



# Carbon Dioxide Capture From Internal Combustion Engine Exhaust Using Temperature Swing Adsorption

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In order to reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the transportation sector, one can electrify the vehicle, switch to biofuel, or capture and store CO<sub>2</sub> on board. In this study, integration of an on board CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage unit with an internal combustion engine has been proposed. The technology can be applied for various internal combustion or Stirling engines with targeted applications in the transportation sector. Truck transport for goods delivery is used as an example for on board CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage system design. The investigated system integrates a temperature swing adsorption system for CO<sub>2</sub> capture with a turbo-compressor system to compress and liquefy the captured CO<sub>2</sub> using the waste heat of the exhaust gases of the engine. Energy and exergy analyses of the proposed CO<sub>2</sub> captured system are studied in details. The CO<sub>2</sub> capture system for engine exhaust stream (car, truck, bus, ship, or train) can capture 90% of the emitted CO<sub>2</sub>, without any energy penalty. This system can be integrated into overall mobility system (fuel-engine-CO<sub>2</sub>-fuel), where captured CO<sub>2</sub> can be recycled as conventional liquid or gaseous fuels produced from renewable energy sources.

**Keywords:** carbon dioxide capture, internal combustion engine, exergy analysis, temperature swing adsorption, system design and integration, heat exchanger network

## INTRODUCTION

Among the challenges of the energy transition, reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of the transportation sector is one of the most difficult. Electrification of the vehicles is of course a good solution to replace fossil fuel for mobility. This path is however penalized by the density of the electricity storage in the batteries. Fossil fuels are a finite resource, hence they should be replaced by bio-based fuel equivalent. This however requires lots of land that may compete with the food production. CO<sub>2</sub> capture is also an alternative, if one can capture with limited energy penalty, and converts captured CO<sub>2</sub> into fuels using renewable electricity.

In the year 2014, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions due to human activities accounted for about 65% of greenhouse gas emissions globally (IPCC, 2014). In 2016, transportation sector was accountable for about 28 percent of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in USA (United States Environmental Protection Agency, 2016). In 2016, according to European Automobile Manufacturers Association, 2.7 million commercial vehicles were produced in the European Union. This number shows a huge potential for on board CO<sub>2</sub> capture technology for vehicles. However, it could be very difficult to capture CO<sub>2</sub> from vehicles due to large number of vehicles. There has been limited research on CO<sub>2</sub> capture from vehicles due to mobile nature of source, relatively smaller production rate, discontinuous emissions, space limitation, and on board CO<sub>2</sub> storage. Ligterink et al. (2016) has reported 2.65 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> emission per liter diesel consumption by heavy duty vehicles.

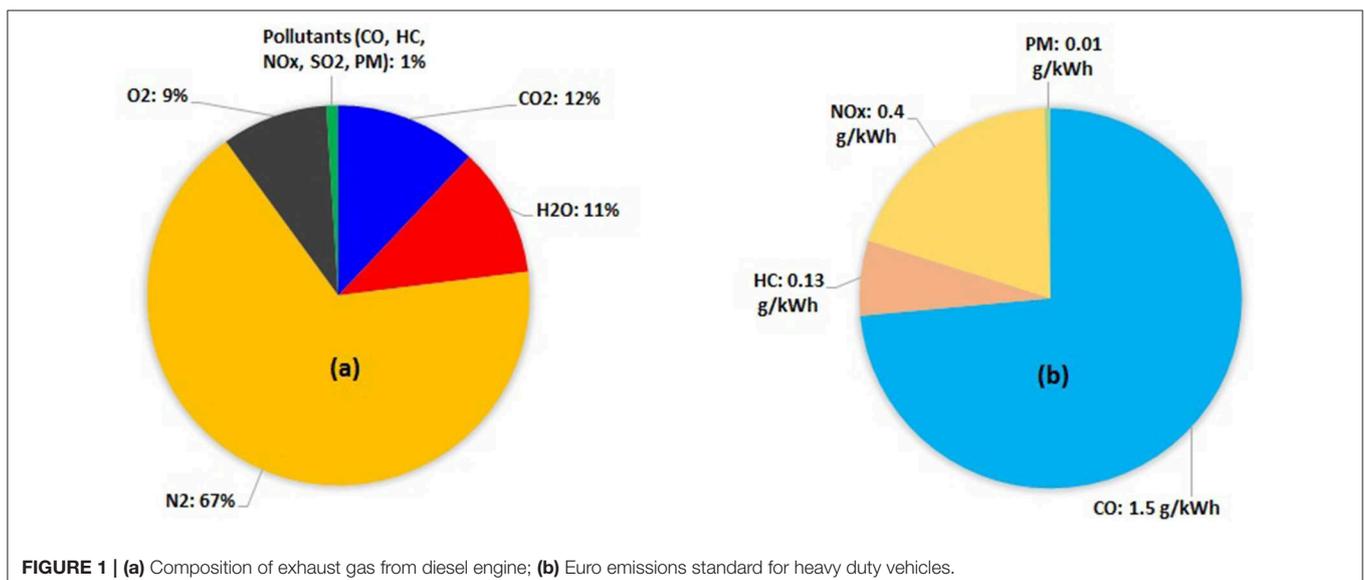
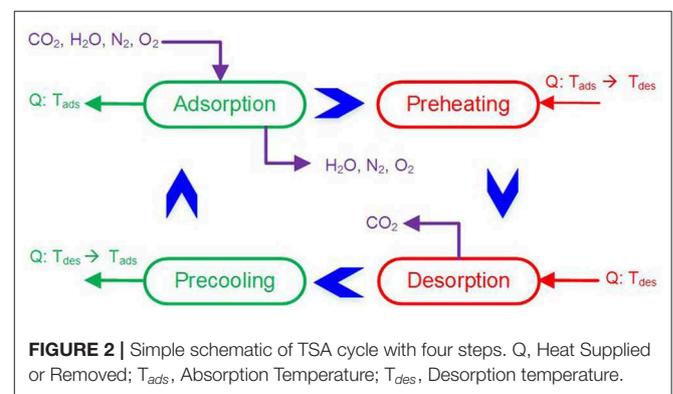
In 2015, according to the European Environment Agency (2017), road transportation sector contributed about 0.746 giga tons CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Hence, CO<sub>2</sub> capture from vehicles could be an attractive way to reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions significantly.

**Figure 1a** shows typical composition of exhaust gas from diesel engine. CO<sub>2</sub> and pollutant emissions are about 12 and 1% (CO, HC, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM), respectively (Majewski and Khair, 2006). **Figure 1b** presents emission standard of European Union for heavy duty vehicles (Delphi, 2012), NO accounts for 90% of total NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, with the remainder being NO<sub>2</sub> (Hebbar, 2014). The diesel engine has an efficiency of about 35%, and about 25 and 40% energy is lost in cooling system and exhaust heat, respectively (Hossain and Bari, 2014).

For CO<sub>2</sub> capture, amine absorption, membrane separation, cryogenic separation and adsorption are main technologies for post combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture from power plant and process industry. The amine absorption for capturing CO<sub>2</sub> is commonly used in power plant and process industry including natural gas sweetening (Sharma et al., 2017). The amine absorption process is energy intensive: 3.6–4.0 MJ/kg using mono-ethanolamine and 2.0–3.8 MJ/kg using advanced amines, for 90% CO<sub>2</sub> capture rate (Bui et al., 2018). For 90% CO<sub>2</sub> capture, performance of amine absorption process and membrane process are similar with about 10% loss in the plant efficiency (Wang et al., 2017). For natural gas power plant with 85% CO<sub>2</sub> capture using amine, efficiency of the integrated plant decreases by over 8% due to the energy penalty of CO<sub>2</sub> capture (Tock and Maréchal, 2014). Amine absorption process is difficult to use in mobile applications, although it has been proposed in marine application (Luo and Wang, 2017). Pressure swing adsorption (PSA) is well established gas separation technology, which has found applications in air separation, hydrogen purification, and natural gas industry. Further, temperature swing adsorption (TSA) is an attractive technology for CO<sub>2</sub> capture that requires low grade waste heat which may be available close to the CO<sub>2</sub> emission source (See **Figure 2**). In a TSA cycle, cooled exhaust gases

are passed through the adsorbent bed, where CO<sub>2</sub> is adsorbed in the material and the remaining gases are released into the environment. Once adsorbent bed is saturated with CO<sub>2</sub>, it is heated to recover the CO<sub>2</sub> from the material. After CO<sub>2</sub> recovery from the adsorbent bed, it is cooled down from the desorption temperature to the adsorption temperature. Note that heat is removed during adsorption step, whereas heat is supplied during desorption step of a TSA cycle.

The temperature of engine exhaust normally range from 350 to 700°C (Dimitrova and Maréchal, 2017; Kanchibhotla and Bari, 2018). Further, the heat of cooling system can also be recovered as around 95°C (Abdelghaffar et al., 2002). The waste heat from engine exhaust and cooling system has been used in Rankine cycle to generate mechanical power for heavy duty trucks (Grelet et al., 2016) and cruise ships (Luo and Wang, 2017). Sprouse and Depcik (2013) have reviewed many studies on the use of organic Rankine cycle for the waste heat recovery from the exhaust of internal combustion engine, and claimed 10% improvement in the fuel economy. In order to overcome the dynamic nature of the engine waste heat availability, a heat storage material can be used to maintain the steady supply of heat to the Rankine cycle



(Dinker et al., 2017). Lu et al. (2017) used a thermal fluid for the heat transfer between engine exhaust stream and working fluid of organic Rankine cycle, this mechanism is useful in maintaining steady operation of organic Rankine cycle.

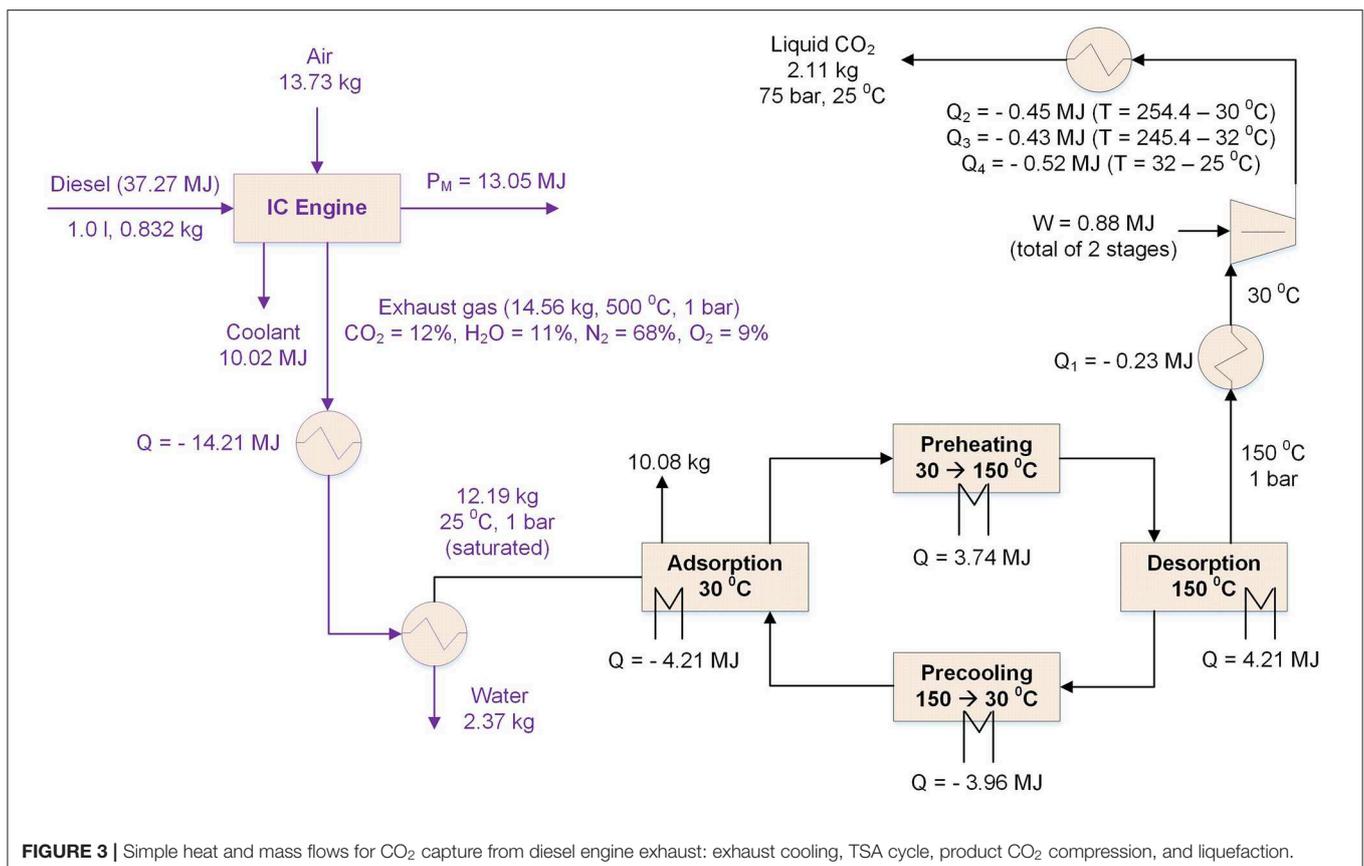
The idea of the study is to investigate the possibility of integrating a Rankine cycle and a temperature swing adsorption system for vehicles. Proll et al. (2016) evaluated a fluidized bed TSA system for CO<sub>2</sub> capture from flue gas stream, and in terms of heat transfer, fluidized bed reactor was found better than fixed, and moving bed reactors. Gibson et al. (2016) have evaluated several adsorption materials and process designs for CO<sub>2</sub> capture from gas fired power plant. They have developed an adsorption model to predict the separation efficiency and to obtain the optimum separation conditions. Ntiamoah et al. (2016) performed cyclic experiments on single adsorption column, and product (hot) CO<sub>2</sub> was used to supply the heat of desorption in the desorption step. In order to increase the purity of product CO<sub>2</sub>, they used product CO<sub>2</sub> purge before the desorption step. Marx et al. (2016) studied cyclic behavior and separation performance of TSA for post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture. They performed break-through, heating and cooling, and steady-state cyclic experiments to evaluate separation performance of the process.

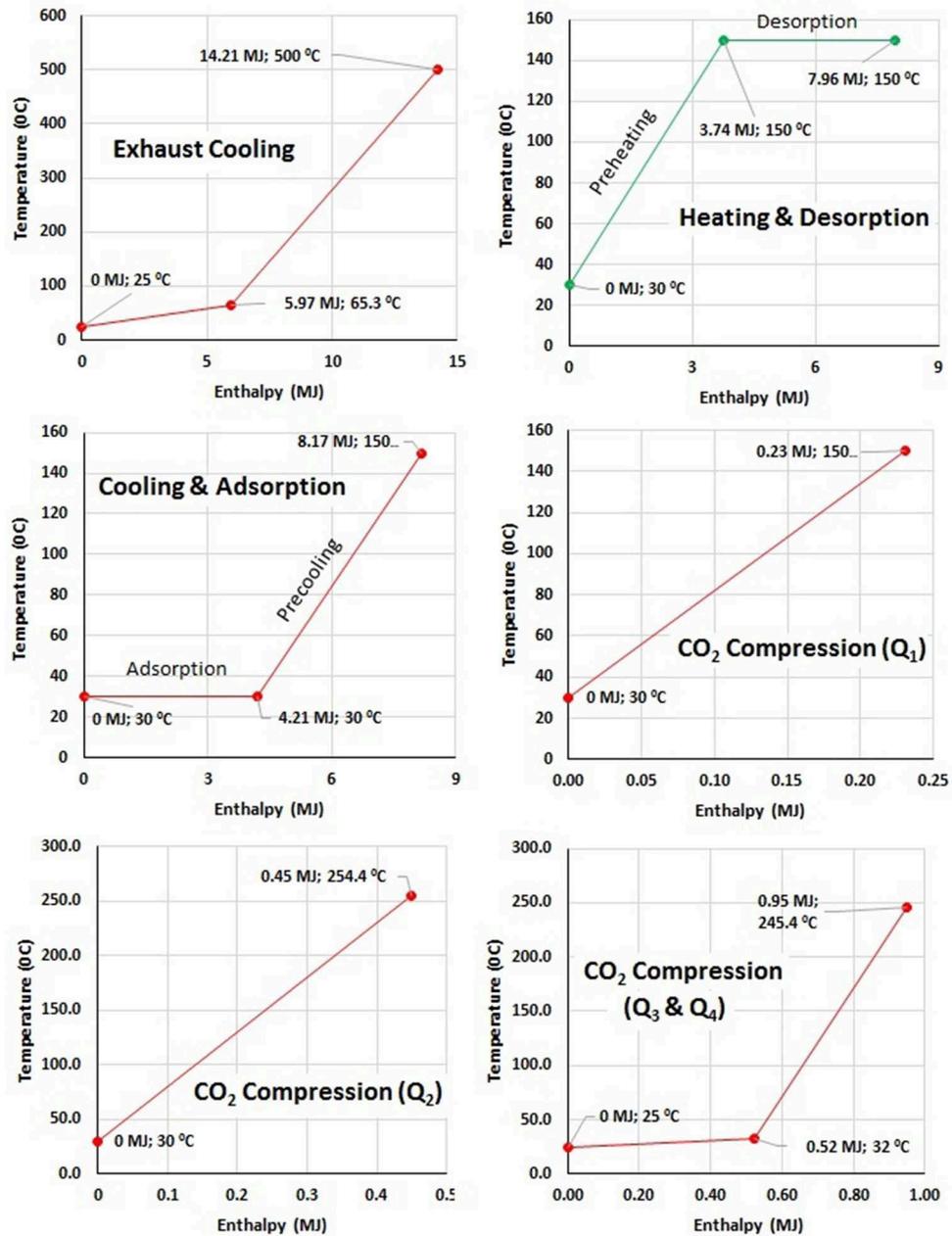
This work combines organic Rankine cycle with TSA to capture the CO<sub>2</sub> from exhaust stream of an internal combustion engine. Amine doped adsorbents are selected for CO<sub>2</sub> capture, as they show good performance in the presence of water (Huck

et al., 2014). Part of the mechanical power produced by organic Rankine cycle is used to generate cold utility using CO<sub>2</sub>-based heat pump (turbo-compressor 1). This cold utility is used to remove heat of adsorption, and condense the water from engine exhaust stream. The remaining mechanical power generated by organic Rankine cycle is used to compress and liquefy the produced CO<sub>2</sub> (turbo-compressor 2). The CO<sub>2</sub> capture system has energy self-sufficiency, and does not require any external power. In other words, TSA with turbo-compressors is an attractive choice for CO<sub>2</sub> capture from vehicles without any energy penalty. The CO<sub>2</sub> capture system for engine exhaust stream aims at capturing 90% of the emitted CO<sub>2</sub> (i.e., 2.11 kg CO<sub>2</sub> per liter of diesel consumption). The captured CO<sub>2</sub> can be utilized as a carbon source for producing green fuel (methane or liquid fuels) by integrating hydrogen produced from renewable energy resources.

## ENERGY AND EXERGY BALANCE OF ENGINE, TSA AND CO<sub>2</sub> COMPRESSION

Figure 3 describes the integrated CO<sub>2</sub> capture system, based on 1 l diesel consumption in an internal combustion engine. First of all, diesel engine exhaust is analyzed for energy content and its composition. Figure 3 shows simple heat and mass flows for CO<sub>2</sub> capture system. One liter diesel contains 37.27 MJ energy (lower heating value), which is divided into





**FIGURE 4 |** Enthalpy-temperature profiles for exhaust cooling, adsorption cooling, desorption heating and CO<sub>2</sub> compression, and liquefaction for 1 l diesel.

three parts by the internal combustion engine: 13.05 MJ as mechanical power to drive the vehicle, 14.21 MJ as waste heat in exhaust gas, and 10.02 MJ as heat removed using coolant (Hossain and Bari, 2014).

The exhaust gas stream is cooled down to 25°C, and water is condensed and removed. The cooled exhaust gas stream (saturated with water at 25°C) goes to the adsorption bed, where CO<sub>2</sub> is attached to the adsorbent. Finally, CO<sub>2</sub> is desorbed from the adsorbent at high temperature, and

then compressed and liquefied (multi-stage compression with inter-stage cooling). After desorption step, adsorbent bed is cooled down so that it can be used in the next TSA cycle. Belsim Vali models were developed for exhaust cooling and CO<sub>2</sub> compression with inter-stage coolers. These models compute heat available from the exhaust stream at different temperature levels, and total compression power and inter-stage cooling requirements for CO<sub>2</sub> compression. A TSA model was developed in gPROMS process simulator,

based on the mathematical model shown in Table B of **Supplementary Material** (Casas et al., 2013). The TSA model has adsorption, preheating, desorption, and precooling steps. A mixture of N<sub>2</sub> (84%) and CO<sub>2</sub> (16%) was used to calculate heat of desorption, preheating of bed, heat of desorption and precooling of bed, at different adsorption, and desorption temperatures. The developed TSA model uses PPN-6-CH<sub>2</sub>TETA (Table C in **Supplementary Material**; Huck et al., 2014) as an adsorbent material. Finally, adsorption temperature of 30°C and desorption temperature of 150°C were chosen (see Figure A in **Supplementary Material**).

**Figure 4** shows enthalpy-temperature profiles for exhaust cooling, heating and desorption of adsorbent, cooling and adsorption of adsorbent, and product CO<sub>2</sub> compression and liquefaction. The exhaust stream contains 14.21 MJ/l-diesel waste heat, heating and desorption step requires 7.96 MJ/l-diesel heat, 8.17 MJ/l-diesel heat has to be removed during cooling and adsorption step, and 1.63 MJ/l-diesel heat has to be removed for CO<sub>2</sub> compression and liquefaction.

**Table 1** presents energetic and exergetic analyses of an internal combustion engine, TSA and CO<sub>2</sub> compression and liquefaction (Al-Najem and Diab, 1992; Kul and Kahraman, 2016). The CO<sub>2</sub> capture system design looks feasible from the exergetic point of view (**Table 1** and **Figure 5**). In total, 3.04 MJ of net exergy is available. See the **Supplementary Material** for Exergy Calculations given in **Table 1**. In reality, this system is dynamic in nature due to exhaust variations and TSA cycle. The reported exergy analysis is for steady-state operation of the system which gives indication on the heat availability and heat requirements by the system. Assuming a 50% exergy efficiency, therefore there is a potential to produce the equivalent of 1.52 MJ of mechanical power for the CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage system. Assuming an isentropic efficiency of 75% for the compressors, this value can be compared with the compression power needed to produce CO<sub>2</sub> in the liquid form (compression at 75 bar): 0.88 MJ or compressed CO<sub>2</sub> at 150 bar: 1.05 MJ. For 1 l diesel consumption in an internal combustion engine, 2.11 kg CO<sub>2</sub> is captured by the system, which has a volume of 2.96 l as liquid CO<sub>2</sub> product (at 75 bar) or 4.53 l as compressed CO<sub>2</sub> product (at 150 bar).

## DESIGN OF CO<sub>2</sub> CAPTURE SYSTEMS FOR A DELIVERY TRUCK

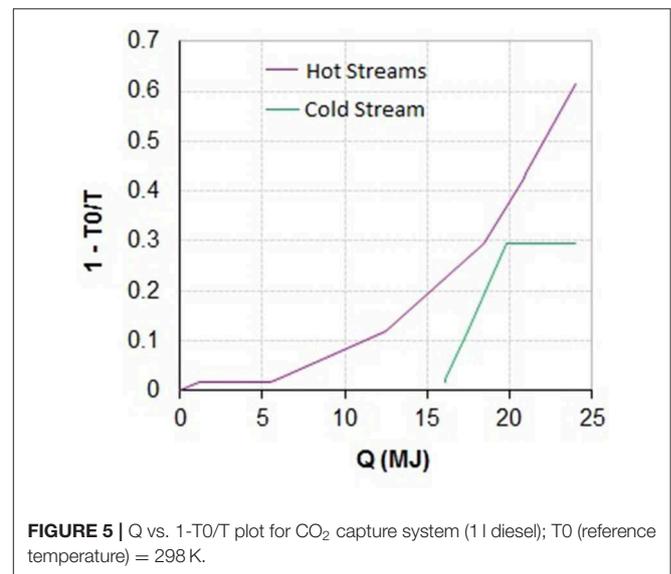
The preliminary exergy analysis shows that there is the opportunity by system integration to generate cold, heat, and work that is needed to capture the exhaust CO<sub>2</sub> using the energy available in the exhaust gases. Referring to the usage in a mobile application, there is a need to generate cooling for adsorption step, and therefore production of cooling capacity is considered at a temperature lower than the 40°C. The overall system design concept combines exhaust cooling, TSA cycle, product CO<sub>2</sub> compression and cooling, Rankine cycle and heat pumping, as shown in **Figure 6**.

The CO<sub>2</sub> capture system is designed for 1 day operation of delivery truck in a city, which travels 250 km in 8 h (~20 l diesel/100 km, Delgado et al., 2017). The diesel engine emits

**TABLE 1** | Energy and exergy analyses of the internal combustion engine, the CO<sub>2</sub> capture system, and compression power required for CO<sub>2</sub> liquefaction (1 l diesel).

Internal combustion engine	Diesel (fuel)	Mechanical power	Exhaust	Cooling system
Energy, MJ	37.27	13.05	14.21	10.02
Exergy, MJ	38.53	13.05	3.91	2.42
CO <sub>2</sub> capture system	Exhaust	Heating and desorption	Cooling and CO <sub>2</sub> adsorption	
Energy, MJ	14.21	7.96	8.17	1.63
Exergy, MJ	3.91	-1.88	0.74	0.27
Net exergy available: $\epsilon$ , MJ	3.04			
Potential mechanical power production (= 0.5 $\epsilon$ ), MJ	1.52			
Mechanical power for CO <sub>2</sub> compression (75 bar) and liquefaction, MJ	0.88			
Mechanical power for CO <sub>2</sub> compression (150 bar), MJ	1.05			

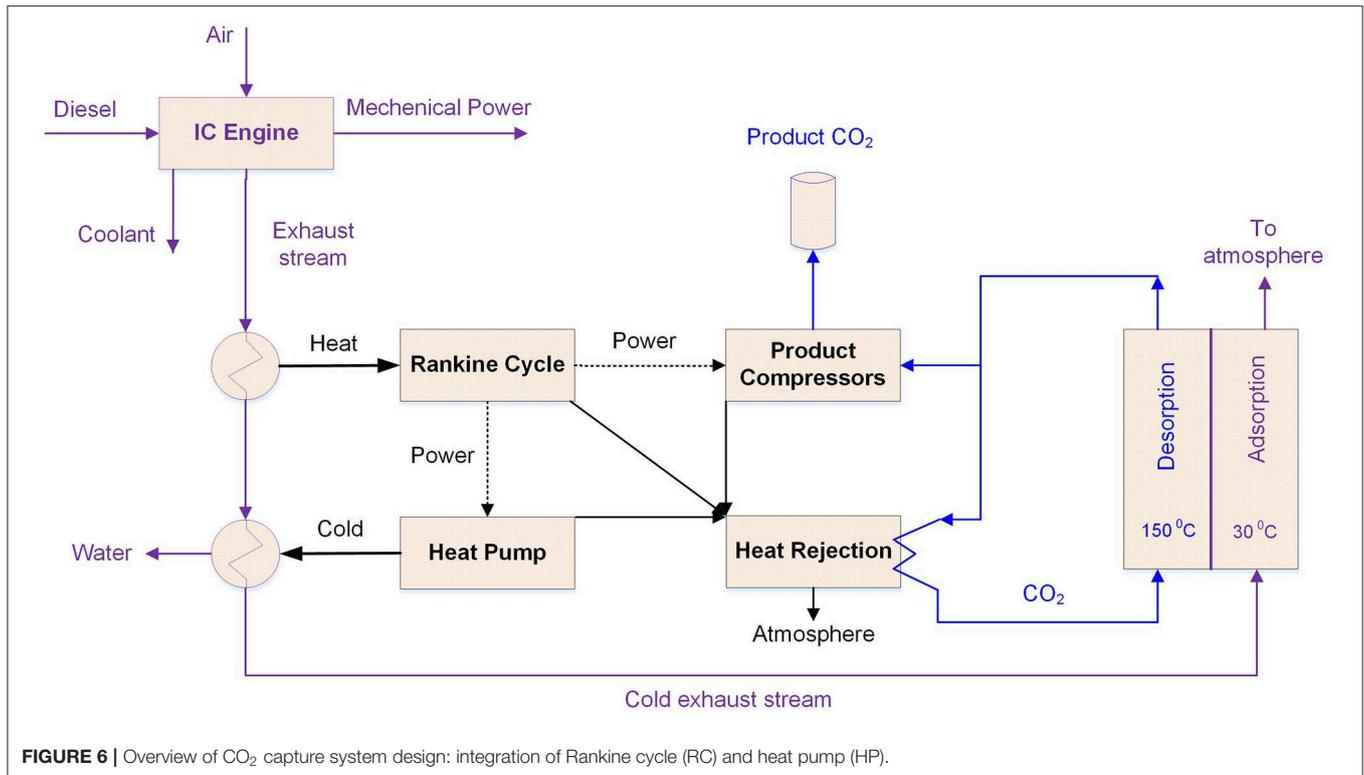
<sup>\*</sup>Includes heat removed by Q<sub>1</sub>, Q<sub>2</sub>, Q<sub>3</sub>, and Q<sub>4</sub> heat exchangers in **Figures 3, 4**. Detailed exergy calculations are shown in the **Supplementary Material**.



117.2 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> by consuming 50 l diesel, and 105.5 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> (90% capture) should be captured and stored by the CO<sub>2</sub> capture system. The working capacity (or CO<sub>2</sub> loading) of the adsorbent material is 0.1 kg-CO<sub>2</sub>/kg-adsorbent (Verdegaal et al., 2016). Finally, 1 h adsorption-desorption cycle time has been assumed (Gibson et al., 2016). Initially, three cases for CO<sub>2</sub> capture system are analyzed, as summarized in **Table 2**.

## Adsorption on Truck and Desorption in the Parking Lot

In total, 105.5 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> should be captured by the adsorbent. It requires 1055 kg of adsorbent, with CO<sub>2</sub> loading of 0.1



**TABLE 2** | Details of CO<sub>2</sub> capture system specification (1 day operation, 250 km travel, 50 l diesel consumptions).

Case	Storage P (bar) T (°C)	CO <sub>2</sub> mass (kg)	CO <sub>2</sub> volume (liter)	Adsorbent mass (kg)	Adsorbent volume (liter)	Tank mass (kg)	Total mass (kg)	Total volume (liter)
1		105.7		1,055	1310.6		1160.5	1310.6
2	75, 25	105.7	147.96	4 × 32.97	4 × 40.95	106.5	343.9	311.8
3	75, 32	105.7	811.11	4 × 32.97	4 × 40.95	584.0	821.4	974.9
	100, 32	105.7	226.41	4 × 32.97	4 × 40.95	163.0	400.4	390.2
	150, 32	105.7	226.41	4 × 32.97	4 × 40.95	163.0	400.4	390.2

kg-CO<sub>2</sub>/kg-adsorbent. Hence, the total mass of the system is 1160.5 kg. The density of adsorbent is 0.805 kg/liter, and so the volume of adsorbent or capture system is 1310.6 l. In the parking lot, CO<sub>2</sub> can be converted into methane, and exothermic heat of methanation reaction can be used to recover CO<sub>2</sub> from the adsorbent bed.

### Adsorption-Desorption on Truck With CO<sub>2</sub> Liquefaction (Liquid CO<sub>2</sub>)

In this case, CO<sub>2</sub> is captured, compressed, liquefied, and stored in a storage tank. The critical point of CO<sub>2</sub> is 31.1°C and 73.8 bar. In order to store liquid CO<sub>2</sub> around 25°C in summer, an efficient cooling system would be required for operation of CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage system. The diesel engine consumes 6.25 l diesel per hour that means 13.19 kg CO<sub>2</sub> should be captured per hour (1 l diesel = 2.34 kg CO<sub>2</sub> emission, 90% CO<sub>2</sub> capture, see **Figure 3**). Hence, the CO<sub>2</sub> capture system

requires 131.88 kg/h (163.8 l/h) of adsorbent. The duration of a TSA cycle is 1 h, and the regenerated adsorbent material can be used in the next TSA cycle. The estimated mass of storage tank is 273.6 kg to store 105.5 kg (or 147.96 l) liquid CO<sub>2</sub> at 75 bar and 25°C (Turton et al., 2012). Further, typical weight of storage tank (modified CrMo steel) is 0.72 kg/liter for compressed natural gas at 200 bar (Ashok Leyland Report, 2012), and this light weight tank can also be used to store liquid or compressed CO<sub>2</sub>.

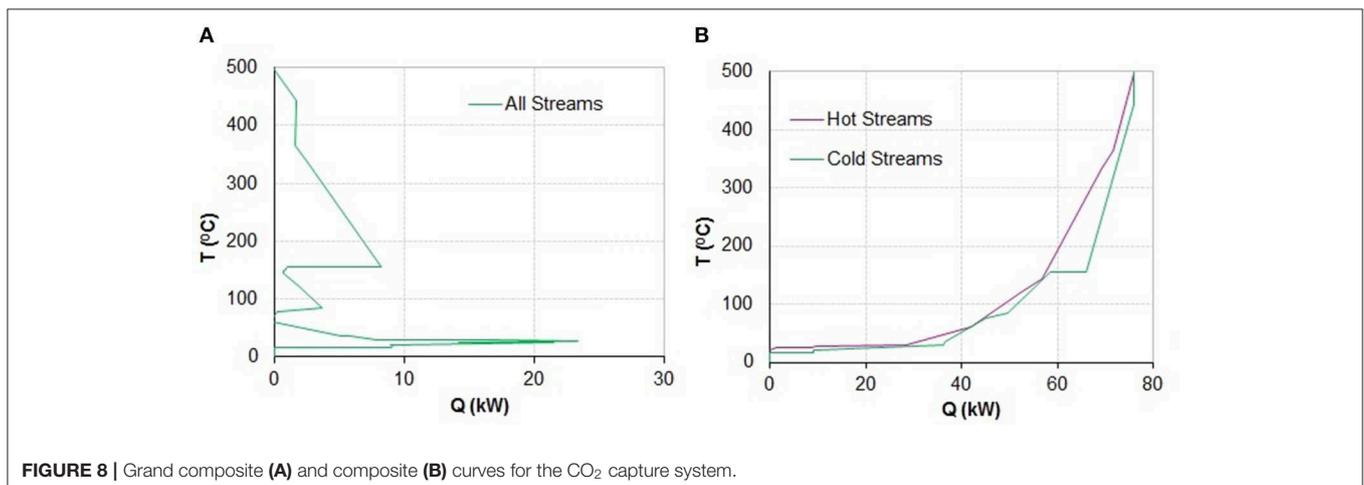
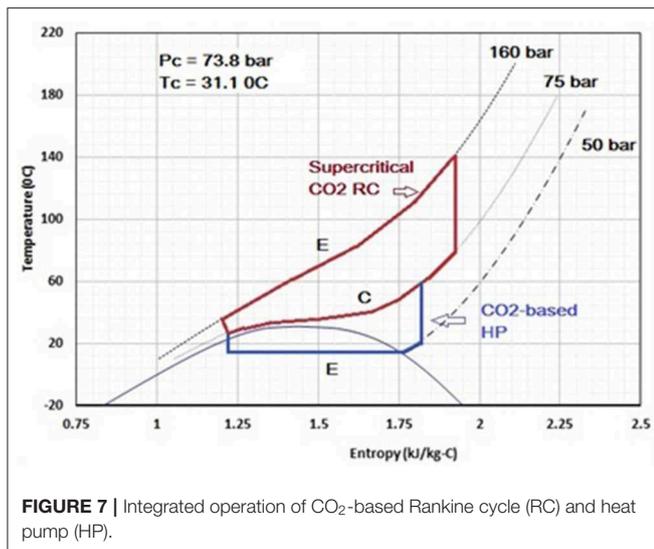
gPROMS model was developed for TSA cycle, whereas Belsim Vali models were developed for exhaust cooling, CO<sub>2</sub> compression with inter-stage cooling, Rankine cycle and heat pump. CO<sub>2</sub> based Rankine cycle (160 and 75 bar) is used to extract heat from the exhaust gas stream, and to produce the mechanical power in a turbine. This mechanical power is used in CO<sub>2</sub> based heat pump (75 and 50 bar) to generate cold utility for removing heat of adsorption from bed and precooling of bed from desorption temperature to adsorption temperature. The

lower pressure level for Rankine cycle and upper pressure level for heat pump are same (75 bar), so that streams from Rankine cycle and heat pump cycle can be combined for discharging waste heat into the environment. **Figure 7** shows integrated operations of CO<sub>2</sub> based Rankine cycle and heat pump. Further, heat rejected from CO<sub>2</sub> based Rankine cycle is used for supplying heat of desorption and preheating of bed from adsorption temperature to desorption temperature. Finally, compressors are used to compress the product CO<sub>2</sub> after the desorption step. The mechanical power generated using turbine is sufficient to run compressor for CO<sub>2</sub> based heat pump and compressors for product CO<sub>2</sub>.

In order to perform heat integration of the system, heat cascade model (Maréchal and Kalitventzeff, 1998) was used for heat integration among TSA cycle, exhaust cooling, inter-stage heat exchangers/coolers for CO<sub>2</sub> compression, Rankine cycle, and heat pump. **Figure 8** presents composite and grand composite curves for cooling of exhaust gas stream, heat of

adsorption and precooling, heat of desorption and preheating, CO<sub>2</sub> based Rankine cycle and heat pump, and product CO<sub>2</sub> compression. In **Figure 8**, no external hot utility is required to close the heat balance which shows the feasibility of the CO<sub>2</sub> capture system. The composite curves provides minimum energy targets (i.e., hot and cold utilities) that can be used in the heat exchanger network synthesis. **Figure 9** presents a simple schematic of CO<sub>2</sub> capture system design, without showing heat integration between hot and cold streams. In **Figure 9**, streams in red color show Rankine cycle operation, whereas streams in blue color show heat pump cycle operation. It can be seen that Rankine cycle and heat pump cycle streams are merged to discharge waste heat (RH1) into the environment. The product CO<sub>2</sub> stream from desorption step is shown in green color, and it is compressed from 1 bar to 50 bar, before merging with heat pump cycle. The product CO<sub>2</sub> is removed from the heat pump cycle at 75 bar and 30°C. Alternatively, a separate product CO<sub>2</sub> compression and liquefaction system is also possible. The purity of product CO<sub>2</sub> has been calculated using adsorbed phase CO<sub>2</sub> and bulk phase gas mixture (i.e., cooled exhaust gas) inside the adsorption bed. The purity of product CO<sub>2</sub> is about 99.5%, assuming 40% inter-particle empty space.

In order to achieve the target temperatures of hot and cold streams with minimum utilities, hot and cold streams should exchange heat whenever possible. In this work, the heat exchanger network synthesis (stage-wise superstructure model) has been studied by mathematical programming method. For this, a mixed integer linear programming (MILP) optimization problem, written in AMPL, has been solved using CPLEX solver (Yee and Grossmann, 1990; Mian et al., 2016). In the optimization problem, minimization of number of heat exchangers is considered as objective function. There are 11 hot streams (AD1, AD2, EE1, EE2, RC4, RH1, HP3, HP4, CC1, CC2, and CC3) and 7 cold streams (DE1, DE2, RC1, RC2, RC3, HP1, and HP2) in the CO<sub>2</sub> capture system. **Table 3** presents heat exchanger network synthesis results, which has 20 heat exchangers. See **Supplementary Material** for grid representation



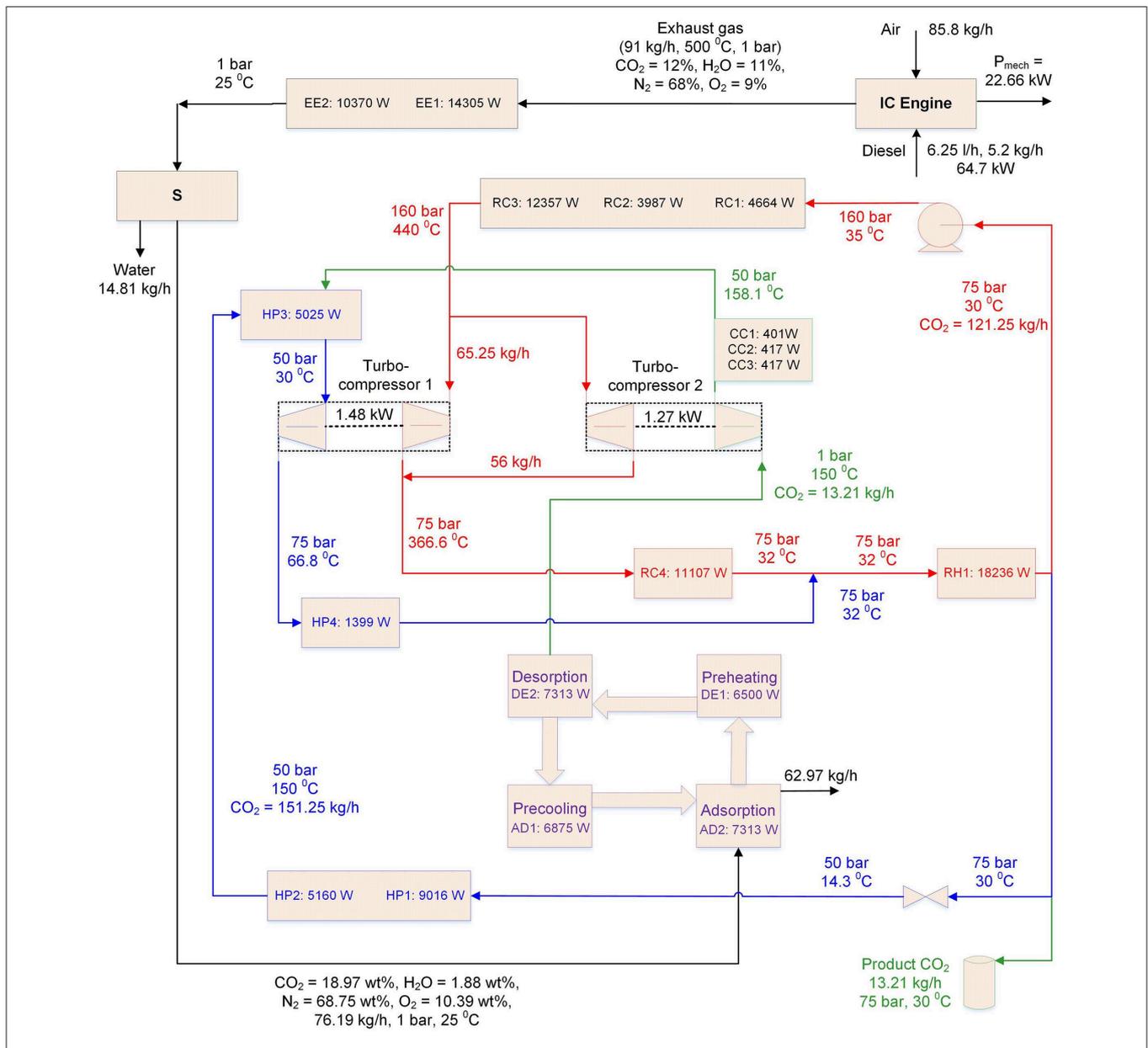


FIGURE 9 | Heat and mass flow details of design of CO<sub>2</sub> capture system (1 h operation or 6.25 l diesel consumptions).

of HEN. In **Table 3**, overall heat transfer coefficient ( $U$ ) for a heat exchanger, with low heat transfer coefficients streams (exhaust cooling, precooling, adsorption, preheating and desorption), is assumed to be  $25 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K})$  (Clausse et al., 2011; Ribeiro et al., 2013; Marx et al., 2016). Further, the  $U$ -value for a heat exchanger, with high heat transfer coefficients streams (Rankine cycle, heat pump and cooling utility), is assumed to be  $2000 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K})$  (Yang, 2016). Finally,  $U$ -value of  $500 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K})$  is assumed for a heat exchanger with one low heat transfer coefficient stream and other high heat transfer coefficient stream. **Table 3** presents estimated heat transfer areas for different heat exchanges, and AD1-DE1 heat exchanger

(precooling and preheating of adsorption bed) has largest heat transfer area ( $11.23 \text{ m}^2$ ). Total heat transfer area of all heat exchangers is  $22.47 \text{ m}^2$ . More accurate heat exchanger area may be calculated by estimating overall heat transfer coefficients for different streams/heat exchangers. This heat transfer area can be provided in compact volume by using micro-channel heat exchangers, wherever it is possible (Hesselgreaves, 2001). TSA is a cyclic process with four steps, and so the heat exchangers inside the adsorbent beds should be heated and cooled in a cyclic way. Hence, heating and cooling of heat exchangers material will increase the thermal duty of the system.

## Adsorption-Desorption on Truck With CO<sub>2</sub> Compression (Compressed CO<sub>2</sub>)

In this case, product CO<sub>2</sub> is compressed and stored at high pressure. The mass of compressed CO<sub>2</sub> storage tank is much higher compared to the mass of storage tank for liquid CO<sub>2</sub> (in Case 2). This case is suitable when compressed methane or natural gas is used as a fuel in the vehicle. Fuel tank for compressed fuel can also be used to store the compressed product CO<sub>2</sub>. Three pressures for storing compressed CO<sub>2</sub> are considered: 75, 100, and 150 bar. It can be noted in **Table 2** that compressed CO<sub>2</sub> volume at 75 bar (811.11 l) is significantly larger when compared at 100 and 150 bar (226.41 l). The mass of storage tanks, for storing compressed CO<sub>2</sub> at different pressures, are calculated as function of CO<sub>2</sub> volume (0.72 kg/liter; Ashok Leyland Report, 2012). Compressed CO<sub>2</sub> storage at 100 or 150 bar found to be better (lowest weight and volume) compared to 75 bar.

The CO<sub>2</sub> capture system design in Case 2 (i.e., adsorption-desorption on truck with liquid CO<sub>2</sub> product) is an attractive choice due to its lower weight and lower volume. For daily operation of a delivery truck, the total mass and volume of the adsorbent beds and captured CO<sub>2</sub> with storage tank are about 343.9 kg and 311.8 l. Additionally, some weight and space will be required for piping, turbo-compressors and heat exchanger network. In general, about 2 m<sup>3</sup> space is available over the truck cabin ([www.uhaul.com](http://www.uhaul.com)). Hence, temperature swing adsorption based CO<sub>2</sub> capture system can easily be placed over the truck cabin. Figure C in **Supplementary Material** presents estimated volume of CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage system for delivery truck. The CO<sub>2</sub> storage tank can be placed

below the truck cabin, so that it can easily be removed and replaced.

## GREEN FUEL PRODUCTION AND USE OF ALTERNATE FUELS

The captured CO<sub>2</sub> by the system can be sequestered in underground or used as feedstock to produce gas or liquid green

**TABLE 4 |** Use of alternate fuels in the delivery truck for 250 km travel.

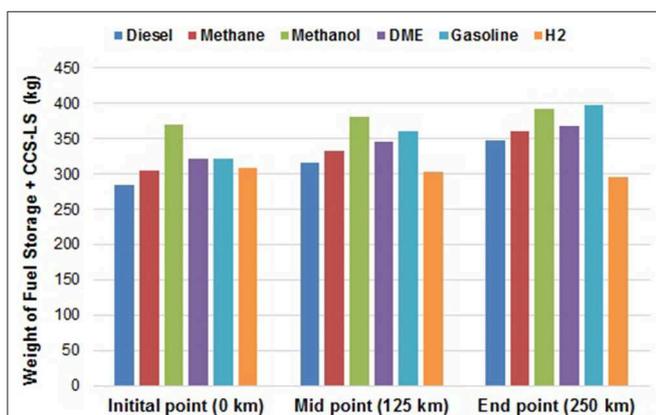
	Methane	Methanol	DME	Gasoline	H <sub>2</sub>
Fuel used, kg	37.7	94.7	65.2	43.4	13.3
CO <sub>2</sub> produced, kg	103.7	130.2	124.8	134.1	-
CO <sub>2</sub> captured (90%), kg	93.3	117.2	112.3	120.7	-
Adsorption material required	116.6	146.5	140.4	150.9	-
Weight of CO <sub>2</sub> storage tank	94.2 (0)	118.3	113.4	121.9	-
Fuel produced using captured CO <sub>2</sub> , kg	34.4	78.2	52.1	31.0	-
Fuel produced for 90% CO <sub>2</sub> capture rate / fuel used	0.90	0.83	0.80	0.71	1.0
Energy content of fuel produced, MJ	1719.6	1555.6	1505.6	1346.2	1,885
Renewable energy consumed in fuel production, MJ	2284.2	2404.1	2396.3	2268.9	2356.3
Electricity to fuel efficiency, %	75.3	64.7	62.8	59.3	80
PV panels area (Switzerland), m <sup>2</sup>	660.9	695.6	693.4	656.5	681.8

**TABLE 3 |** Heat exchanger network synthesis for CO<sub>2</sub> capture system.

HE name	Duty [W]	Hot stream	T <sub>h,in</sub> [K]	T <sub>h,out</sub> [K]	Cold stream	T <sub>c,in</sub> [K]	T <sub>c,out</sub> [K]	U [W/m <sup>2</sup> .K]	A [m <sup>2</sup> ]
AD1-DE1	1,578	AD1	336.99	309.44	DE1	303	332.12	25	11.23
AD1-RC1	941	AD1	353.42	336.99	RC1	334.92	348	500	0.54
AD1-RC2	3,986	AD1	423	353.42	RC2	348	355	500	0.32
AD1-HP2	363	AD1	309.44	303.1	HP2	287.4	296.94	500	0.05
AD2-HP1	7,312	AD2	303.1	303	HP1	287.32	287.4	500	0.93
EE1-DE1	1,208	EE1	773	731.58	DE1	400.62	422.9	25	0.14
EE1-DE2	154	EE1	773	731.58	DE2	422.9	423	25	0.02
EE1-RC1	582	EE1	356	338.3	RC1	334.92	348	500	0.22
EE1-RC3	12,356	EE1	731.58	356	RC3	355	713	500	4.11
EE2-RC1	3,139	EE2	338.3	326.09	RC1	307.99	334.92	500	0.72
RC4-DE2	7,157	RC4	639.6	424	DE2	422.9	423	500	0.35
RC4-HP2	3,950	RC4	424	305	HP2	296.94	423	2,000	0.58
HP3-DE1	3,713	HP3	423.7	334.44	DE1	332.12	400.62	500	0.82
HP3-HP1	1,307	HP3	334.44	303	HP1	287.3	287.31	2,000	0.02
CC1-HP1	396	CC1	423	303	HP1	287.31	287.32	2,000	0.00
CC2-HP2	422	CC2	427.4	303	HP2	296.94	423	2,000	0.04
CC3-HP2	422	CC3	427.4	303	HP2	296.94	423	2,000	0.04
EE2-CU	7,225	EE2	326.09	298	CU	293	301	500	0.90
RH1-CU	18,236	RH1	305	303	CU	293	301	2,000	1.39
HP4-CU	1,398	HP4	339.8	305	CU	293	301	2,000	0.03

fuels and chemicals. Conversion of CO<sub>2</sub> into chemicals is a good option from economic perspective due to their high prices (Chen et al., 2018). Table D (in **Supplementary Material**) presents the conversion of 1 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> into green fuel by co-electrolysis (solid oxide electrolysis cell) using renewable electricity (Wang et al., 2018). The renewable electricity for CO<sub>2</sub> conversion into green fuels can be provided by the PV panels. For calculating total area of PV panels in Switzerland, 400 W/m<sup>2</sup> average annual solar irradiation (17.28 MJ/day/m<sup>2</sup>; www.meteoswiss.admin.ch) has been considered in Table D (**Supplementary Material**). Further, solar irradiation to electricity conversion efficiency of 20% has been assumed for the PV panels.

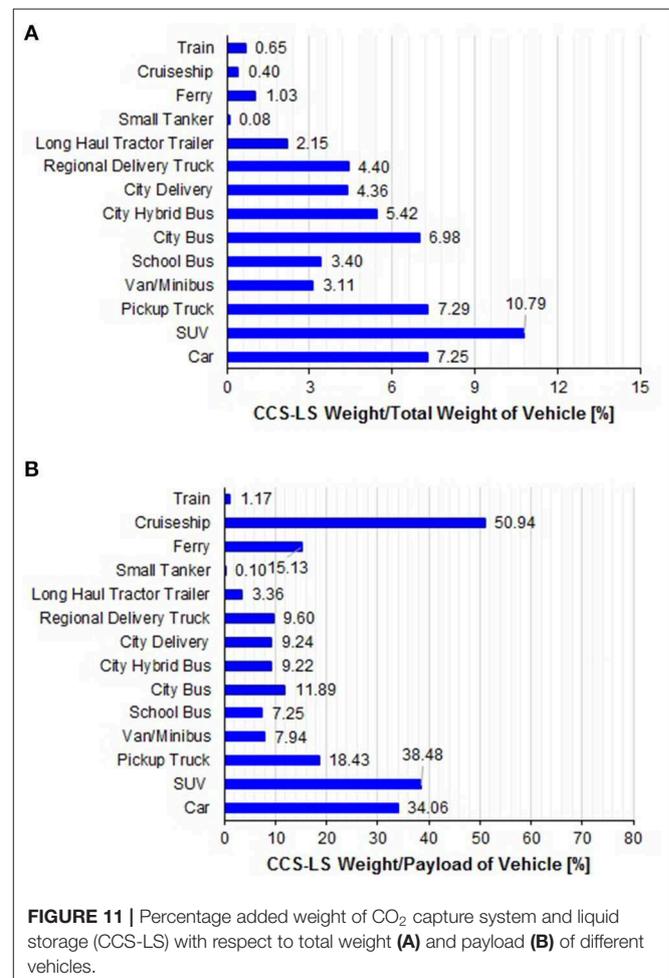
The delivery truck consumes 501 (41.6 kg) diesel for 250 km travel, or 1,885 MJ energy based on the lower heating value of diesel fuel. Assuming same efficiency of the engine for different fuels, **Table 4** presents amount of alternate fuels used, CO<sub>2</sub> produced, CO<sub>2</sub> captured, fuel produced using captured CO<sub>2</sub>, renewable energy consumed, and PV panel area. The fuel produced / fuel used ratio is different for different carbon based green fuels. In **Table 4**, H<sub>2</sub> fuel is also reported for comparison purpose. The efficiency of electrolysis (electricity to H<sub>2</sub>) is assumed to be 80% (Schaaf et al., 2014), H<sub>2</sub> efficiency in the internal combustion engine is considered same as for diesel engine (Verhelst and Wallner, 2009). In order to use H<sub>2</sub> in existing internal combustion engine, fuel supply system has to be modified to avoid pre-ignition in the premixed H<sub>2</sub> and air (Salvi and Subramanian, 2015). Further, high NO<sub>x</sub> emission has been reported for H<sub>2</sub> in spark ignition engine due to increase in combustion temperature (Shivaprasad et al., 2018). **Figure 10** presents weight of fuel with storage tank and CO<sub>2</sub> capture system with liquid CO<sub>2</sub> storage, for different fuels. For compressed CH<sub>4</sub> fuel, it is assumed that captured CO<sub>2</sub> can be stored in the same storage tank. For different fuels, the total weight (fuel with storage tank, adsorbent material, and CO<sub>2</sub> with storage tank) are compared at initial point (0 km), mid-point (125 km), and end point (250 km). For carbon based fuels, added weights of fuel and CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage systems are comparable.



**FIGURE 10** | Weight comparison between on-board storage of H<sub>2</sub> and different carbon based fuels with CCS-LS for conventional internal combustion engine.

## CO<sub>2</sub> CAPTURE SYSTEM AND LIQUID STORAGE FOR DIFFERENT VEHICLES

The CO<sub>2</sub> capture system and liquid storage (CCS-LS) can be integrated on different types on vehicles such as cars, trucks, buses, ships, and trains. Average weights, payloads and fuel (diesel) consumptions for different types of vehicles are reported in the **Supplementary Material** (Table E). The added weight of CCS-LS includes weights of CO<sub>2</sub> with storage tank and adsorbent material. For comparison basis, each vehicle is assumed to be traveled 250 km (diesel fuel), and travel time for each vehicle is reported in the **Supplementary Material** (Table F). **Figure 11** presents percentage added weight of CCS-LS with respect to total weight of vehicle (i.e., empty weight of vehicle + payload on vehicle) and payload on vehicle. For ferry and cruiseship, payloads are estimated based on maximum number of on-board persons. As expected, percentage added weight of CCS-LS is larger for small vehicles (car, SUV) compared to large vehicles (ferry, cruiseship, train). CCS-LS can be used on vehicle to reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by allowing a higher share of renewables used in the transport and reducing the fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to environment and the same time to generate cooling



**FIGURE 11** | Percentage added weight of CO<sub>2</sub> capture system and liquid storage (CCS-LS) with respect to total weight (A) and payload (B) of different vehicles.

by using waste heat available in the engine exhaust stream and cooling system.

## CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORKS

This study presents a system for CO<sub>2</sub> capture from the exhaust stream of an internal combustion engine. Energy and exergy analyses of the CO<sub>2</sub> capture system has been performed in details. Three CO<sub>2</sub> capture system designs have been compared, and adsorption-desorption on vehicle with liquid CO<sub>2</sub> product found to be better than the other two designs. The system design includes integration of temperature swing adsorption, Rankine cycle, heat pump (i.e., cold generation), and CO<sub>2</sub> compression and liquefaction on vehicle. The proposed system design has energy self-sufficiency, as it converts waste heat available in the exhaust stream into mechanical power (via Rankine cycle) to drive the heat pump compressor and product compressors. The captured CO<sub>2</sub> can store renewable energy by converting product CO<sub>2</sub> into green fuels using co-electrolysis. About 90% of the carbon present in the fuel can be recycled using CO<sub>2</sub> capture system, and the remaining 10% carbon can be supplied from the biomass. This study compares conversion of captured CO<sub>2</sub> into methane, methanol, DME and gasoline. Further, percentage added weights of CO<sub>2</sub> capture system and liquid storage for several vehicles are calculated, that shows high potential for the integration of CO<sub>2</sub> capture in the transportation sector. Finally, weights of on-board hydrogen storage for fuel cell electric vehicle and CO<sub>2</sub> capture system with liquid storage for conventional diesel vehicle are compared.

This study is an initial effort for capturing CO<sub>2</sub> from vehicles, and it may require several years to realize such system in practice. In this study, fixed composition and flow rate of the exhaust gas have been assumed, to calculate the heating/cooling requirements

of the TSA. This choice is suitable for train and ship transports, but exhaust variations are expected for cars, trucks, and buses. Further, steady-state operation of Rankine cycle is very critical, and so an intermediate thermal fluid will be required to store the exhaust heat and to maintain the Rankine cycle operation. In future, dynamic study on the system will be performed. This system analysis and design have several assumptions and uncertainties, which should be improved by experimental data. Hence, we are planning to develop a prototype of the CO<sub>2</sub> capture system.

## DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

The raw data supporting the conclusions of this manuscript will be made available by the authors, without undue reservation, to any qualified researcher.

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