Developments in the SEWGS CO<sub>2</sub> capture technology. Jaap Vente

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## Organizational structures

Traditional hierarchy

The Matrix





#### We are financed like a matrix!



### Sorption Enhanced Water Gas Shift

- Water gas shift reaction at 400°C is thermodynamically limited
- Combines the Water-Gas-Shift reaction with sorbent material to simultaneously produce H<sub>2</sub> at high temperature whilst also capturing CO<sub>2</sub>





#### SEWGS in action



### SWOT - SEWGS

#### Strength

- Highly efficient technology
- Very suitable for the steel industry
- Low-cost process and sorbents

#### **Opportunities**

- The Netherlands aims to store 20 MT/y CO<sub>2</sub>
- Increased industrial budgets for the reduction of their carbon footprint
- CCUS is essential for deep decarbonisation

#### Weakness

- Technology only proven in the lab
- Business cases not fully defined
- Technology needs to be more compact

#### Threats

- CCUS suffers from a negative public perception
- For political and geological reasons, CO<sub>2</sub> storage is not possible in all countries
- World wide climate leadership is weak



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## Residual streams contain energy

- Unique feature of current steel making processes
- Presence of diluted energy containing streams

Gas type	CO <sub>2</sub>	СО	N <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	LHV (MJ/Nm <sup>3</sup> )
BOF gas	19	58	20	3		8
BF gas	24	23	49	4		3.5
CO gas	2	5	7	62	24	18

See IEAGHG report on Iron&Steel, http://www.ieaghg.org/docs/General\_Docs/Reports/2013-04.pdf ecn.nl BOF gas – Basic Oxygen Furnace gas, BF gas – Blast Furnace gas CO gas – Cokes Oven gas



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#### **External validation**

be profitable. On the longer term, the very promising SEWGS route will become available on a commercial scale. Currently this route is at a Technology Readiness Level (TRL) or around 6 or 7. The SEWGS route is shown to be profitable, with a payback period of 8 years for the production of methanol and 2 years for the production of hydrogen using this route. However, one downside of





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# PILOTING IN THE STEEL INDUSTRY



### Progress





#### STEPWISE: the movie





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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-EpcBt9uN4



FERTILIZERS FROM RESIDUAL STEEL GASES

#### **CURE CO**<sub>2</sub> to **Ure**a

## Production of value added chemicals

- Residual gases in the steel industry contain N<sub>2</sub>
- After SEWGS,
  - the  $N_2$  goes with the  $H_2$ ,
  - need for removal before hydrocarbon synthesis
- Treated BOF gas has the right  $H_2/N_2$  ratio for ammonia synthesis



#### **CURE CO**<sub>2</sub> to **Ure**a

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#### **Business Case**

- Comparable economics natural gas based and BOF-gas based urea
- Urea pays for capture technology: storage ready CO<sub>2</sub> for free



# Technology needs to be more compact **COST REDUCTION BY INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY**



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#### More compact operation

Structured sorbents vs. conventional technologies









#### 3-Dimensional structure sorbents



- Overall objective:
  - Productivity [kg CO<sub>2</sub>/(m<sup>3</sup>hr)] increase by a factor 10 of sorbent based capture technologies
- Means:

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- Additive manufacturing,
  3D-printing
- Materials:
  - Hydrotalcite
  - Amine Functionalised Silica



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## Advantages of structured beds





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## Additive manufacturing of porous materials



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