

# EC Project : iCap Innovative CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Project Overview



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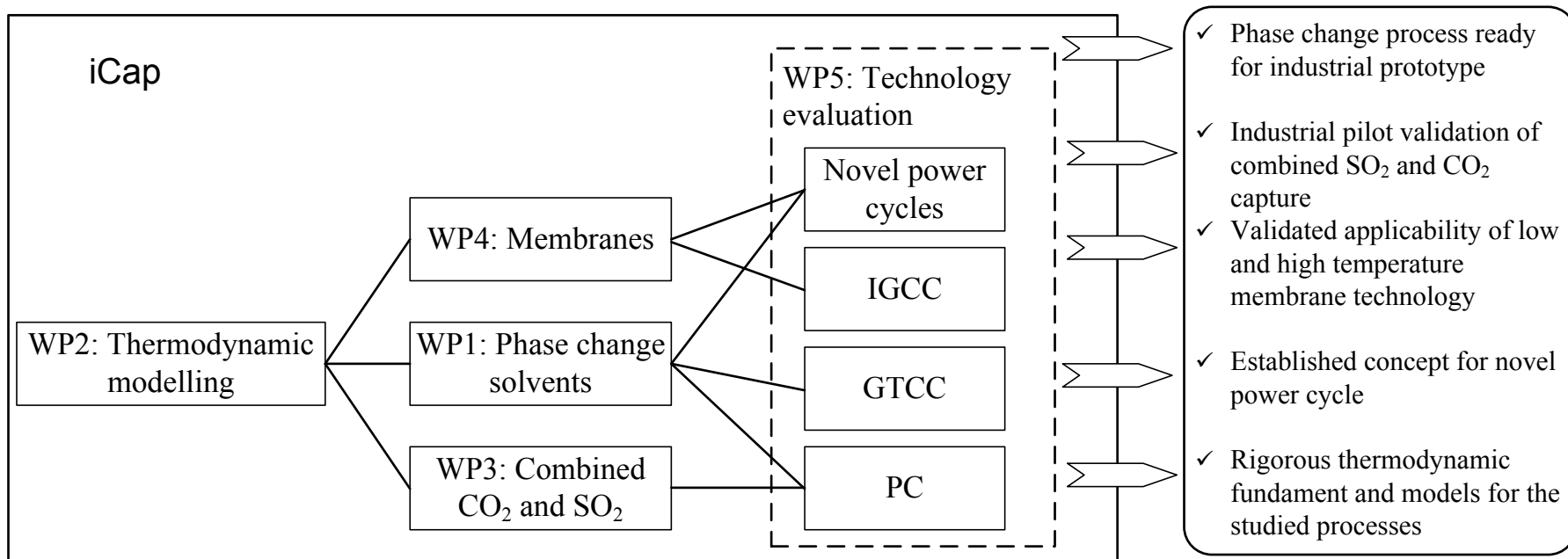


# Project Overview

## Objectives

- **iCap** seeks to remove the barriers for world wide CO<sub>2</sub> capture deployment by developing new technologies with potential for :
  - reducing the current energy penalty to 4-5% points in power plant efficiency by introducing a new breed of solvents based on phase change.
  - to combine SO<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> removal, thereby introducing process intensification, reducing capital cost, and energy requirements
  - make low temperature membranes feasible for post-combustion processes, thereby creating a solvent free alternative
  - develop new power cycles that enable high pressure/high temperature post combustion membrane CO<sub>2</sub> capture

## Organization



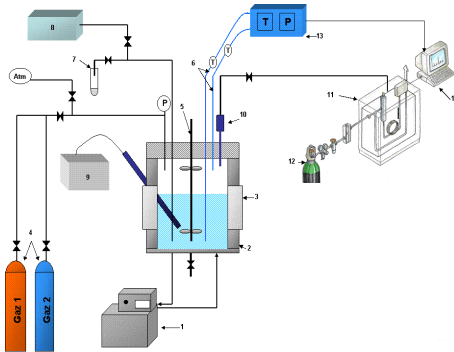
# WP1 Phase change solvents

R&D area	State of the art	iCap advancements beyond the State of the Art
<p><b>Novel post Combustion systems based on phase change solvents</b></p>	<p>Chilled ammonia process under development by Alstom. Carbonate and amino acid salt systems, both systems currently under development in the CESAR project.</p> <p>Hydrate formation at relatively high pressures (90bar) and low temperatures (0 - 10 C)</p>	<p>Systems forming two liquid phases, one lean in CO<sub>2</sub> and one rich in CO<sub>2</sub> phase, resulting in lower recycle, higher CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O ratios.</p> <p>Thereby lower energy demand and creating possibility for pressurised desorption in smaller and less costly desorbers, thus lowering recompression cost.</p> <p>Hydrate process supported with thermodynamic promoters thus reducing needed pressure and increasing temperature range.</p>

# CO<sub>2</sub> capture by Hydrate formation

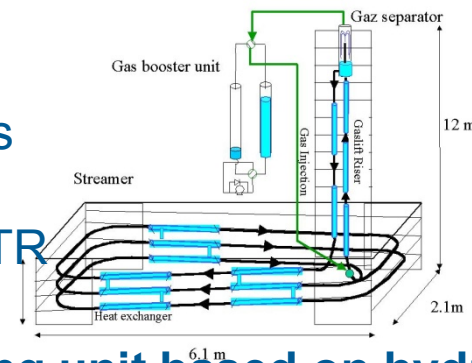
## Tools

*From lab to pilot to industrial scale*



P,V,T cells with gas, liquid and solid analyses  
 - 2 for gas/liquid/solid phase envelop characterization  
 - 1 (under construction) for gas/solid phase transition studies  
**Thermodynamic experiments and crystallisation**  
**(kinetic) experiments**

Pilot flow loop for **rheological characterization** of gas hydrate slurries during crystallization under flow  
 In line Cord Length Distribution, in line RAMAN and ATR



Scaling up

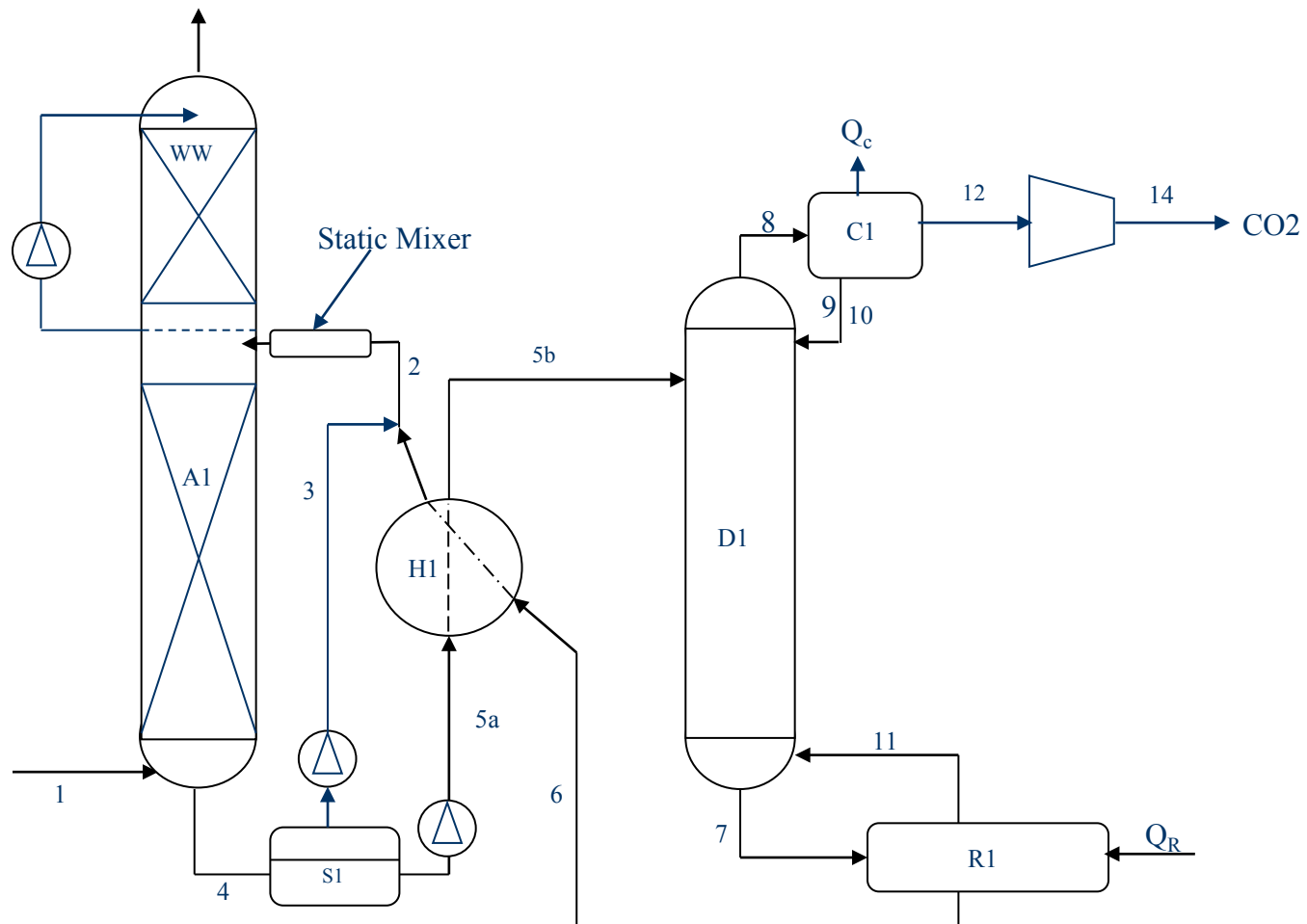


**Industrial air-conditioning unit based on hydrate circulation**

- highly concentrated slurry (40% vol.) rheological characterization
  - slurry generator from cold scraped surfaces
  - slurry generator (under constr.) from gas bubbling reactor
- Development of a prototype for CO<sub>2</sub> capture**

# CO<sub>2</sub> capture by liquid/liquid formation

## Example of liquid/liquid system



# WP1 Thermodynamic modeling

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<b>Thermodynamic Modeling of absorption systems</b>	Equations of state and activity coefficient thermodynamic and property packages for single phase mixtures. Column models for single phase absorption and desorption.	Gas/liquid/liquid/solid equilibrium calculations for low and high pressure mixed solvent mixtures. Property packages for complex multi phase high pressure system with both precipitation and two liquid phase formation. Column models for multi phase complex mixtures including slurries. Theoretical expansion for slurry absorbers and desorbers.



# Models for phase change systems

## Liquid/liquid

- Tools exist
- account for new solvents
- account for electrolytes
- incorporation into simulator tools (CO2SIM, gPROMS)

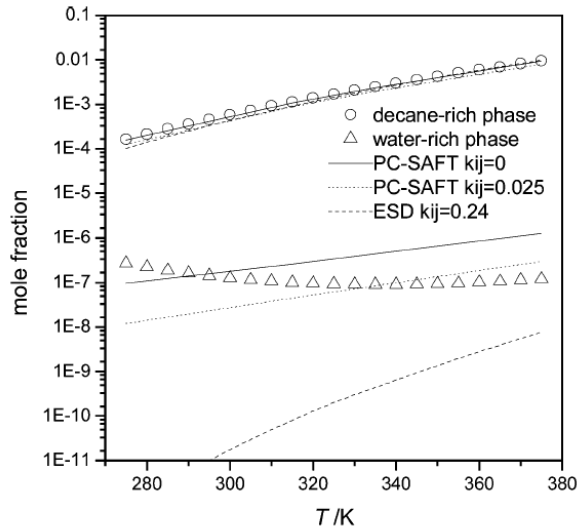
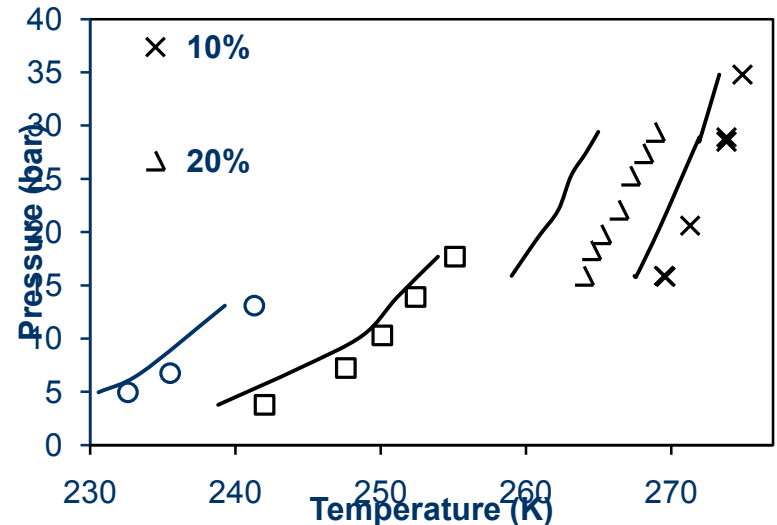


Figure 4. LLE in the system decane + water. The experimental values are those of Economou et al.<sup>24</sup> PC-SAFT prediction;  $k_{ij}$  fit to water-rich phase (both with water parameters of this work) and ESD fit to decane-rich phase.

## CO<sub>2</sub> hydrate inhibition with methanol



Swaminathan and von Solms (2009)

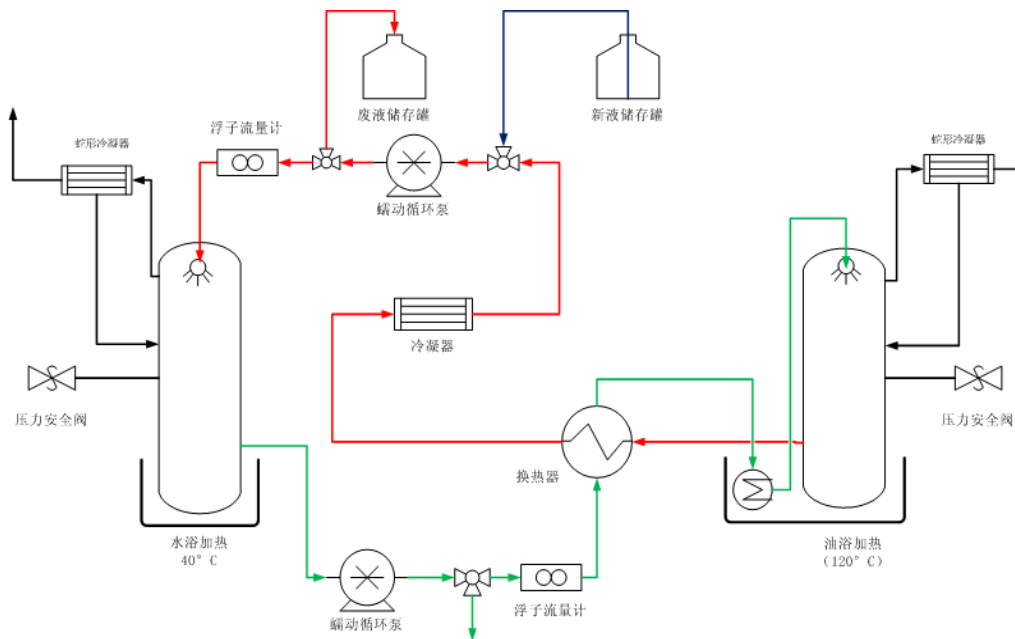
- Tools exist
- account for promoters instead of inhibitors (e.g. THF)
- extension to more components (e.g. H<sub>2</sub>S)
- Data from WP1
- Slurry absorber will incorporate thermodynamic model and data from WP1

## WP3: Combined CO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> Removal

R&D area	State of the art	iCap advancements beyond the State of the Art
<b>Combined SO<sub>2</sub> /CO<sub>2</sub> removal</b>	<p>The benchmark process for SO<sub>2</sub> removal is limestone slurry spray towers producing gypsum. Only SO<sub>2</sub> is removed. Cansolv has developed a process for the removal of SO<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> in one absorption column. However, two different liquid loops are used and the process is very complicated.</p>	<p>iCap aims to develop a process where in one gas/liquid contacting step both SO<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> are removed. Current available SO<sub>2</sub> scrubbing spray towers can be modified to capture both SO<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>. By using step-wise regeneration, two different streams are obtained, one gypsum stream and one CO<sub>2</sub> stream. This CO<sub>2</sub> stream should contain no detectable SO<sub>2</sub>.</p>

## Experimental facility

- A lab scale absorption/stripping facility has been built
- Gas flow and liquid flow system are OK
- Water wash system is needed for ammonia volatility





# Loy Yang Power Station PCC Pilot Plant, Victoria, Australia



- ETIS support
- Lignite
- Amine based
- No FGD/DeNox
- Operational May 08



# WP4: Membranes

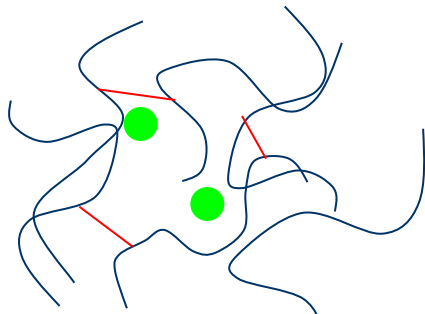
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<p><b>Highly efficient and long term stable membranes for CO<sub>2</sub> capture</b></p>	<p><u>Low temperature separation:</u> CO<sub>2</sub> selective polymeric membranes designed for low fluxes; not stable in flue gas environment and subject to plasticization</p> <p><u>High temperature separation:</u> H<sub>2</sub> selective micro-porous membranes not stable in steam operation. H<sub>2</sub> selective Pd based membranes not stable at high temperature, sensitive to CO. Limited feedstock. Limited operation temperature window. Not stable in carbon and/or steam containing atmospheres. Manufacturing and scalability challenging for all high temperature membranes.</p>	<p><u>Low temperature separation:</u> High performance ultra thin CO<sub>2</sub> membranes functionalized with nano-particles to increase the flux through the membrane by affecting the free volume of polymers.</p> <p><u>High temperature separation:</u> Novel mixed conducting ceramic materials will be engineered as chemically and mechanically robuste membranes. Thin dense films on porous supports will be developed for reaching high fluxes.</p>



# Polymer-based CO<sub>2</sub> selective membrane

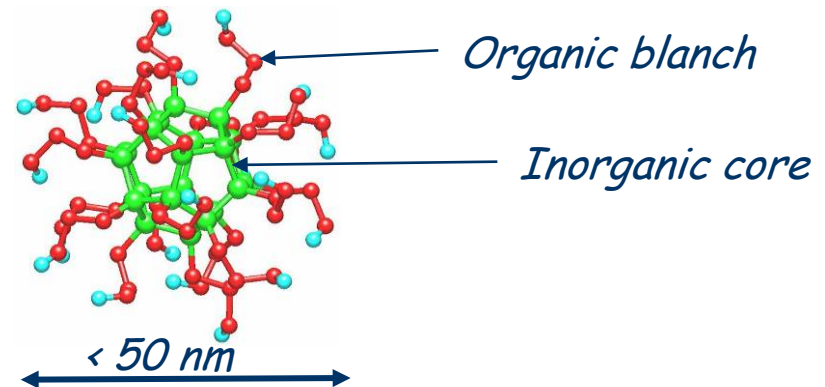
- Commercially available CO<sub>2</sub> selective membranes are pure polymers
  - low cost ☺
  - Flexible and easy to scale up ☺
  - plasticization at high CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressures ☹
  - higher flux with sufficient selectivity ☹

High free volume polymer



● Nano-particles

Inorganic particles, functionalized inorganic particles



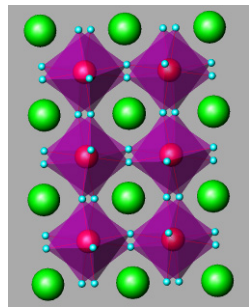
Cross-linked polymer  
as the base

# H<sub>2</sub> extraction in High Temperature Steam Methane Reforming

Phase 1: Development and screening of membrane material candidates

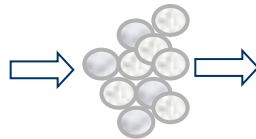


Phase 2: High flux and stability of best candidates



Perovskite based materials

Co-doping



Powder synthesis

Sol-gel, spray-pyrolysis



Symmetric membranes fabrication

Pressing-sintering



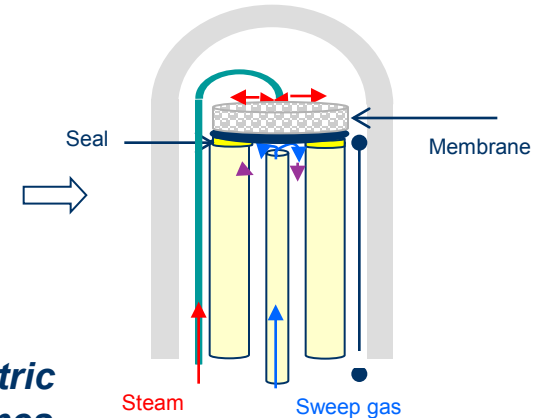
Testing

High Pressure  
high T  
Transport mechanisms



Asymmetric membranes fabrication

Spray-coating, dip-coating



Testing

SMR  
Flux and stability

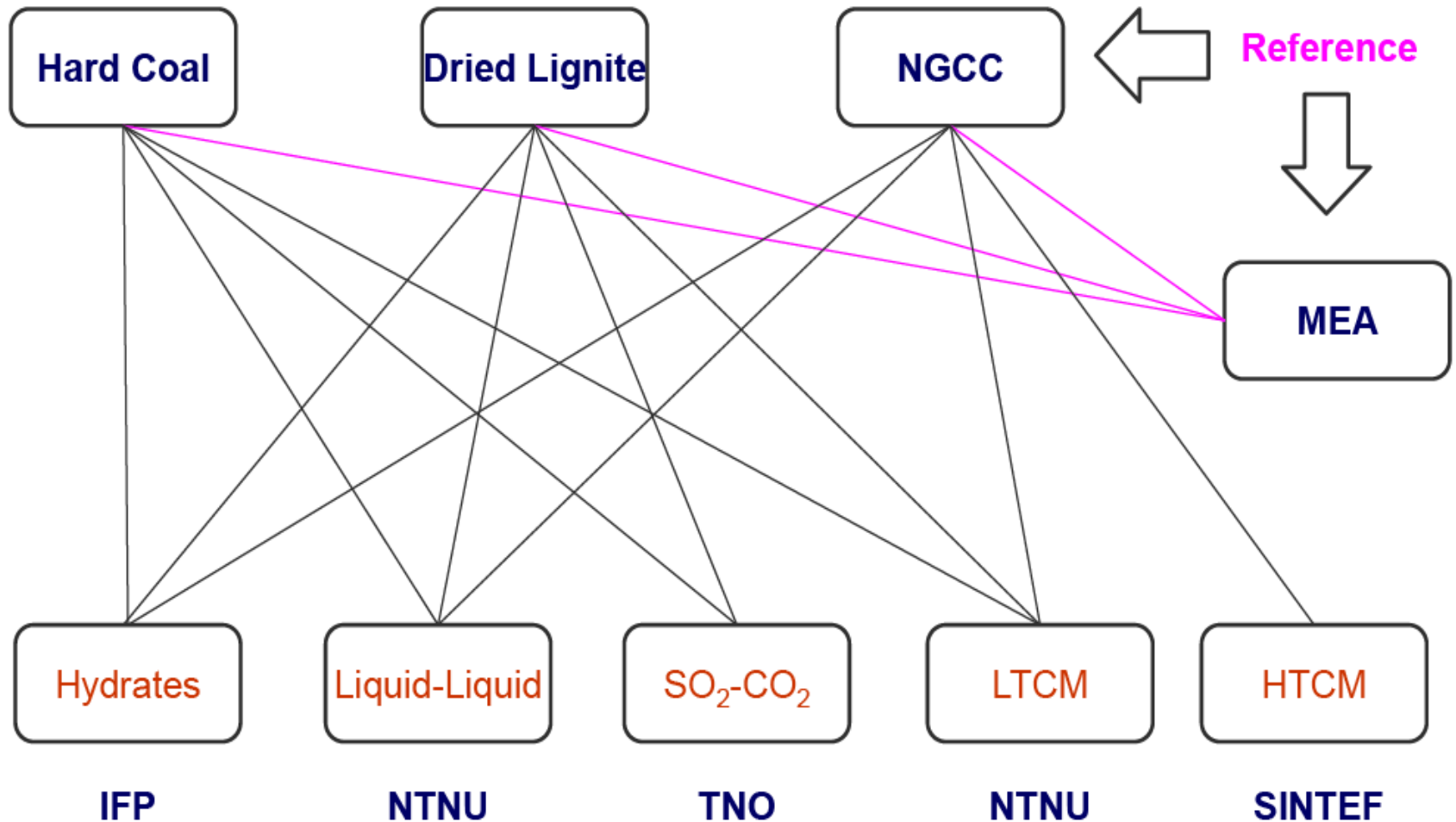
## WP5: Technology evaluation

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<b>Technology evaluation and Novel Power Cycles</b>	Gas turbines with very tight integration between compressor, combustor, and turbine. Low CO <sub>2</sub> partial pressure in the exhaust gas. Limits to fuel gas hydrogen fraction in pre-combustion concepts, because combustors are made for natural gas.	Power cycle with gas turbines designed to incorporate CO <sub>2</sub> capture at elevated pressure. High CO <sub>2</sub> partial cross-coupling or tandem coupling of two gas turbine cycles



# Aim and Scope of WP 5

- “Technology evaluation, cost and **efficiency estimations**, environmental impact, power cycles”



## Potential Impact

- **Reduction of the efficiency penalty of CO<sub>2</sub> capture for power plants**
  - **phase change solvents (WP1)** with the ability to minimise energy requirement both in the capture plant and in the CO<sub>2</sub> recompression train
  - **combined SO<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> removal WP3** - process intensification and debottlenecking from performance limitations
  - **polymeric and ceramic membranes (WP4)** -inherently low efficiency penalty
  - Combined with and integrated into **novel power cycles concepts (WP5) resulting in highly efficient configurations** (energy penalty <4% points)
- **Substantial decrease in capture cost**
  - reduction in capital and operational costs through **simplified, more compact and intensified capture plants**, and reduction in fuel cost through **more efficient highly integrated processes**

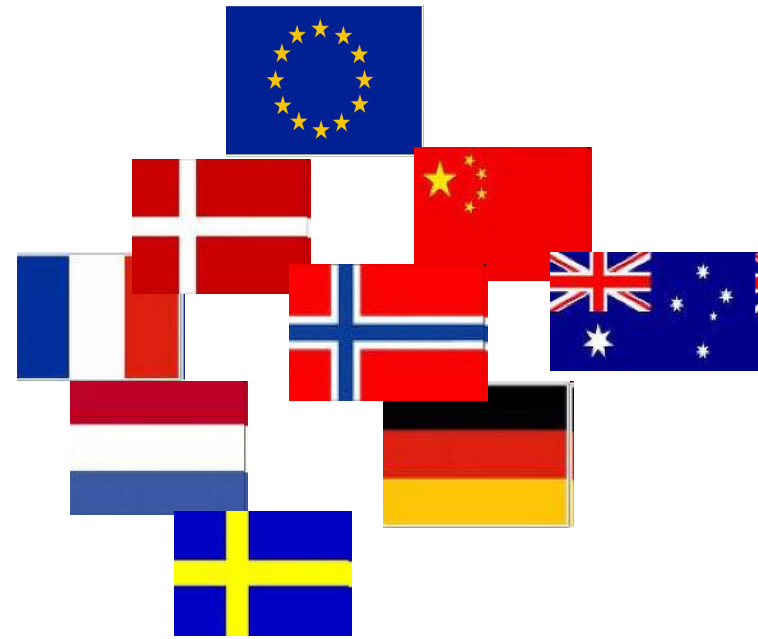
# Project Overview

## Consortium

RTD providers	CSLF partners	End-Users
NTNU TNO SINTEF IFP DTU TUHH ARMINES PROCEDÉ	CSIRO THU	DONG VTF AB VTF AS VTF R&D EnBW

## Summary

- 15 partners
- 8 nationalities
- Total Budget 6.3 M€
- EC Funding 4.3 M€
- About 90% Financed
- Duration 48 Months
- Starting Date 01.01.10
- Kick off 17-18 of February 2010





## EU–China Workshop on Innovative CCS Technologies Beijing, China, 19–20 September 2011

### From Fundamental R&D to Large-Scale Demonstration and Technology Deployment

Under the auspices of the iCap project and other EU funded R&D projects, jointly organised by the Norwegian University of Science and Technology and Tsinghua University.



**NTNU – Trondheim**  
Norwegian University of  
Science and Technology

*Workshops Announcement and Invitation*

## Scope and Objectives

### EU–China Workshop on Innovative CCS Technologies

An EU–China Workshop on Innovative CCS Technologies will be held in Beijing hosted by Tsinghua University on Monday and Tuesday 19 and 20 of September 2011. The event is organised under the auspices of the Seventh Framework R&D programme funded by the European Commission.

The workshop aims to present recent advancements on carbon abatement technologies and disseminate results obtained from collaborative R&D activities between Europe and China within the EU funded projects iCap, CACHET II, CO2PipeHaz. The event will also bring together other on-going joint EU–Chinese CCS related initiatives, major Chinese R&D and demonstration projects and will form a unique knowledge sharing event for academia, R&D actors and industrial stakeholders active in the area of CCS. The conference is organised in conjunction with the CSLF Ministerial Meeting and will provide an excellent opportunity for promoting R&D results and interact with policy makers.

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The workshop will address critical areas of R&D currently being the focus of Sino-European collaborative activities such as:

- Phase change solvents and processes for post combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture
- Combined capture of CO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>
- High and low temperature membrane processes for CO<sub>2</sub> capture
- Fundamentals of CO<sub>2</sub> capture techniques
- Integration and techno-economic evaluations
- CO<sub>2</sub> transport challenges



#### Venue

The event is hosted by Tsinghua University and will take place in Wenjin Hotel, Tsinghua Science Park, Beijing, China.

#### Participation

The event will be open for participation with a limited numbers of attendees up to 150–180. For more information please check out the project website for the upcoming announcements:

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#### Tentative Workshop Programme

<p>Monday Sept 19, 2011 0900–1200</p> <p><b>SESSION 1: Workshop Opening and General Addresses</b></p> <p><b>SESSION 2: R&amp;D Project outlines</b></p>	<p>Monday Sept 19, 2011 1300–1700</p> <p><b>SESSION 3: Phase change solvents</b></p> <p><b>SESSION 4: Fundamentals</b></p> <p><i>DINNER</i></p>
<p>Tuesday Sept 20, 2011 0800–1200</p> <p><b>SESSION 1: High &amp; Low temperature membranes</b></p> <p><b>SESSION 2: CO<sub>2</sub> transport challenges</b></p>	<p>Tuesday Sept 20, 2011 1300–1700</p> <p><b>SESSION 3: Integration and techno-economic</b></p> <p><b>SESSION 4: International Pilot and demo activities</b></p>

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