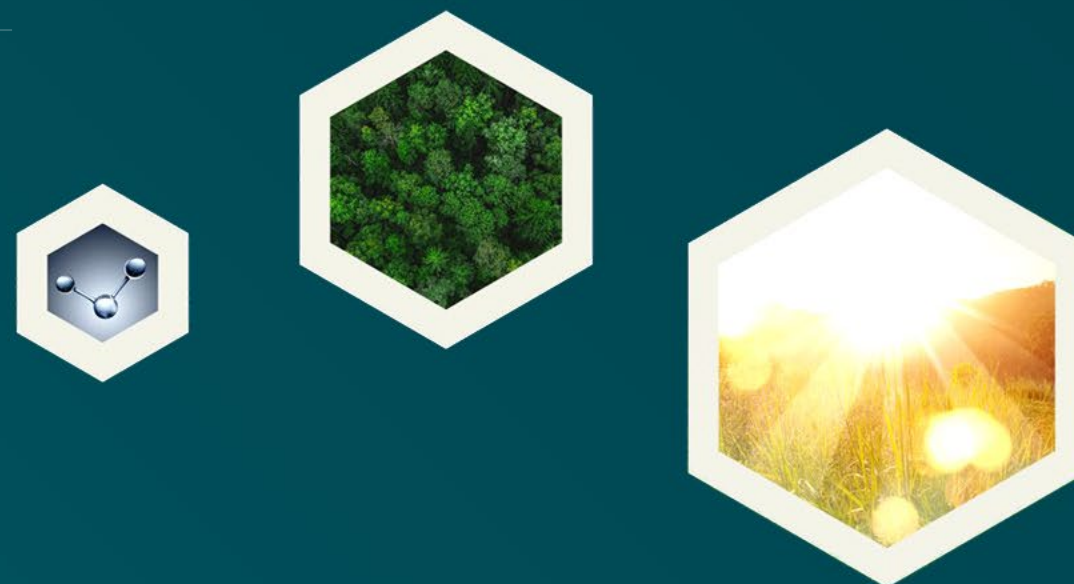


# Hydrogen **Naturally** Inc.

Carbon Negative **Bright Green**<sup>™</sup> Hydrogen from the Air

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**Our aim:**

**Help reach net zero fast enough to make a difference**

**Our plan: Natural Air Capture (NAC) with CCS**

*Large scale removal of CO<sub>2</sub> from the air - 0.75 Gigatonnes*

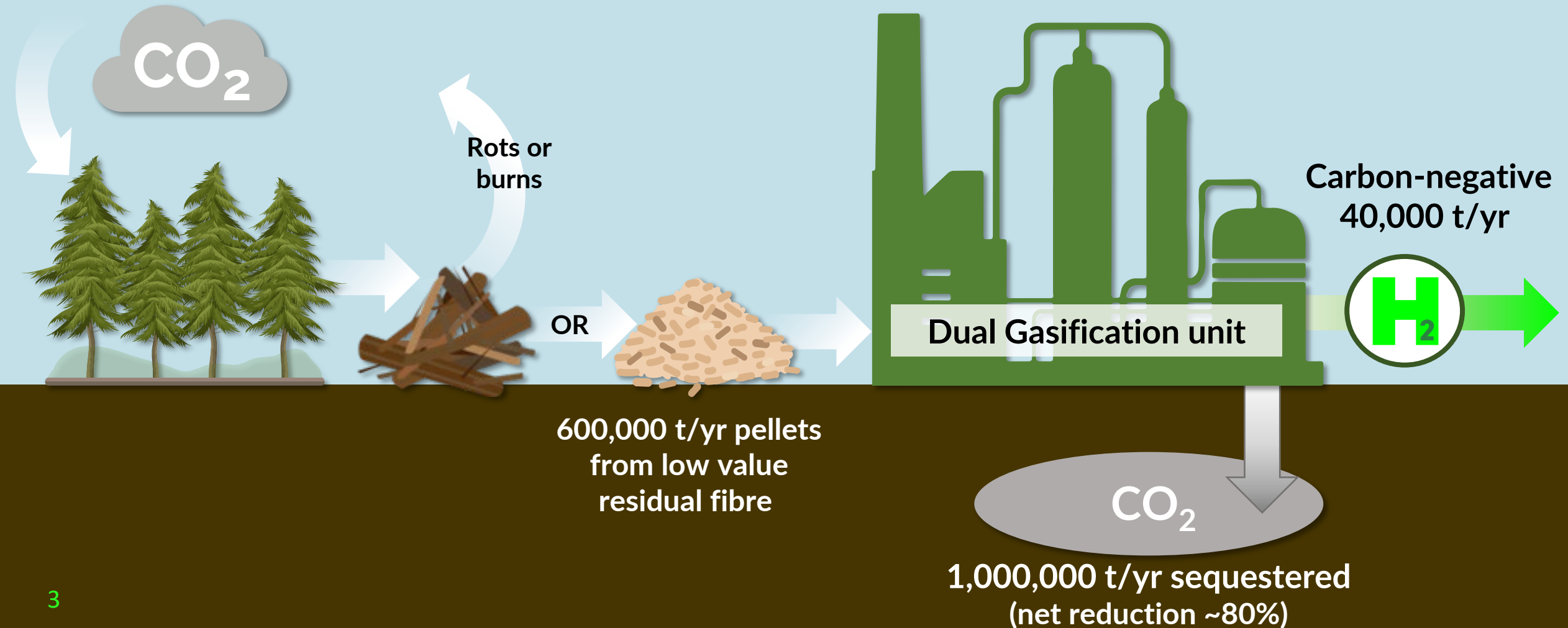
*Negative emission fuel production*

**3 foundational principles:**

- 1. Adapt known scalable technologies in a new way to address climate change**
- 2. Complete solution: don't rely on others for critical pieces**
- 3. Buildable, operable, financeable**

# H2N/NAC dual benefits

- Complete the **NAC** process: avoid CO<sub>2</sub> returning to atmosphere: capture & sequester it
- And supply **-150 gCO<sub>2</sub>e/MJ** fuel for additional decarbonization



# Proven track record of founders



Developer of renewable biomass projects,  
mills, pellets, etc.



World leading developer and leading  
CCS credentials

# North West Capital Partners: brought CCS to Alberta

## Weyburn – early CCS

- Early partner in Weyburn sequestration project
- Injects 5,000 tonnes per day of CO<sub>2</sub>

## Sturgeon Refinery – pioneering blue H<sub>2</sub> in heavy oil

- Designed from conception with integrated CO<sub>2</sub> capture
- World’s largest blue hydrogen plant
- Gasification unit optimized by current H2N team

## Alberta Carbon Trunk Line – first to move CO<sub>2</sub> at scale

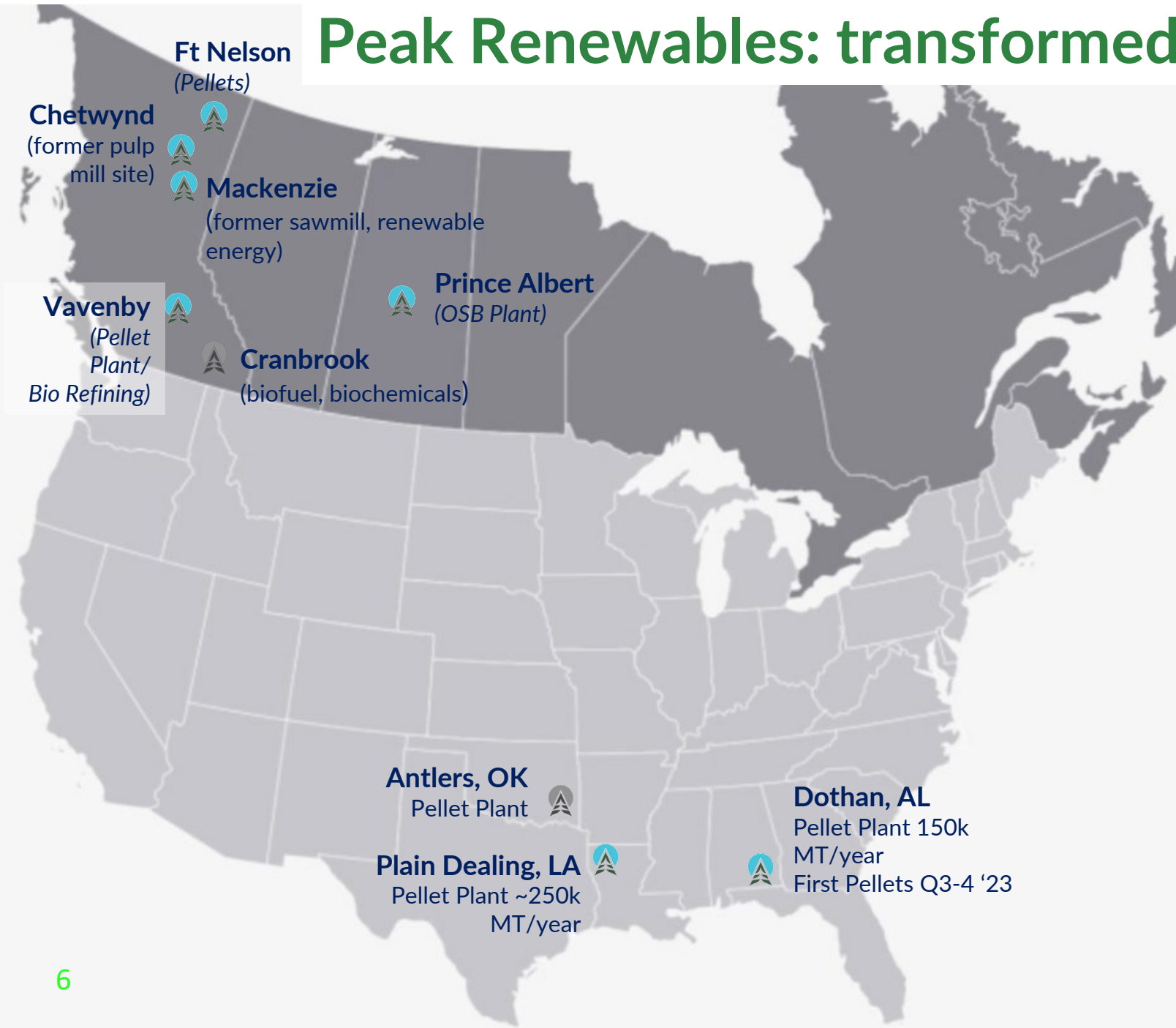
- Conceived and incubated
- World’s largest operational dedicated CCS pipeline, **15 million tonnes annual CO<sub>2</sub> capacity**

## Qube – first to scale AI based emission detection

- Leading continuous methane emissions monitoring technology
- >250,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per year emissions abated





# Peak Renewables: transformed forestry in N. America



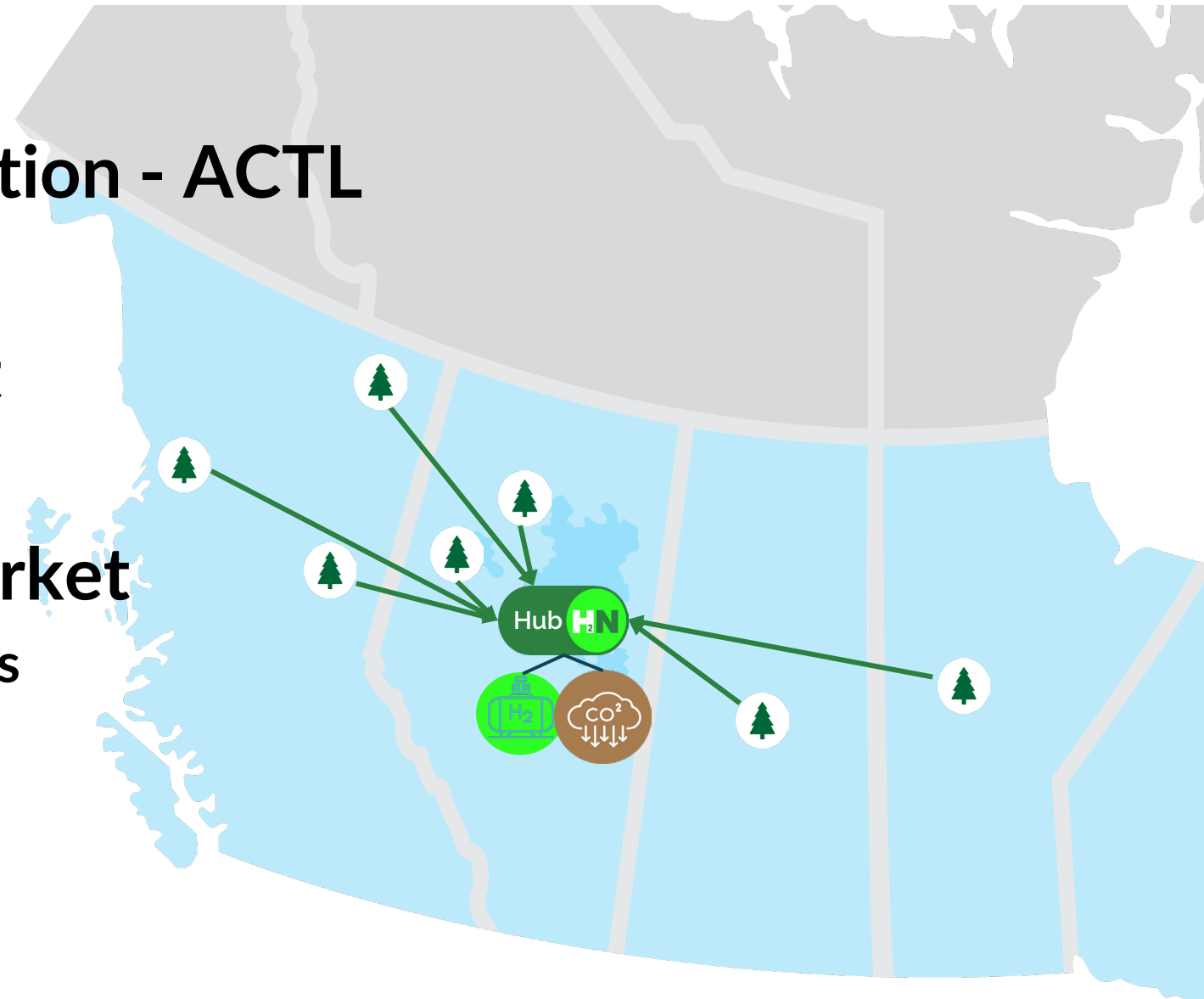
- Under BID Group, constructed 75% of the automated sawmills across N. America
- Converted the lumber processing industry from analog to digital
- Now building large scale mills to utilize low value fibre
  - Combined 750 Kt/yr of pellet mill development underway – largest developer in N. America
  - 650 MMsf OSB plant in FID
  - Additional pellet plants in US South in development stages

## Legend:

-  Existing site/ active projects
-  Potential future site/ project

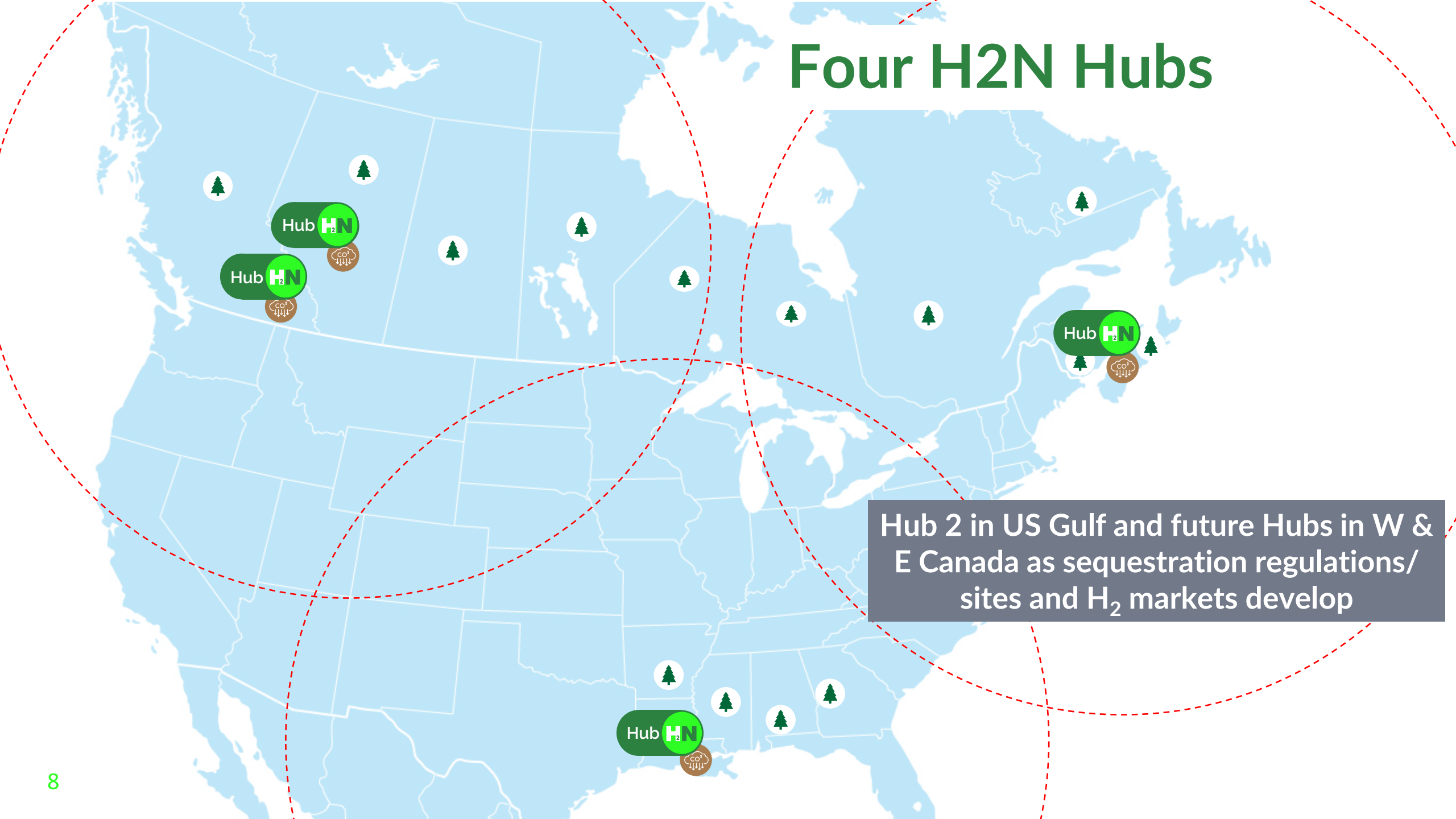
# Hub 1: Alberta's Industrial Heartland

- Operational CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration - ACTL
- Efficient rail fibre transport
- Large **Bright Green™ H<sub>2</sub>** market
  - Values carbon negative attributes





# Four H2N Hubs



Hub 2 in US Gulf and future Hubs in W & E Canada as sequestration regulations/ sites and H<sub>2</sub> markets develop



# H2N in Alberta's Industrial Heartland

## World's first:

- Natural Air Capture 4-unit Hub with 4,000,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> stored/year
- 160,000 tonnes/year of carbon-negative **Bright Green™** hydrogen
- Site selection underway Q2 2023



# Project execution strategy

1. Complete detailed engineering before manufacturing

2. Manufacturing and installation

**not** modularization and construction

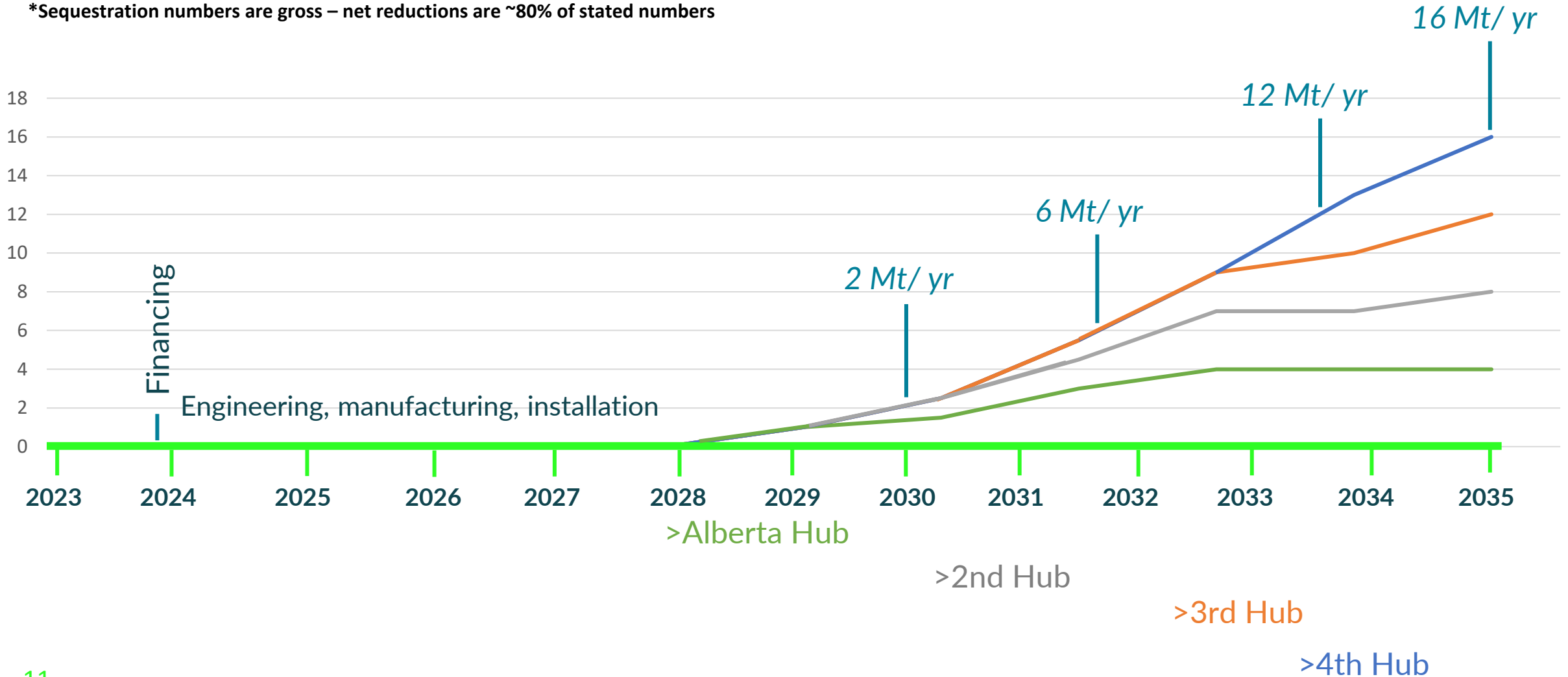
3. 2 x 1 configuration for economies of scale & reliability

4. Reduce costs through replication

5. Time expansion to match fibre supplies

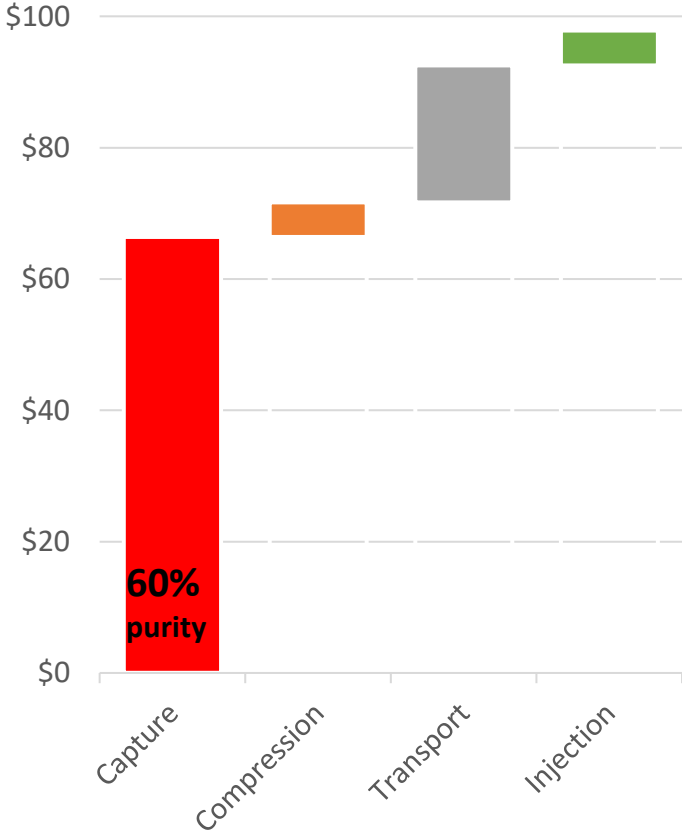
# Sequestration CO<sub>2</sub> at scale

\*Sequestration numbers are gross – net reductions are ~80% of stated numbers



# CCS: cost is all about CO<sub>2</sub> concentration

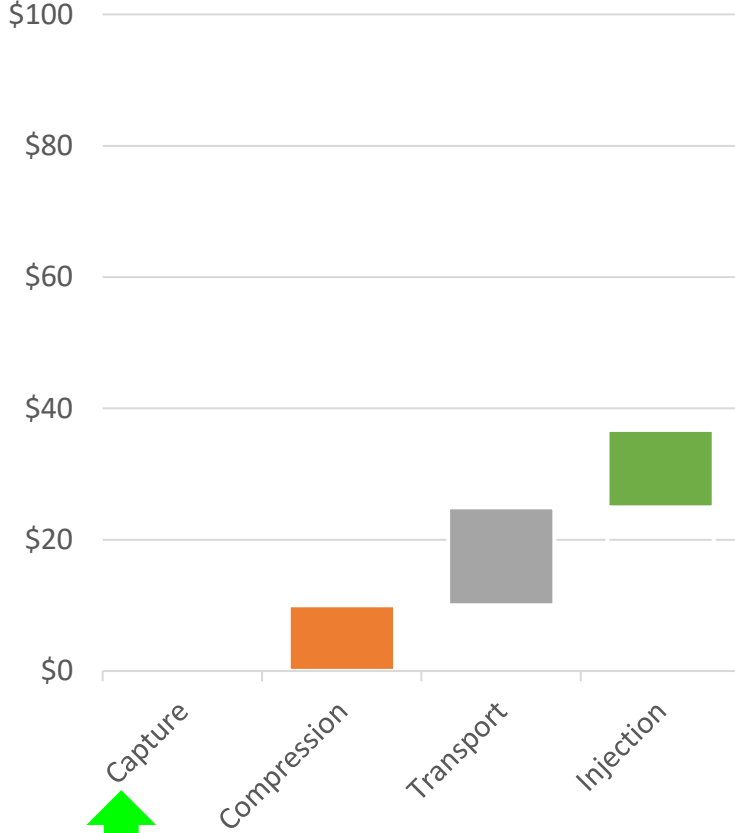
Shell Quest (2020) (\$/tonne)



Nutrien ACTL (2020) (\$/tonne)



H2N (\$/tonne)



- Capture starts with concentrating CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Most technologically difficult to solve, unproven at scale
  - Drives the real \$/tonne cost of CCS using air capture

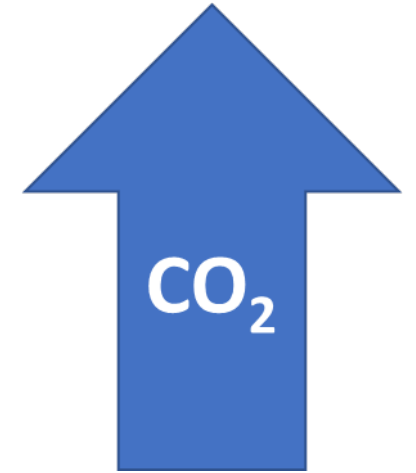
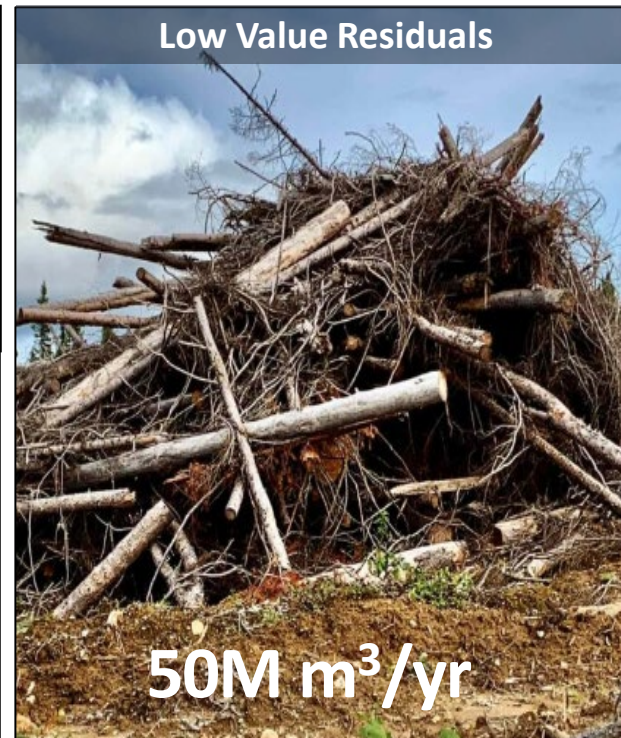
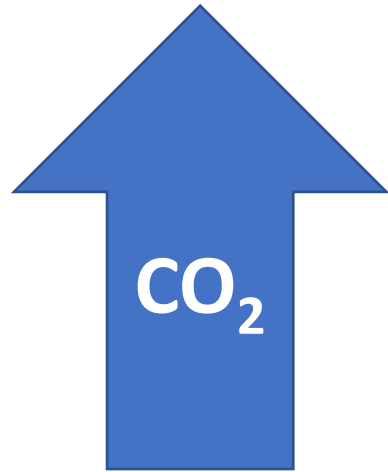
**Biomass has solved this**

# Canada's vast carbon capture resource

60M tonnes/yr of CO<sub>2</sub> return to atmosphere



40M tonnes/yr of CO<sub>2</sub> return to atmosphere



Pulp or combustion



Burnt or rots

# A new market for residual fibre

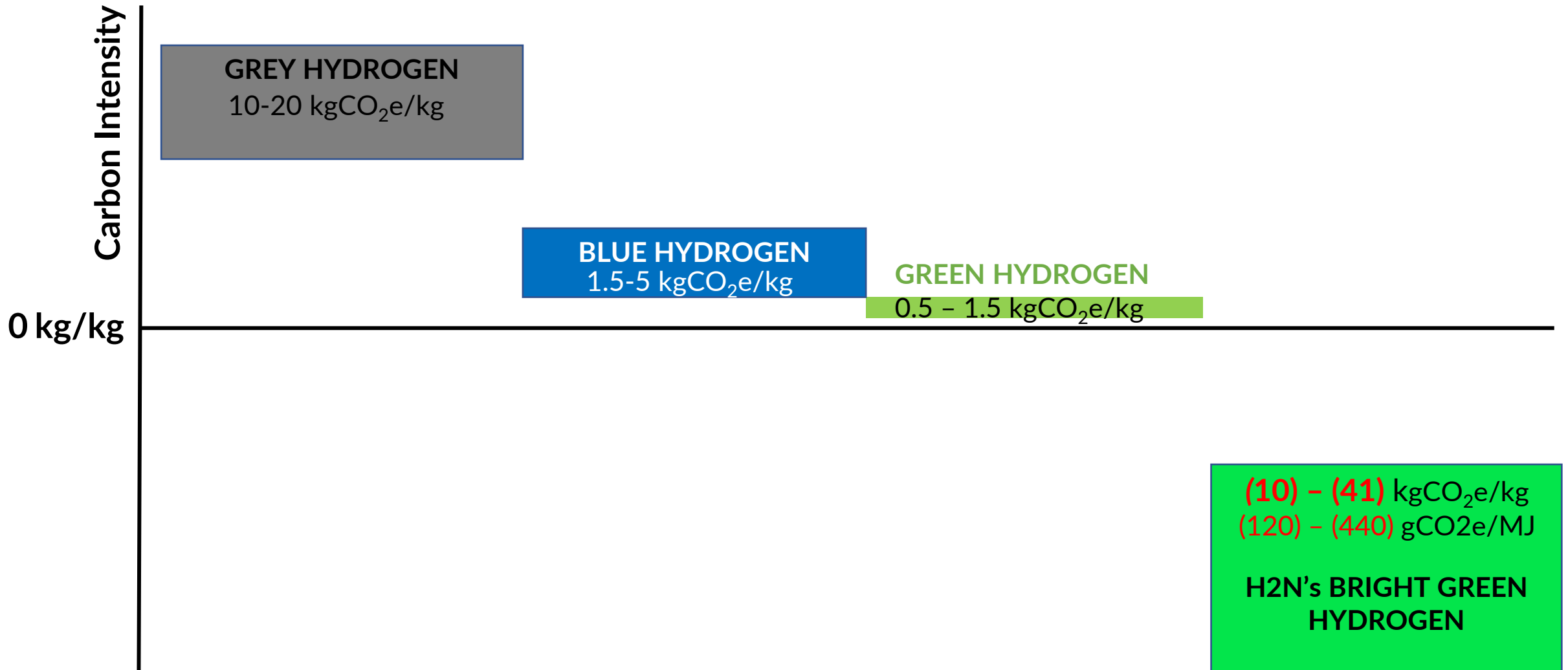
New residual fibre market based on CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration with forestry, climate and energy benefits:

- **Supports primary forest economics and management**
  - Underpins lumber production
  - Utilize far greater percentage of the fibre than traditional industry model
  - Low value, waste and land-locked fibre becomes economic
- **Significantly increases the carbon benefits over pellet combustion, and keeps the climate benefits in Canada**
  - Pellets to Europe for power = +2tCO<sub>2</sub>e/t vs pellets used in H2N process = -1.5tCO<sub>2</sub>e/t
  - Avoids slash pile emissions AND displaces fossil fuel emissions
- **Durable forestry jobs across the country for Indigenous and rural communities**

Carbon negative is critical to  
**actually** reach net zero



# Negative emission bright green™ hydrogen



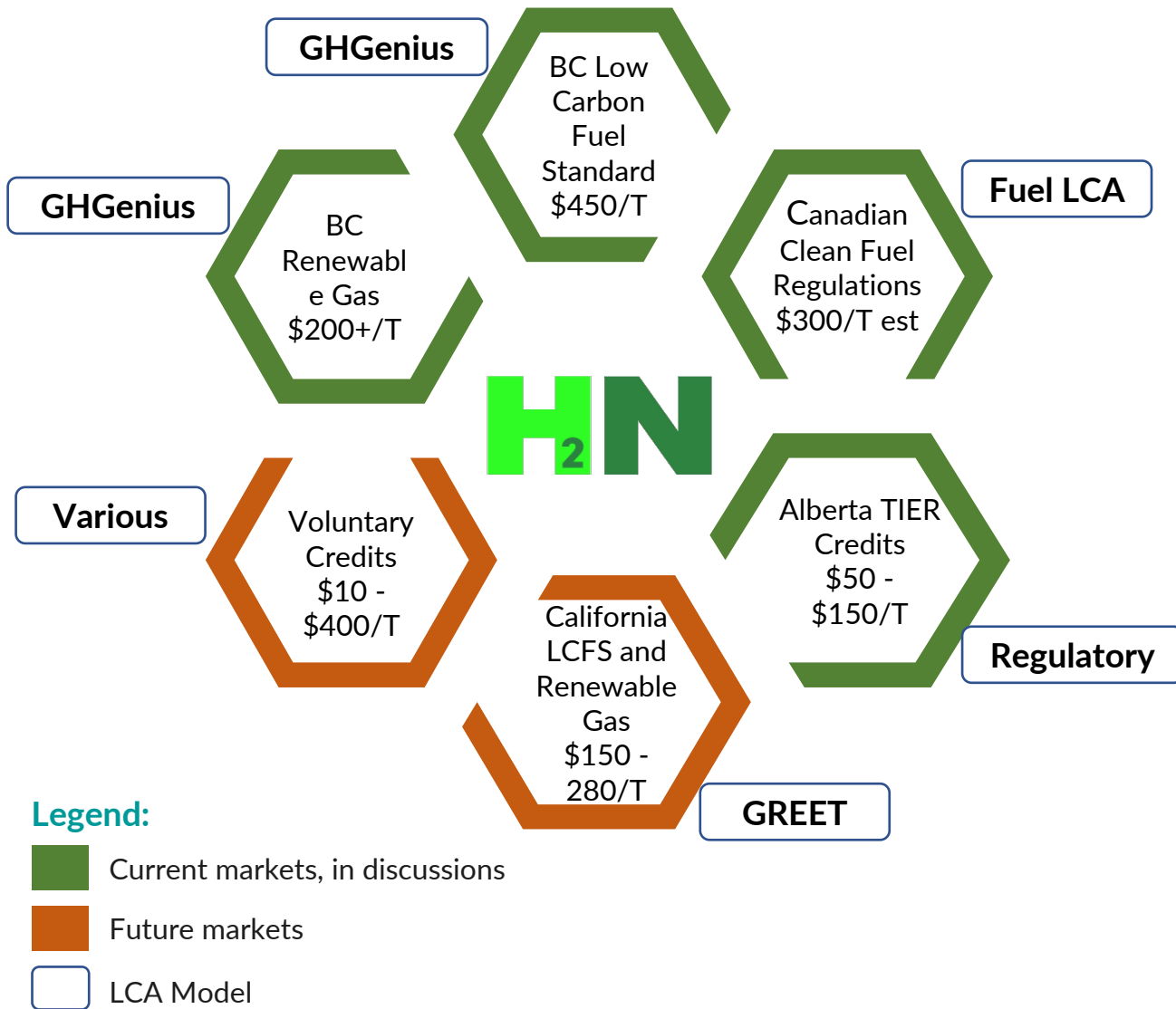
# It isn't easy being first

- Hydrogen from gasification isn't new
- Biomass predates gasification
- The two have not been scaled together at the gigatonne level
- There will be solvable problems, the right team and resources are needed
- Reliability and optimization issues expected once operating at scale

# H2N Scale Up Focus Areas

- **Feed Delivery Systems:**
  - Evaluating optimum delivery systems into the gasifier
- **Tar Destruction & Conversion**
- **Bed material & additive selection**
- **Shift Catalyst selection & protection**
  - Focus on testing syngas for impurities and breakthrough for different feedstocks
- **Heat Integration & Recovery**
- **Wastewater treatment and Recycling**
  - Testing of wastewater and design for maximum recycle and re-use

# Embryonic carbon markets leads to uncertainty



- Carbon credits are based on the volume of carbon sequestered
- The exact amount of carbon considered to have been sequestered and number of credits generated varies in different systems
- Credits can be monetized via the CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration or attached to the hydrogen fuel
- Uncertainty on regulatory and voluntary carbon markets/ pricing creates risk
- *Exploring Contracts for Differences (carbon pricing and hydrogen demand/ pricing) through Canada Growth Fund*

# Unit 2's stand on their own, Unit 1's need the right treatment for biomass

Sub \$200/tonne CO<sub>2</sub> is achievable beyond unit 1 – opens access to multiple carbon markets using H<sub>2</sub> path

Unit 1 capital hurdle is managed by the right treatment by government for biomass projects with H<sub>2</sub> production

## In Canada:

### 1. Investment Tax Credit CCUS - cannot have a marketable co-product (hydrogen)

H2N Advocating for:

- Confirming return to atmosphere of biogenic carbon qualifies
- Requesting Natural Air Capture treated same as DAC
- Eligibility for co-products if bio-based

### 2. Clean Hydrogen Investment Tax Credit - only electrolysis or natural gas + CCS qualifies

Advocating for:

- Inclusion of biomass-to-hydrogen pathway
- 60% TIER (equivalent to DAC) for negative emissions hydrogen

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