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# A comprehensive carbon dioxide reduction framework for industrial site using pinch analysis tools with a fuel cell configuration



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#### ABSTRACT

Removing anthropogenic carbon dioxide emissions from existing industrial sites is essential to slow down climate change. A multipronged approach is required to reduce the carbon dioxide footprint of an existing industrial site by including carbon dioxide capture and utilisation, industrial symbiosis, heat integration and the introduction of renewable power sources. This work extends the current systematic framework for low carbon dioxide industrial site planning by proposing an alternative carbon dioxide lowering sequential framework for existing high carbon dioxide footprint industrial sites. The sequential framework will set out a four-step process using a suite of optimisation tools to guide industrial site managers to lower the carbon dioxide footprint of an existing industrial site that also features a fuel cell configuration. The framework includes a baseline study to analyse the current carbon dioxide footprint of the industrial site. The study then proposes a carbon capture and utilisation step to collate the carbon dioxide captured for chemical mineralisation for in-situ utilisation. The inclusion of the Direct Methanol Fuel Cell configuration is important to the site because it generates clean carbon-neutral power to the hybrid power system while utilising methanol, a carbon dioxide mineralised product. The following steps involve using Pinch Analysis tools to optimise the energy usage and renewable power usage within the industrial site. The energy produced at the site would be integrated to reduce external utilities required by using the Total Sites Heat Integration technique. The Power Pinch Analysis technique optimises power distribution from the hybrid power system hub. The illustrative case study is a typical industrial site in the Western Cape province in South Africa. It was determined that a potential 105 ton/day of carbon dioxide could be captured from the flue gas from industries on the site. The overall heat utility saving of 79.95% of the hot utility requirements for the participating industries in the site. It was also determined that the renewable sources of power which incorporated the fuel cell configuration would be sufficient to provide carbon-neutral power to the industrial site. The rate of return on the investment of the hybrid power system is found to be 20.68%. The carbon dioxide lowering framework for existing industrial sites could provide a sustainable, impactful guide for site planners to assist the country's commitment to limit greenhouse gas emissions.

#### **1. Introduction**

The Glasgow Climate Pact, an agreement reached at the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), declared that limiting global warming required rapid, deep and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions. This includes reducing the global carbon dioxide emissions by 45 per cent by 2030 relative to the 2010 level ([UNFCCC, 2021\)](#page-18-0). The importance of lowering the carbon dioxide  $(CO<sub>2</sub>)$ footprint of a high emitting industrial site through devolution of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ processes and the introduction of cleaner production has become consequential in the retardation of the effect of greenhouse effect. The South African government has committed to sustaining the national greenhouse gas emissions below the 398-440 million tonnes of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ equivalent by 2030 ([Modise, 2021\)](#page-18-0). The adverse effects of climate change due to the global increase of greenhouse gases have started to

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increase ocean levels, hotter summers, colder winters, and other natural disasters as reported in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report [\(IPCC, 2018](#page-17-0)). Maintaining the global average temperature to under 2 ◦C above pre-industrial levels and ensuring the temperature increase to keep within 1.5 ◦C above pre-industrial levels has become important to avoid permanent climate change.

### **2. Literature review**

Pinch Analysis (PA) developed by [\(Linnhoff, 1979](#page-18-0)) was initially used for energy targeting and conservation and Heat exchanger network design. [John and Rabiu \(2013\)](#page-17-0) applied the energy targeting to a petroleum plant to reveal a potential 34% saving from energy usage. Pinch Analysis has also seen practical application in mass recovery [\(El-Hal](#page-17-0)[wagi and Manousiouthakis, 1990\)](#page-17-0), supply chains planning [\(Singhvi and](#page-18-0)  [Shenoy, 2002](#page-18-0)), water recovery [\(Wang and Smith, 1994](#page-18-0)), hydrogen recovery [\(Alves and Towler, 2002\)](#page-17-0), renewable and traditional power usage and recovery [\(Wan Alwi et al., 2012](#page-18-0)), and waste management (Ho [et al., 2017\)](#page-17-0). [Singh and Leena \(2019\)](#page-18-0) use Linear Pinch Analysis (LPA) to target the reduction of Green House Gases (GHG) in the development of a sustainable municipal solid waste management system. [Bandyo](#page-17-0)[padhyay \(2020\)](#page-17-0) introduce the Economic Pinch Analysis (EPA) for economic appraisal of project sustainability. [Chin et al. \(2021\)](#page-17-0) applied pinch analysis to target multiple contaminants water recycling/reuse network by assigning separate plots and analysing them sequentially to meet the sink requirements.

The term "Total site", first coined by [Dhole and Linnhoff \(1993\)](#page-17-0), refers to a centralized utility hub that is served by integrating processes from different factories. The authors proposed a two-stage system using the pinch technology approach. Firstly, site-wide targets are set based on levels and pressures of the process stream levels and secondly, designing a total site system based on the site targets. Klemeš et al., 1997 further optimized the targeting and design methodology of the streams involved in the Total Site Integration (TSI) to improve energy savings. Total site targeting methodologies used a single  $T_{min}$  for all processes in the Total site study. [Varbanov et al. \(2012\)](#page-18-0) asserted that such an assumption was too simplistic and could lead to an unrealistic estimation of the overall Total Site heat recovery targets. The authors proposed a methodology that allows separate  $\Delta T_{\text{min}}$  specifications for heat exchange between process and process and also process and utilities. To improve the estimation of the maximum energy requirements (MER) targets, [Chew et al.](#page-17-0)  [\(2015\)](#page-17-0) expanded on the effects of pressure drop on the total site heat integration by including the pressure drop factor during the MER targeting stage of the graphical Pinch-based TSHI methodology. [Liew et al.](#page-17-0)  [\(2012\)](#page-17-0) developed a numerical technique that determined the sensitivity of a TSHI system to individual plant maintenance shutdown, which is essential to determine the minimum utility requirement for storage to

mitigate the effect of planned and unplanned plant shutdowns. The paper presented the following numerical tools:

- 1. Total Site Sensitivity Table (TSST),
- 2. Total Site Problem Table Algorithm (TS-PTA),
- 3. Multiple Utility PTA (MU-PTA), and
- 4. Total Site Utility Distribution (TSUD) Table.

[Jamaluddin et al. \(2019\)](#page-17-0) extended TSHI to a trigeneration system by introducing a new method, Trigeneration System Cascade Analysis (TriGenSCA) to estimate the optimum size of utilities for generating power, heating and cooling by a trigeneration power plant. [Varbanov](#page-18-0)  [et al. \(2017\)](#page-18-0) explored the integration of waste water in the aim of reducing the fresh water usage in a total site scenario by introducing the Total Site Centralised Water Integration (TS-CWI) tool. [Fan et al. \(2021\)](#page-17-0)  extended pinch analysis to a circular economy in a total site context by integrating solid waste, water and energy to achieve symbiosis by implementing a Total EcoSite Integration (TESI) design. The integration of waste hydrogen of differing concentrations using pinch analysis for a total site using principles of circular economy as described by [Gai et al.](#page-17-0)  [\(2021\)](#page-17-0) by turning waste hydrogen into valuable products.

A cost-effective retrofit option for TSHI is proposed by [Liew et al.](#page-18-0)  [\(2014\)](#page-18-0) by applying the Plus–Minus Principle to scope for the correct locations of heat surpluses and deficits that would lead to an appropriate TS retrofit solution. The practical implementation of retrofitting TSHI system has been comprehensively covered by [Chew et al. \(2013\),](#page-17-0) laying out major issues to consider, e.g., the current layout of the industrial site, considering the distances between the industries, the current available space for the retrofit. The other factors to consider for TSHI retrofit are the possible contamination between the hot and cold streams, the operating pressures of the streams that would affect the pressure rating of the required equipment, the characteristics of the fluids such as viscosity influencing stream matching and the selection of appropriate utilities. The role of energy integration and intensification in the lowering of the CO<sub>2</sub> footprint of an industrial site cannot be understated. The inclusion of renewable sources of power could provide a more impactful reduction of footprint. This is evidence that 76% of the estimated 436 million tonnes gross avoided CO2 emissions was due to the EU's usage of renewable sources of power between 2005 and 2015 [\(Swain](#page-18-0)  [and Karimu, 2020\)](#page-18-0).

It has been reported that around 77% of the electricity produced in South Africa is coal-based, producing 232 TW of electricity, which results in 438 million tonnes CO2 emissions, making South Africa the largest emitter of CO2 in Africa ([Jain and Jain, 2017](#page-17-0)). Electricity is a significant driver of South Africa's economic growth. The effects of the erratic supply of electricity and the high annual increase in electricity tariffs in South Africa since 2008 has had detrimental consequences on the economy ([Inglesi-Lotz and Ajmi, 2021](#page-17-0)). The unpredictable rolling blackouts have caused severe losses due to production disruption, e.g. reagent/product spoilage due to mid-process stoppage or the amount and quality of value-added products. In 2021, the South African government announced that industries were allowed to produce 100 MW of power to assist business in avoiding the consequences of load shedding and improving economic growth by raising the licence-exemption cap for embedded generation projects from 1 MW to 100 MW ([Creamer,](#page-17-0)  [2021\)](#page-17-0). The development of a hybrid power hub which sources power from sustainable renewable sources in conjunction with the mainstream national power grid has gained increased popularity in recent times.

Hybrid renewable systems, as presented by [Esfahani et al., 2016](#page-17-0), could bring a reliable alternative power source to meet the power demands of a selected site. [Wan Alwi et al. \(2012\)](#page-18-0) extended the Pinch Analysis concept used to determine the minimum target for outsourced electricity and the amount of excess electricity for storage by introducing Power Pinch Analysis (PoPA) tools. Power Pinch Analysis (PoPA) using the Power Cascade Analysis (PoCA) and storage Cascade Table (SCT) numerical tools were introduced by [Rozali et al., 2013a](#page-18-0). These tools can be used to determine the minimum (target for) outsourced electricity supply (MOES), the excess electricity for storage during start-up and normal operations, the transferrable power, the maximum storage capacity, the outsourced electricity needed at each time interval and the time interval where the maximum power demand occurs. Furthermore, [Rozali et al., 2013a](#page-18-0) studied various scenarios to find the optimal size of generators of renewable energy (RE) in a hybrid power system (HyPS) using PoPA to find the lowest payback period. [Esfahani et al. \(2015\)](#page-17-0) further introduced Extended Power Pinch Analysis (EPoPA) as an extension to the existing PoPA by storing wasted electricity that cannot be stored in the existing batteries. The energy is stored in the form of hydrogen and released back as electricity. EPoPA was used to design renewable energy systems with battery and hydrogen storage (RES-BH) systems. [Rozali et al., 2014](#page-18-0) expanded PoPA to allocate the optimum power allocation of the renewable energy sources to the site. [Rozali et al., 2016a](#page-18-0) applied PoPA to integrate a HyPS into a primarily diesel plant to effectively manage electricity demands.

In 2019, the South African government signed the carbon tax bill ([South African Government, 2019](#page-18-0)). It essentially gives large companies a carbon tax penalty on emissions using the polluter-pays-principle for future production, consumption and investment decisions. The bill also incentivizes existing industries towards adopting cleaner technologies such as CO2 capture. The captured CO2 has to be stored either through geological avenues or chemical mineralisation. According to [Butt et al.](#page-17-0)  [\(2012\),](#page-17-0) carbon capture and storage (CCS) involves the separation and capturing of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  from high-density energy-related sources e.g., flue gases stacks from industries and transporting to storing it by.

- 1. Stable chemical storage through the reaction of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  with metal oxides to carbonates;
- 2. Liquid storage in the ocean; and
- 3. Gaseous storage in various deep geological formations such as oil and gas fields.

At this stage, there is no feasible geological  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  that have been practically applied mainly due to possible pollution/poisoning of the large water basin that is required in water-stressed South Africa ([Omarjee, 2021](#page-18-0)).

The concept of carbon capture and utilisation (CCU), as explained by [Zimmermann and Kant \(2017\),](#page-18-0) is an umbrella of technologies that captures CO2 utilisation describes a range of technologies that consume CO2 chemically to provide products to be either economically or environmentally beneficial or both. The sequestration of CO2 for the permanent storage of CO2 in building materials, products, landfills or in the ocean as an alternative to geological storage. The life cycle environmental impact as explained by Cuéllar-Franca and Azapagic (2015) using stable CCU is essential in reducing the global warming potential.

The introduction of Carbon Emissions Pinch Analysis (CEPA) by [Tan and](#page-18-0)  [Foo \(2007\)](#page-18-0) has been used to reduce CO2 emissions based on the introduction of cleaner technologies to target CO2 emissions. [Munir et al.](#page-18-0)  [\(2012\)](#page-18-0) approached the reduction of the carbon footprint of an industrial park by introducing a carbon management hierarchy (CMH) to induce a holistic methodology for lowering the CO2 emissions by identifying CO2 emission sources and matching them to CO2 sinks. Source and Demand Curves (SDC) is a visualisation tool to provide insightful sequences for an effective emission planning system. The Generic Carbon Cascade Analysis (GCCA) tool, an algebraic approach developed by [Manan et al.](#page-18-0)  [\(2014\)](#page-18-0) to complement the SDC, enables the minimum  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  targets to be determined for different concentrations of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  concentration captured from stationary emission sources. This tool was further expanded on by [Sanghuang et al. \(2019\)](#page-18-0) with the addition of the Total Site  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  Integration (TSCI) which utilizes centralised  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  headers. The tool considered one high concentrated  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  and various headers with different concentrations for accepting CO2 sinks/demands whilst unused CO2 is sequestrated. The approach of integrating heat and captured CO2 in an industrial park, as shown by [Hassiba et al. \(2017\)](#page-17-0), uses surplus energy to power the CO2 compression and capture process. The proposed method has three steps, namely:

- 1. Energy Integration throughout the industrial park,
- 2. CO2 Integration throughout the industrial park,
- 3. Utilising excess energy from Step 1 to improve the CO2 integration.

Almost every source of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  is contaminated and requires separation and purification; this step is called  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  capture (Zimmermann and Kant,  $2017$ ). After the CO<sub>2</sub> capture step, the captured CO<sub>2</sub> is chemically converted into commercial products by various processes; this step is called  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  utilisation.

Reusing waste products/by-products can be accomplished through industrial symbiosis (IS) by adding value by reusing it in a network of industrial operations [\(Frosch and Gallopoulos, 1989](#page-17-0)). The use of IS prioritises the waste to resource by improving the environmental and economic benefit to the otherwise discarded effluents. [Lee Chan et al.](#page-17-0)   $(2020)$  developed network models where  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  process is allocated between existing ammonia plants and methanol plants, including numerous models restricting the CO<sub>2</sub> between the source and sinks. One of the challenges of capturing  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  emissions from various stationary sources is the varied concentration of the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  that is captured. Hasan [et al. \(2015\)](#page-17-0) presented a multi-scaled framework that should be considered when designing a  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  capture, utilisation, and sequestration/storage (CCUS) supply chain network with the aim of reducing the cost. The framework followed the following  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  reduction routes:

- 1. Selection of advanced  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  capture processes by using innovative materials,
- 2. Simultaneous selection of materials and process optimisation,
- 3. Selecting CO<sub>2</sub> capture options for various emission sources, and
- 4. The optimisation of the supply chain networks.

Carbon footprint can be lowered by introducing renewable feedstocks within a total site scenario by combining Total Site Analysis (TSA) and exergy concepts in identifying opportunities to improve energy efficiency and integrate renewable feedstocks within such clusters [\(Hackl](#page-17-0)  [and Harvey, 2013](#page-17-0)). The framework did not consider a more holistic approach to lower carbon footprint that includes emission capture. The framework for a low carbon dioxide impact planning for new industries in a greenfield site is shown by [Aziz et al., 2017](#page-17-0) who propose four stages that the site planner should follow. This includes:

1. Stage1: Requires the site planners to acquire resource information, including power consumption, heating and cooling consumption, and  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  emissions. This is essential to ensure the industries are placed correctly to ensure optimum symbiosis.

2. Stage 2: Utilizes Total Site Heat Integration analysis to create a centralized system that will provide the optimum amount of heating and cooling utilities to the industries.

3. Stage 3: Power Pinch Analysis is used to create a centralized Hybrid Power System to provide the optimum amount of Renewable Energy as a power source to the industries in the site.

4. Stage 4: The exchange of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  captured from various concentrations to industrial CO<sub>2</sub> sinks using Carbon Dioxide Emissions Pinch Analysis.

From the state-of-the-art research, there has been little guidance for industrial site managers to lower the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  footprint from an existing industrial site through a systemic framework that includes a holistic approach of CO2 capture from stationary industrial sources, industrial symbiosis, the inclusion of a RE power sources and the inclusion of a fuel cell configuration. The study extends the work done by [Aziz et al., 2017](#page-17-0)  that provided a framework for industrial site planners to utilise or lower the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  footprint for a new industrial site using a suite of pinch analysis tools.

The study will propose a new framework that industrial site managers or third-party companies could use to reduce the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  footprint of an existing industrial site also referred to as brownfield). The study will propose a 4-step sequential approach that would introduce appropriate post-combustion CO2 capture, purification and permanent storage using CO2 fixing plants, including a fuel cell configuration. The study will utilise a case study in an industrial site situated in the Western Cape, South Africa to illustrate the applicability of the proposed 4-step sequential approach.

The case study illustrated the creation of a subsidiary industry producing value-added products from captured  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  for consumption within the industrial site. A constant high-quality captured  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  feedstock (>90%) was distributed to the proposed CO<sub>2</sub> fixing plants. A ratio distribution approach was conducted to manage the distribution of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  to the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  fixing plants. The study examined the case study to investigate the economic feasibility of building new  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  fixation plants for usage distribution within the industrial site with a fuel cell configuration to reduce the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  impact of an industrial park.

The CO<sub>2</sub> footprint is further reduced by using Total Site Heat Integration pinch analysis techniques to reduce the external utility requirement by maximising heat recovery from processes within the site, including the new subsidiary  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  fixation plants. The use of HyPS system that incorporates mainstream electricity, renewable sources of electricity, and the fuel cell configuration is then used to supply the industrial site's electricity requirements, including the carbon capture system and the subsidiary  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  fixation plants.

From the state of the art review, a comprehensive economic analysis of the CO2 reducing tools has not been conducted before to study the economic impact of the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  framework. a multi-sensitivity analysis to determine the robustness of the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  lowering tools has not been conducted.

### **3. Problem statement**

Considering a cluster of various plants in a high  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  footprint industrial site, the study aims to develop a comprehensive  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  reduction framework applying distribution and pinch analysis tools such as TSHI and PoPA to a brownfield with the inclusion of a fuel cell configuration. It is also desired to establish the robustness and sustainability of the cleaner production interventions, i.e., the TSHI system and the HyPS. To achieve this aim, the following objectives will be considered:

# 1. The sequential 4 step framework considering

- a. The base-line study to establish the current  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  footprint of the industrial site,
- b.  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  capture, purification, and the distribution of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  through ratio distribution, CO<sub>2</sub> chemical fixation and usage,
- c. TSHI and Total Site Utility Distribution, and
- d. The introduction of renewable sources of power and fuel cell configuration to an integrated HyPS. The use of PoPA for the optimum distribution of power to the industries on the site.
- 2. The sensitivity analysis of the TSHI and HyPS to evaluate its robustness.
- 3. An approximate economic analysis of the TSHI and HyPS to evaluate sustainability.

This study expects that the comprehensive  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  lowering framework applied to a typical industrial site can be conducted in a sustainable and compressive way that can be replicated similarly to other high emitting industrial site. The study will also determine the sensitivity of the TSHI system and the HyPS and cost analysis of the TSHI system and the HyPS as shown in the research approach in [Fig. 1.](#page-4-0)

The following assumptions were made for this work.

- The captured flue gas after purification is  $90\%$  CO<sub>2</sub> concentration.
- The co-generation potential is not considered for the HyPS.
- The pressure drop was not considered for the TSHI.
- The hot and cold utilities are provided by a centralised utility.
- The renewable energy sources are assumed to be consistent with average solar and biomass power for the time interval suggested for the case study.
- There is sufficient space in the site for the CCU system, the TSHI system and HyPS including the centralised hub for the management of the captured, purification and utilisation of the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ . The management of the distribution of the hot and cold utilities for the TSHI system and power storage, invertor, rectifier and fuel cell configuration are available at the existing sites.
	- 4. Proposed framework for the reduction of the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  footprint of an existing site

Process integration play a critical role in industrial site planning by taking into account the topology of the site by placing plants near to each other based on the "best fit" material and energy integration between plants determined by economic and environmental benefits (Ch'[ng et al., 2021](#page-17-0)). The best location of the centralised heating, power and resource hubs can also be determined to optimise the distances between these hubs and the industries.

Industrial sites have been established to zonally cluster industries and emerged spontaneously in the identified zone over a long period without centralized planning to emit undesirable emissions away from the residential and farming sectors of a region. However, this clustering of industries has created a concentrated area of high  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  emissions that adversely contributes to the regional carbon footprint. The presented framework takes into account the fact that there are established industries in the industrial site that are running their operations independent of each other. In this work, a comprehensive framework is presented with four sequential steps to reduce the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  footprint of a brownfield. This framework builds on the work by [Aziz et al., 2017](#page-17-0) titled "An integrated Pinch Analysis framework for low  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  emissions industrial site planning", by moving from site planning of a greenfield to the decarbonisation of an existing industrial site. The primary considerations that need to be taken into account when designing this framework for existing sites compared to new sites are:

- 1. The topology of industries in the site, i.e., the designer has to consider the distances between industries that would affect how the resources are distributed.
- 2. The type of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  capture that has to be installed, i.e., the designer is limited to the post-combustion  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  capture for an existing site.
- 3. The planning of the location of centralised storage and distribution of resources, i.e., the designer, is limited to the location of vacant land within the site.

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**Fig. 1.** Overview of the research approach.

#### *3.1. Baseline study*

The fundamental requisite for the optimum design of a low  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ footprint industrial site is to collect the most accurate data in order to find the best opportunities for  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  reduction. In this study, typical industrial site data from an illustrative case study is used.

The data that would be required are:

- 1. The component compositions of the flue gas from the chimney stacks of industries in the site to determine the concentration of the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ emissions. From the data collected, it is then used to determine the amount of potential  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  that could be captured and utilised within the industrial site.
- 2. From the carbon capture system, the power requirements are calculated from the chosen industrial flue gas composition and flowrate.
- 3. The captured and purified  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  determines the size of the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  fixing plants. The energy and power requirements are calculated (John [et al., 2020\)](#page-17-0).
- 4. The data required for the total site heat integration are extrapolated from process flowsheets to extract the cold stream and hot streams of the process from selected industries in the industrial site (see [Kleme](#page-17-0)š [et al., 1997\)](#page-17-0).
- 5. The data from the cold and hot streams from the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  fixing plants are collated and included for the total site heat integration.
- 6. The power requirements from the existing industries and the new envisaged  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  fixing plants are collated for the power pinch analysis.
- 7. In this study, two renewable sources will be considered for inclusion in the hybrid power system, which are solar and biomass, together with a fuel cell configuration. The potential power sources will be calculated using the available parking space area for solar and the possible availability of biomass feedstock in the area.

# 3.2. Tool 1: target reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> from stationary sources using a ratio*based approach*

In this step, the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  reduction is targeted from capturing the flue emitted from the stack chimneys by using a post-combustion of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ capture technology. The introduction of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  fixing plants, as described by [John et al. \(2020\),](#page-17-0) should be created as chemical storage mechanisms to create possible value-added products that could be sold within site. The advantage of reuse within the industrial site is that the transportation costs could also mitigate the high cost of chemical fixing.

1. The stationary  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  from the stack gases captured is analysed and the correct purification process is chosen to get a 90% concentration. Porter et al.  $(2015)$  described various  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  purification tools used to improve the quality of the captured gas, Flue Gas Desulfurization (FGD) is used to remove  $SO_2$ , and the Low  $NO_x$  Burners (LNB) to remove the  $NO<sub>x</sub>$  from the post-combustion captured  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ . The main reason for getting to that high  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  concentration is, according to [Hasan et al. \(2015\)](#page-17-0) and [Zimmermann and Kant \(2017\),](#page-18-0) most of the CO2 utilisation needs high concentration. Other components of the flue gas could poison the end product. It also complicates the storage

of multiple concentrations of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  if the other impurities are different. The other impurities of the flue gas could create undesired by-products.

- 2. The site manager has to decide the suite of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  fixing plants that would be part of the subsidiary industry.
- 3. A ratio distribution system of the purified  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  is conducted, taking into consideration
- a. The reagent requirements for the industries in the site, i.e., Calcium Carbonate for the papermaking and glass making industry,
- b. Baking soda for the industrial Bakery and Methanol for the DMFC configuration and the economic viability of the CCUS system.

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m_{CO_2}R_T = m_{CO_2}R_1 + m_{CO_2}R_2 + m_{CO_2}R_3 + m_{CO_2}R_4...
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 Equation 1

where  $m_{CO_2}$  is the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> captured per day (tons/d),  $R_T = 1$ , where  $R_i$  is the fractional ratio for distribution to a  $CO_2$  mineralisation plant, i.e., for this example the Methanol production plant, the Baking Soda production plant and the Calcium Carbonate plant.

- 4. The addition of the DMFC to utilise the methanol produced by the subsidiary industry. The size of the DMFC is directly linked to the daily production of methanol from the Methanol production plant. The fuel cell configuration in this study is the two Molar utilisation DMFC. It is assumed that the fuel cell configuration is running at a 90% efficiency level. The following factors also need to be taken into consideration when determining the size of the DMFC:
- a. The fuel cell size is determined by taking into account the energy density of Methanol is 6.1 kWh/kg [\(Scott and Xing, 2012](#page-18-0)).
- b. The fuel cell size of a 200W stack of DMFC occupies  $1 \text{ m}^2$  as shown in [Sgroi et al. \(2016\)](#page-18-0), is used to estimate the size of the fuel cell configuration. The size of the DMFC configuration is estimated using Equation (2).

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A_{FC} = \frac{A_{ref}}{P_{ref}} \times P_{potential}
$$
 Equation 2

where  $A_{FC}$  is the total size of the Fuel cell stack  $(m^2)$ ,  $A_{ref}$  is reference size of the DMFC stack, i.e., 1  $m^2$  of the 200W (*P ref*) DMFC stack, *P*<sub>potential</sub> is the potential power from the methanol provided from the subsidiary industry (W).

### *3.3. Tool 2: target total site heat recovery including the subsidiary industry with TSHI*

The targeting for heat recovery is performed to determine the maximum energy recovery amongst the process streams by matching heat sources from process streams in the industry. Targeting for total site heat recovery is based on the established Pinch Analysis Targeting mechanisms and has been widely used. The Total Site targeting methodology includes data extraction, construction of Total Site Profiles (TSP), Total Site Composite Curves and the Site Utility Grand Composite Curve. The procedure for obtaining site wide targets is based on the thermal profiles for the industrial site, known as the Total Site Profile (TSP) ([Klemes et al., 2014](#page-17-0)). The procedure can be summarised by the following steps.

- 1. Obtain the heat sources and heat sinks of the individual industries participating in the TSHI.
- 2. Plot the Grand Composite Curves (GCC) for individual industries.
- 3. Identify the GCC segments of the individual industries where the T and ΔH values can be obtained, and eliminate the heat recovery pockets of GCC.
- 4. Obtain the heat source and heat sink profile by double shifting each starting temperature ( $T^{**}$ ). The first shifted temperature ( $T^*$ ) values is obtained by shifting the temperature downwards by  $0.5\text{·}\Delta\text{T}_{\text{min}}$  for the supply and target temperatures of the hot streams and shifting the temperature upwards by  $0.5 \cdot \Delta T_{min}$  for the supply and target temperatures of the cold streams. The second shifted temperature (T<sup>\*\*</sup>) is obtained by shifting  $0.5 \cdot \Delta T_{min}$  downwards for the heat source temperature and 0.5⋅ $\Delta$ T<sub>min</sub> upwards for the heat sink temperature.
- 5. The two Site Composite Curves are shifted by shifting the Site Utility Generation Composite Curve towards the Site Utility Use Composite Curve until it cannot be shifted further. The area where the curves touch is referred to as the Total Site Pinch (Klemeš et al., 2010). The possible amount of heat recovered is indicated by the overlap between the composite curves.
- 6. The estimation of the possible co-generation available in the site utility system by utilising the Site Utility Grand Composite Curve (SUGCC). The SUGCC subtracts the Site Utility Use Composite Curve segments from those of the Site Utility Generation Composite Curve [\(Klemes et al., 2014](#page-17-0)).

Total Site Problem Table Algorithm (TS-PTA), developed by [Liew](#page-17-0)  [et al. \(2012\),](#page-17-0) is a numerical tool that compliments the visual insights provided by the graphical TSHI methods. It represents the numerical version of the Site Composite Curve (SCC), which is a part of the graphical TSHI analysis.

The following steps can summarise the procedure [Liew et al. \(2012\)](#page-17-0).

- 1. Net heat sinks, which are heat sinks above the pinch region and net heat sources, which are heat sources below the pinch region, are identified for the utility region.
- 2. The net heating requirement for each utility level is calculated by subtracting the net heat source from the net heat sink.
- 3. The net heating requirements are cascaded from top to bottom for the utility region.
- 4. The highest negative value from the last cascade is used to start the new cascade by altering it to a positive value.
- 5. The PTA involving multiple utilities is performed by cascading from top to bottom for the utility region's net heat requirement for above the total site pinch region and cascading the net heat requirement from the coldest utility to the pinch region. A negative cold utility value is included when a positive value occurs in a cascade with a utility region.
- 6. Construct the TSUD by listing the heat sources and heat sinks of each plant according to utility levels, which includes the external utility requirements. The arrows are used, as shown in [Table 7](#page-11-0), to designate possible utility exchanges from heat sources/external utilities to heat sinks within the site.
- 7. Construct TSST to analyse the effects of the plant shutdown of participating industries. The sensitivity of the TSHI is calculated by determining the variation of plant shut down from Normal operation.

Both the graphical and numerical methods are considered for this study. The graphical method is used for visual insights and to calculate the estimated cost based on the heat exchanger area. The numerical method provides accurate analysis for Total Site Utility Distribution (TSUD) as well as the sensitivity of the TSHI system.

### *3.4. Tool 3:Target for hybrid power system with PoPA for the industrial site*

The targeting for the HyPS is done using Power Pinch Analysis (PoPA) to plan for the optimisation and distribution of the renewable sources and the power generated from the fuel cell configuration. The HyPS should be able to provide electricity to the existing industries in the site, the post-combustion of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  capture and storage and distribution system, the power needs of the envisaged subsidiary industry and the power needs of the TSHI system. [Rozali et al., 2013a](#page-18-0) introduced the Power Cascade Analysis (PoCA) and the Storage Cascade Table (SCT) to complement the graphical PoPA methods [\(Wan Alwi et al., 2012\)](#page-18-0). After acquiring all the power sources and power demands at each time interval, this data is used to determine:

- 1. The minimum outsourced electricity supply (MOES),
- 2. The available excess electricity for the next day (AEEND), the amount power that should be transferred from HyPS to demands, and the maximum battery required for sustaining the HyPS.

For this study, the numerical tools are utilised to allocate power accurately and to determine targets for each time interval. It will also be used to determine the sensitivity of the HyPS when a RE power source shuts down due to intended or unintended reasons. The disturbance due to power generation fluctuation was not factored in the sensitivity analysis. [Fig. 2](#page-6-0) shows the sequential procedures that site managers of high carbon footprint sites can use to lower their site carbon footprint using the tools as mentioned above. The procedure of each of the tools in the framework will not change depending on any other brownfield. However.

- 1. The suite of industries in the site determines the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  fixed products for the site. The study recommends having a DMFC as a part of the HyPS (methanol production will be part of the subsidiary industry).
- 2. The procedures for the TSHI and PoPA will not essentially change. The results will entirely depend on the internal resources within the site.
- 3. The cost of the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  lowering tools will be affected depending on the internal available resources within the site.

### **4. Case study**

In South Africa, industries were clustered in industrial zones and away from residential areas because of the toxic emission and effluents associated with large scale production. Most of these industries vied for space in the industrial site not because of potential symbiosis and process integration but because of the zonal permit requirements needed to operate the industry. As a result, the industries would independently run their operations to manage the energy and heating requirements independent of each other whilst outsourcing waste management to external vendors for safe disposal of chemical waste. A comprehensive framework as shown in [Fig. 3](#page-7-0) is presented with four sequential steps to reduce the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  footprint of a brownfield.

In order to conceptualize the low carbon dioxide footprint framework, a case study of a typical mix of industries [\(Fig. 4\)](#page-8-0) in an industrial site will be used as the baseline study.

### *4.1. Baseline study*

The baseline study will consider a typical industrial mix in an industrial site. For this study, the following industries were selected to represent a sample of industries that would occupy a site such as in the Sacks Circle Industria, Western Cape, South Africa [\(City of Capetown,](#page-17-0)  [2017\)](#page-17-0). The industries selected are:

### 1. The glass-making plant

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Fig. 2. Sequential procedure to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> of a brownfield industrial site.

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		Framework to Lower CO <sub>2</sub> Footprint of an existing industrial site							
	<b>Baseline study</b>								
<b>Step</b>	• Identify the correct mix of industries in the industrial site for Low CO <sub>2</sub> footprint study. • Request energy and power usage from the invited industries. • Identify space in the industrial site for the centralized steam generation. • Identify space in the industrial site for the Centralised $CO2$ hub for the purification, storage and distribution of CO <sub>2</sub> .	• Identify space for the suitable $CO2$ fixing plants for the subsidiary industry. • Identify the energy and power usage from the subsidiary industry. • Identify the appropriate Fuel cell configuration for Low CO <sub>2</sub> footprint study. • Identify the appropriate RE mix for the Hybrid power system. • Identify space in the industrial site for the Centralised Hybrid power distribution hub that incorporates the fuel cell configuration.							
		<b>Tool 1:</b> Target of reduction of $CO2$ by Capturing of $CO2$ from stationary sources in the selected industrial site using a ratio based approach							
Step <sub>2</sub>	• Data extraction of the potential CO <sub>2</sub> sources from flue gas. $\bullet$ Identify the appropriate post-combustion $CO2$ capture and purification method. Identify the potential mix of CO <sub>2</sub> fixing chemical plants for the subsidiary industry.	• Identify the correct ratio for the $CO2$ distribution to $CO2$ fixing chemical plants based on product, demand by existing industries in the industrial site and envisaged Fuel cell configuration. • Conduct a cost analysis to determine impact of the CCU system.							
		Tool 2: Target of total site heat recovery including the subsidiary industry with TSHI							
Step <sub>3</sub>	• Data extraction of Energy sources and demands from industries from the industrial site including the subsidiary industry. • Generate the PTA for all the plants in the study to get the individual minimum heating and cooling requirements. • Generate MU-PTA to obtain targets for heat sources and sinks for the TSHI. • Generate TS-PTA to determine the external Energy utility requirement for the industrial site.	• Generate TSUD to determine the possible distribution of heat from heat sources and utilities to the heat sink. • Perform a sensitivity analysis to determine the amount of external energy utility requirement due to individual chemical plant shutdowns. • Perform a cost analysis the TSHI system with the use of TSP to calculate the HE area.							
	Tool 3: Target for hybrid power system with <i>PoPA</i> for the industrial site including the subsidiary industry.								
Step 4	• Analyse the potential RE that could be harvested from the industrial site as well as integrating the fuel cell configuration. • Data extraction of power sources and demands from industries from the industrial site including the subsidiary industry. • Generate PCT to target the amount of electricity that could be stored for transfer to the next day operation.	• Generate SCT, taking into account battery discharge, AC to DC conversion and DC-AC conversion. • Evaluate addition external power requirement for the industrial site. • Perform a sensitivity analysis to determine the amount of external power requirement due to individual RE source shutdowns. Perform a cost analysis the HyPS with the use of FiT to calculate the potential loss due to the RE power shutdown.							

Fig. 3. Framework to lower CO<sub>2</sub> in an existing industrial site that includes a fuel cell configuration.

- 2. The steel processing plant
- 3. The industrial bakery
- 4. The paper making plant
- 5. The waste water treatment plant
- 6. Landfill site for domestic garden waste

It is assumed that these industries operate independently, with no apparent symbiosis or resource integration visible. To reduce the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ footprint of the industrial site, it is proposed that a framework be introduced to guide industrial role players on a systematic  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  reduction tool that should be followed to achieve a sustainable low  $\mathrm{CO}_2$ footprint in an industrial site.

The data that is required to start the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  lowering footprint of an industrial site:

- 1. The stationary  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  from the stack gases captured is analysed to examine the percentage of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  in the flue gas stacks. [Table 1](#page-8-0) shows the flue gas composition in the steel industry, the waste paper recycling industry, and glass-making plant. The mass flow rate of the purified  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  according to [John et al. \(2020\)](#page-17-0), is 105.56 tons per day (t/d). Because the captured gas is purified to  $>90\%$  CO<sub>2</sub>, the site storage and distribution to the subsidiary industry becomes less complicated than dealing with the storage and distribution of different CO<sub>2</sub> purity headers.
- 2. The heating and cooling data of the sources and sinks of the existing plants in the site that will be used in the TSHI analysis.
- 3. The power demands of the existing plants in the site.

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Fig. 4. Illustration showing the of the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  capture, distribution, and usage.





# *4.2. Tool 1: target reduction of CO2 from stationary using a ratio based approach*

The study would use the post combustion based on the gas-liquid absorption method described by [Cormos and Cormos \(2017\)](#page-17-0) as the technologically advanced and economically viable option that utilizes alkanol amines like Methyl-Di-Ethanol-Amine (MDEA) solvent by employing absorption - desorption cycle using the following reversible reaction:

$$
MDEA + CO_2 + H_2O \rightarrow MDEAH^+ + HCO_3^-
$$
 Equation 3

The most essential aspect in the devolution of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  from a site is the permanent stable storage of the captured gas. The distribution of a single high concentration of gas to chemical fixing industries is the most effective way of introducing industrial symbiosis in the site. According to [John et al. \(2020\),](#page-17-0) the construction of the subsidiary industry consisting of chemical fixing plants could depend on the following factors.

- 1. Economic sustainability of the subsidiary industry,
- 2. Tax rebates for the sequestration of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  from a site,

3. The government stimulus package for job creation initiatives.

The addition of a fuel cell configuration is to have a dependable highdensity source of power that could be added to the HyPS. In this study, the direct methanol fuel cell (DMFC) was chosen because methanol production is a viable  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  fixing process and would provide the methanol required to fuel the fuel cell. The DMFC, according to [Joghee et al.](#page-17-0)  [\(2015\)](#page-17-0) has made significant improvements in the fabrication of the membrane electrode assemblies (MEA) to improve longevity and efficiency for large-scale applications.

The ratio distribution approach was conducted on the captured  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ and is allocated to the individual plants, as shown in [Table 2.](#page-9-0) The ratio is higher for the baking soda plant below because of the profitability of the baking soda plant. The baking soda sold to the bakery could also be used as cleaning the working surfaces, floors, baking equipment and utensils.

<span id="page-9-0"></span>Distribution of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  to chemical fixing plants.



It can also be argued that the using of baking soda produced within the site for use within the site also reduces the carbon footprint within the site despite the purpose of the product because the outside of the site source is avoided, i.e., the carbon foot print attributed to transport. The methanol will be used in the DMFC configuration, and the calcium carbonate will be sold to the paper-making and glass-making industry for use as one of the reagents. The baking soda will be sold in the industrial bakery. This permanent storage through  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  mineralisation and the reuse of these added-value products with the site ensures an immediate reduction of the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  footprint of the site. The cost analysis of the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  fixing units has revealed that the only profitable  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  fixing process in the current configuration of the CCU system and the cost of the DMFC can be better sustained if the cost of getting methanol from the subsidiary industry is lowered (see details in [John et al. \(2020\)](#page-17-0)). The suite of subsidiary industries could change depending on the composition of industries in the brownfield.

In the study, the cost analysis for the CCU system revealed that the only profitable  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  fixing plant in the proposed CCUS configuration was the baking soda production plant. It was revealed that an overall loss of \$2.75M from the CCU system considering the sale of the products for reagents to the existing plants and the fuel cell configuration. Since the underground storage of the captured  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  has not received governmental approval, it becomes prudent to maintain the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  mineralisation option to store the captured  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ . In order to keep these costs low, the price of resources such as hydrogen and wollastonite could be reduced by creating hydrogen through solar-chemical water splitting and getting the wollastonite from steelmaking slag. The cost could also be brought down through governmental sponsorship for cleaner production projects and the international funds that subsidize climate change mitigation projects.

### *4.3. Tool 2: target total site heat recovery including the subsidiary industry with TSHI*

The TSHI that includes the subsidiary industry in a brownfield has to ensure that there is sufficient space for the piping, heat exchangers, auxiliary equipment and the centralised utility system to ensure the successful implementation of the total site heat recovery system.

### *4.3.1. The individual problem table algorithm (PTA)*

The individual PTA is used to determine the heating and cooling requirement for individual Plants. The first step is to establish the  $QH<sub>min</sub>$ , the QCmin, and the pinch temperature of each of the individual industries on the site as well as the envisaged  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  fixing plants by constructing the

### **Table 3**

Heating and cooling requirements of the individual plants of the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  reduction study.



individual PTA. The single utility PTA tables are considered for the sites: industrial bakery, paper recycling plant, glass making industry, methanol production plant, calcium carbonate production plant, and the baking soda production plant. Table 3 shows the thermal data, which includes the minimum heating and cooling requirements derived from the individual PTA (Tables S1–S6 from the supplementary data). The steel industry was not considered for the TSHI because the thermal contribution to the TSHI was deemed insignificant. The Plant manager could also request exclusion from the TSHI project. The individual PTA is required to construct the MU-PTA which will be used to target for heat sources and sinks.

#### *4.3.2. Multiple utility problem table algorithm (MU-PTA)*

The MU-PTA for each plant participating in the TSHI is constructed to obtain targets for multiple utility levels as heat sources and sinks for TSHI (Tables S7–S12 from the supplementary data) following the procedural methodology shown in [Liew et al. \(2012\)](#page-17-0). The illustrative example will use the utility temperature levels in Table 4 for the TSHI. As explained earlier, the MU-PTA is the algebraic representation of the GCC that uses utility temperature boundaries to differentiate the amounts of heat sources and sinks by utility type. The multiple utility cascades must be performed based on the pinch regions, i.e., above and below the pinch region. Above the pinch, the heat is cascaded starting from the temperature point towards the pinch temperature. When there is a negative value during the cascading between temperature intervals, an external utility is added to that point (column 8 of the MU-PTA Tables S7–S12 from the supplementary data). The multiple utilities below the pinch are cascaded from the bottom to the pinch temperature. When there is a positive value during the cascading between temperature intervals, the cascading must be zeroed to generate utilities (column 8 of the MU-PTA Tables S7–S12 columns 7 and 8 from the supplementary data). The amount of utilities generated was determined by summing the amounts of excess heat per utility interval (above the utility temperature to the next utility level) to get the total amount of the utility per utility interval, as summarised in [Table 5](#page-10-0).

#### *4.3.3. Total Site Problem Table Algorithm(TS-PTA)*

The TS-PTA is applied to establish the utilities exchanged between processes within the Total sites. It is the algebraic representation of the graphical Site Composite curve. The utilities generated below the pinch region are added to determine the total heat sources. Above the pinch region, the utilities used by the industries in the TSHI study are added together to determine the total Heat sink. The heat requirement is acquired by subtracting the heat sink from the heat source. As shown in

### **Table 4**





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column 5 of Table 6, the positive value, as seen in Column 5 is heat surpluses, and the negative values represent the heat deficits. The initial heat cascade represented by Column 6 of Table 6 is found by starting at zero and cascading by adding the heating requirements acquired in Column 5 from top to bottom. The most negative value is used to determine the external heating utility requirement by making it positive as seen in column 7 of Table 6, by cascading it heating values and getting external heating requirement of 34.034 MW and cooling requirement of 186.413 MW (of which 155.66 MW of cooling water utility and 30.753 MW chilled water).

### *4.3.4. Total site problem utility distribution (TSUD) table*

The distribution of utilities in a total sites' scenario can be a complicated task depending on the distances between processes and the sensitive nature of the streams to cross-contamination. The TSUD tool developed by ([Liew et al., 2012](#page-17-0)) provides a visual representation, as shown in [Table 7](#page-11-0), of how heat sources and utilities can be distributed to heat sinks. The arrows show the proposed distribution to the same or lower utility levels. The Plant manager can then use this tool to determine the best distribution option for processes on the site.

#### *4.3.5. The total sensitivity table (TSST) table*

The most important feature of the TSHI is to ensure the system's robustness to plant shut downs and to ensure the utility cushion for the utility loss due to individual plant shutdown. Plant shutdown could be due to predictable reasons such as planned maintenance or unplanned reasons such as unit operations failures and accidents in the plant. [Table 8](#page-12-0) shows the impact of the individual plant downs by discounting the impact of the individual plant heat sinks and heat source data, as shown in [Table 8](#page-12-0). According to [Liew et al. \(2012\),](#page-17-0) the consequence of the sensitivity study will provide insights to the TSHI designer on planning for the maximum heating and cooling utility requirements for individual shutdowns. The excess heating and cooling duties can be sold to interested parties or stored in heat storage, as shown in the conceptual

#### *4.4. Tool 3: target for hybrid power system with PoPA for the industrial site*

diagram in [Fig. 4](#page-8-0).

The introduction of renewable sources for power generation is the most consequential way to reduce the carbon footprint from outside sources. Power Pinch Analysis (PoPA) is an ideal tool utilised for the power allocation of HyPS comprising renewable energy sources. The introduction of numerical tools by [Rozali et al., 2013a](#page-18-0) was used to determine the minimum target for outsourced electricity, the maximum power storage required for the HyPS, and the system's sensitivity with the shut down during operations ([Rozali et al., 2016b\)](#page-18-0).

The first step in developing a HyPS is to evaluate the possible power sources apart from the outsourced mainstream electricity supply. [Table 9](#page-13-0) summarises the possible RE sources of power and the proposed DMFC that could be sourced to provide the electricity needs for the selected plants in the industrial site. Solar power was determined using the parking area of the selected plants in the industrial area. This is done by evaluating the amount of electricity that could be generated by placing the solar panels on parking lot rooftops in the identified parking areas of the selected industries. As a result, it was determined that the possible electricity generated per day as calculated from Equation [\(2\)](#page-4-0)  ([Rozali et al., 2017](#page-18-0)) was 14.28 MWh. The industrial site also has a landfill area that collects garden waste comprising mainly felled trees and excess branches from garden service vendors from the surrounding residential and company premises. The Biomass plant is presumed to operate optimally between 08:00 and 18:00, generating 20 MWh of possible electricity per day calculated from Equation (4). The fuel cell configuration is expected to deliver 4.383 MWh of electricity supply per day, operating 24 h.

#### $\sum$  Electricity Source/Demand =  $\sum$  Power Rating × Time intervalEquation 4

The electricity demands for the envisaged TSHI system consider the



Total site problem table algorithm (TS-PTA).



<span id="page-11-0"></span>Total Site Utility Distribution (TSUD) table.



consumption for the existing plants, i.e., the industrial bakery, steel processing plant, wastewater treatment plant, glass-making plant and paper recycling plant. The Power demands also consider the plants of the chemical fixing plants which are the calcium carbonate production plant, methanol production plant and the baking soda production plant. The post-combustion  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  capture system is also considered in the power demands because of the high power consumption requirements for capturing and purifying the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ . [Table 10](#page-13-0) summarises all the electricity requirements for the proposed low  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  footprint industrial site. This study considers the power losses due to conversion from Direct Current (DC) to Alternating Current (AC) using a rectifier as calculated using Equation (5) and power losses (due to conversion from AC to DC with the use of a rectifier using Equation (6).

*Amount of converted AC electricity to DC (MWh)* = *AC electricity surplus (MWh)*  $\times$  *Rectifier efficiency* Equation 5

# *Amount of DC electricity converted to AC (MWh) = DC electricity MWh)*  $\times$ *Invertor efficiency* Equation 6

The power sources and demands data for the illustrative study, as shown in Table S13 from the supplementary data, consider the power losses due to the conversion arranged on an hourly basis, showing the possible power sources and sinks within the industrial site. It is assumed that all the industrial sinks require AC electricity to meet their electricity requirements. Therefore, the total power sinks and power sources at each hourly interval are calculated as shown in the last two columns in Table S13 from the supplementary data. These total power sinks and power sources at each hourly interval are in the Power Cascade Table (PCT), Table S14 from the supplementary data.

### *4.4.1. The Power Cascade Table*

The PCT, a tool in the PoPA, as described by [Rozali et al., 2013a,](#page-18-0) is a method to target the amount of electricity stored for transfer to the next day's operation. The amount of electricity sources and demands for each hourly interval is calculated in Columns 3 and 4 of [Table 12](#page-14-0) using Equation (7).

### <sup>∑</sup> *Electricity source/demand* <sup>=</sup> <sup>∑</sup> *Power Rating* ✕ *Time interval*Equation 7

The net electricity surplus and deficit are seen in Column 8 of Table S14 from the supplementary data using Equation (8). The positive net electricity value represents the stored electricity sources, and the negative net electricity value represents the sinks. Electricity is supplied from external sources to meet the deficit.

# *Net Electricity surplus/ deficit* =  $\sum$  *Electricity source -*  $\sum$  *Electricity demand* Equation 8

The infeasible electricity cascade from Column 9 of Table S14 from the supplementary data shows negative electricity flows due to the net electricity being cascaded down. The feasible electricity cascade from Column 10 of [Table 12](#page-14-0) takes the largest negative value (−6.965 MW), making it positive and cascading it cumulatively across the surplus and deficit seen in Column 8. The minimum amount during start-up is 6.965 MW of outsourced electricity would be required to ensure stability to the HyPS. This means that a net avoidance of  $6,834$  ton  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  per annum during HyPS normal operation could be achieved using the estimated 0.53 kg CO2/kWh of electricity production from coal [\(Hawkes, 2014](#page-17-0)).

### *4.4.2. The Storage Cascade table*

The sustainability of a HyPS to ensure there is sufficient reliable

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Total site sensitivity Table(TSST).

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power to the industrial site is fundamental for the decarbonisation of the site. The Storage Cascade table (SCT) is used to gauge the maximum power storage capacity for a battery configuration to ensure that the excess power produced per hourly interval is stored and the battery storage provides for the power deficit per hourly interval. The SCT as shown in Table S15 from the supplementary data can be used to find the maximum power storage of 20.20 MW after considering 5% rectifier and inverter losses and a battery charge and discharge loss of 10% as well as the self-discharge rate losses of 0.004%/h while storing as DC power as explained in [Rozali et al., 2013b.](#page-18-0) Considering all these losses, it was also determined that the AEEND was 8.55 MW, that was cascaded to the next day operation. Therefore, it was established that the HyPS requires only RE sources of power to supply electricity to the industrial during normal operation apart from the 6.965 MW of outsourced electricity required during start-up.

# *4.4.3. Sensitivity of the hybrid power system*

The sensitivity of the HyPS to resource shutdown is important for the site manager to plan for how much extra electricity would be required to fulfil the electricity deficits due to individual renewable energy shutdowns. [Rozali et al., 2016b](#page-18-0) approached the sensitivity of a HyPS by looking at the system's profitability by considering the Feed-in Tariff (FiT) as shown in [Table 12](#page-14-0) related to the RE resource. The sensitivity table shown in [Table 11](#page-13-0) shows the potential losses based on FiT penalty rates ([Table 12](#page-14-0)) to the HyPS when the solar PV power source or the biomass power source fails. The FiT of renewable sources as ratified by the [DEA \(2021\)](#page-17-0) shows the tariff discrepancy between solar PV power source and the biomass power source as almost four fold. From the sensitivity table, [Table 11](#page-13-0) shows a loss of \$1461.30 per day if the biomass fails and a loss of \$1327.30 per day if the solar PV fails on FiT penalty rates.

# **5. Economic analysis of the TSHI and HyPS used to reduce the CO2 footprint**

The analysis of the economic sustainability of the TSHI and the HyPS is crucial in a site manager's decision of how to plan for the funds necessary to start the TSHI and HyPS from potential investors. The analysis would also allow the managers to know how much external sponsorship is required from national and international incentive funds to attain sustainability.

# *5.1. The economic analysis of the TSHI system*

The Total Site Heat Integration cost estimate will utilise the total site profiles to evaluate the heat recovery potential between processes with the industrial site of the TSHI system. The assumption made for the economic analysis is that the system is running at 90% efficiency. The Total annualised cost considers that the initial capital cost is calculated by dividing over a payback period of 10 years. According to Peters et al. (2003), the operating labour cost can be categorized as either highly skilled or low skilled employees that operate the plant. It is estimated that the operating labour cost amounts to about 10–20% of the total product cost. For this study, operating labour cost is estimated as 10% of the annualised capital cost.

A site source and sink profile from all the available processes from the industrial site is combined into a single profile analogous to a Composite Curve for a single process as described by Klemeš et al., 1997. The GCC for each plant in the industrial site are combined as heat source segments placed on the left-hand side of the Y-axis, while the combined heat sinks segments are placed on the right-hand side of the Y-axis, as seen in [Nemet et al. \(2012\).](#page-18-0) The data for the site source and sink profile as shown in Table 13a and Table 13b was used to construct the total site profile in [Fig. 5,](#page-15-0) which has the site source and sink profiles. Using changes in the slopes of the site profiles and site composite curves, Enthalpy intervals (EIs) are chosen. The heat exchange areas are

<span id="page-13-0"></span>Power sources for the case study.



#### **Table 10**

Power demands for the case study.

Power demands	Time, h		Time interval, h	Power consumed, MW	Electricity consumption, MWh	
DC AC		From	To			
<b>Industrial Bakery</b>	00:00	23:59	24	0.049	1.181	
Steel Processing 00:00		23:59	24	0.563	13.5	
00:00 Waste water treatment		23:59	24	0.033	0.792	
00:00 Glass-making industry		23:59	24	0.379	9.096	
Paper recycling industry 00:00		23:59	24	0.096	2.304	
00:00 Calcium carbonate production plant		23:59	24	0.090	2.170	
Methanol industry 00:00		23:59	24	0.023	0.552	
Baking soda production plant	00:00	23:59	24	0.198	4.752	
$CO2$ Capture system	00:00	23:59	24	0.045	1.080	

determined from EIs using the general heat transfer area equation (Equation (9)).

 $A = \frac{Q}{U \Delta T_{LM}}$ Equation 9

two-factor utility cost equation such as the following:

$$
C_{S,u} = a(CEPCI) + b(C_{S,f})
$$
 Equation 11

There were 17 EIs that were identified to estimate the heat exchanger area. This was crucial for the estimation of the cost of the heat exchangers.

The calculation results of the heat transfer area for the TSHI system are then collated as shown in [Table 14](#page-15-0) to illustrate the area for each enthalpy interval ([Boldyryev et al., 2015\)](#page-17-0). This heat transfer area is calculated from the complete TSP, including the source and sink profiles.

The study uses the shell and tube HE types for the TSHI heat exchanger network. The costing of the HEN is calculated from Equation (10) developed by [Reza et al. \(2004\)](#page-18-0) using the cost indexes in [Table 15](#page-15-0). The cost is then interpolated to the 2020 cost values using the 2020 Nelson-Farrar cost index. The cost from each EI, which is collated to give the estimated total cost of the HEN, \$30,856,695. This cost is then used as a basis for calculating the estimated capital cost of the TSHI network.

The estimated capital cost of the TSHI was calculated based on the estimated cost of HEN. The typical cost factors (Smith, 2005) were used to estimate the total cost of the TSHI network, as shown in [Table 16.](#page-15-0) It was found that the total estimated capital cost is \$ 83,313,077.

The cost of utilities varies immensely in different countries depending on the market fluctuations and the country's available natural resources. Therefore, [Ulrich and Vasudevan \(2006\)](#page-18-0) proposed a

where  $C_{S,u}$  is the price of the utility, a and b are utility cost coefficients (see ([Ulrich and Vasudevan, 2006\)](#page-18-0)),  $C_{S,f}$  is the price of fuel in \$/GJ, and CE PCI is the inflation parameter for projects.

[Tables 17 and 18](#page-16-0) show a summary of the estimated annual cost of the required utility for the TSHI and the potential cost saving from the heat integration of the TSHI network. It was found that \$1,252,605 of utilities were required to meet the energy requirements of the TSHI network. It was also found that a potential cost saving of \$1,483,194 due to the HI from the TSHI.

The utility avoidance cost savings calculated and summarised in [Table 18](#page-16-0) determine if the TSHI is economically viable. This cost-saving takes into account the maximum potential saving from the heat integration.

The estimated total annual cost analysis was calculated considering that the initial capital cost was divided over a payback period of 10 years. The annual operating labour cost and fixed operation and maintenance cost is estimated as 10% of the annualised capital cost. The total cost analysis of the process was found to have an annual loss of \$ 9,766,980 (see [Table 19](#page-16-0)).

The rate of return for the project is 1.78%, which is very low, but the purpose of the study was to lower the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  footprint of the industrial plant. The TSHI plays an important role in lowering the amount of

**Table 11** 



<span id="page-14-0"></span>Feed-in tariff rates of renewable sources [\(DEA, 2021](#page-17-0)).



utilities required in the industrial site. It is estimated that the hot utilities saving valued at \$1,483,194 could be saved from the TSHI network. One of the main contributors to the escalated loss is the cost multipliers added to the original cost of the total sites heat exchanger network. If the multipliers were reduced, the effect on the total cost analysis would be significant. The carbon tax incentives and international sponsorship for CO2 reducing projects could also be used to alleviate the economic impact of the TSHI on the suite of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  reduction projects in the industrial site.

#### *5.2. The economic analysis of the HyPS system*

The roof area of the parking space of the industries in the industrial site was considered for the installation of the solar PV panels, as shown in [Table 20](#page-16-0). In this study, monocrystalline solar panels were considered the preferred PV because of their higher efficiency ([Hidayanti, 2020\)](#page-17-0) and longevity [\(Sadek, 2016\)](#page-18-0). Using the manufacturer's solar PV panel size of four panels occupying 8  $m^2/kW$ , it was determined that the number of panels that are needed for the proposed parking area was 7, 140 panels. The panels' cost and installation usually come as a package from the solar PV company (Solar Advice (PTY) [Solar Advice LTD,](#page-18-0)  [2021\)](#page-18-0). The average size of the panels was approximated to occupy 8 m<sup>2</sup> /kW ([Howell, 2021](#page-17-0)).

**Table 13a** 

# Data for the site source profile.



**Table 13b**  Data for the site sink profile.

Segment	$T^{**}$ start $(^{\circ}C)$	T**end $(^{\circ}C)$	$\Delta H$ (MW)	CP (MW/CC)	Type of medium	$H$ (MW/ $(m^2 °C)$
A <sub>1</sub>	230	240	28	2.8	<b>HPS</b>	0.012
B1	175	185	38	3.8	<b>HPS</b>	0.012
B <sub>2</sub>	130	175	52.2	1.16	LPS	0.01
B <sub>3</sub>	80	130	58	1.16	Steam	0.008
B4	70	80	23.3	2.33	Liquid	0.0005
<b>B5</b>	45	70	56.75	2.27	Liquid	0.0007
<b>B6</b>	30	45	4.8	0.32	Liquid	0.0008
C <sub>1</sub>	1100	1120	22.48	1.124	<b>VHPS</b>	0.014
D1	57	67	2.23	0.223	Liquid	0.0008
D <sub>2</sub>	51	57	0.47	0.0783	Liquid	0.0008
D3	46	51	0.39	0.078	Liquid	0.0008
E1	375	385	0.074	0.0074	<b>HPS</b>	0.012
F1	175	180.5	0.226	0.041	<b>MPS</b>	0.011
F <sub>2</sub>	70	175	2.144	0.020	Steam	0.008

$$
N_P = \frac{A_I}{A_P} \hspace{2.5cm} \text{Equation 12}
$$

where,  $N_P$ = Number of panels that can be installed in the installation area,  $A_I$  = Size of the installation area,  $(m^2)$ ,  $A_P$  = Size occupied by 1 kW of solar panels,  $(m<sup>2</sup>)$ .

The cost of the inverter (Live [Stainable, 2021a\)](#page-18-0) and battery storage (Live [Stainable, 2021b](#page-18-0)) required for the solar PV system is also considered when costing the solar PV system, as shown in [Table 21.](#page-16-0) The size of the inverter was slightly oversized to cater for the fuel cell configuration. This was done using the latest prices available in South Africa. It was determined that 21 invertor units of 100 kW (Live [Stainable, 2021b](#page-18-0)) at a reasonable cost of \$520,934 would be required for the study. It was further established that the maximum storage capacity required for the HPS stored is 20.20 MW. The number of battery units with a 17.75 kW capacity (Live [Stainable, 2021a\)](#page-18-0) required for the power storage of the HPS was 1138 units. Therefore, the capital cost of the battery storage required is \$5,999,194; the total capital cost of the PV solar system includes the installed PV cells, and the inverter and battery storage system is \$8,015,959, as seen in [Table 21](#page-16-0), the summary of capital costs. Although the maintenance of running a PV solar plant is low compared to other renewable sources of energy, the cost of maintenance for the PV system was estimated to be \$20,850 [\(Tidball et al., 2010\)](#page-18-0).

For this study, three units of 1 MW biomass gasifier power plants were considered due to the efficiency of the Biomass plant. Breaking the biomass plants into three modules has the benefit of alleviating the effects of plant shutdowns due to maintenance. The three modules could also be advantageous if the biomass material becomes a limiting factor. Then one or two units could be used instead of all of the three biomass gasifier power units. The cost multipliers use the typical capital cost factors as explained by [Smith \(2005\)](#page-18-0) to estimate the capital cost for the Biomass plant, as shown in [Table 22](#page-16-0). The maintenance cost of the biomass could be conducted in three or two phases because the three 1 MW biomass plants could run concurrently. The reason three 1 MW biomass plants were selected was to cater to the efficiency losses and to ensure that a steady, reliable 2 MW of power source was available for the site.

The HyPS will estimate the selling price of the solar and biomass produced power at the approved FiTs (see Table 12). It was found that the HyPS is economically viable, with a potential annual profit of \$476990. The negative values in [Table 23](#page-16-0) are the annual capital and operational cost required to run the HyPS. The positive is the maximum expected annual cash flow from the project. The rate of return for the

<span id="page-15-0"></span>

**Fig. 5.** Total site profile that includes the enthalpy intervals.





Cost models for carbon steel and stainless steel for tube costs and shell costs adapted from [\(Reza et al., 2004\)](#page-18-0).



# **Table 16**

Estimated capital cost based on cost factors (Smith, 2005).



<span id="page-16-0"></span>Estimated cost of required utility for the TSHI.

Utility	<b>CEPCI</b>	$C_{S,H}$	a	b	$C_{S,f}$ (\$/Gj)	$A_S$ (\$/Y)
Chilled water	607.5	74.92	0.12	0.03	2	479,062
Cooling Water	607.5	29.62	0.05	0.03		479.581
<b>LPS</b>	607.5	0.630	0.001	0.0037	3	293.963
					Total utility cost $(\frac{5}{y})$	1,252,605

#### **Table 18**

Estimated Potential utility cost saving from TSHI.

Utility	<b>CEPCI</b>	$C_{S, u}$	a	b	$C_{S,f}$ (\$/Gj)	As(S/Y)
<b>LPS</b>	607.5	0.717	0.0012	0.00368	3	632,414
<b>MPS</b>	607.5	1.371	0.00223	0.00389	4.5	268,644
<b>HPS</b>	607.5	0.952	0.00149	0.00417	11	290,885
<b>VHPS</b>	607.5	1.0094	0.00157	0.00426	13	291,251
					Total saving $(\frac{6}{y})$	1,483,194

#### **Table 19**

Summary of cost estimate of TSHI.

TSHI	Cost(S/Y)
Annualised Capital cost $(\frac{5}{v})$	8,331,308
Operating labour cost $(\frac{6}{y})$	833,131
Amount of the utility required for $TSHI(\frac{6}{y})$	1,252,605
Fixed operation and maintenance cost $(\frac{f}{x})$	833,131
Amount of saving from the utility saving from TSHI $(\frac{6}{y})$	1,483,194
Annual total cost $(\frac{5}{y})$	$-9,766,980$

project was 20.68%, making it highly desirable for the site to include a HyPS as a crucial tool to lower the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  footprint.

### **6. Conclusion**

The decarbonisation of an industrial site through a multiple approach is essential in sustaining the reduction of anthropogenic carbon dioxide emissions in a of a brownfield. In this paper, a four-step sequential framework is proposed that would lead to a low carbon footprint site. The framework presented started with the application of post-combustion  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  capture and purification to above 90% concentration. Next is selecting suitable subsidiary  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  fixing industries that would directly use reagents within the industrial site. The  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  footprint of the site is further reduced with the implementation of pinch analysis tools for heat integration and to optimise the distribution of renewable sources of power for a HyPS. The TSHI for the project revealed a 79.95% of hot utility usage reduction. Although the rate of return for the TSHI

#### **Table 20**

Steel processing plant

Methanol industry 100

Cost of monocrystalline solar panels for the industrial site (Solar Advice (PTY) [Solar Advice LTD, 2021\)](#page-18-0).



4 Paper recycling industry 2700 2700 337.5 1350 180225 192600 180225 102600<br>5 Steel processing plant 5900 5 737.5 2950 393825 224200

6 Calcium carbonate production plant 100 12.5 50 6675 6675 3800<br>
7 Methanol industry 100 12.5 50 6675 3800

8 Baking soda production plant 100 12.5 50 6675 6675 3800<br>
Total 14280 1785 7140 953190 542640 Total 14280 1785 7140 **953190 542640** 

#### **Table 21**

Summary of capital costs for the solar PV system including storage.



# **Table 22**

Capital Cost of Biomass power plant for the industrial site ([Indiamart, 2021](#page-17-0)).



#### **Table 23**

Summary of cost estimates of the HyPS.



was 1.78%, the cost could be further reduced if the cost of utility saved was increased from the above retail price payments for the utility saved by the industries involved. The study also showed that RE sources of power and the additional DMFC power supply, would be sufficient to provide a sustainable power source for the industrial site. The amount of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  avoided from the addition of the HyPS is 6,834 ton/y. The rate of return for the project was 20.68%, making it highly desirable for the site to include a HyPS as a crucial tool to lower the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  footprint. This framework could be used to assist high  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  emitting industrial zones to attain deep and sustainable reductions in global  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  emissions as per COP26 Glasgow Climate Pact This work presents a viable framework

Total installed solar panel cost **1495830** 

<span id="page-17-0"></span>that would result in lowering the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  footprint in four sequential steps. However, the cost of holistic decarbonisation of an industrial site is impeded by the cost of the  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  lowering systems. Recent incentives by the European Union for decarbonisation projects could assist in the viability of the proposed project. Future work will have to give emphasis in the inclusion of the co-generation potential for the HyPS. The method should also consider the effects of pressure drop to the TSHI. In addition, future work will consider the fluctuation of renewable power due to seasons change and resource availability.

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