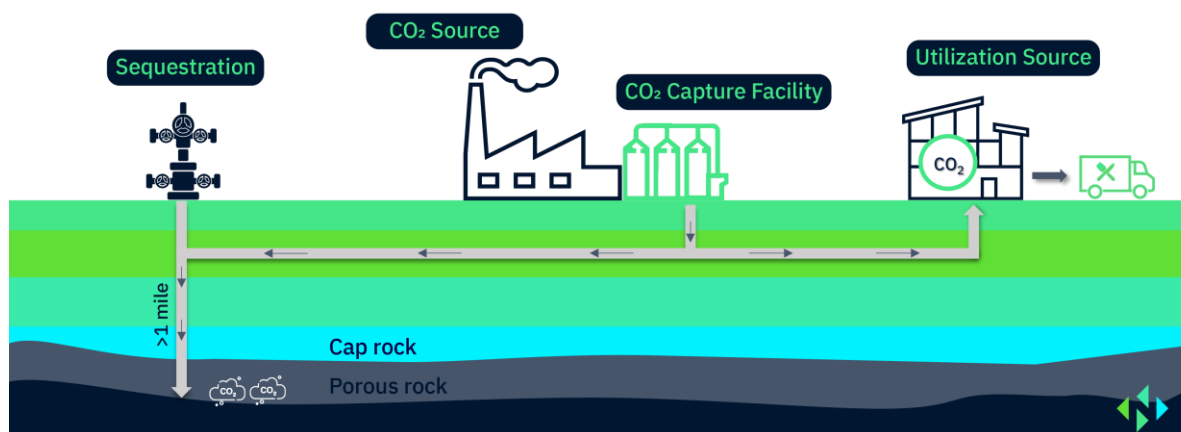
Natural Gas Intelligence



Individual Plant Partnership Is A Challenged Model

CO₂ buyers face increasing risk by aligning with single sources for product

- Single source contracts subjects CO₂ buyer to operational downtime and loss of supply for any reason; interruptible for any time or any reason is not sustainable
- Shift in value proposition driving CO₂ prices higher; power shifting to the seller
- End users that want a reliable, diverse supply mix with limited operational disruptions will have to pay a premium
 - CO₂ pipelines source product from multiple ethanol, power, ammonia and other industrial plants
 - Redundancy in supply and resiliency in operations is paramount
- Future regional or federal low carbon fuel market development will further incentivize ethanol plants to participate
 - Selling ethanol is their core business and they will always seek ways to maintain competitiveness
 - Should a CO₂ supply company look to secure a source not connected to any sequestration pipeline, that source will always have 'head on a swivel' to benefit from programs paying low CI ethanol providers
- Additional pipeline development will continue to attract CO₂ pointed towards sequestration
- Incremental capex to integrate with new ethanol plant will put a CO₂ buyer at parity with a pipeline from a single source and at a higher risk



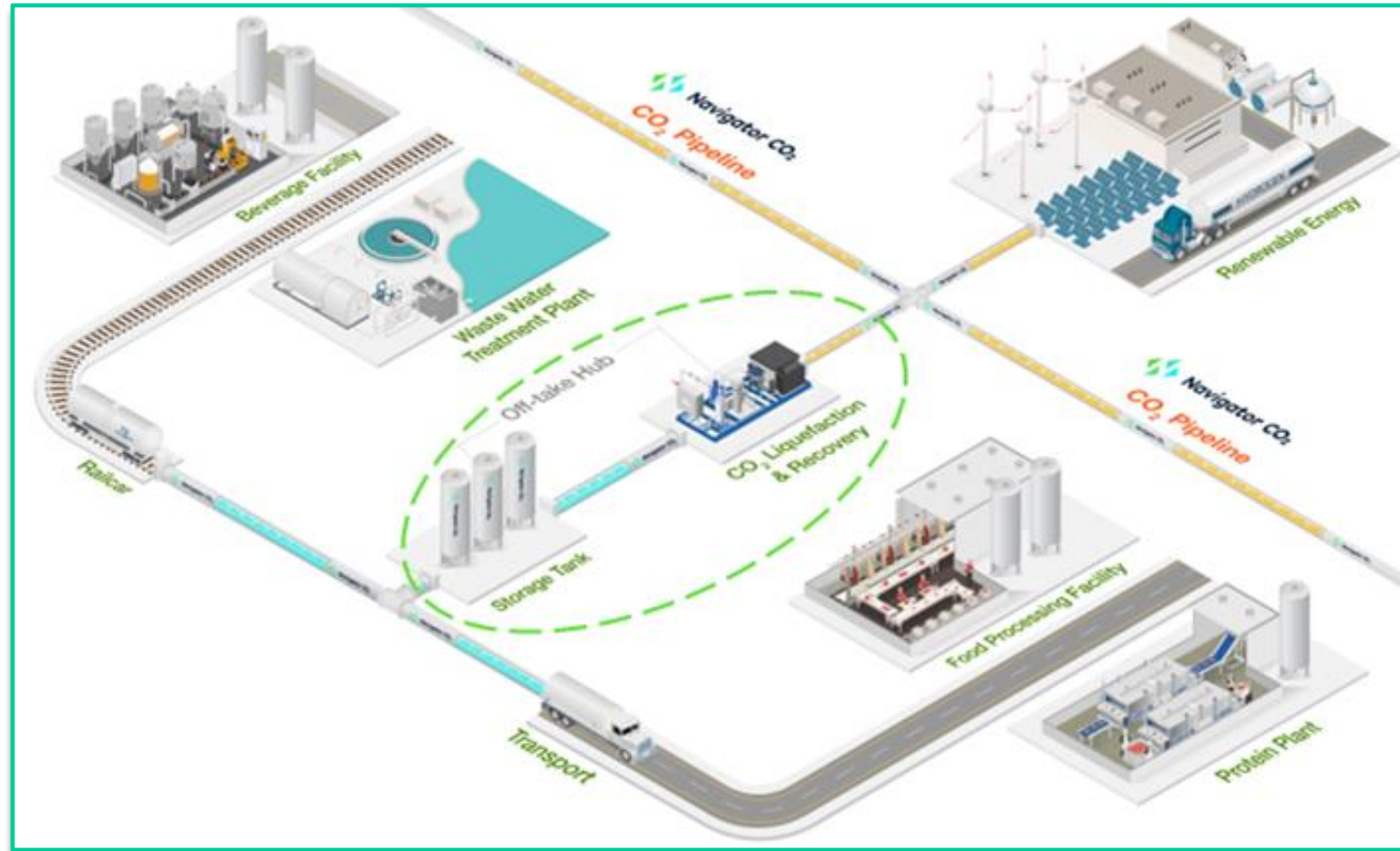
CO₂ End User Acceptance of Market Change

Will bear CO₂ price at the intersection of highest product reliability at the lowest alternative cost

- End users will not pay any price, but they will pay more than what they are paying today
- Reliability and resiliency command a premium
 - Protein plants cannot run without CO₂
 - Only a small volume of cryogenic demand can be substituted with nitrogen
 - CO₂ bid process is cumbersome
- End users realize (or need to continue to be educated) that they will need to compete with 45Q, 45Z, LCFS and other premium value drivers to incent molecules away from sequestration
- Extreme price (e.g., \$4,000/MT) seen in Europe recently due to dislocation of the CO₂ market demand against supply
 - Removal of future supply expected to exacerbate already tight US supply/demand balance (~2-3 MTPA CO₂ supply to be taken out of market proforma for CCUS in Midwest); 45Z could materially affect this
 - Growth in dry-ice demand for shipped food products adding stress to liquid CO₂ availability
 - Technology advances for next-gen industrial applications using CO₂ as a feedstock (ex. SAF, efuels, green ammonia, green hydrogen, synthetic biology upgrading, cannabis etc.) will continue to drive demand in the future
- End users need to be willing to term up contracts at a fair price to avoid being subject to extreme spot market price volatility
 - 5-10 years (45Q is 12 years)
 - Prices will be higher but reliability will be significantly improved

Heartland Greenway Offtake Hub Concept

CO₂ purchased FOB at the hub for further transportation via truck, pipe or rail to the end user



Heartland Greenway Offtake Hub Offering

- Heartland Greenway building multiple offtake hubs with no rate difference to sequester versus deliver
 - Capacity design of 500 MT/day or 1000 MT/day
 - Targeting locations in IL, IA, and NE near mainline pipeline, good highway access and power availability
 - Pull pipeline quality high-pressure, dense phase CO₂ (1300 to 2100 psig) off the mainline pipeline and reduce the pressure to 200-500 psi
 - Product upgraded to meet beverage specifications for USDA requirements, stored for up to 2 days and then loaded on to a liquid CO₂ truck for service fee of \$25-35/MT
 - Product measured into and out of the offtake hub, with title and risk passing to the CO₂ buyer at the flange of the truck offload
 - Considering rail loading capability
- CO₂ buyers can purchase product from any seller at any available offtake hub on a term or spot basis
 - Hub location does not have to be physically downstream of the seller's plant
 - Sellers can sell all or just a portion of their CO₂ to a buyer
- Offtake hubs can be strategically located to end users
 - Reduces distance, saving truck transportation cost and turnaround time
 - Coupled with more efficient transportation fuels, the savings could negate a portion of the CO₂ price increase
- CO₂ buyers and sellers can keep existing business relationships and renegotiate terms to transition activity from the plant to the pipeline once in service

Key Takeaways

Action must be taken in 2023 to set up for 2025 and beyond

- Opportunity to completely restructure how the CO₂ markets work: your input is paramount
- Supply will materially decrease over the next 2-3 years with pipeline start ups
- Demand continues to increase with energy shift to make next generation fuels (SAF, e-fuels, renewable diesel)
 - Example: Denbury/HIF/Monarch deal announced for 2M+ tons CO₂ /year which represents 17% of current market
 - Many more are coming
- Consider two paths:
 - If pipelines get built and the market continues to move forward, how will your facility be affected by the various CO₂ constraints? Can you take action now to avoid this?
 - Navigator offtake is an option
 - If pipelines aren't built, it's business as usual
- Get input and insights from various stakeholders in the entire CO₂ supply chain NOT just suppliers
- Use federal \$\$ to help your operations reduce their carbon footprint
 - Combined heat and capex (CHP) has significant capex incentives (up to 50% of capex)
 - Capture CO₂ from boilers?
 - Develop new brands if you decarbonize a processing plant to become carbon negative
 - Consider next generation fuel to transition your own transportation fleet
 - Band together and support the proposed legislation to allow the utilization tax credit to match the sequestration credit
- **Time to act is NOW**

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