

# The Outlook for CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Costs

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## Outline of Talk

- A brief review of cost metrics
- Capture cost trends over the past decade
- The potential for future cost reductions
- What it takes to achieve cost reductions

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## *Pop Quiz*

*(for conference presentation only)*

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*A brief review of  
CCS cost metrics*

## Common Measures of CCS Cost

- Capital cost
- Increased cost of electricity
- Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided
- Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> captured

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## Elements of Capital Cost

| Capital Cost Element to be Quantified  | Sum of All Preceding Items is Called:                         |
|--|---|
| Process equipment  |   |
| Supporting facilities  |   |
| Labor (direct & indirect)  |   |
|  | <b>Bare Erected Cost (BEC)</b>                                |
| Engineering services   | <i>Engineering, Procurement &amp; Construction (EPC) Cost</i> |
| Contingencies: - process   |   |
| - project  |   |
|  | <b>Total Plant Cost (TPC)</b>                                 |
| Owner's costs:   |   |
| - Feasibility studies  |   |
| - Surveys  |   |
| - Land   |   |
| - Permitting   |   |
| - Finance transaction costs  |   |
| - Pre-paid royalties   |   |
| - Initial catalyst & chemicals   |   |
| - Inventory capital  |   |
| - Pre-production (startup)   |   |
| - Other site-specific items unique to the project (such as unusual site improvements, transmission interconnects beyond busbar, economic development incentives, etc.) |   |
|  | <b>Total Overnight Cost (TOC)</b>                             |
| Interest during construction   |   |
| Cost escalations during construction   |   |
|  | <b>Total Capital Requirement (TCR)</b>                        |

Note:

- Nomenclature and cost items may vary across studies and organizations  
...
- ... as do methods for quantifying each item

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## Cost of Electricity (COE)

$$\text{COE (\$/MWh)} = \frac{(\text{TCR})(\text{FCF}) + \text{FOM}}{(\text{CF})(8766)(\text{MW})} + \text{VOM} + (\text{HR})(\text{FC})$$

- TCR = Total capital requirement (\$)  
 FCF = Fixed charge factor (fraction)  
 FOM = Fixed operating & maintenance costs (\$/yr)  
 VOM = Variable O&M costs, excluding fuel cost (\$/MWh)  
 HR = Power plant heat rate (MJ/MWh)  
 FC = Unit fuel cost (\$/MJ)  
 CF = Annual average capacity factor (fraction)  
 MW = Net power plant capacity (MW)

Most studies report the "levelized" COE over life of the plant

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## Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> Avoided

$$= \frac{(\$/\text{MWh})_{\text{CCS}} - (\$/\text{MWh})_{\text{ref}}}{(\text{t CO}_2/\text{MWh})_{\text{ref}} - (\text{t CO}_2/\text{MWh})_{\text{CCS}}} \quad (\$/\text{t CO}_2)$$

- Cost of avoiding a ton of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions while still delivering a unit of electricity (e.g., one MWh)
- It should (but often does not) include the full chain of CCS processes, i.e., capture, transport and storage (emissions are not avoided until sequestered)
- It is a relative cost measure that is very sensitive to the choice of reference plant without CCS

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## Other cost measures have same units (\$/ton), but different meanings

- Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> Avoided (\$/t CO<sub>2</sub>)  

$$= \frac{(\$ / \text{MWh})_{\text{ccs}} - (\$ / \text{MWh})_{\text{reference}}}{(\text{t CO}_2 / \text{MWh})_{\text{ref}} - (\text{t CO}_2 / \text{MWh})_{\text{ccs}}}$$
- Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> Captured (\$/t CO<sub>2</sub>)  

$$= \frac{(\$ / \text{MWh})_{\text{ccs}} - (\$ / \text{MWh})_{\text{reference}}}{(\text{t CO}_2 / \text{MWh})_{\text{ccs}}}$$
- Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> Abated (Reduced) (\$/t CO<sub>2</sub>)  

$$= \frac{(\$ \text{ NPV})_{\text{ccs}} - (\$ \text{ NPV})_{\text{reference}}}{(\text{t CO}_2)_{\text{ref}} - (\text{t CO}_2)_{\text{ccs}}}$$

**Use with caution!**

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## For More Information See ...



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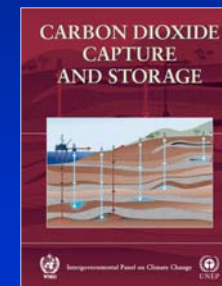
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*How have CCS cost estimates changed over the past decade?*

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## The IPCC Special Report on CCS

- Commissioned by IPCC in 2003; completed in December 2005
- First comprehensive look at CCS as a climate change mitigation option (9 chapters; ~100 authors)
- Included a detailed review of cost estimates for CO<sub>2</sub> capture, transport and storage options



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## SRCCS Costs for CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

(all costs in constant 2002 USD)

| Performance and Cost Measures                                 | New NGCC Plant |            | New SCPC Plant |             | New IGCC Plant |             |
|---|----------------|------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
|   | Range          | Rep. Value | Range          | Rep. Value  | Range          | Rep. Value  |
| Emission rate w/o capture (kg CO <sub>2</sub> /MWh)           | 344 - 379      | 367        | 736 - 811      | 762         | 682 - 846      | 773         |
| Emission rate with capture (kg CO <sub>2</sub> /MWh)          | 40 - 66        | 52         | 92 - 145       | 112         | 65 - 152       | 108         |
| Percent CO <sub>2</sub> reduction per kWh (%)                 | 83 - 88        | 86         | 81 - 88        | 85          | 81 - 91        | 86          |
| Plant efficiency w/ capture, LHV basis (%)                    | 47 - 50        | 48         | 30 - 35        | 33          | 31 - 40        | 35          |
| Capture energy reqm't. (% more input/MWh)                     | 11 - 22        | 16         | 24 - 40        | 31          | 14 - 25        | 19          |
| <b>Total capital reqm't. w/o capture (US\$/kW)</b>            | 515 - 724      | <b>568</b> | 1161 - 1486    | <b>1286</b> | 1169 - 1565    | <b>1326</b> |
| <b>Total capital reqm't. w/ capture (US\$/kW)</b>             | 909 - 1261     | <b>998</b> | 1894 - 2578    | <b>2096</b> | 1414 - 2270    | <b>1825</b> |
| Percent increase in capital cost w/ capture                   | 64 - 100       | 76         | 44 - 74        | 63          | 19 - 66        | 37          |
| <b>COE w/o capture (US\$/MWh)</b>                             | 31 - 50        | <b>37</b>  | 43 - 52        | <b>46</b>   | 41 - 61        | <b>47</b>   |
| <b>COE w/ capture only (US\$/MWh)</b>                         | 43 - 72        | <b>54</b>  | 62 - 86        | <b>73</b>   | 54 - 79        | <b>62</b>   |
| Increase in COE w/ capture (US\$/MWh)                         | 12 - 24        | 17         | 18 - 34        | 27          | 9 - 22         | 16          |
| <b>Percent increase in COE w/ capture (%)</b>                 | 37 - 69        | <b>46</b>  | 42 - 66        | <b>57</b>   | 20 - 55        | <b>33</b>   |
| Cost of CO <sub>2</sub> captured (US\$/t CO <sub>2</sub> )    | 33 - 57        | 44         | 23 - 35        | 29          | 11 - 32        | 20          |
| <b>Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided (US\$/t CO<sub>2</sub>)</b> | 37 - 74        | <b>53</b>  | 29 - 51        | <b>41</b>   | 13 - 37        | <b>23</b>   |

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Source: IPCC, 2005

## SRCCS Costs for New Power Plants Using Current Technology

| Power Plant System   | Natural Gas Combined Cycle Plant | Supercritical Pulverized Coal Plant | Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Plant |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Levelized Cost of Electricity (constant 2002 US\$/kWh)</b>    |                                  |                                     |  |
| Reference Plant Cost (without capture) (\$/kWh)                  | 0.03-0.05                        | 0.04-0.05                           | 0.04-0.06                                    |
| <b>Added cost of CCS with geological storage</b>                 | <b>0.01-0.03</b>                 | <b>0.02-0.05</b>                    | <b>0.01-0.03</b>                             |
| <b>Added cost of CCS with EOR storage</b>                        | <b>0.01-0.02</b>                 | <b>0.01-0.03</b>                    | <b>0.00-0.01</b>                             |
| <b>Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> Avoided (constant 2002 US\$/tonne)</b> |                                  |                                     |  |
| Same plant with CCS (geological storage)                         | 40-90                            | 30-70                               | 15-55  |
| Same plant with CCS (EOR storage)                                | 20-70                            | 10-45                               | (-5)-30                                      |

Source: IPCC, 2005

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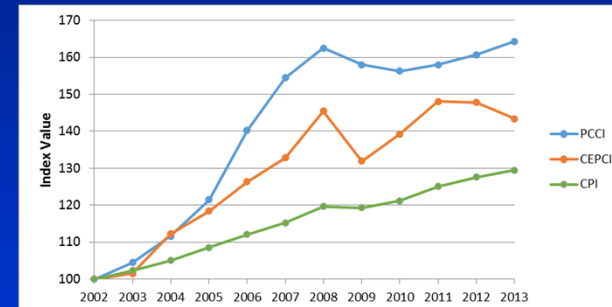
## 2015 Cost Update

(J. Davison, H. Herzog, E. Rubin)

- Compiled data from recent CCS cost studies in the U.S. and Europe for new power plants with:
  - Post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture (SCPC and NGCC)
  - Pre-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture (IGCC)
  - Oxy-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture (SCPC)
- Adjusted all costs to constant 2013 US dollars
- Adjusted SRCCS costs from 2002 to 2013 USD using:
  - Capital /O&M cost escalation factors +
  - Fuel cost escalation factors (for COE)
- Compared current cost estimates to SRCCS values

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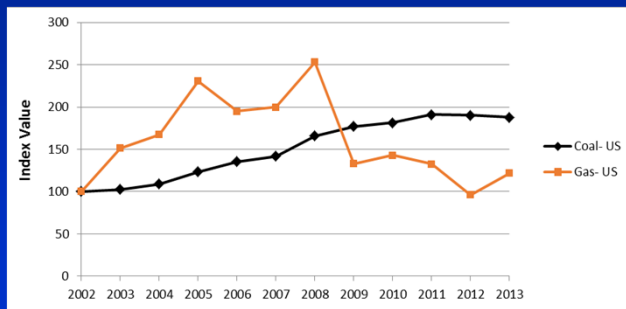
## Capital Cost Trends



CPI = U.S. Consumer Price Index (BLS, 2014)  
 CEPCI = Chemical Engineering Plant Cost Index (CE, 2014)  
 PCCI = Power Capital Costs Index (excluding nuclear) (IHS-CERA, 2014)

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## Fuel Cost Trends for U.S. Power Plants



(Data Source: EIA, 2014)

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## Recent Cost Studies Reviewed

- IEAGHG, 2014
- NETL, 2014
- EPRI, 2013
- NETL, 2013a, b
- ES&T, 2012
- IEAGHG, 2012
- Léandri et al., 2011
- GCCSI, 2011
- NETL, 2011a, b, c
- ZEP, 2011a, b, c
- NETL, 2010

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## Recent Study Assumptions

- Basic power plant design parameters such as net plant efficiency and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and capture rates have not changed appreciably since the SRCCS
- Some assumptions affecting CCS costs have changed, e.g.:
  - the average power plant sizes without CCS are about 10% to 25% larger than in SRCCS studies
  - Assumed capacity factors are higher (by 10 %-pts for PC, plants, 2 %-pts for IGCC plants, and 8 %-pts for NGCC)
  - Fixed charge factor are lower (by about 10% for NGCC, 20% for IGCC and 30% for SCPC)
  - Different values often used for plants with and w/o capture
  - Increased focus on the potential for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR utilization

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## Capture System Costs Then and Now: New SCPC Plants w/ Post-Combustion Capture

Bituminous coals; 90% capture; all costs in constant 2013 US dollars)

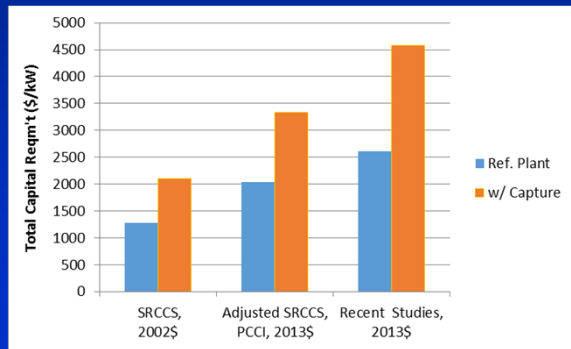
| Performance and Cost Measures for New SCPC Plants w/ Bituminous Coal | Current Values |       |            | Adjusted SRCCS Values |       |            | Change in Rep. Value (Current - Adjusted SRCCS) |    |
|--|----------------|-------|------------|-----------------------|-------|------------|---|----|
|  | Range          |       | Rep. Value | Range                 |       | Rep. Value | Δ Value   | Δ% |
|  | Low            | High  |            | Low                   | High  |            |   |    |
| <b>Plant Performance Measures</b>                                    |                |       |            |                       |       |            |   |    |
| SCPC reference plant net power output (MW)                           | 550            | 1030  | 742        | 462                   | 758   | 587        | 155   | 26 |
| Emission rate w/o capture (kg CO <sub>2</sub> /MWh)                  | 0.746          | 0.840 | 0.788      | 0.736                 | 0.811 | 0.762      | 0.03  | 3  |
| Emission rate with capture (kg CO <sub>2</sub> /MWh)                 | 0.092          | 0.120 | 0.104      | 0.092                 | 0.145 | 0.112      | -0.01   | -7 |
| Percent CO <sub>2</sub> reduction per MWh (%)                        | 86             | 88    | 87         | 81                    | 88    | 85         | 2   |    |
| Total CO <sub>2</sub> captured or stored (Mt/yr)                     | 3.8            | 5.6   | 4.6        | 1.8                   | 4.2   | 2.9        | 1.7   | 57 |
| Plant efficiency w/o capture, HHV basis (%)                          | 39.0           | 44.4  | 41.4       | 39.3                  | 43.0  | 41.6       | -0.2  | -1 |
| Plant efficiency w/ capture, HHV basis (%)                           | 27.2           | 36.5  | 31.6       | 28.9                  | 34.0  | 31.8       | -0.2  | -1 |
| Capture energy reqm't. (% more input/MWh)                            | 21             | 44    | 32         | 24                    | 40    | 31         | 1.1   | 3  |
| <b>Plant Cost Measures</b>   |                |       |            |                       |       |            |   |    |
| Total capital reqn't. w/o capture (USD/kW)                           | 2313           | 2990  | 2618       | 1862                  | 2441  | 2040       | 578   | 28 |
| Total capital reqn't. with capture (USD/kW)                          | 4091           | 5252  | 4580       | 2788                  | 4236  | 3333       | 1247  | 37 |
| Percent increase in capital cost w/ capture (%)                      | 58             | 91    | 75         | 44                    | 73    | 63         | 13  |    |
| LCOE w/o capture (USD/MWh)   | 61             | 79    | 70         | 64                    | 87    | 76         | -6  | -8 |
| LCOE with capture only (USD/MWh)                                     | 94             | 130   | 113        | 93                    | 144   | 119        | -6  | -5 |
| Increase in LCOE, capture only (USD/MWh)                             | 30             | 51    | 43         | 28                    | 57    | 43         | 0   | -1 |
| Percent increase in LCOE w/ capture only (%)                         | 46             | 69    | 62         | 42                    | 65    | 56         | 5   |    |
| Cost of CO <sub>2</sub> captured (USD/t CO <sub>2</sub> )            | 36             | 53    | 46         | 33                    | 58    | 48         | -3  | -6 |
| Cost of CO <sub>2</sub> avoided, excl. T&S (USD/t CO <sub>2</sub> )  | 45             | 70    | 63         | 44                    | 86    | 67         | -4  | -6 |

(Source: Davison, Herzog, Rubín, in press 2015)

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## Capital Cost Estimates for SCPC

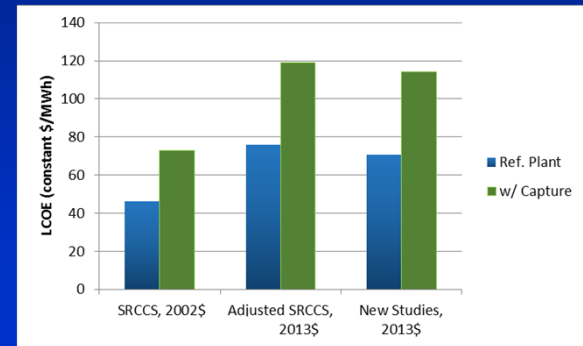
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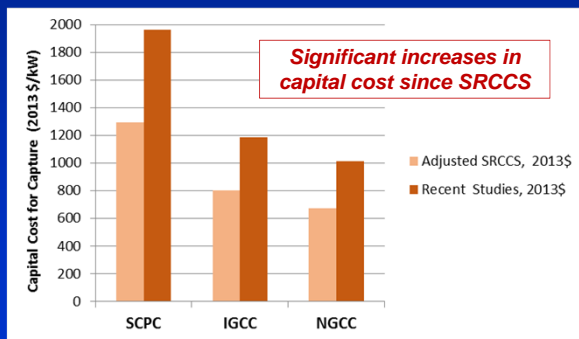
## LCOE Estimates for SCPC

(representative values of cost ranges across studies, excluding transport & storage costs)



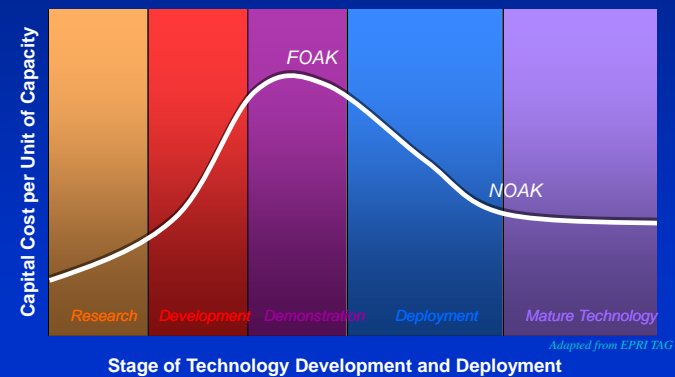
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## Added Capital Cost for CO<sub>2</sub> Capture



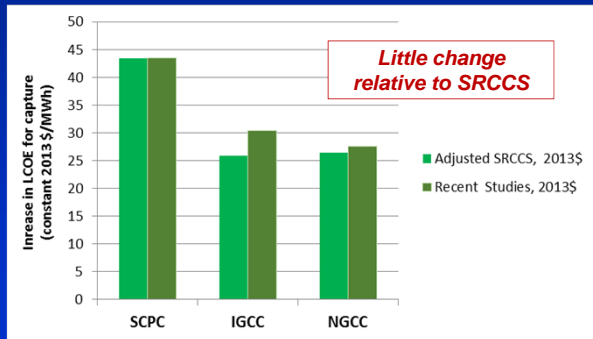
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## Typical Cost Trend of a New Technology



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## Added COE for Capture (excluding transport & storage costs)



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## Additional Conclusions from the Study

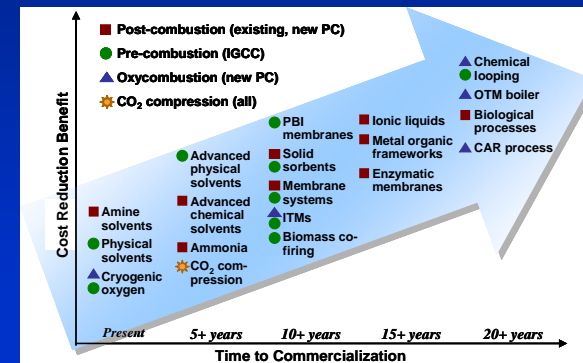
- For new SCPC plants oxy-combustion shows potential to be competitive with post-combustion capture.
- The costs of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided, including pipeline transport and geologic storage, are essentially the same as in the SRCCS, after adjusting for escalations in plant and fuel costs
- The overall cost of CCS can be reduced significantly if CO<sub>2</sub> can be sold for enhanced oil recovery (EOR) in conjunction with geological storage over the life of the project
- Based on current cost estimates for the four CCS pathways analyzed, there are no obvious winners or losers

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*The potential for  
future cost reductions*

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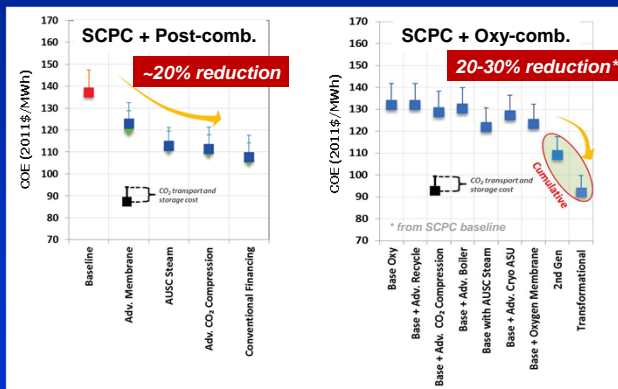
## Examples of Advanced Capture Technologies Under Development



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Source: USDOE, 2010

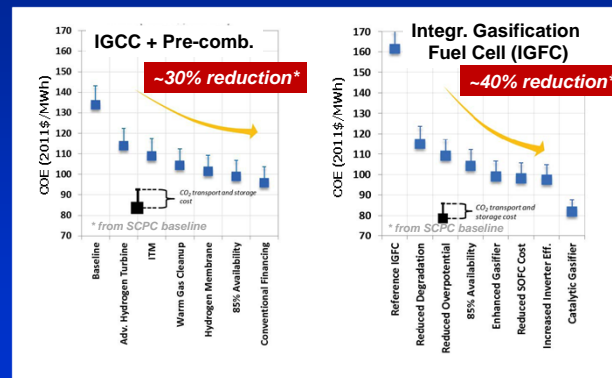
## Projected Cost Reductions from “Bottom-Up” Analyses (1)



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Source: Gerdes et al, NETL, 2014

## Projected Cost Reductions from “Bottom-Up” Analyses (2)



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Source: Gerdes et al, NETL, 2014

## Projected Cost Reductions from a “Top-Down” Analysis

(Learning curves plus energy-economic modeling)

(Percent cost reduction, 2001–2050)\*

| Power Plant System | Reduction in Cost of Electricity (\$/MWh) | Reduction in Mitigation Cost (\$/tCO <sub>2</sub> avoided) |
|--------------------|---|--|
| SCPC –CCS          | 14% – 44%                                 | 19% – 62%  |
| NGCC –CCS          | 12% – 40%                                 | 13% – 60%  |
| IGCC –CCS          | 22% – 52%                                 | 19% – 58%  |

\* Range based on low and high global carbon price scenarios.

Source: van der Broek et al. 2010

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*What does it take to achieve these cost reductions?*

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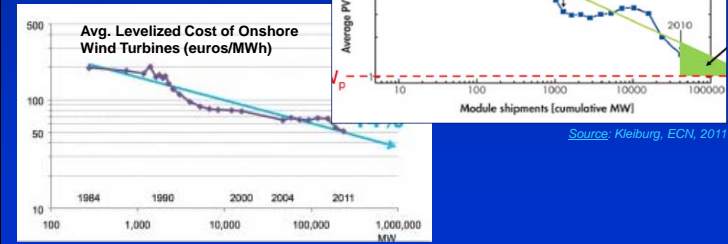
## Ingredients of Technology Innovations that Reduce Costs

- Sustained **R&D**
- **Markets** for the technology
- Learning from **experience**

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## We've seen this work for other low-carbon energy technologies ...

Deployment and cost reductions driven by government incentives and regulatory policies



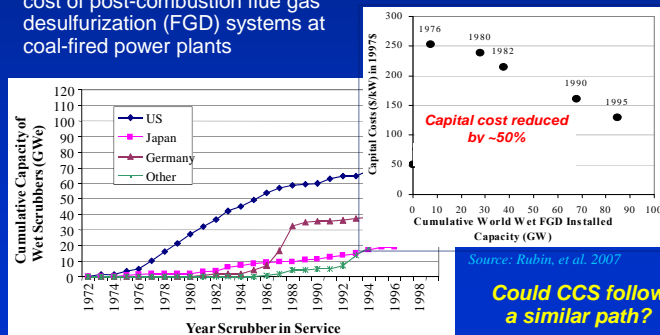
Source: Kleiburg, ECN, 2011

Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance

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## ... and for post-combustion capture of other power plant air pollutants

Trends in deployment and capital cost of post-combustion flue gas desulfurization (FGD) systems at coal-fired power plants



Source: Rubin, et al. 2007

Could CCS follow a similar path?

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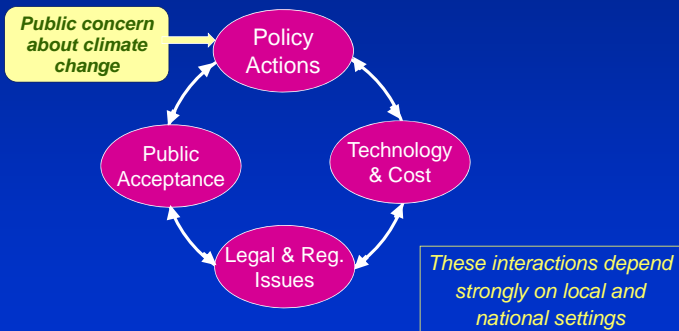
## Key Barriers to CCS Deployment

- Policy
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Without a policy requirement or strong incentive to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions significantly there is no reason to deploy CCS widely

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## Strong Interactions Between Policy and Other Key Factors



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## Policy options that can foster CCS and technology innovation

| "Technology Policy" Options   |   |  | Regulatory Policy Options  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Direct Gov't Funding of Knowledge Generation  | Direct or Indirect Support for Commercialization and Production   | Knowledge Diffusion and Learning   | Economy-wide, Sector-wide, or Technology-Specific Regs and Standards   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R&amp;D contracts with private firms (fully funded or cost-shared)</li> <li>Intramural R&amp;D in government laboratories</li> <li>R&amp;D contracts with consortia or collaborations</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R&amp;D tax credits</li> <li>Patents</li> <li>Production subsidies or tax credit for firms bringing new technologies to market</li> <li>Tax credits, rebates, or payments for purchasers/users of new technologies</li> <li>Gov't procurement of new or advanced technologies</li> <li>Demonstration projects</li> <li>Loan guarantees</li> <li>Monetary prizes</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education and training</li> <li>Codification and diffusion of technical knowledge (e.g., via interpretation and validation of R&amp;D results; screening; support for databases)</li> <li>Technical standards</li> <li>Technology/Industry extension program</li> <li>Publicity, persuasion and consumer information</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emissions tax</li> <li>Cap-and-trade program</li> <li>Performance standards (for emission rates, efficiency, or other measures of performance)</li> <li>Fuels tax</li> <li>Portfolio standards</li> </ul> |

Source: NRC, 2010

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## What is the Outlook for CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Costs ?

- Sustained R&D is essential to achieve lower costs; but ...
- Learning from experience with full-scale projects is equally critical.
- Strong policy drivers that create markets for CCS are needed to spur innovations that significantly reduce the cost of capture
- WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPDATES ON PROGRESS**



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