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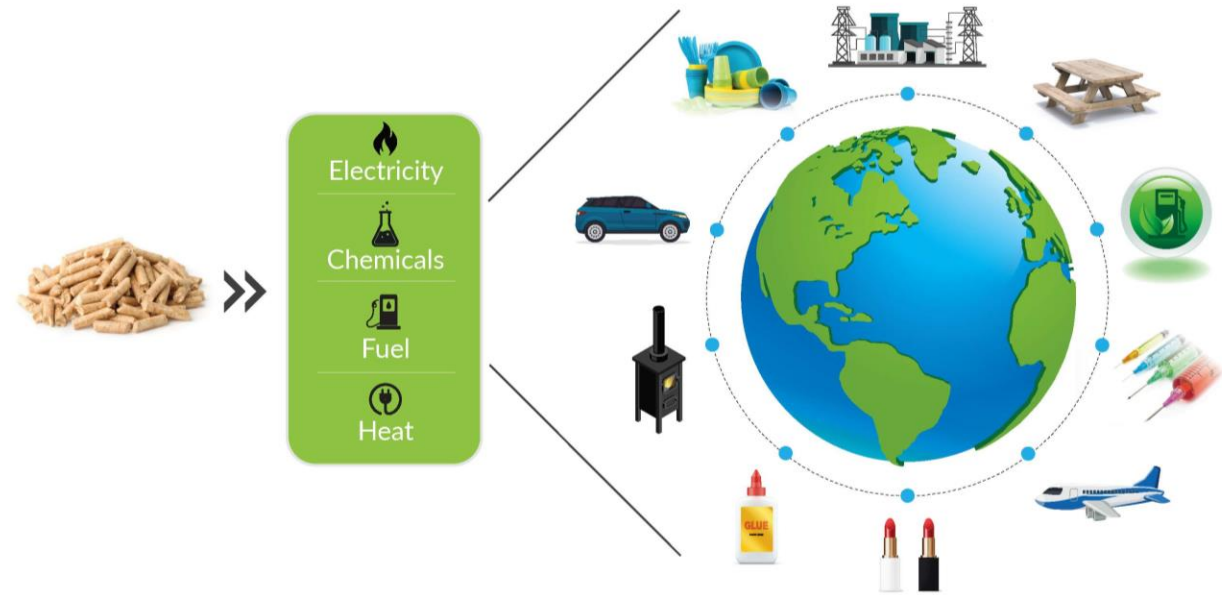
EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES DRIVING NEW USES



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ADVANCING CANADA'S BIOECONOMY

- Fibre used for highest & best use.
- Cascading Principle = energy final use for wood fibre.
- Pellets ideal for bioproduct and biochemical applications.
- Pellets offer opportunity to produce different high-value fuels and biomaterials.



And it can all
start with pellets.

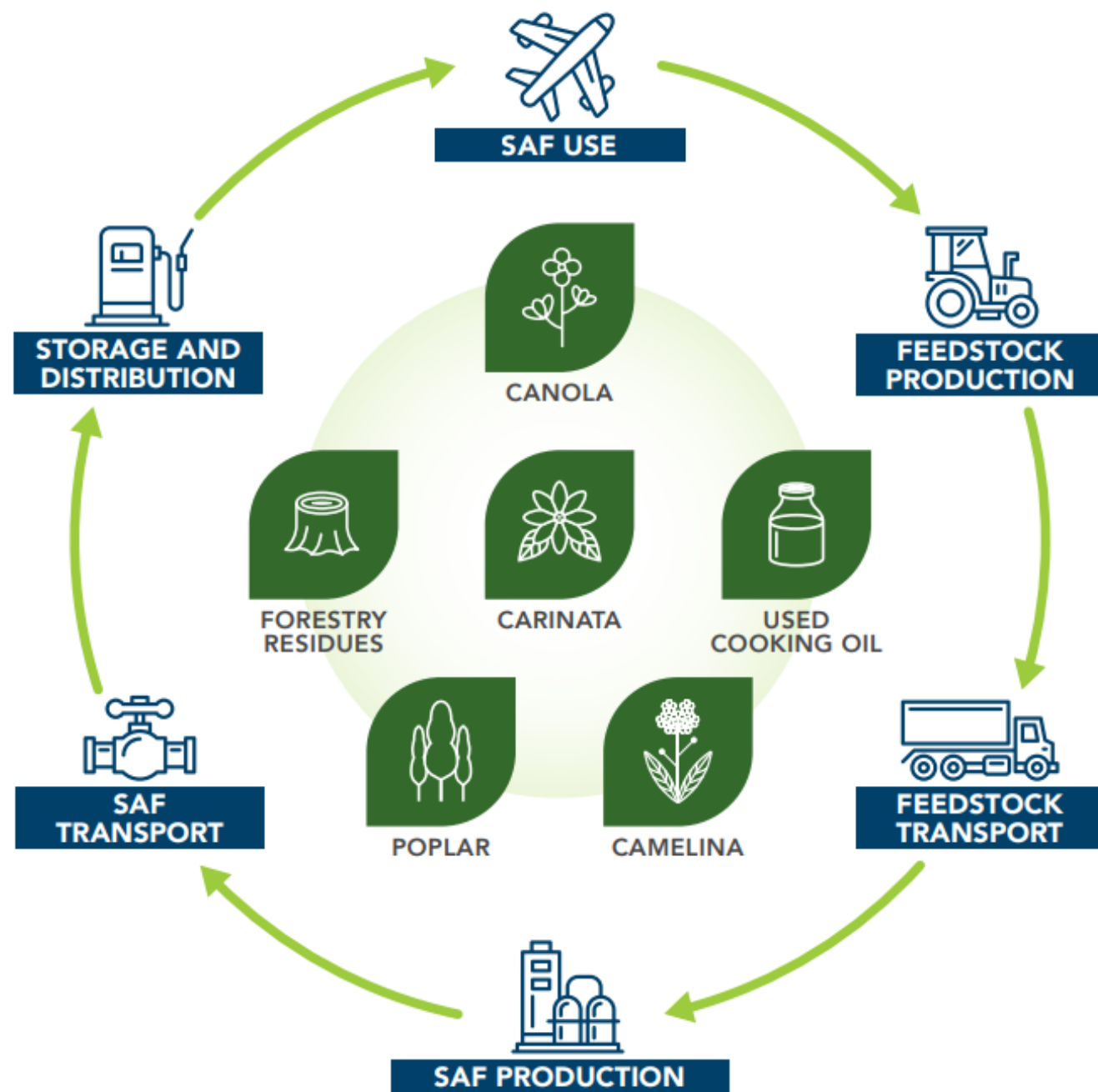
DECARBONIZE AVIATION & MARINE

- Transport sector responsible for ~1/4 of energy-related CO₂ emissions.
- ~75% of emissions come from road transport.
- ~22% comes from aviation and marine
 - Harder to abate than road, which can more easily switch to alternative fuels or use electric power.



SAF: POTENTIAL FOR BIOMASS

- *Canada's Aviation Climate Action Plan*: vision for net-zero GHG emissions by 2050.
- **Widespread availability and use of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF)** will drive down significant portion of GHG emissions to 2050.
- ~70% of fuel used by 2050 would be SAF.



Source: Canada's Aviation Climate Action Plan 2022-2030

CANADA'S OPPORTUNITY & STRATEGY



C-SAF Roadmap:

- Canada has sustainable biomass for 7-10 billion litres of SAF a year.

In feedstocks:

- Canada has opportunities across SAF pathways.
- Short-term, volumes from HEFA-based SAF from oilseeds.

To scale SAF to meet the 2030 1 billion litres target, we need technologies and projects that utilize Canada's strengths in forest and agriculture residues, municipal solid waste, ethanol, and power-to-liquids.

SKY'S THE LIMIT

- Key action needed to deliver near term goal is to use wood and build supply chain for wood feedstock:

- Co-locate SAF facilities with forestry operations.
- Create efficient hub-and-spoke system for wood residue collection and processing.
- Explore mechanical bundling of forestry residues.
- Prioritize the collection of wood slash.
- Work with FPAC.



**Wood pellet
plants can act
as hub to
produce SAF**

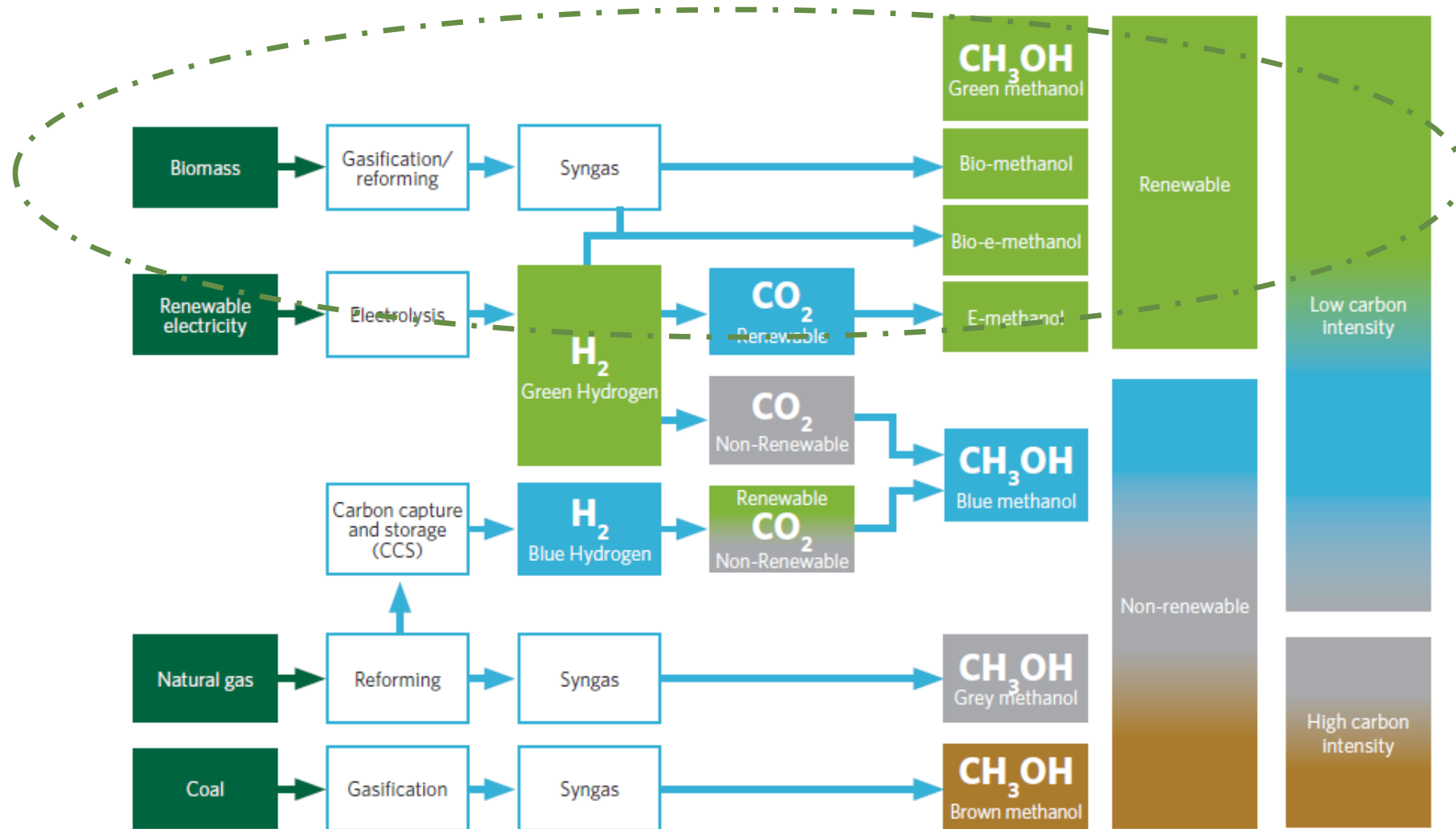
FUEL: MARINE METHANOL

- Decarbonizing shipping requires range of solutions:
 - Carbon capture for ships.
 - Low-carbon fuels.
- Methanol as marine fuel greatly lowers emissions of:
 - Sulfur oxides (SOX).
 - Nitrogen oxides (NOX).
 - Particulate matter (PM).
- Switching to methanol, ship operators can immediately comply with the IMO's most stringent SOX and PM emissions regulations by switching to methanol.



FUEL: MARINE METHANOL

Marine methanol
emissions reductions
vs HFO/MGO SOX -
99% PM -95% NOX
Up to -80%




Source: IRENA and Methanol Institute, 2021

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Enerkem, partners propose Quebec waste-to-biofuels plant

by *Melody M. Bomgardner*

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[SunGas Renewables to develop green methanol facility in Louisiana | Biomassmagazine.com](#)

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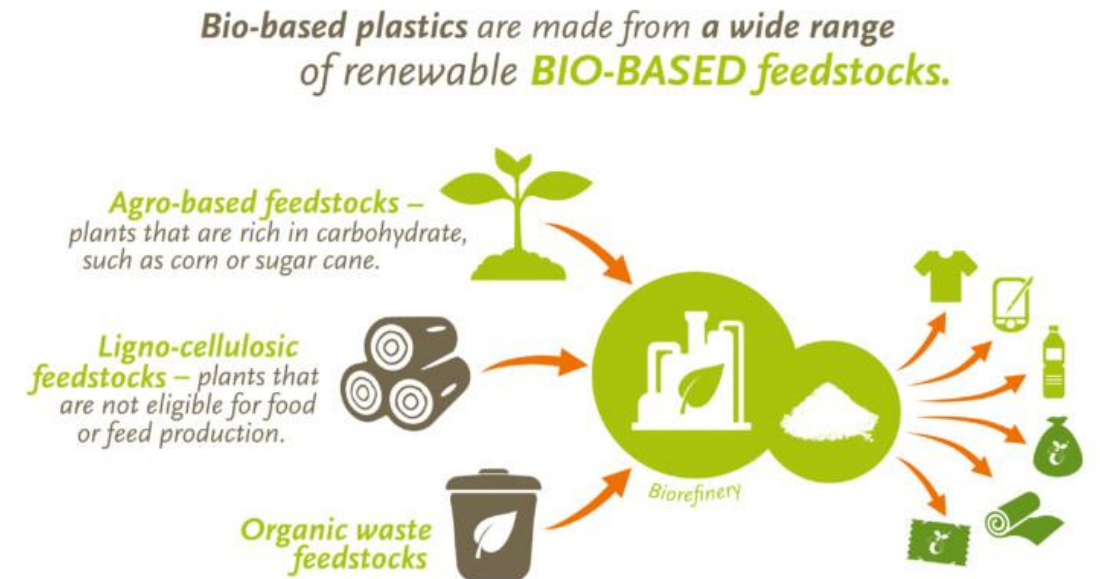
Origin Materials and methanol producer Proman to explore biofuels production

August 9, 2023 By Origin Materials

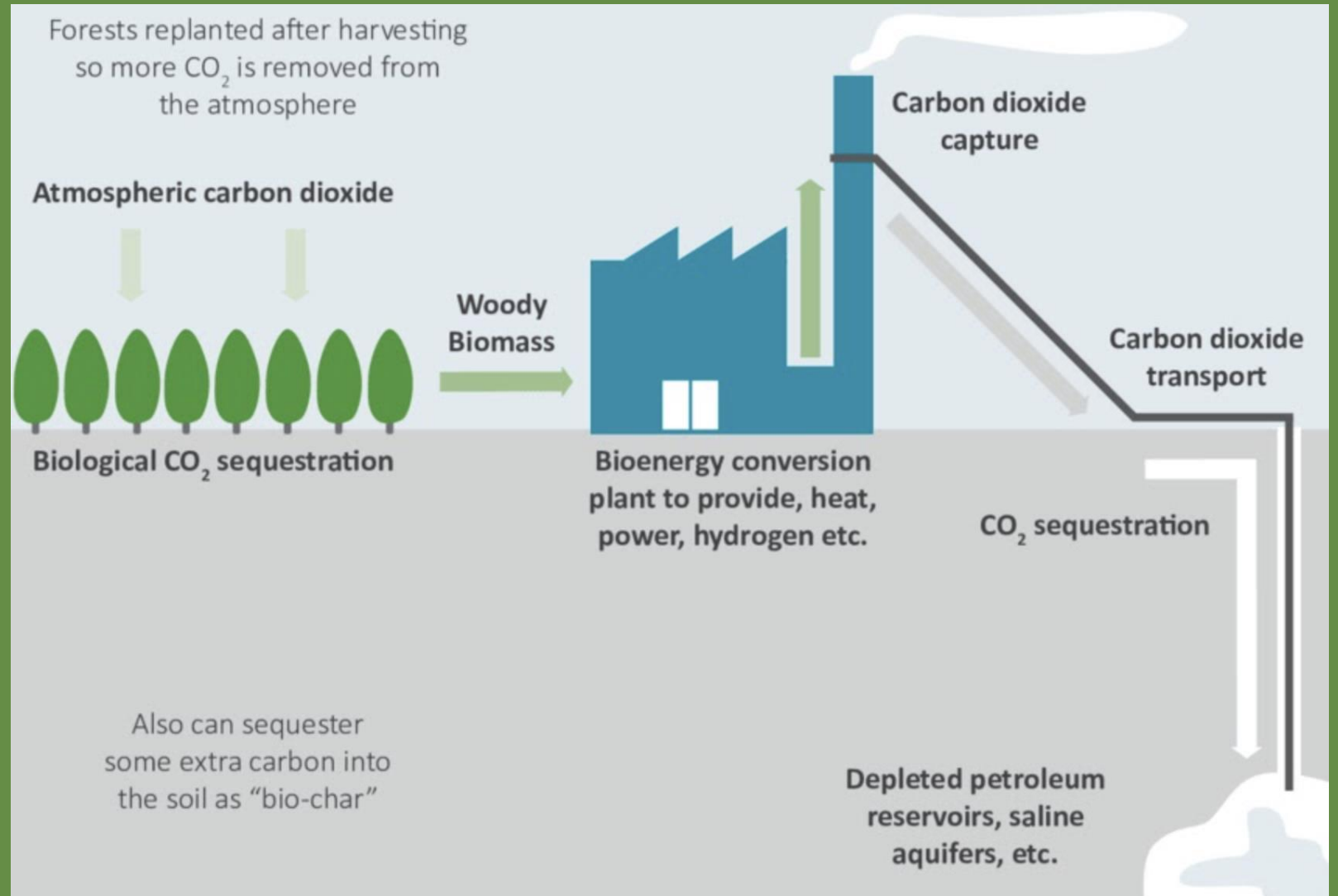
BIOMASS MATERIALS

- Potential to convert sustainable wood residues into biobased materials like chloromethylfurfural (CMF).
- CMF - a carbohydrate-derived platform molecule produced in high yield under mild conditions from raw biomass.

- Commercial markets of synthetic manipulation of CMF: renewable monomers, fuels, and specialty chemicals.



CANADA'S NET ZERO ECONOMY WILL NEED CARBON CAPTURE & STORAGE



BECCS is used in 3 out of 4 model pathways the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has set out to limit global warming to 1.5°C.

SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS: MICROSOFT & ØRSTED

- ~250,000 t/yr BECCS CO₂ removals (CDRs) over 11 yrs.
- Total 430,000 t CDR/yr.
- CO₂ from Ørsted's biomass district straw and wood chip heating plants.
- Liquefied biogenic CO₂ transported to terminal in Norway for permanent offshore storage.

AKER CARBON CAPTURE **Ørsted** **Microsoft** **Northern Lights**

Delivering large-scale carbon removal from 2025
Accelerating planet positive through biogenic carbon capture and storage

Aker Carbon Capture to deliver five Just Catch units and equipment for over EUR 200 million to Ørsted bioenergy plants in Denmark

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SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

- Wood pellets are an ideal feedstock for many bioproduct and biochemical applications.
- Transport sector is responsible for ~1/4 of total energy-related CO₂ emissions.
- Decarbonizing aviation and marine sectors a priority.
- Potential to produce SAF and Methanol using wood residues.
- Conversion of wood residues to CMF also promising pathway.
- BECCS is Canada's largest GHG reduction opportunity – any decarbonization roadmap without inclusion of BECCS is incomplete.





WOOD PELLET

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