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## CCS...It's Time!

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#### CCS Needed Quickly at Scale

### Analysis Framework... 2008 Prism







### **Deep Decarbonization Expensive w/o CCS**



"Without CCS, the transformation of the power sector will be at least USD 3.5 trillion more expensive. In a "no CCS in power" scenario variant of the 2DS, deployment of renewable technologies would need to be expanded by an additional 1900 GW by 2050 over and above the 2DS requirements. This is equivalent to around four times the total wind and solar PV capacity additions achieved in the last decade."

# To meet CCS targets, investment and deployment needs to be ramped up, yet the reality on ground is quite different...

Source: Bistline and Rai, Energy Policy, 2010.



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### **CCS Project Pipeline Growing Very Slowly**





### With Increasing Unit Size, Cost Reductions May Not Automatically Hold For Capital Intensive Technologies



Average estimated cost of nuclear power

Unit cost of natural gas liquefaction plants

- Complex value chain: Cost increases due to unanticipated technological and regulatory bottlenecks; and market structure effects
- Appraisal optimism or "low balling"
  - Optimistic forecasts, understatement of costs
  - Once support secured and funds sunk, reveal true costs

### New Drivers (EOR, Chemicals, H<sub>2</sub>, Innovations...) Driving a Portfolio of CCS Technologies



- Industry and academic collaboration extremely important
- Energy Institute's new *Fueling a Sustainable Energy Transition (FSET)* initiative



**Fig. 8.** Comparisons of probability distributions of minimum cost of  $CO_2$  avoided (\$/tCO<sub>2</sub>) in 2025 across 7 technologies. Distribution of costs results from distribution of energy penalties and cost model assumptions. Legend shows portion of all instances in which each technology sets the lowest cost.

### **Concluding Thoughts**

- Need careful design of learning cycles between generations of the technology
- When scaling up, only technological improvements not sufficient. Experience with actual deployment across markets critical
- Attention on market structure and IP issues: Need competition and a number of technology suppliers. If China develops CCS technologies, good for the deployment of CCS globally
- Public participation and transparency must

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