

# Bioenergy in power and industry: CCS, BECCS and negative emissions options

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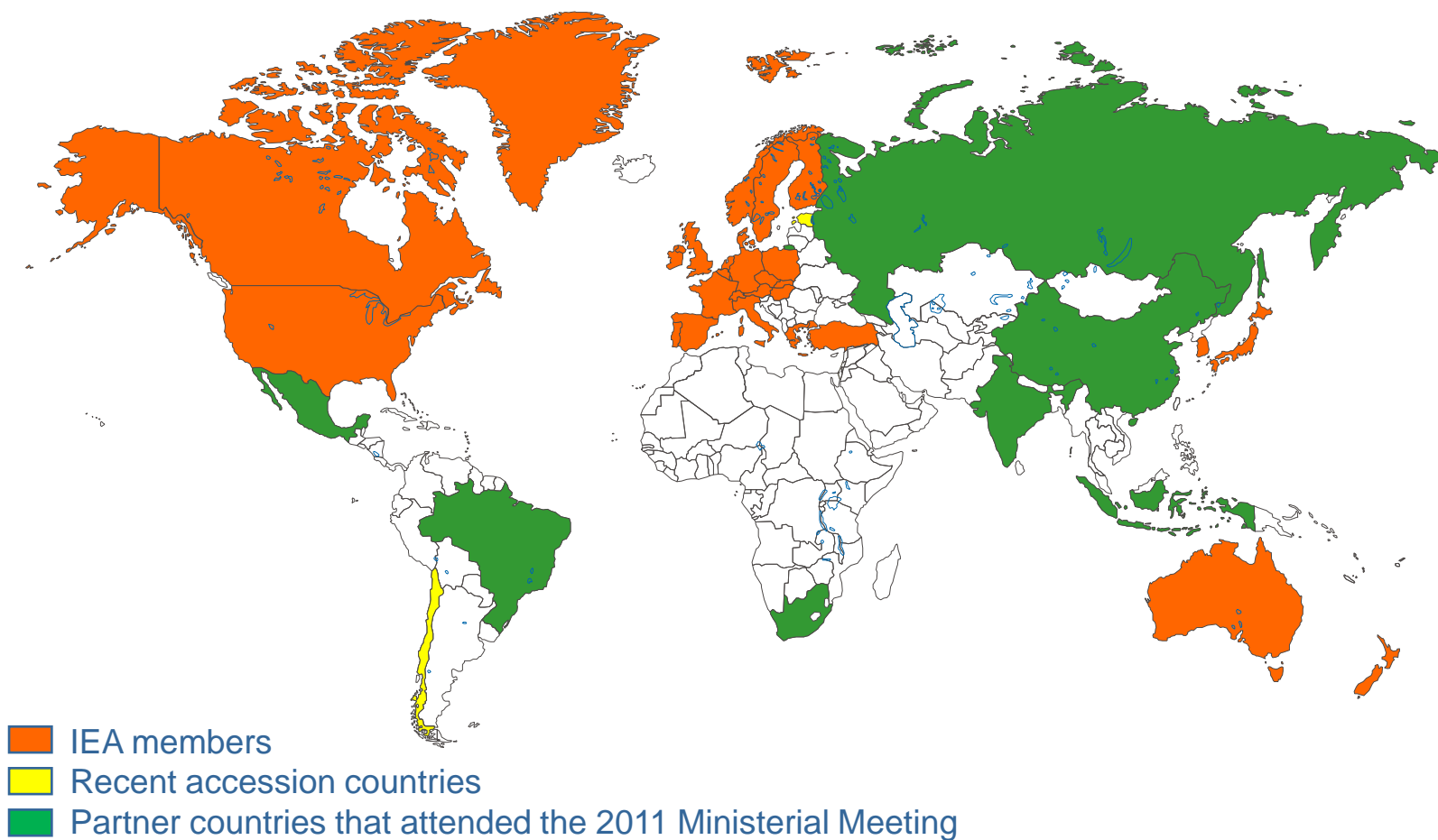
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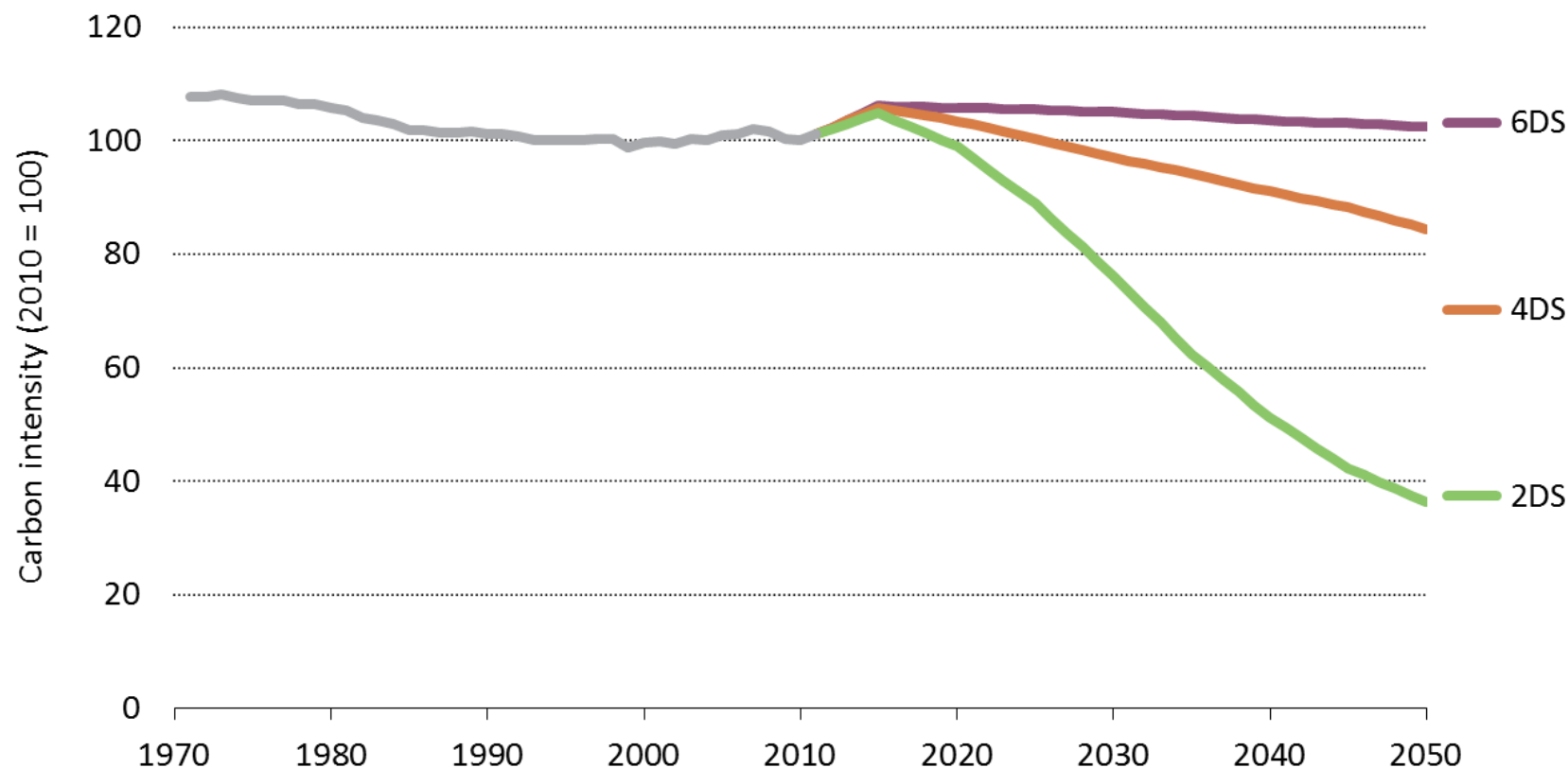
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# Twenty-eight IEA member countries



# Carbon Intensity of supply is stuck



***The will to make meaningful progress at a global scale has yet to be demonstrated***



# Bioenergy combined with CCS (BECCS) can provide ‘negative emissions’

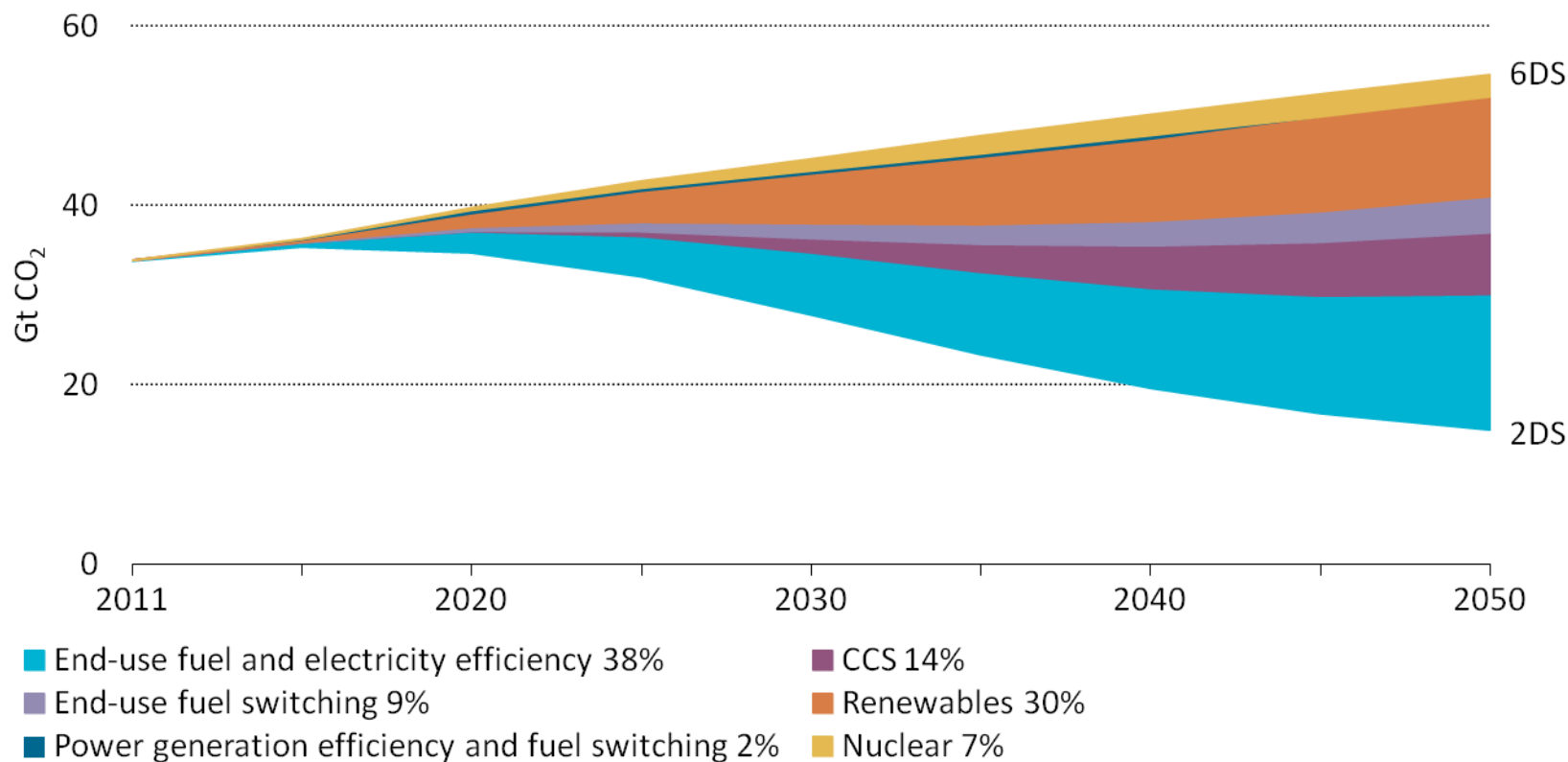
- Bio-CCS has the potential to reduce atmospheric concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub>
  - CO<sub>2</sub> sequestered from air as biomass grows is not returned to atmosphere  
**→ sustainability needs to be ensured**
  - may well be needed for climate stabilisation, in particular looking beyond 2050

Process	CCS	BECCS
Biological sequestration		-1
Combustion	+1	+1
Storage	-1	-1
<b>Lifecycle emissions</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1</b>

Note: Table only includes abstract values

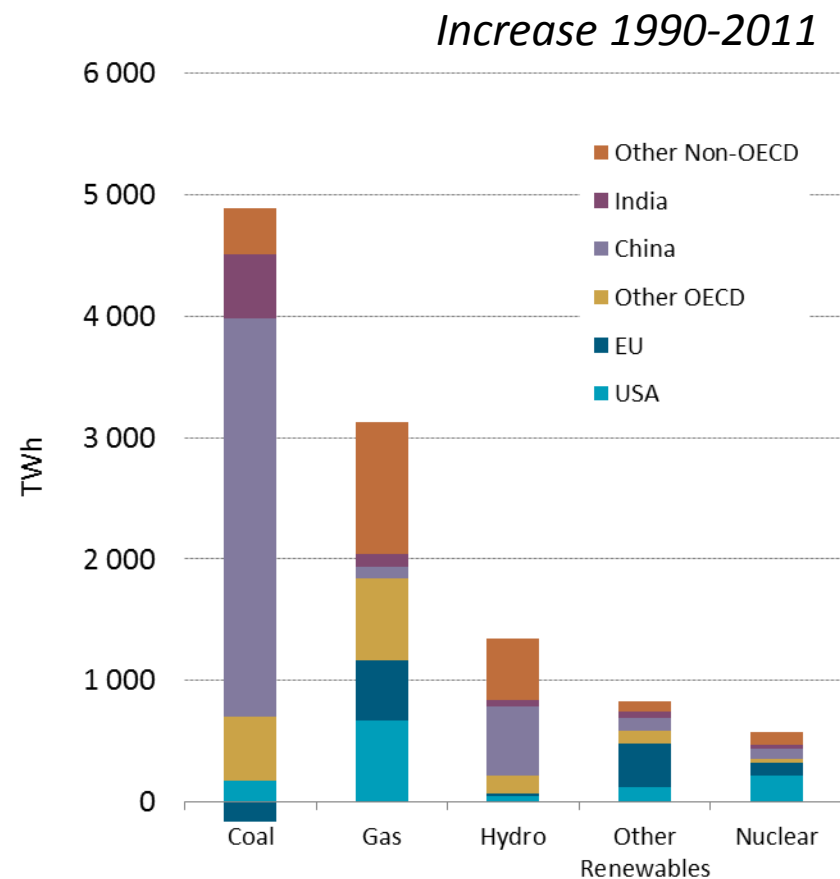
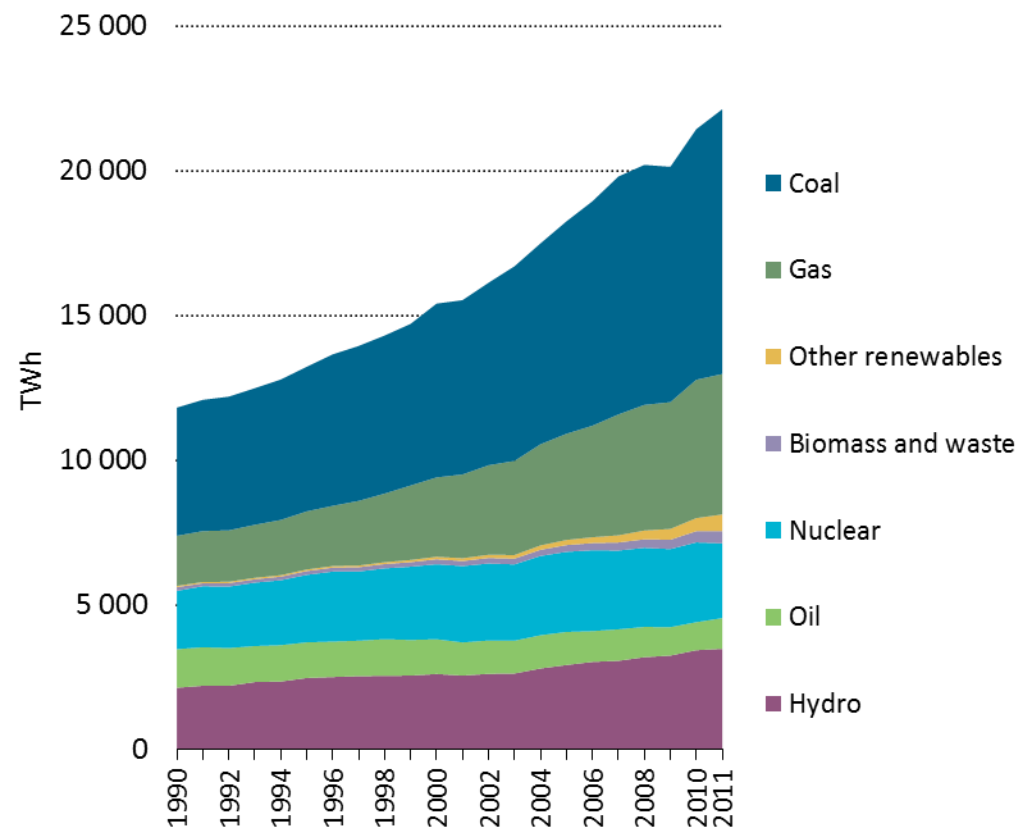
Should be reflected as extra incentive

# A transformation is needed...



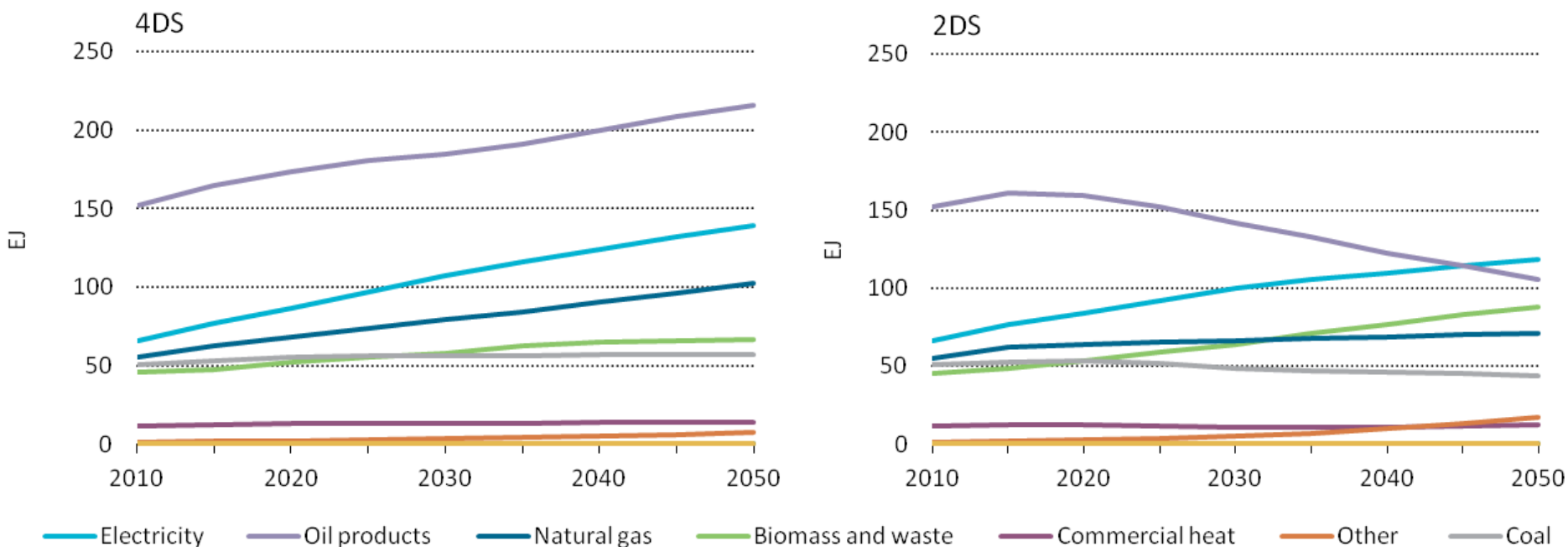
*..we have tools to develop a strategy and be proactive.*

# Coal/gas fuels of choice over last two decades



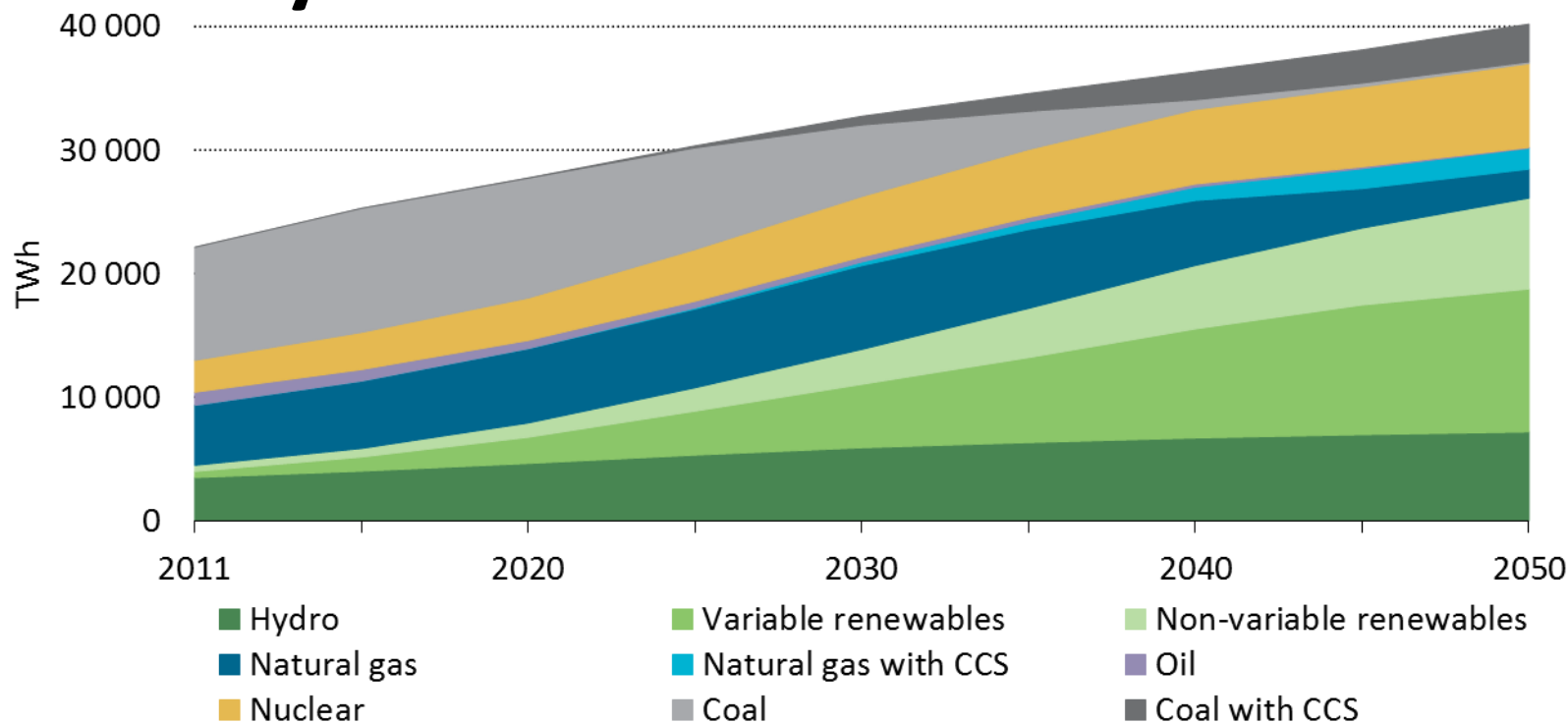
*Coal alone covered almost half of the increase in electricity demand between 1990 and 2011.*

# Electricity/Biomass and Waste in final energy mix increasingly important



*By 2050, in the 2DS, electricity overtakes oil-based products as the largest end-use fuel for meeting the needs of the global energy system.*

# Electricity Generation: a share reversal



## ■ Generation today:

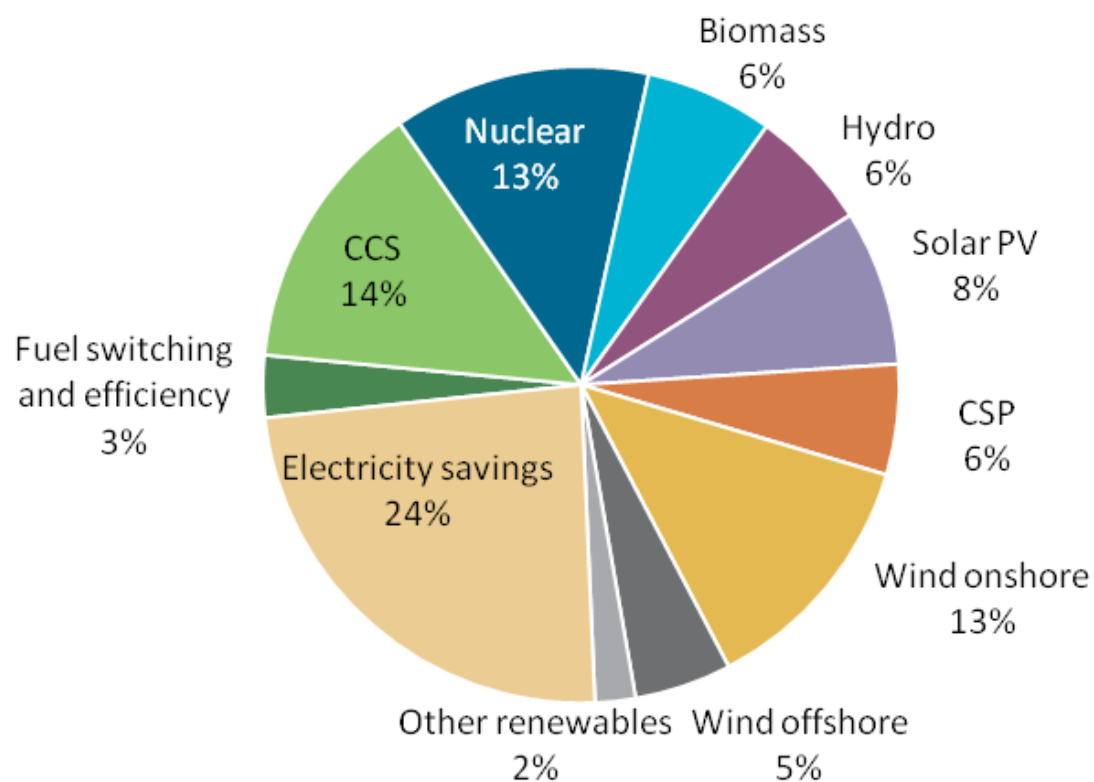
- Fossil fuels: 68%
- Renewables: 20%

## ■ Generation 2DS 2050:

- Renewables: 65%
- Fossil fuels: 20%



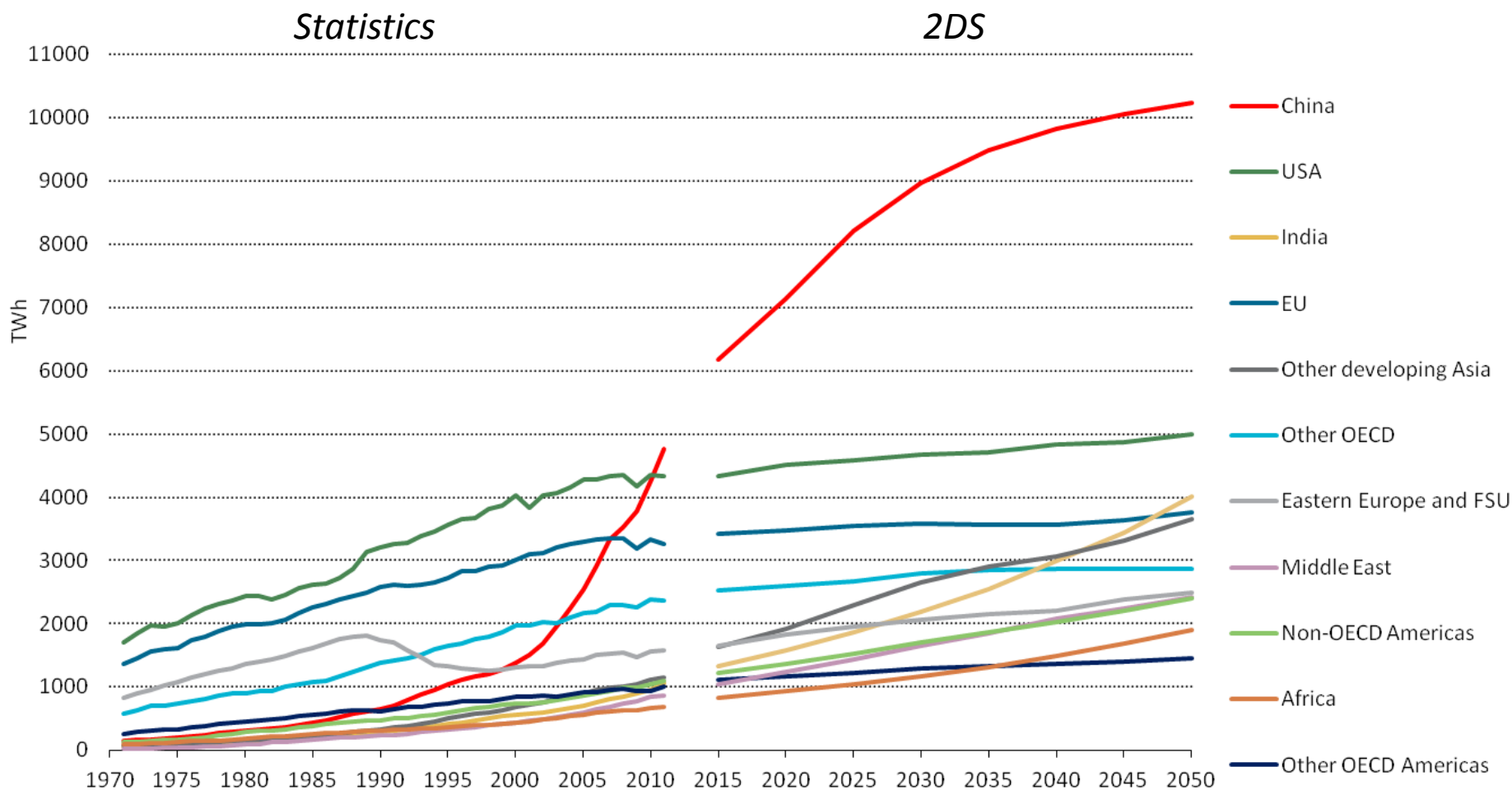
# A portfolio of technologies is needed to decarbonise the power sector



*Contribution of technologies to cumulative reductions (2011-2050) of 296 Gt in the power sector*

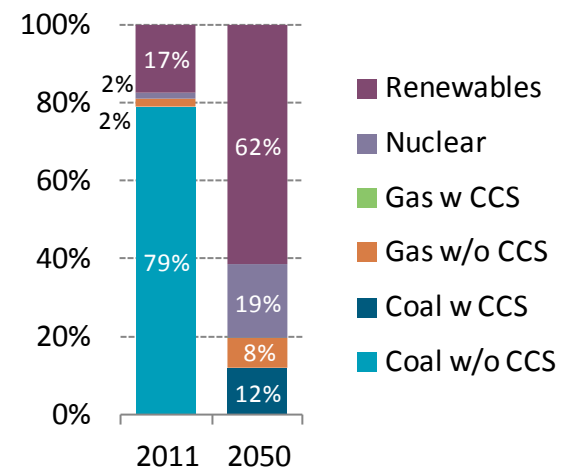
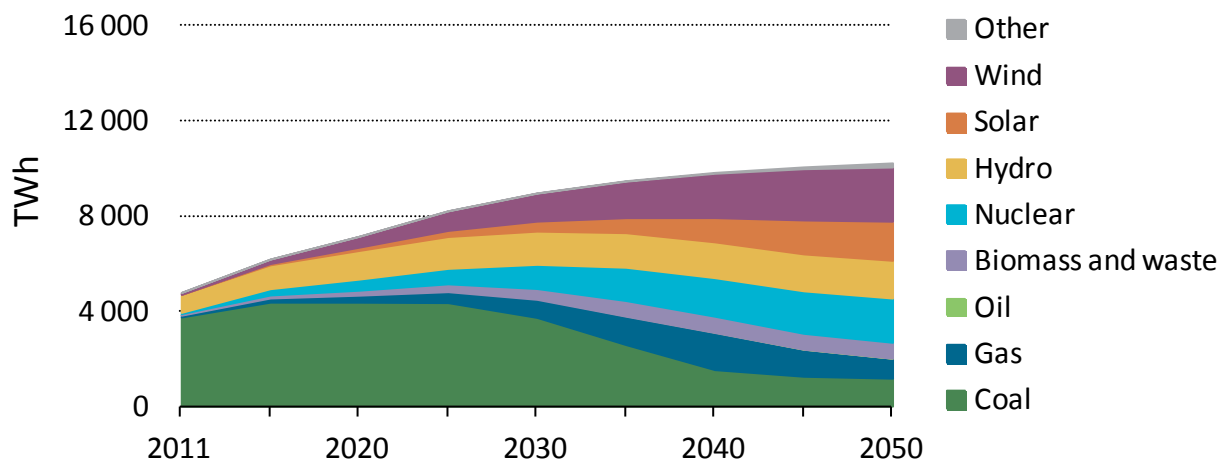
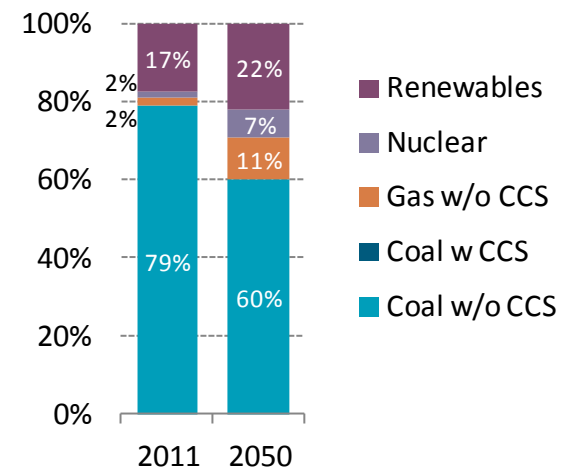
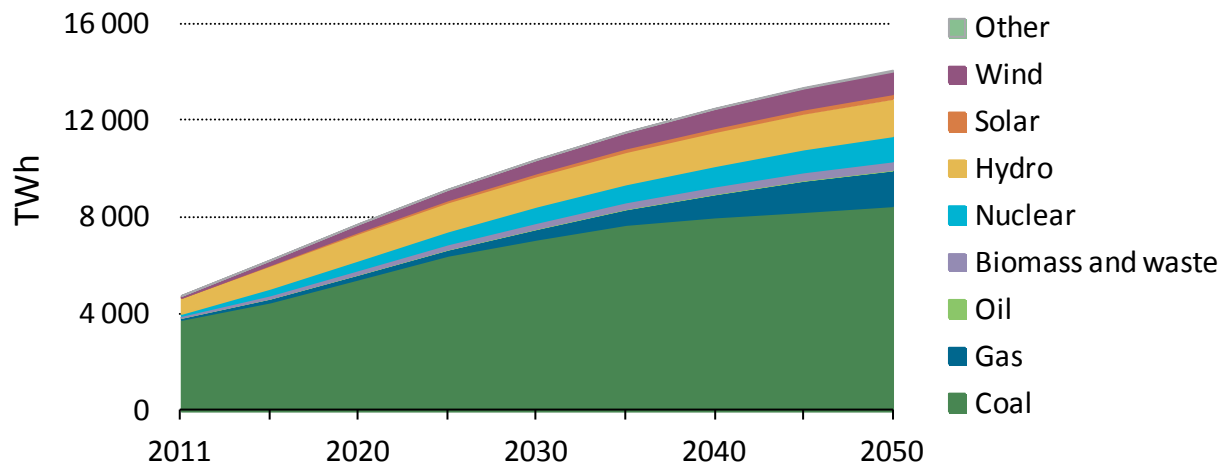
*Saving electricity (through efficiency or fuel-switching to renewables) in the end-use sectors accounts for around one quarter of the CO2 reductions, renewables combined provide 45%.*

# China has become the largest electricity generator...

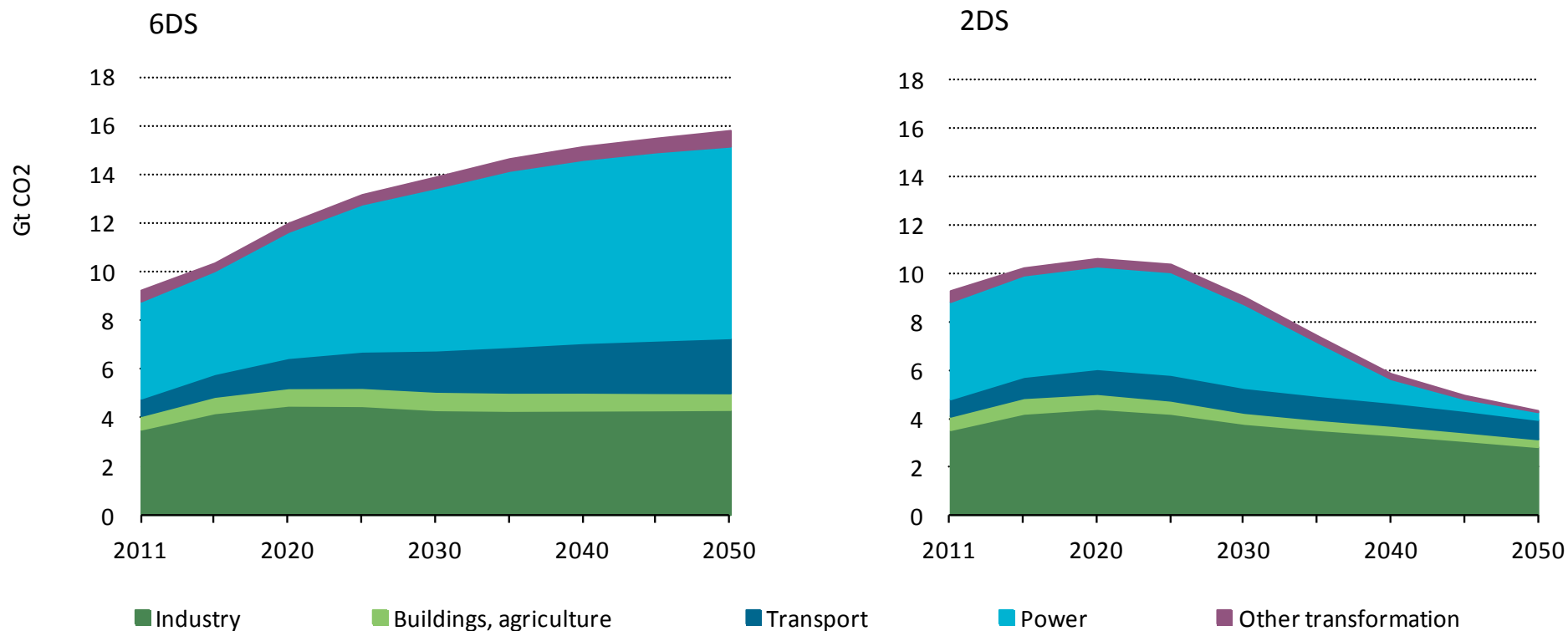


... and continues to do so in the 2DS.

# China: Electricity generation mix



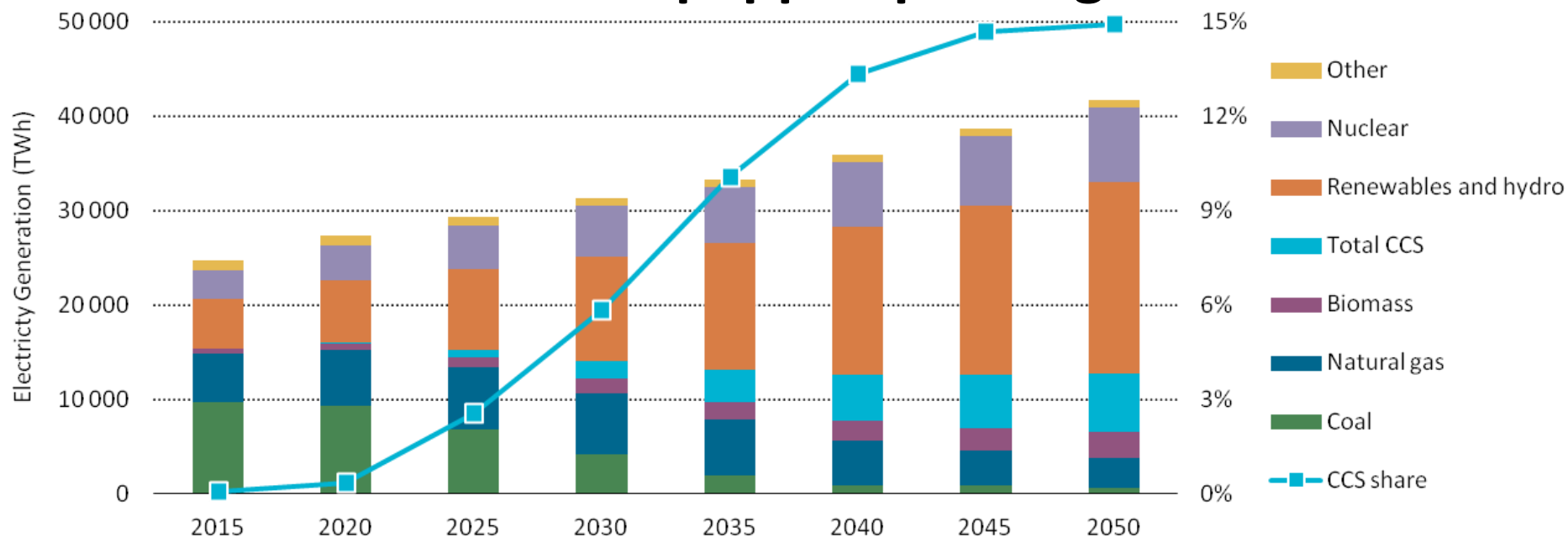
# China: CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by sector



**Overall CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (energy+process) halved in 2DS by 2050 compared to 2011.**

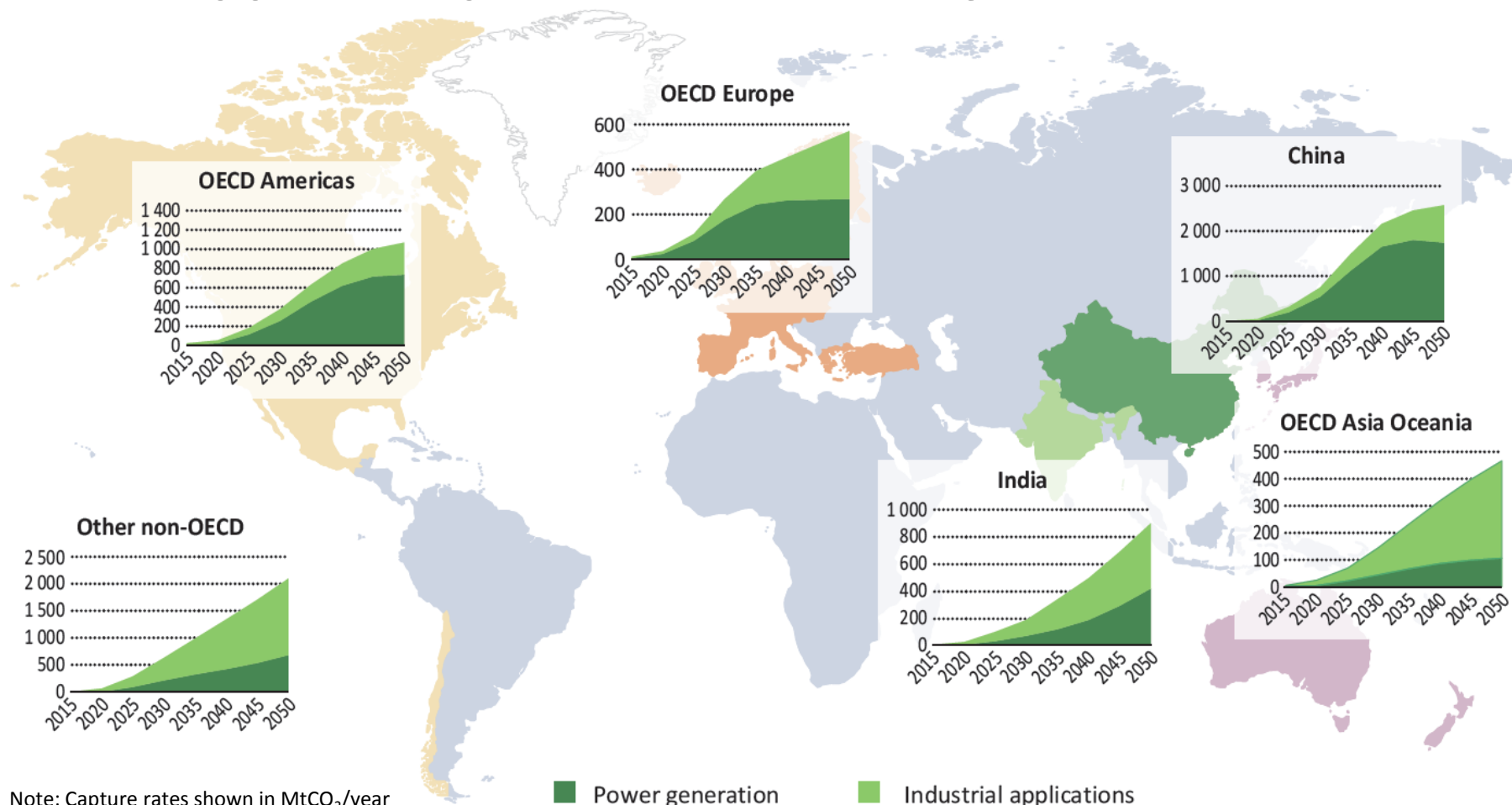


# Generation from CCS equipped plants grows



Power plants with CCS produce 15% of electricity in 2050, while fossil-fueled plants without CCS produce only 10%

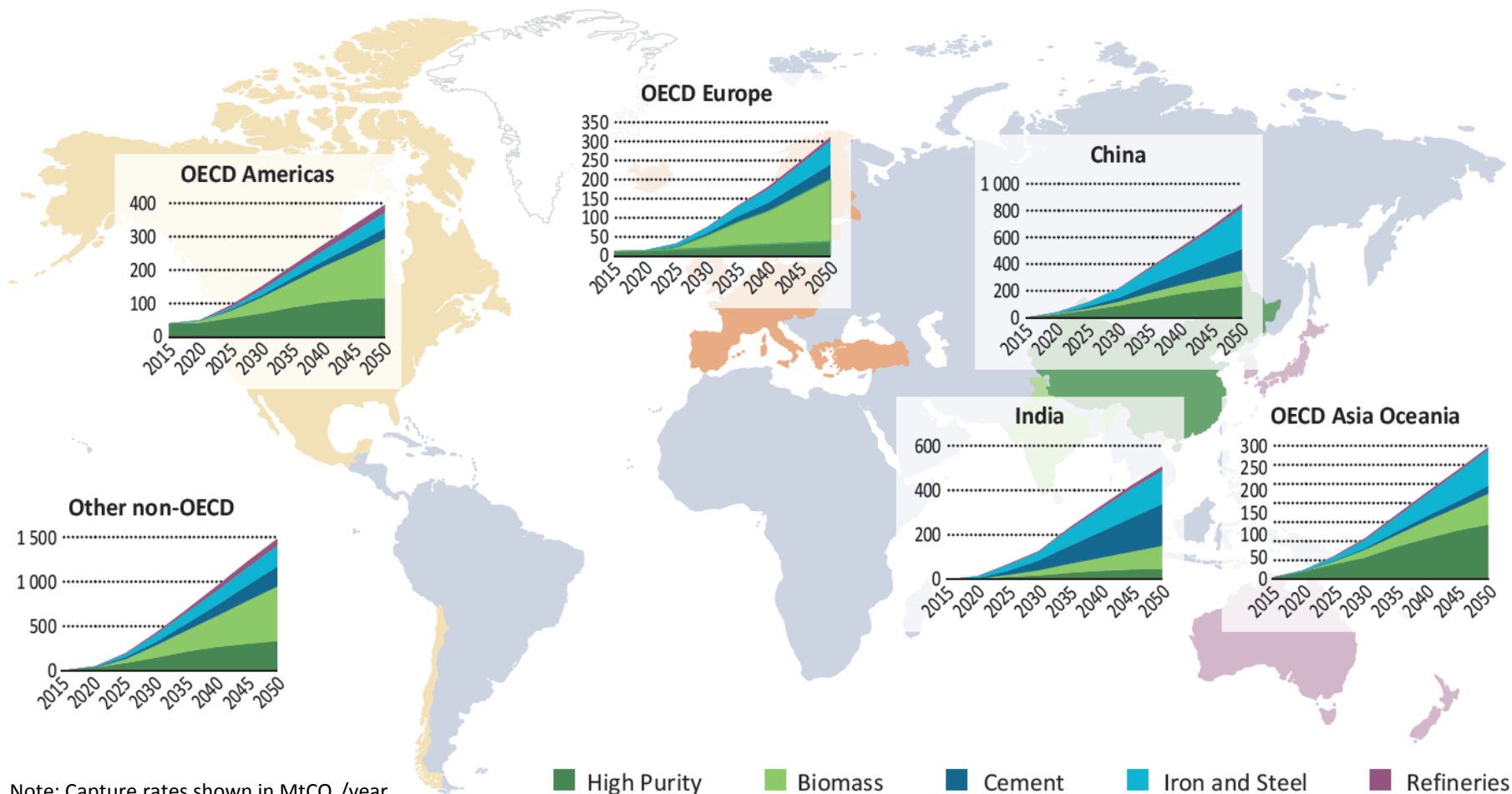
# CCS is applied in power *and* industry



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**The majority of CO<sub>2</sub> is captured from power generation globally, but in some regions CO<sub>2</sub> captured from industrial applications dominates**

# Industrial applications vary by region



Note: Capture rates shown in MtCO<sub>2</sub>/year

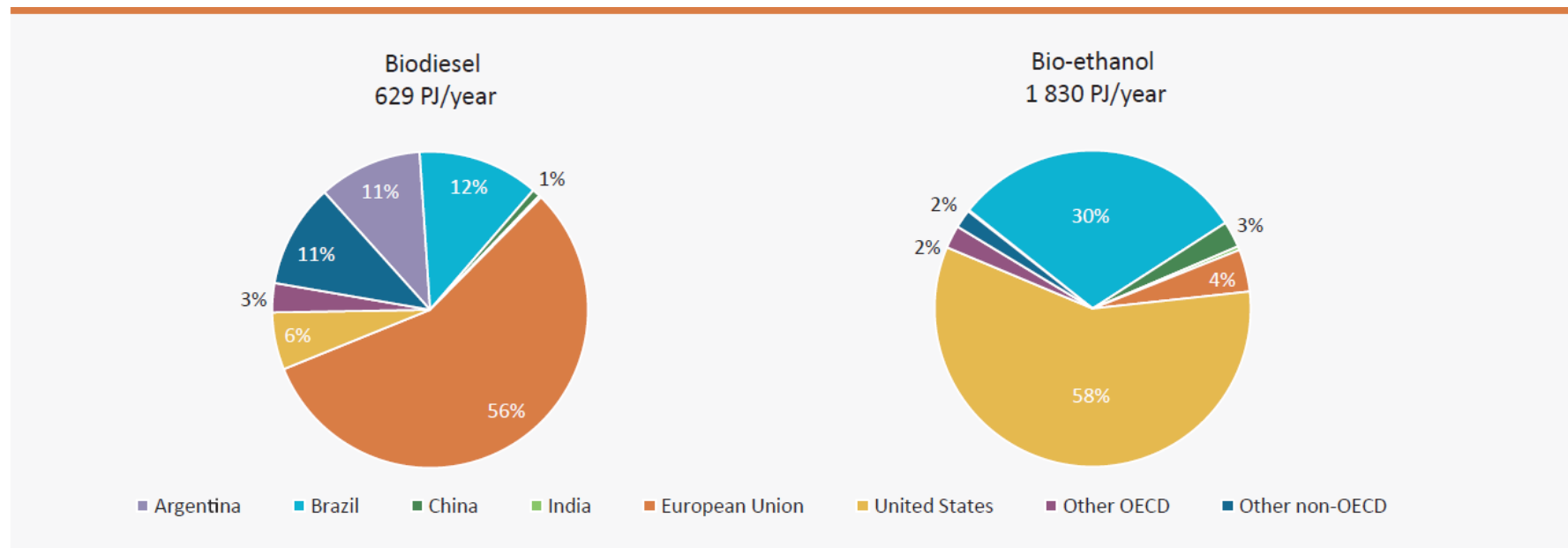
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**The predominant industrial application of CCS will vary by region and over time**

# **A closer look at today and near term in bioenergy and CCS**



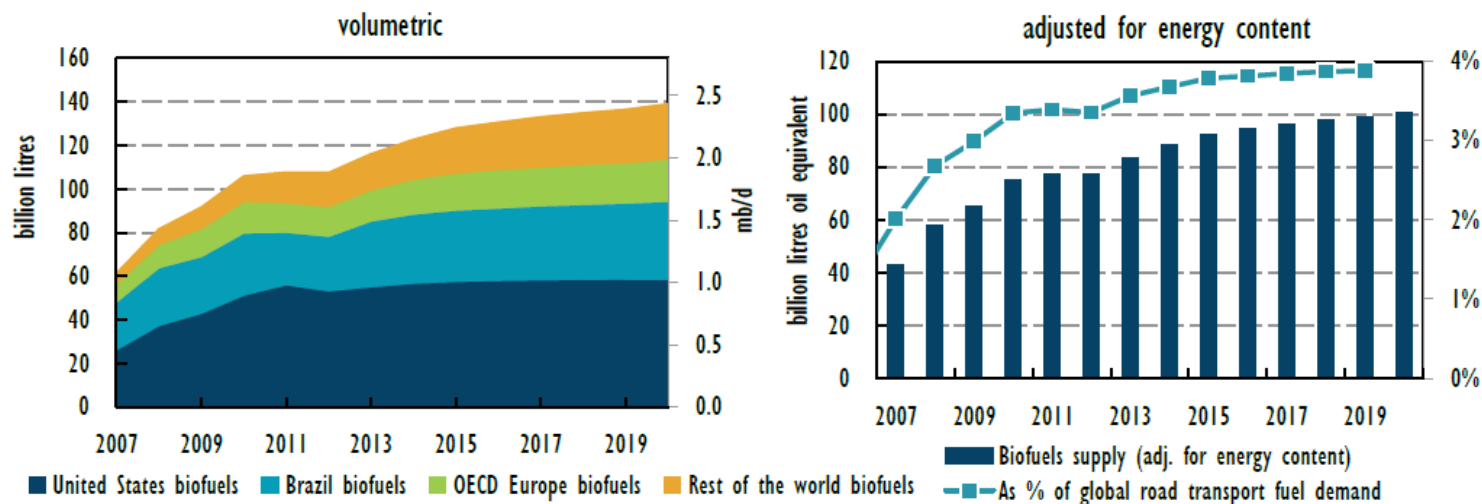
# Regional Biofuel production capacity in 2010



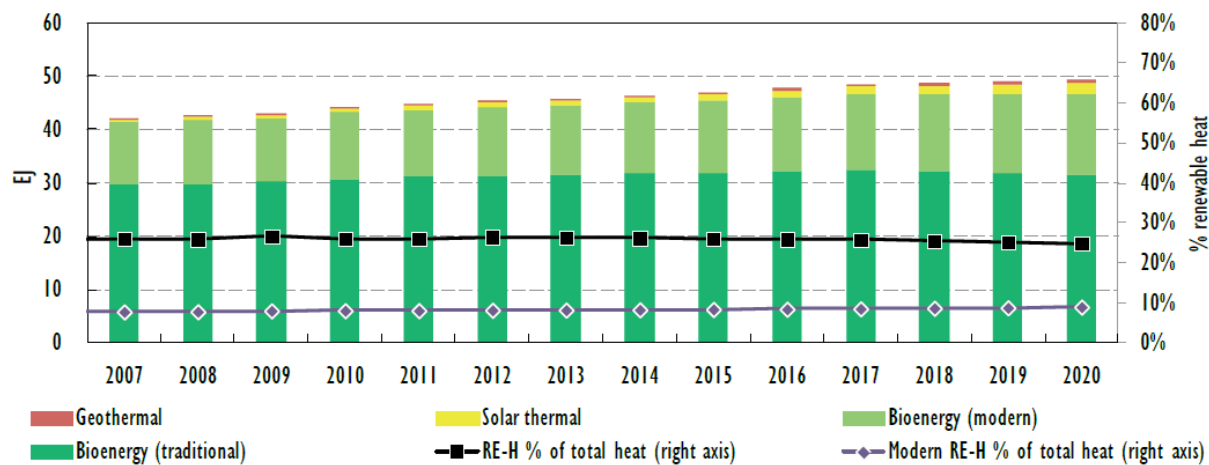
Source: IEA Biofuels Technology Roadmap (2012)

**The major share of global biodiesel capacity is installed in Europe, while the United States and Brazil lead in bio-ethanol production**

## World biofuels production, historical and IEA MRMR projected 2007-20

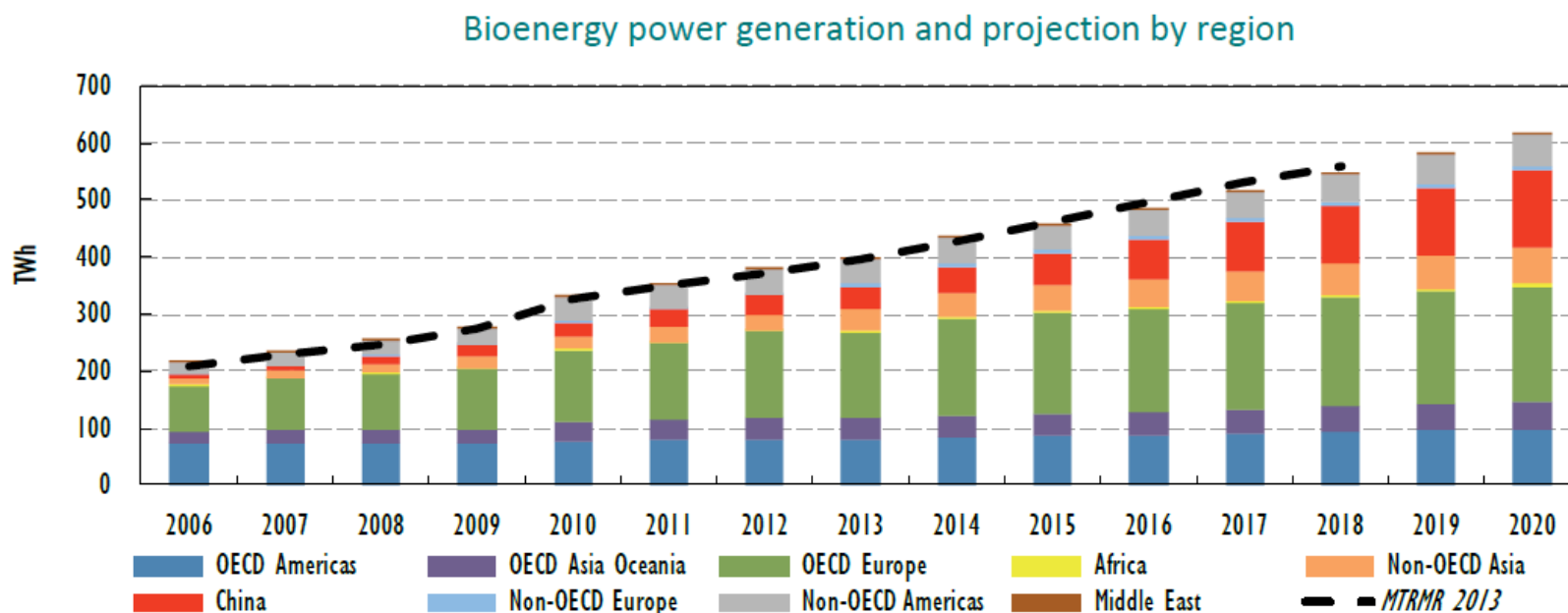


### World final renewable energy use for heat (including commercial heat) 2007-20



Note: RE-H = renewable heat. Traditional biomass is estimated here – in line with the methodology used in the IEA *World Energy Outlook* (WEO) – as the use of solid biomass in the residential sector of non-OECD countries, excluding countries in non-OECD Europe and Eurasia.

**In China bioenergy in power was up 5 TWh year-on-year reaching 39 TWh in 2013.**

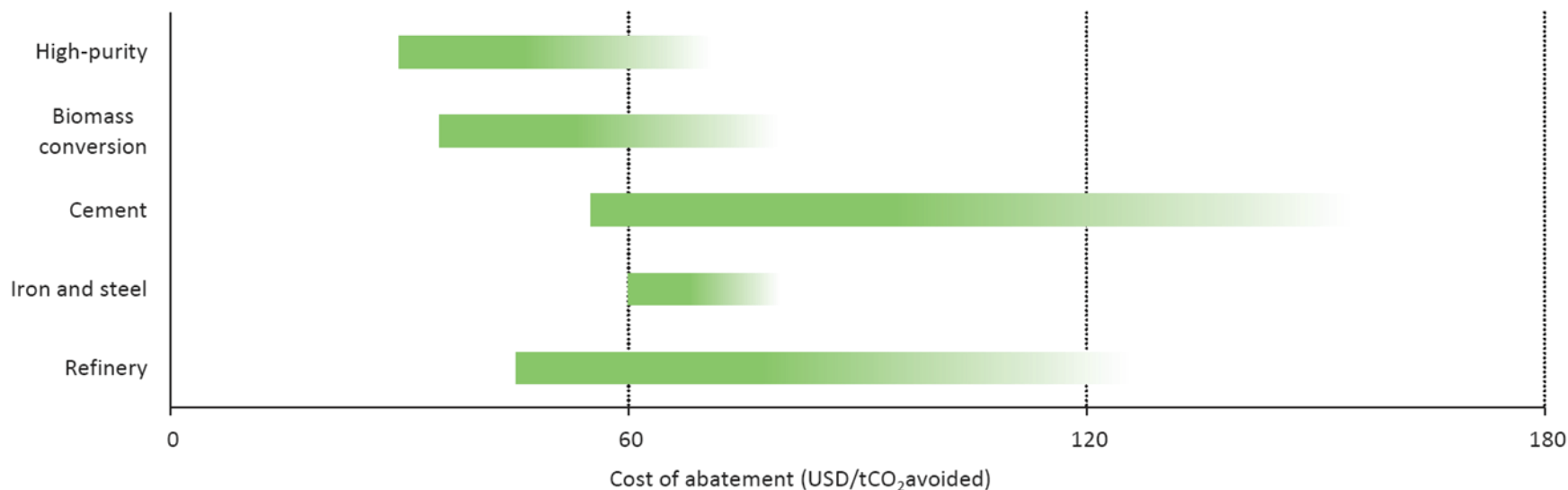


**Developments in China continue to be driven by incentives for co-firing of agricultural residues and waste-to-energy projects**

# **Now... a look at CCS**



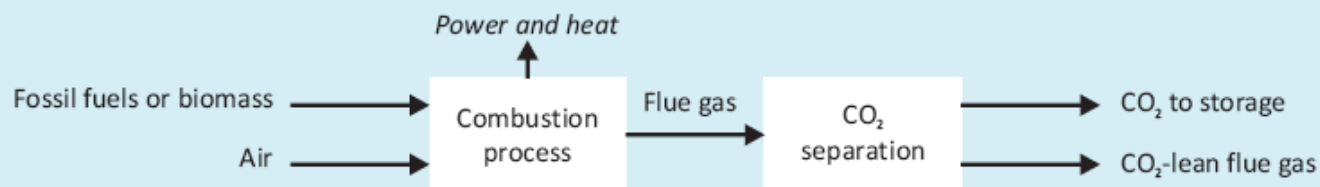
# Cost of CCS in industry varies widely



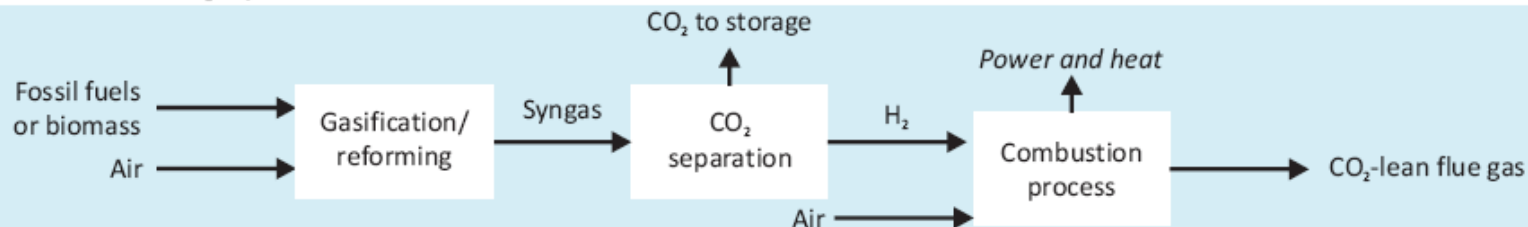
Notes: The range of costs shown here reflect the regional average cost of applying CCS in each sector, and, therefore, the overall cost of abatement in a sector will be affected by the assumed level of CCS uptake in each sector (IEA, 2009 and IEA and UNIDO, 2011). These costs include the cost of capture, transport, and storage, but do not assume that storage generates revenues – *i.e.* CO<sub>2</sub> storage through enhanced oil recovery (EOR) is not considered as a storage option.

# Three CO<sub>2</sub> capture routes

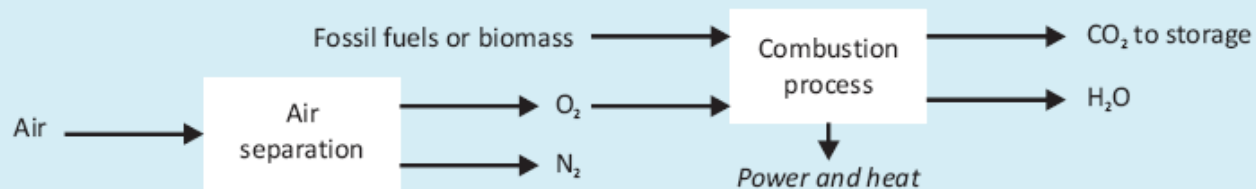
## Post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture



## Pre-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture



## Oxy-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture

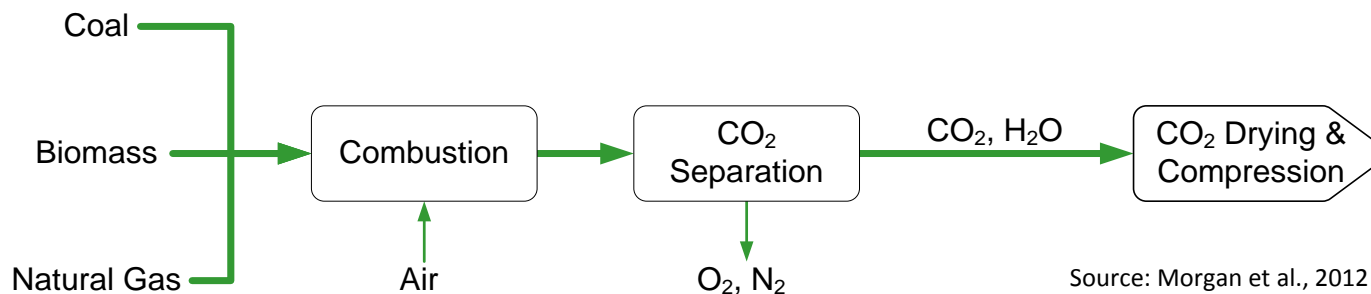


At the present time, no one route is clearly superior to another; each has particular characteristics that make it suitable in different cases of power generation fuelled by coal, oil, natural gas and biomass.

# How do you retrofit?

## Post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> Capture for power

### Process Layout



### Demo plants

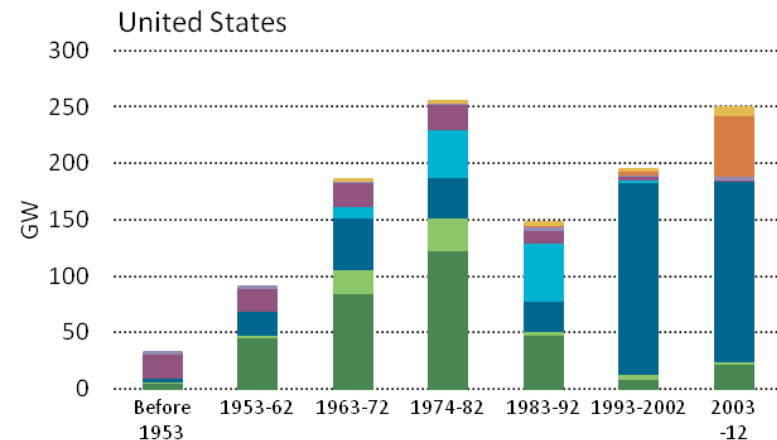
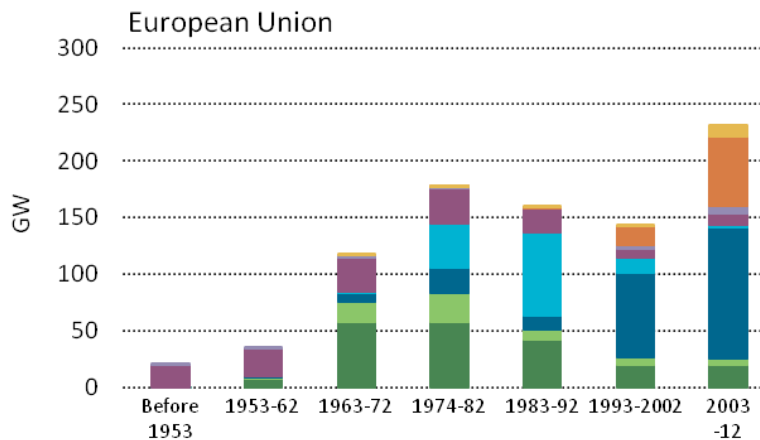
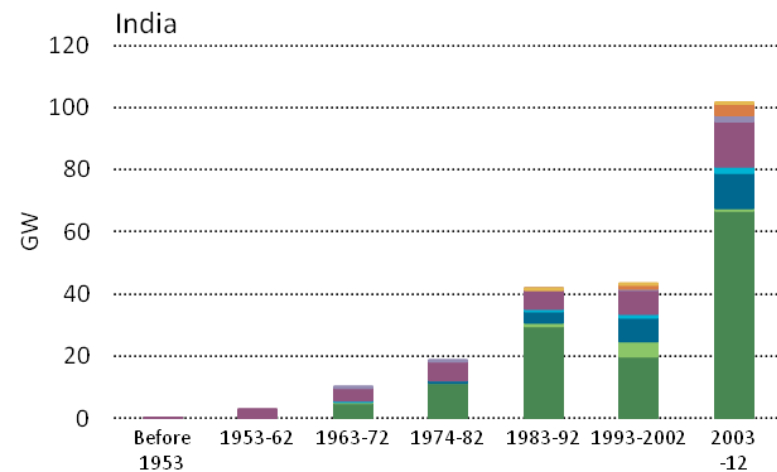
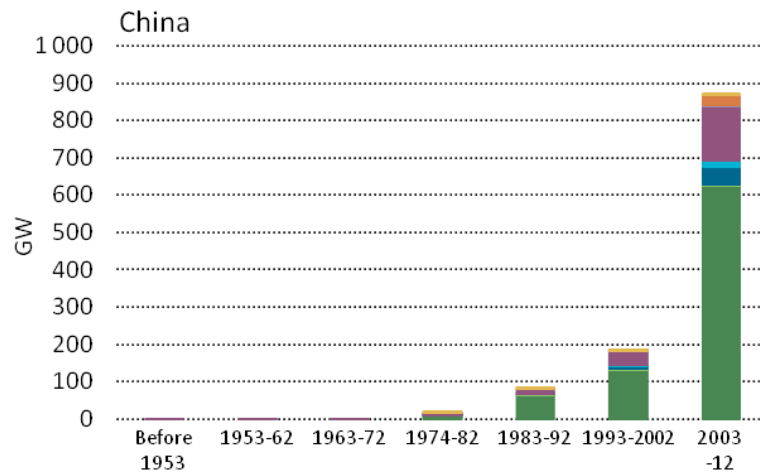


100 MW Boundary Dam Project,  
Canada. SaskPower

### Key challenges & development trends

- Scale-up of capture equipment; prove commercial size application at power plants
- Low-cost absorber designs
- Develop solvents with reduced energy penalty and minimized slip to ambient
- (needed space)

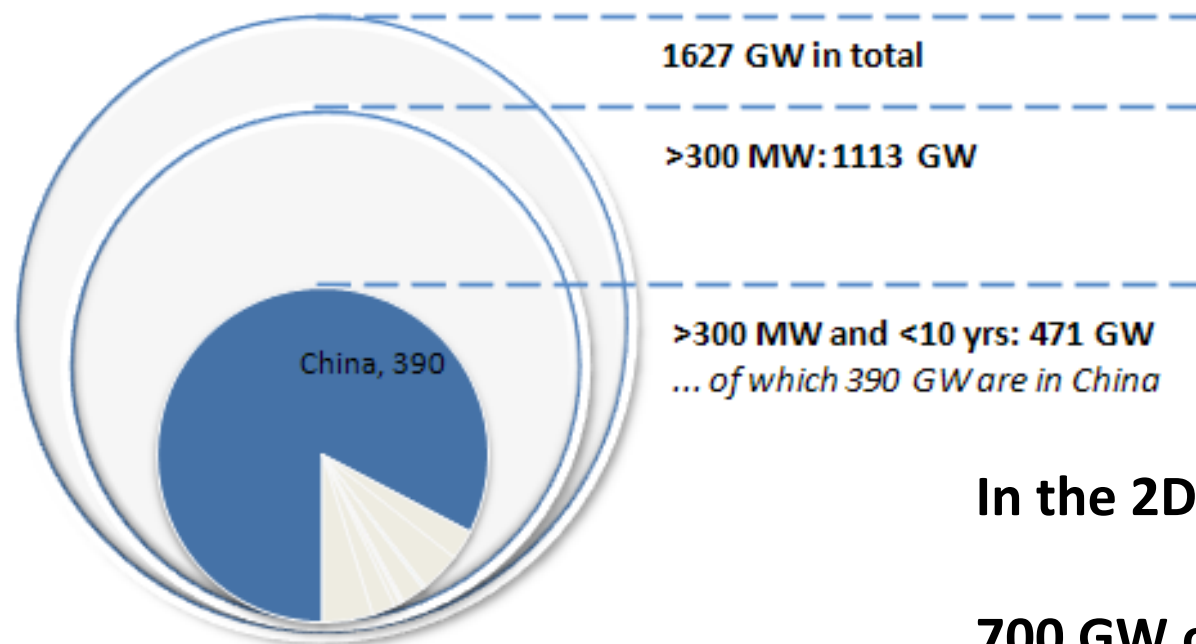
# Age distribution of existing power plants



■ Coal
 ■ Oil
 ■ Natural gas
 ■ Nuclear
 ■ Hydro
 ■ Biomass and waste
 ■ Wind
 ■ Other renewables



# Retrofitting CCS to coal-fired generation



*In most general terms, larger, more efficient (i.e. younger) plants are suitable for retrofit*

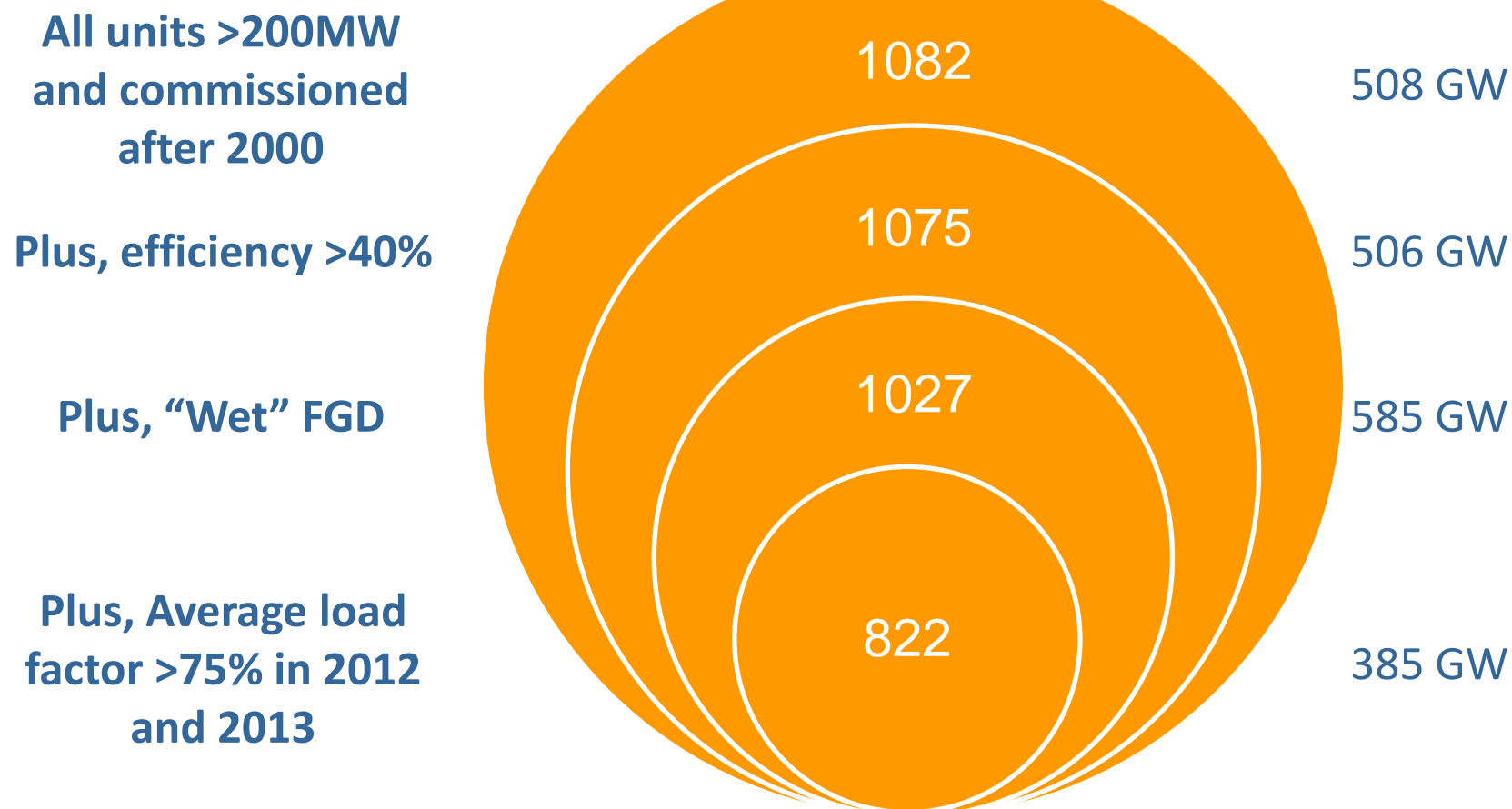
**In the 2DS, through 2050:**

**700 GW of subcritical capacity is retired**

**150 GW of uneconomic supercritical and ultra-supercritical are retired**

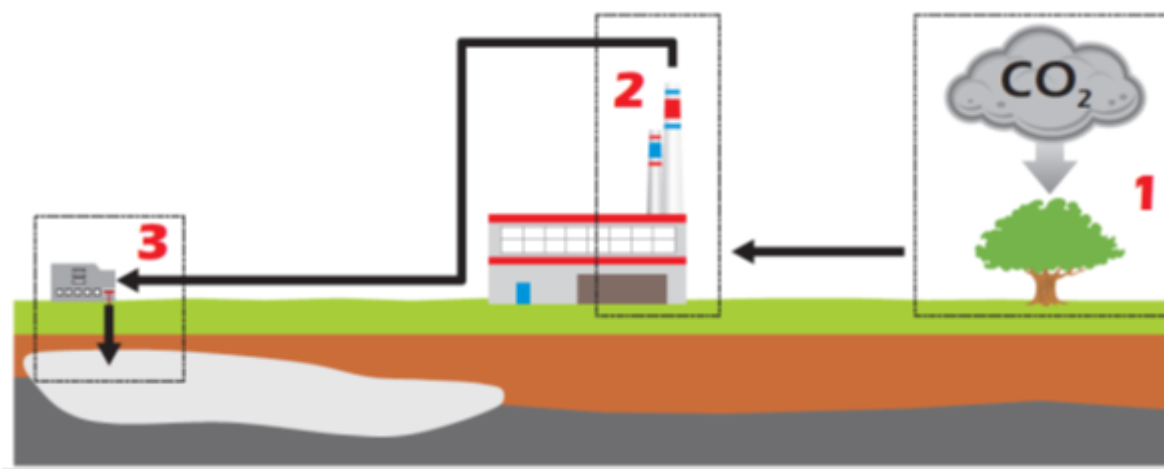
**100 GW of coal are retrofitted with CCS**

# 2014 IEA-CEC China Study: Preliminary findings

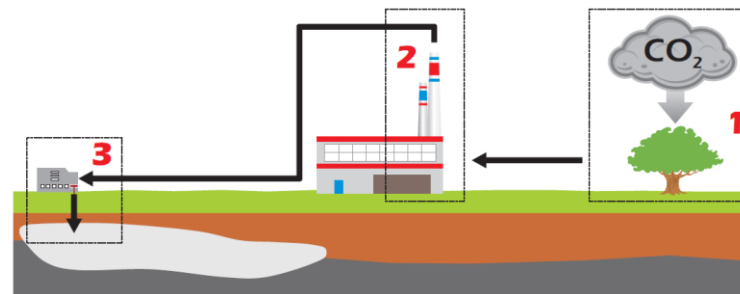




# A closer look at BECCS and negative emissions



# Negative emissions from BECCS by linking the Chain



- Bio-energy with carbon capture and storage (BECCS) can result in permanent net removal of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere, i.e. “negative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions”
- In BECCS, energy is provided by biomass, which removed atmospheric carbon while it was growing, and the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from its use are captured and stored through CCS
- BECCS can be applied to a wide range of biomass conversion processes and may be attractive cost-effective in many cases

*Biomass must be grown and harvested sustainably, as this significantly impacts the level of emissions reductions that can be achieved*



# Exploring BECCS potentials in emerging economies: Indonesia, Brazil, ...



## Bioenergy Plus Carbon Capture And Storage Options for Indonesia

Jakarta workshop: IIASA, IEA, the Republic of Indonesia's Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR) and President's Delivery Unit for Monitoring and Oversight (UKP4), the School of Business and Management at Bandung Institute of Technology (SBMITB).

### Preliminary Results

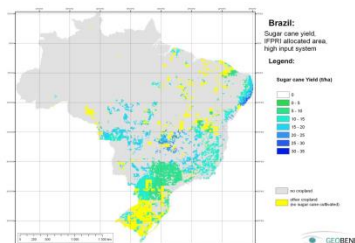
– optimal siting and scaling of bioenergy plants



- Methanol production
  - Highest biofuel efficiency (55% energy content)
- Plant capacity: 650,000 t wood/year
- Total biofuel output: ~79,000 toe/year



Similar studies conducted in Europe, Japan, Republic of Korea, Russia



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# Bioenergy and CCS – A complex technology, resource and policy chain

## Innovation and transition

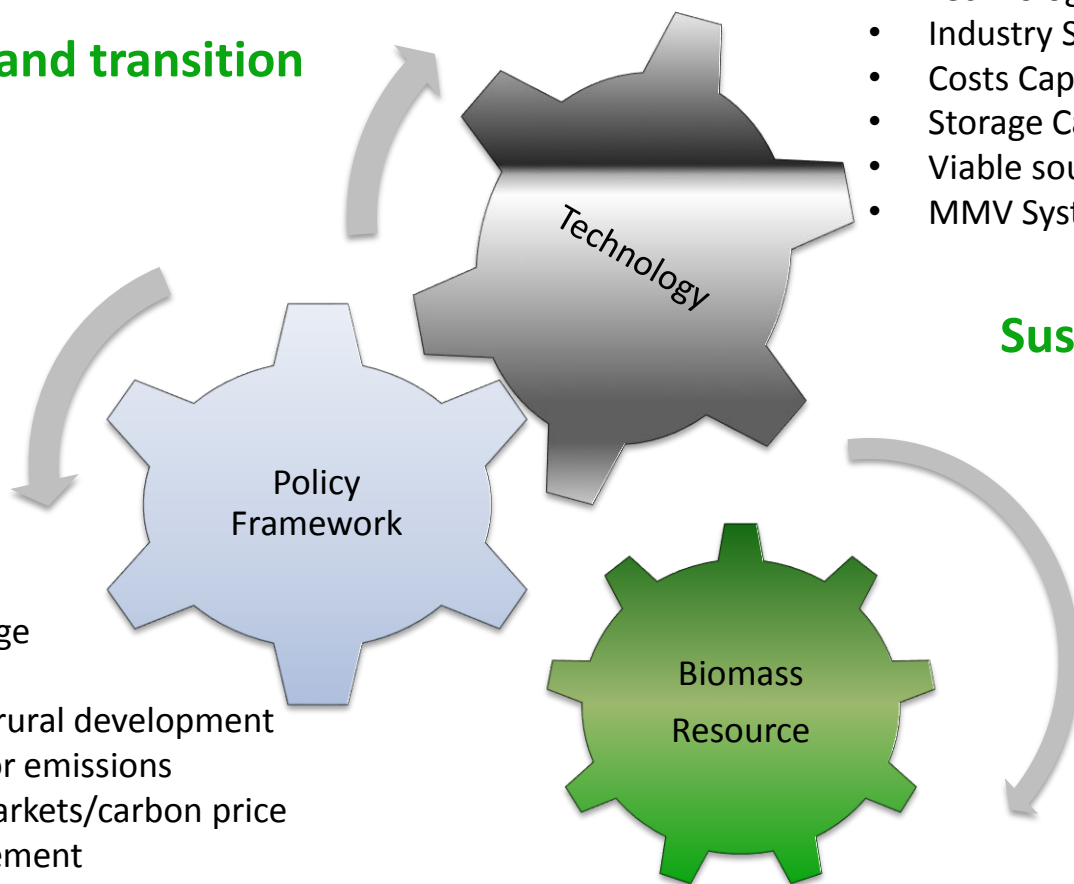
- Technology R&D policy (Biomass/CCS)
- Industry Sectors
- Costs Capture, Transport, Storage
- Storage Capacity potential
- Viable source and sinks (Clustering)
- MMV Systems

## Sustainability

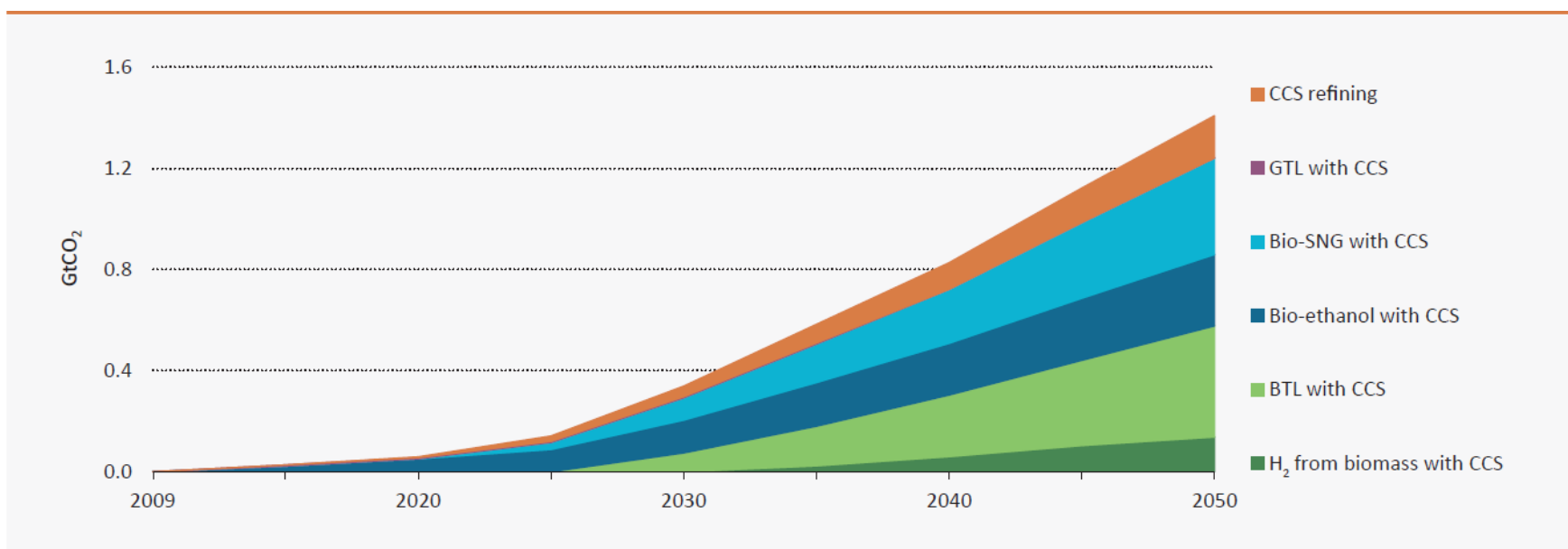
- Resource availability
- Transport/supply
- Lifecycle Costs
- Sustainability/LULUCF
- Scale
- Markets and Trade

## Economics and development

- Climate Change
- Economics
- Biomass and rural development
- Accounting for emissions
- Incentives/markets/carbon price
- Public engagement
- financing mechanisms



## CO<sub>2</sub> captured in the fuel transformation sector in the 2DS

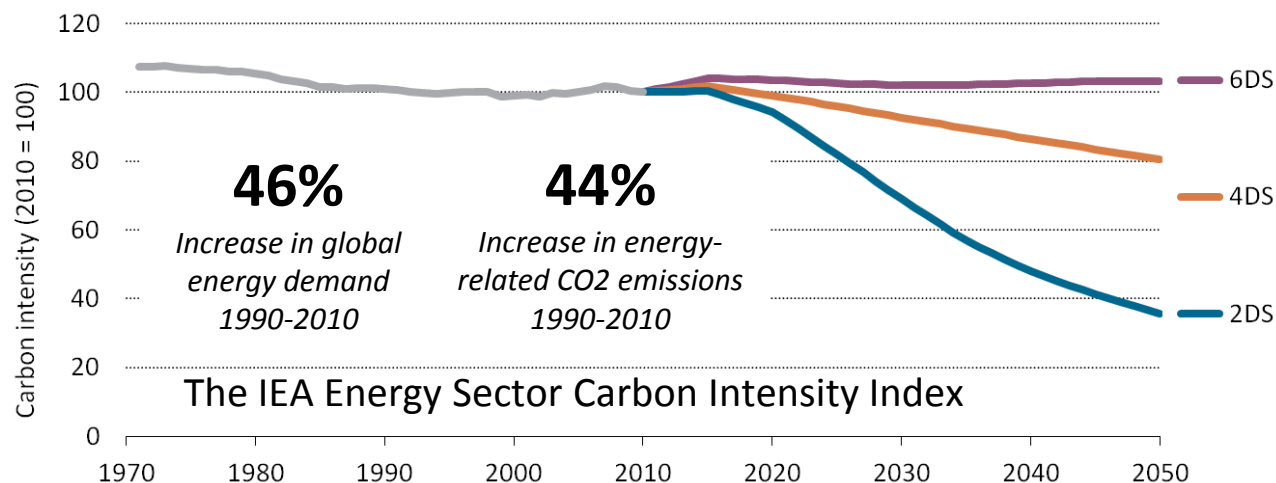


Source: IEA Biofuels Technology Roadmap (2012)

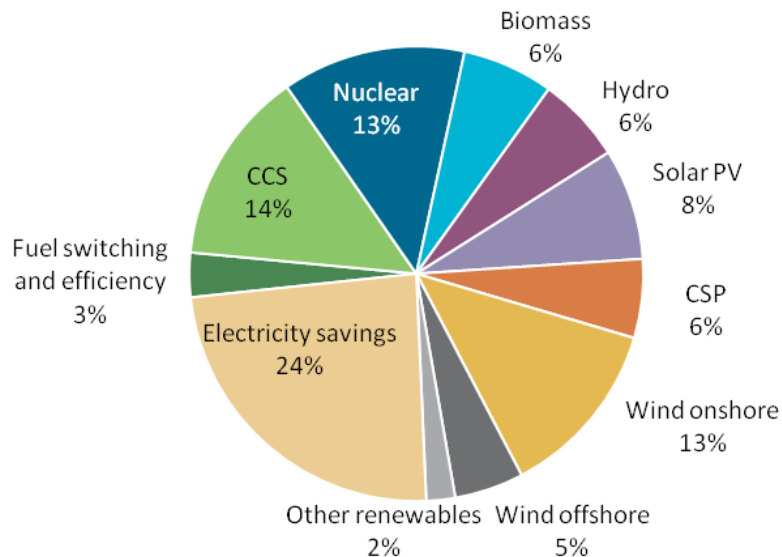
Biofuel production with CCS can lead to “negative” emissions

■ **The World  
faces a  
challenge!**

*Global energy supply is as carbon intensive today as it was in 1990.*



■ **But  
solutions  
exist!**



*Contribution of  
technologies to  
cumulative  
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(2011-2050) of  
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# A path to negative emissions: key points

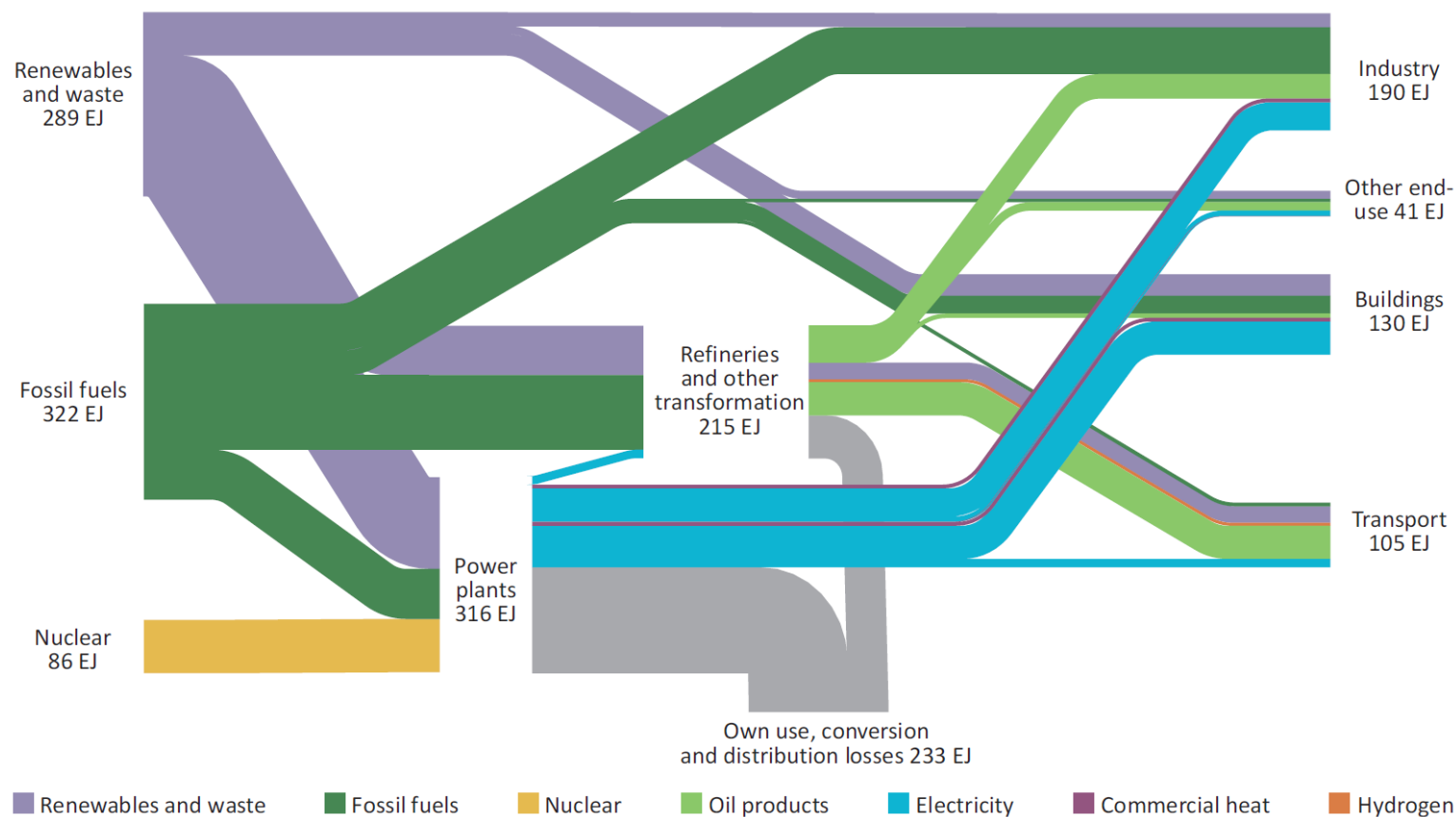
- Provides an opportunity to make significant CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reductions...
- Impacts rural and economic development priorities
- Air quality impacts, transitioning and unlocking infrastructure  
high carbon → low carbon → carbon negative
- Short term steps in R&D that may lead to long-term actions and negative emission benefits
- Consider long-term feedstock sustainability, impacts to price and availability of commodities and land use change
- Synergies with REDD, forestry, waste utilization and related resource management, demand and distribution



# Thanks for your attention!

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# The future low-carbon energy system

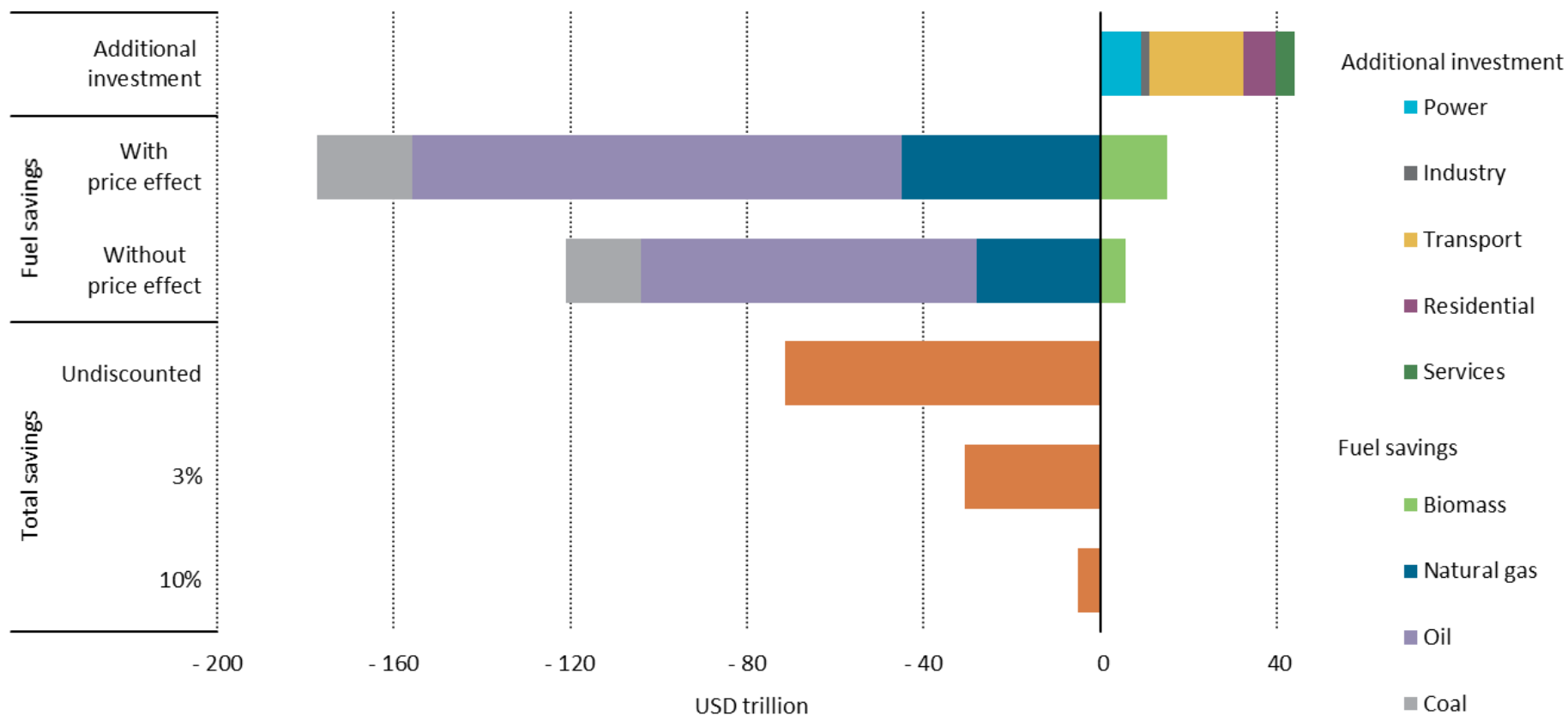


*2DS in 2050 shows dramatic shift in energy supply and demand*

# China's capture pilot and demo projects

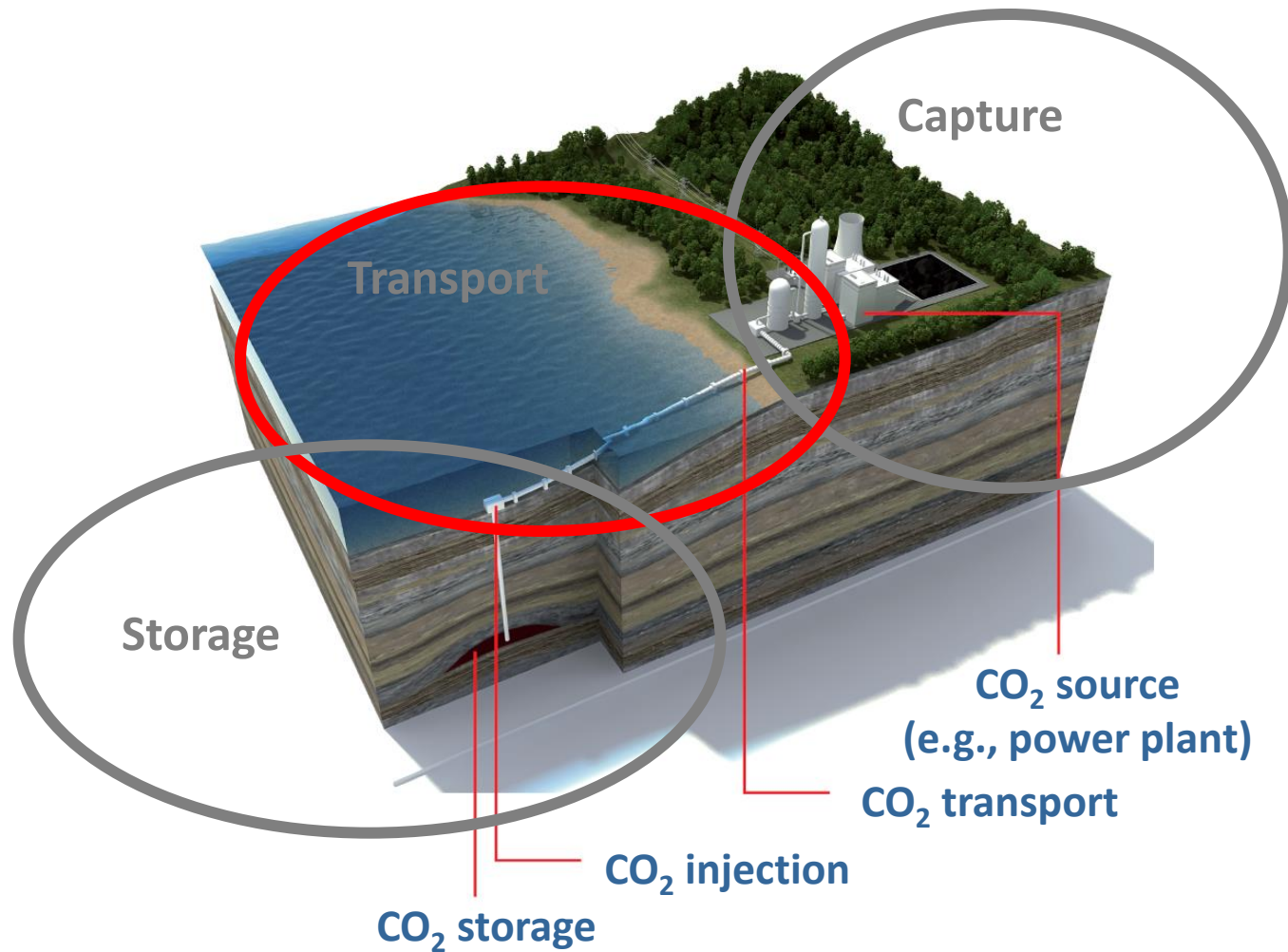
Project Title	Scale	Capture Tech	Storage/ Utilization	Status
The pilot project of CO <sub>2</sub> Capture, Huaneng Beijing Gaobeidian Thermal Power Plant	Capture Capacity:3,000 T/Y	Post-Combustion	Food Use	Operated in 2008
Demonstration Project of CO <sub>2</sub> capture and storage in Coal Liquefaction Plant, China Shenhua Group	Capture Capacity:100,000 T/Y Storage Capacity: 100,000 T/Y	Coal liquefaction	Saline Aquifer	operated in 2011
Demonstration Project of CO <sub>2</sub> capture, Storage and Utilization in IGCC Plant Greengem of Huaneng	Capture Capacity:60,000-- 100,000 T/Year	Pre-Combustion	EOR	Launched in 2011
Small Scale Demonstration Project on CO <sub>2</sub> Capture and EOR in Shengli Oil Field, Sinopec	Capture/Utilization:40,000T/Y	Post-Combustion	EOR	Operated in 2010
Demonstration Project of CO <sub>2</sub> capture, Shanghai Shidongkou Power Plant, Huaneng	Capture Capacity:120,000 T/Y	Post-Combustion	Food/ Industrial	Operated since 2010
Demonstration project of Carbon Capture, Shuanghuai Power Plant, China Power Investment	Capture Capacity:10,000 T/Y	Post-Combustion	Food/ Manufacture	Operated in 2010
Pilot Plant of CO <sub>2</sub> capture in Lianyungang City, CAS	Capture Capacity:30,000 T/Y	Pre-Combustion	N/A	Operated in 2011

# Investment in our future pays off...



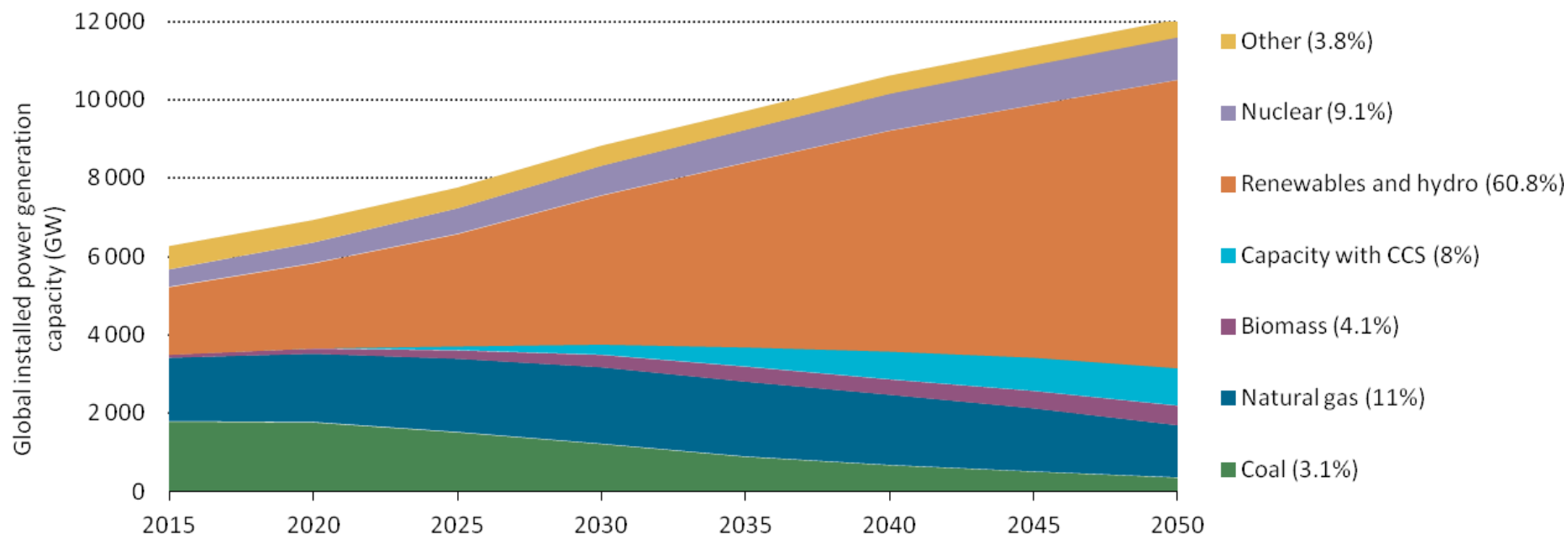
*...and it is cost effective to make the transition*

# CCS Technology Chain



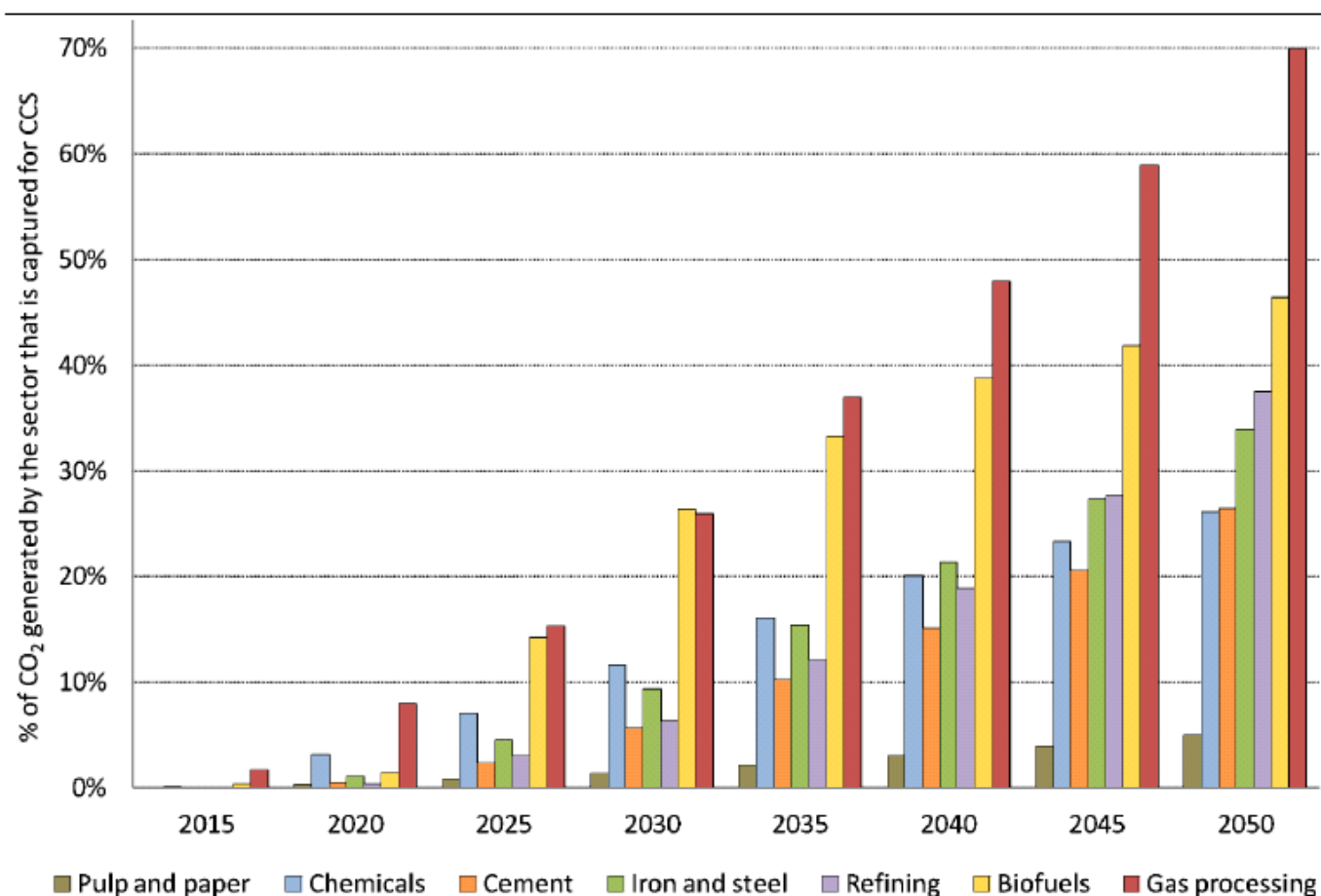


# CCS is applied to coal, gas and biomass



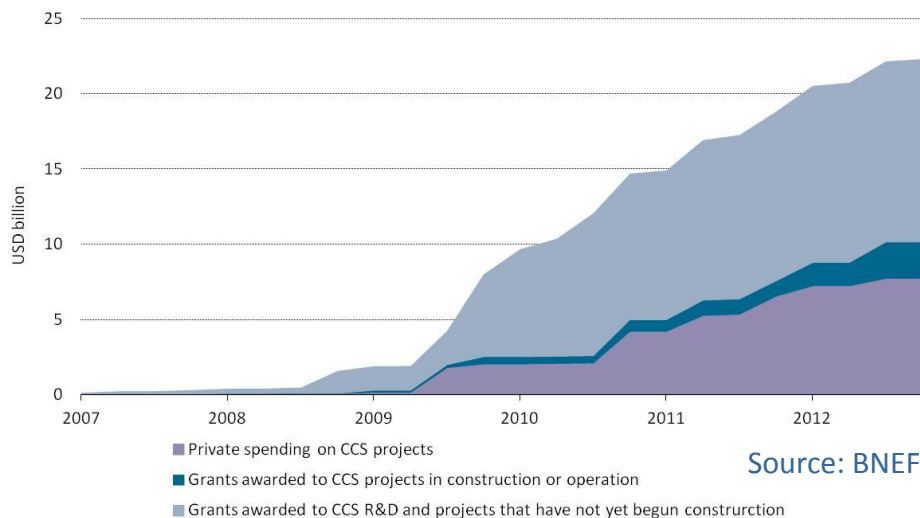
In 2050, 63% of coal-fired electricity generation (630 GW) is CCS equipped, 18% of gas (280 GW) and 9% of biomass (50 GW)

# Proportion of CO<sub>2</sub> generated globally that is captured and stored through CCS in the sectors analysed in the 2DS

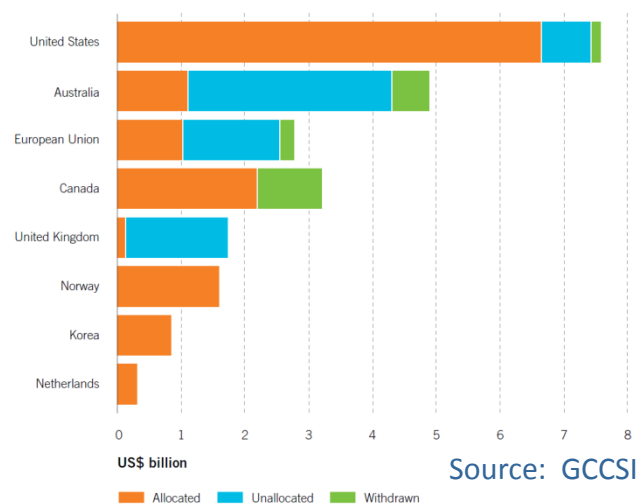


# Inputs into CCS are not negligible...

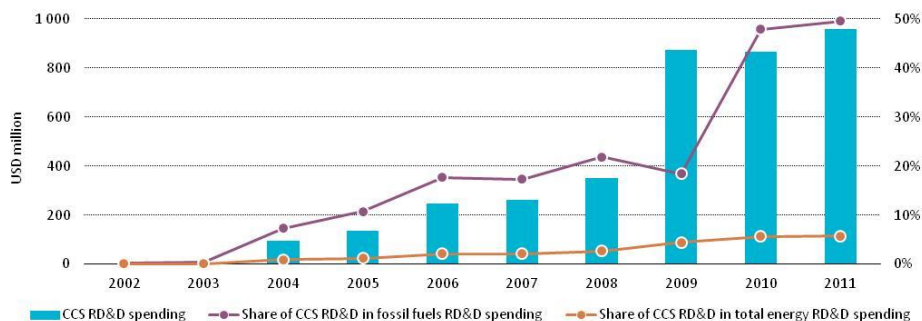
Money spent on CCS projects globally



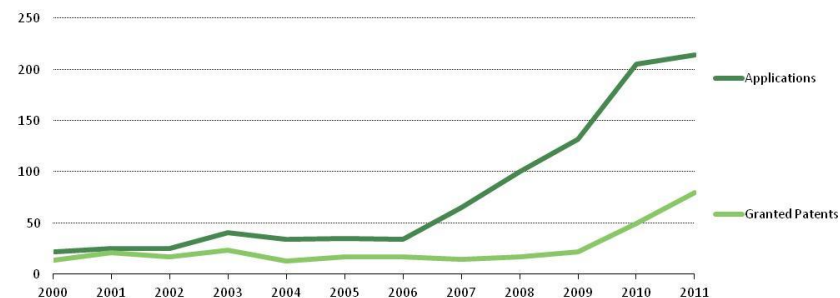
Government pledges for CCS support



R&D spending on CCS technologies by IEA countries



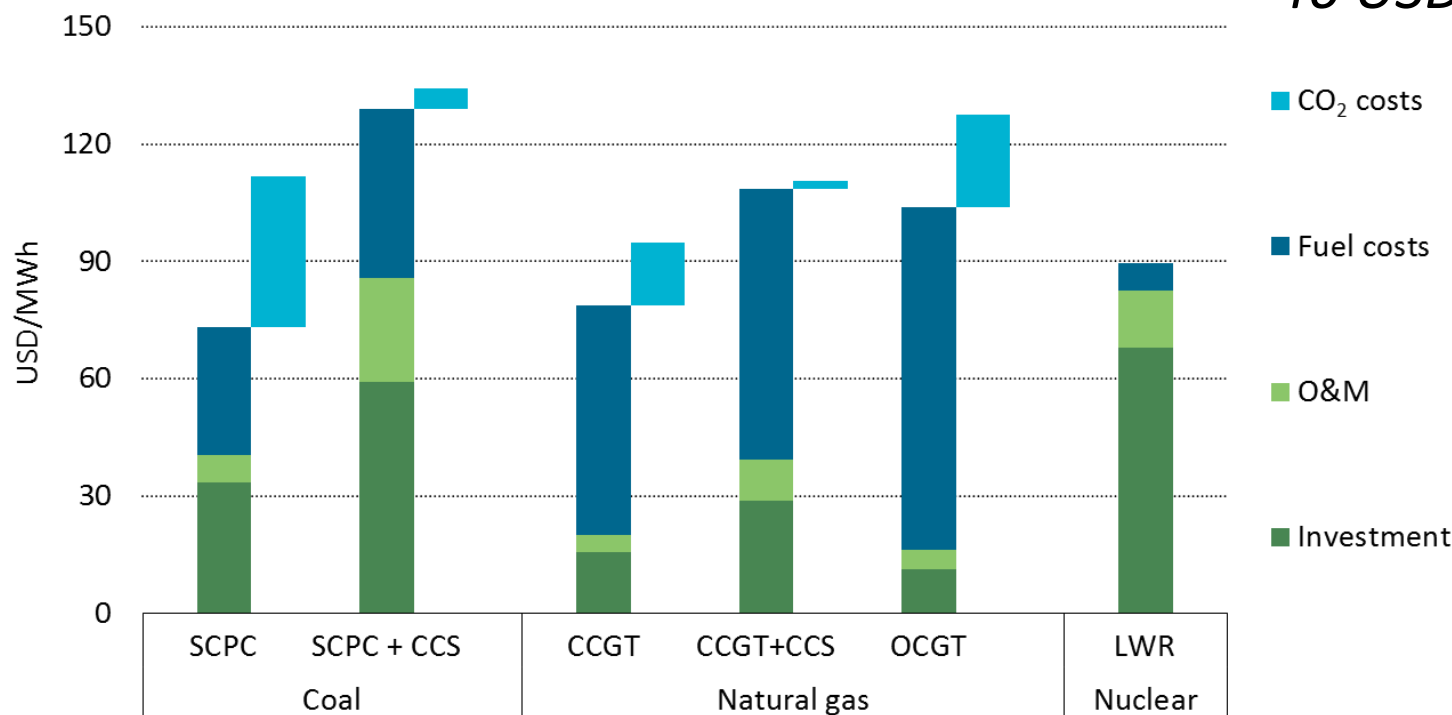
Numbers of CCS-related patents



# Without CCS natural gas power generation is not carbon free

EU, 2020

46 USD/t CO<sub>2</sub>



*Gas w/o and w CCS can become cheaper than coal w CCS; under high CO<sub>2</sub> prices (100 USD/t CO<sub>2</sub>) CCS for natural gas is less expensive than CCS for coal.*