

Energy research Centre of the Netherlands

The global politics of CCS

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Outline of this seminar

Introduce the Energy research Centre of the Netherlands A global roadmap on CCS in industry

- Introduction to the UNIDO/IEA initiative
- Preliminary results

Understand how CCS features internationally

- Theories of International Relations
- History of CCS in international politics
- Which positions to international organisations take, and why?

Conclusion



Energy research Centre of the Netherlands







ECN Policy Studies

ECN Policy Studies provides knowledge and strategies that matter for a sustainable energy future

- Key in Dutch energy and climate policy, also active in EU and global energy and climate policymaking
- 65 researchers with backgrounds in engineering, economics, social science and environmental sciences
- Addressing energy and climate policy challenges using quantitative analysis and qualitative thinking

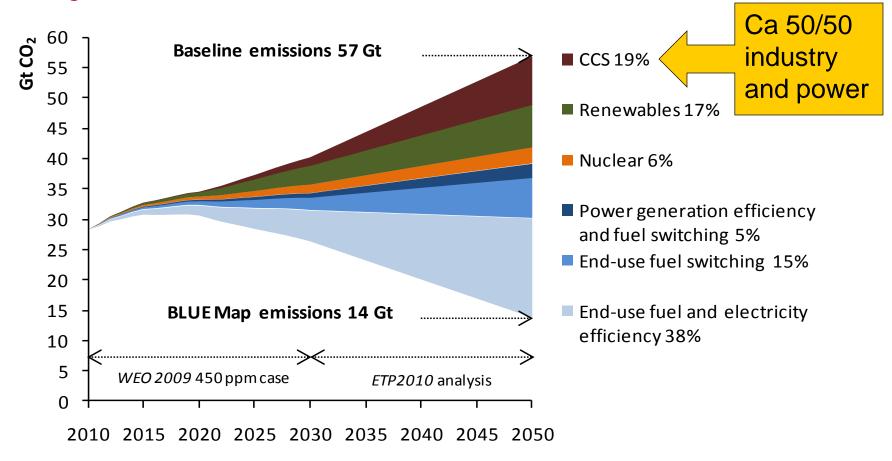


UNIDO/IEA Roadmap on CCS in industry

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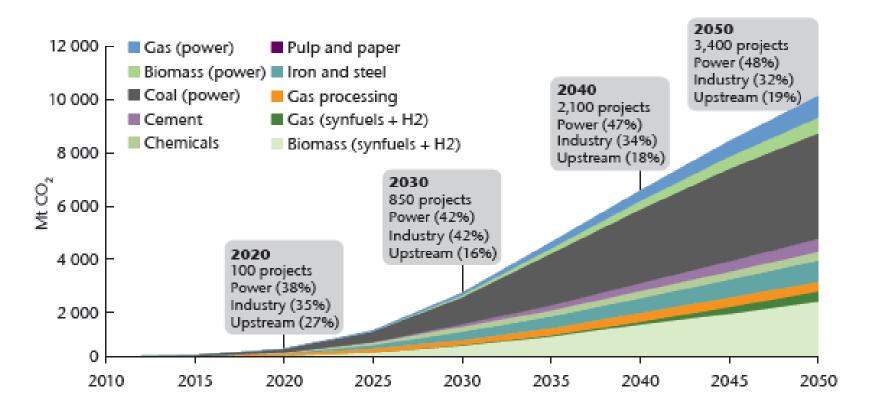
Projected role of CCS



IEA ETP (2010)

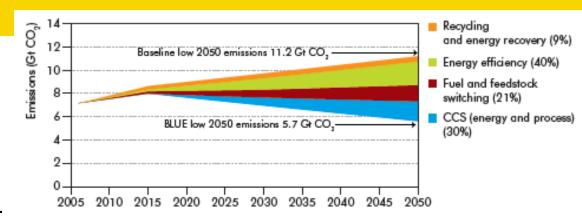


IEA roadmap on CCS (2009)





Why this roadmap?



Industry produces about

40% of global energy-related CO₂ emissions

Early deployment of CCS likely in industry, but policy attention going to (coal-fired) power

For deeper emission reductions, some industries have few alternatives than CCS

Biomass and CCS may be needed for negative emissions

Developing countries have potential but are often poorly covered in OECD-organised roadmap processes

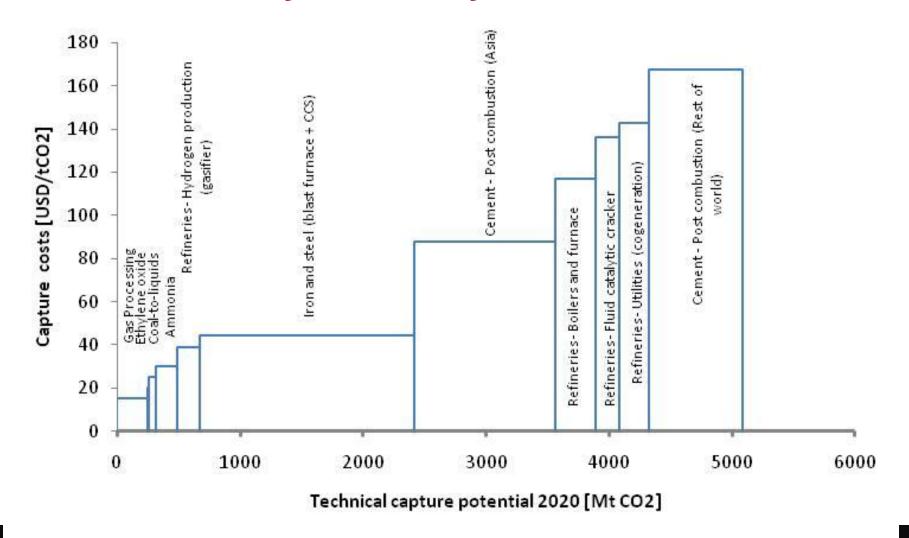


Sectors and technologies covered

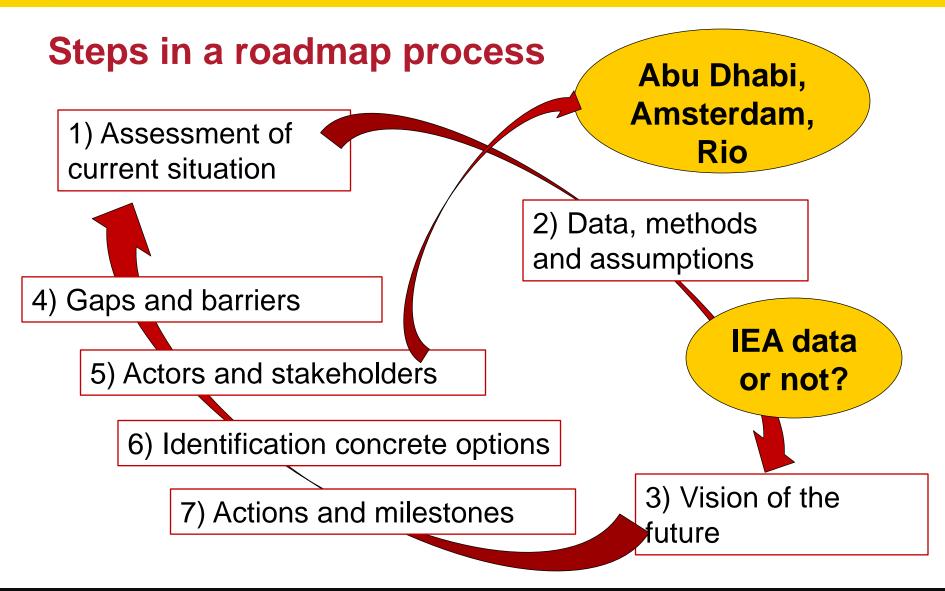
Sector	Production processes			
High-purity	Natural gas processing	Ethylene oxide production		
industrial	(onshore/offshore)			
sources	Coal-to-liquids (CtL)	Ammonia production		
Iron and steel	Blast furnace (pig iron)	FINEX technologies		
	Direct reduction of iron (DRI)	The HIsarna process		
Cement	Kiln/calcination	Post/oxyfuel		
Refineries	Hydrogen production	Fluidised catalytic cracking		
	Hydrogen gasification residues	Process heat		
Biomass	Hydrogen production from	Black liquor processing in pulp		
conversion	biomass	and paper manufacturing		
	Ethanol production	Synthetic natural gas		



CCS in industry: relatively cost-effective







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Preliminary conclusions

Current findings confirm early potential for CCS in industry, also in developing countries

Biomass conversion, gas processing, fertilizer, hydrogen production

Possibilities in EOR but not to be overestimated

Huge data gaps, particularly

- Projections and costs
- Refineries, steel, biomass

Business and policymakers should move beyond "global carbon price" rhetoric and figure out concrete policy options



Over to the politics...

UNIDO is the only UN initiative on CCS. Why interest in CCS?

- CCS part of sustainable industrial development
- Capacity development no-regret
- Opportunity to interact with oil industry

Funded by Norway and GCCSI (UK)

Stakeholder meetings hosted by Masdar, Shell, Petrobras

Differences between IEA and UNIDO notable:

- Focus on developed/developing countries
- Focus on policymakers/industry



Understanding the international politics of CCS

With Karin Bäckstrand, Lund University



Theories of International Relations

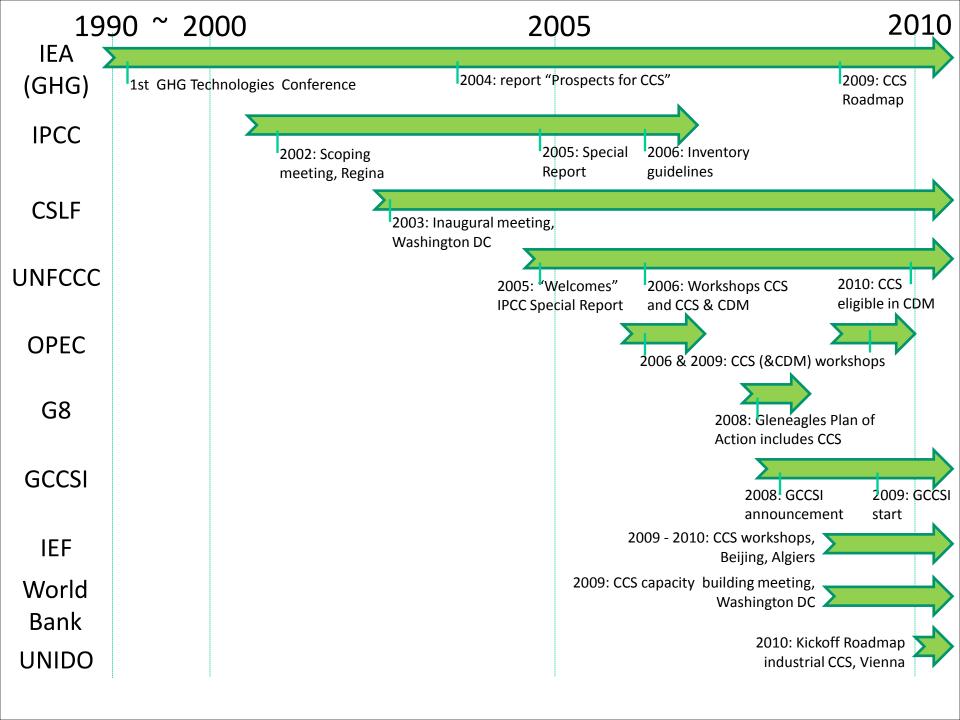
- Realist
 - National interests drive international collaboration
 - E.g. economic or military interests
- Liberal-institutionalist
 - There is a demand for international organisations
 - E.g. role as neutral arbiter, bring down transaction costs, cooperation/coordination problems
- Constructivist (idealist)
 - International organisations are norm-changing,
 - E.g. through science



Mapping international organisations on CCS

Scientific organisations: IPCC

Multilateral organisations: UNEP, UNDP, UNFCCC, GEF, World Bank, UNIDO Fossil-fuel or energy-driven organisations: CSLF, IEA, IEF, OPEC, Global CCS Institute





Science-oriented and multilateral

Organisation name	Topic area	Primary aim	CCS position	
Science-oriented organisations				
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)	Climate change	Assess scientific and technical information related to climate change	Neutral. Considers CCS a mitigation technology but does not advocate CCS.	
Multilateral organisa	tions (UN and Bretto	n Woods)		
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	Environment	Improve the environment globally	CCS is not considered. Focus is on energy efficiency and renewable energy.	
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Development	Help people build a better life	Not considered	



Multilateral ctd.

Organisation name	Topic area	Primary aim	CCS position		
Multilateral organisations (UN and Bretton Woods)					
United Nations	Climate change	Prevent dangerous	Neutral. Considers CCS a		
Framework		human interference with	mitigation technology but		
Convention on		the climate system	does not advocate CCS.		
Climate Change					
(UNFCCC)	D				
World Bank	Development	Fight poverty through	Neutral. On-demand		
		financing for economic	funding of feasibility		
		development	studies or capacity		
			building.		
Global Environment	Environment	Promote environmentally	Not considered. No		
Facility (GEF)		friendly technologies in	funding for CCS projects.		
		developing countries	Focus is on energy		
			efficiency and renewable		
			energy.		
United Nations	Development	Promote sustainable	Neutral. Facilitates but		
Industrial		industrial development	does not advocate, CCS		
Development					
Organisation (UNIDO)					

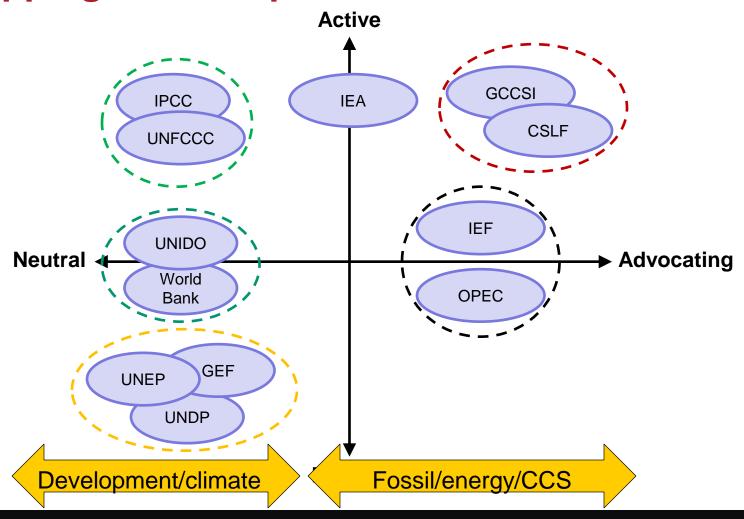


Fossil fuel or energy-driven

Organisation name	Topic area	Primary aim	CCS position
Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum (CSLF)	CCS	Enable CCS through dialogue and study	Positive. Actively advocates CCS.
International Energy Forum (IEF)	Fossil fuels/energy	Align interests of energy importers and energy exporters through dialogue	Positive. Actively advocates CCS.
International Energy Agency (IEA)	Energy with a slight fossil fuel orientation	Improve energy security for OECD countries; represents interests of energy importers.	Positive. Facilitates CCS through independent studies.
Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)	Fossil fuel	Represent interests of energy exporters	Positive. Currently does not politically advocate CSS.
Global CCS Institute (GCCSI)	CCS	Facilitate demonstration of CCS projects	Positive. Actively advocates CCS.



Mapping the CCS positions





What functions can international organisations fulfil?

- Support for state and non-state interactions
- Management of substantive operations
- Procedures for elaborating norms
- "Laundering" (i.e., channelling money or resources through an independent organisation to "neutralise" it from national flavour) and pooling of funding
- Neutral provision of information
- Arbitration activities



	Information	Awareness	Information	Regulatory	Feasibility	Project
	sharing	and capacity	provision,	development	studies	financing
		developing	joint R&D			
		countries	and studies			
CSLF	Meetings	Workshops				
IEF	Workshops	Workshops				
IEA	Publications	Summer	a/o	Workshops,		
		schools (IEA	Roadmap	publications		
		GHG)	and IEA GHG			
			studies			
OPEC	Workshops	Workshops				
GCCSI	Meetings,	Workshops,	Publications	Publications	Uncertain	
	publications	programmes				
GEF					Small scale,	Small scale,
					bio-fuel	bio-fuel
IPCC	Through	Through	Special	Inventory		
	reports	Special	Report	guidelines		
		Report				
UNEP			No ac	tivities		
UNFCCC	In			Uncertain		Uncertain
	negotiations			(depends on		(depends on
				CDM)		CDM)
UNIDO	Through	Through	Roadmap			
	roadmap	roadmap				
World		Programme			Specific	
Bank		under			countries	
		development				

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Understanding the CCS international landscape

Initially, CCS science-driven

- Constructivist: IPCC determined the norm
- After IPCC CCS was transferred to UNFCCC, but Copenhagen and CDM discussions stalled progress

Strong fragmentation of the international landscape

Liberal-institutionalist: fragmentation and "regime complex" possibility of evolving demand for CCS/climate change regime

Move from UN to fossil fuel/energy-driven organisations

Realist: CCS case of national security for fossil-fuel exporting countries



Understanding the CCS international landscape

Energy, fossil fuel and CCS-driven organisations: information sharing and capacity development

Driving countries: US, Australia, Canada, Norway (all large fossil fuel producers)

- CCS demonstration in countries: no pooling of funding
- GEF, World Bank and UNFCCC (CDM) only candidates for demonstration funding: all development/

Speculative: Real motives of these countries? Not to deploy and roll out CCS?

- Delay aggressive climate abatement policies
- While symbolically promoting CCS information sharing and capacity building



Thank you!

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