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## Abstract

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## Introduction

The overall increase in human activities and their dependence on fossil fuel consumption has resulted in unprecedented levels of environmental degradation (1,2). Since the industrial revolution, scientists have recorded a steep increase in human-induced carbon dioxide emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>) in the earth-atmosphere-ocean system (3) resulting in an overall global temperature rise of 1.2 Celsius (4). This CO<sub>2</sub> increase has resulted in the rapid advancement of climate change and its associated environmental, social and economic impacts. To address this issue a range of climate mitigation policies and strategies have been implemented stimulating the development of related technologies to mitigate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) technologies have, since the 1990s, received increasing attention from political, industrial and research focused stakeholders who envision that the technology could play a crucial part in addressing climate change (5,6). The promise of CCUS technologies has been presented as enabling both the capture of CO<sub>2</sub> at the point of emission as well as the extraction of CO<sub>2</sub> already released into the atmosphere. Once captured, it has been projected that some CO<sub>2</sub> could be reutilised to produce different materials and what was left could be stored in underground geological formations (7).

62 This emphasis on CCUS as a climate mitigation option is manifested in how CCUS  
63 technologies have started to be promoted as a key component in the climate mitigation  
64 policies of the three biggest emitters, the European Union, China and the United States.  
65 These three emitters together accounted for 52.5% of the global yearly CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in  
66 2017 (8) and 59.7 % of historical emissions (9). This policy focus has resulted in a range of  
67 initiatives including subsidies (10), trading schemes (11) environmental directives (12),  
68 research funding (12,13) and tax credits (14) that have been implemented in the last decade to  
69 support several CO<sub>2</sub> mitigation strategies including the development of CCUS.

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71 The realisation of these projects has however been slow to materialise. Although the  
72 component processes exist (6), CCUS as an integrated system is still a long way from  
73 significant contribution to national and global emissions mitigation targets. For example,  
74 whilst in 2019 34Mt of CO<sub>2</sub> ~~per year~~ were captured globally, that is still only around 1% of  
75 what is estimated to be needed by 2030 if the 2-degree target is to be met (15) Furthermore,  
76 43% of all CCUS projects since 1995 have been cancelled or put on hold, and for larger  
77 projects that number increases to 78% (15,16).

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79 These challenges of CCUS have led to increasing scepticism about what role it could and  
80 should play in climate mitigation policies. The potential of CCUS as a viable technology to  
81 mitigate climate change has been critiqued as the technology so far has been slow to develop,  
82 encompasses many risks (15,17) and many projects use technologies such as enhanced oil  
83 recovery that increase the total carbon emissions (18). It has also been questioned whether  
84 CCUS can be separated from capitalist and social processes that are underpinning climate  
85 change (19) and whether it will result in fossil fuel lock-in (20). This scepticism has been

expressed by the lay public concerning storage risks, uncertainties and concerns regarding the long-term efficacy of CCUS in mitigating climate change (21,22).

The extensive debates and challenges facing CCUS technologies demonstrate climate change mitigation as a wicked problem that involves a multifaceted range of interconnected social, technical, political and economic issues (23,24). Individual CCUS projects themselves are complex and shaped by multiple technical, financial, political and social factors. To inform policies and debates about the future of CCUS in climate mitigation policies it is necessary to acquire a better understanding of the “wicked” nature of CCUS technologies.

One aspect of CCUS projects that has received increasing scholarly attention is how the “public” and “communities” have responded, resisted, and accepted the deployment of CCUS technologies (25–27). Whilst the impacts and outcomes of CCUS projects may be formed by a range of factors, the abandonment of several CCUS projects due to public opposition (30–33) has instigated the development of a significant body of literature on how social factors and community contexts influence the deployment of CCUS technologies (34–37).

Pluralism of opinions is essential for democratic processes, as, through the expression of diverse voices and social interactions, societal conflicts can become more apparent and accessible to everyone (41,42). Furthermore, communities are important social spaces to study in themselves, as they can play an important role in peoples’ knowledge development through social learning. Learning is a social process that takes place inside a social system (43), thus it is important to look at the implications it has on knowledge development amongst the different actors involved in CCUS projects. However, whilst a lot of the focus on social acceptance and communities emerges from concerns about resistance to CCUS

111 projects, resistance is not necessarily problematic in itself. Several scholars have suggested  
112 that disagreement has great value in environmental issues and should be welcomed and  
113 embraced as it promotes pluralism in opinions (38,39). Ho (40) suggested that for the  
114 disagreement to be fruitful there need to be mutual respectful discussions amongst all actors,  
115 as found in (39).

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117 Although the interest in social acceptance of CCUS technologies developed as a result of  
118 community resistance, and thus was deeply intertwined with specific community contexts and  
119 social dynamics, much research tends to focus on more general aspects of CCUS. For  
120 example, research has been conducted to map out awareness and understandings of CCUS  
121 amongst the public and key stakeholders (34,44–48); to examine how particular factors such  
122 as trust, economic interests and cultural worldviews shape risk and benefit perceptions (49–  
123 52); and to probe how media framings shape perceptions (53,54). Whilst these studies have  
124 provided many insights into dynamics that influence lay perceptions, they do not pay  
125 sufficient attention to the multidimensional social, political, technological and economic  
126 aspects of community acceptance of CCUS (55). This is particularly problematic as CCUS is  
127 a bundle of different processes and technologies with a plethora of alternative mechanisms  
128 that all have their advantages and disadvantages (17,56–58).

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130 In order to understand the processes that shape perceptions of CCUS, it is essential to refocus  
131 and learn from context-specific research and place-based approaches to CCUS projects. This  
132 will allow a more comprehensive understanding of the role local social context and  
133 particularities of CCUS projects have in shaping how new technologies are adopted, rejected,  
134 resisted, and enforced. Our initial scoping of the community acceptance literature identified a  
135 fragmented body of interdisciplinary work with limited coherence or cohesion around the

contribution of social factors to the outcomes of CCUS projects. To address and understand this fragmentation, we drew inspiration from the growing literature on meta-narrative systematic approaches that “*treat conflicting findings as higher-order data*” (59)(p.420), in order to explore the underlying factors that result in different findings.

This meta-narrative review seeks to make sense of the existing research body on how communities have responded to specific CCUS projects to inform a better understanding of how communities respond to and are impacted by the increasing global policy push for the implementation of CCUS technologies.

Our review identified three key themes within the literature, namely: a) what is meant by communities, b) how is acceptance defined, and c) how are impacts perceived. These themes are explored here following a brief description of our review method. We then go on to consider the implications of our findings for the planning and implementation of international CCUS projects.

## Methods

We conducted a systematic meta-narrative review of peer-reviewed publications considering community acceptance and social impacts of CCUS projects. A meta-narrative systematic review focuses on sense-making of the research literature rather than providing a catalogue of findings (60). It is particularly useful for examining diverse strands of research methods and conceptualisations in order to “*expose the tensions, map the diversity and communicate the complexity*” in the field (59) (p.427). To help guide the analysis, meta-narrative reviews use the six guiding principles of pragmatism, pluralism, historicity, contestation, reflexivity, and

peer review (61). Please see the supplementary material (S1) for how we operationalised these principles.

The review consisted of four phases in accordance with the meta-narrative method: search, mapping, appraisal, and synthesis phase (59). Throughout these phases, we sought to implement the meta-narrative principles. This resulted in two key adjustments to our initial approach. The first adjustment we made was to focus on research that was related to site-specific projects. This was partly the result of feedback from partners working on specific CCUS projects who considered such a review more relevant for their work. It was further informed by reflecting on the initial scoping of the literature that, as mentioned above, indicated the importance of examining how CCUS projects play out in a complex local context. As our analysis developed, we realised that research into CCUS was still comparatively new and that the interdisciplinary nature of much of the research meant that links to particular research paradigms were somewhat tenuous. In view of this we made a second adjustment to the review method to focus on areas of contestation rather than to trace out how they had been formed by particular research traditions.

During the scoping of the review it became evident that several terms have been used for different aspects of carbon capture technologies such as Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) and Carbon Capture Transport and Sequestration (CCTS) (6). This diversity of terminology is also evident in the reviewed literature. As it is not the purpose of this review to differentiate similarities and differences between these terminologies, CCUS is used as a catch-all term when referring to the range of technologies in the field. Similarly, we recognise that CCUS projects will be at different stages of development, ranging from pilot projects to fully commercially operating projects. More details on the projects covered in this paper can be

seen in the exclusion/inclusion criteria in the included supplementary material S2. Here, we briefly describe our approach to each of the four phases of the review, before going on to present and discuss our results.

## Search phase

In the search phase, we conducted an initial scoping review to familiarise ourselves with pertinent literature on CCUS. This allowed us to identify areas not considered in the literature and differing conceptualisations around the topic of CCUS technologies, community awareness and acceptance. Our different epistemological and expert backgrounds facilitated awareness and consideration of a diverse selection of publications. In contrast with other systematic reviews, the principle of reflexivity and pragmatism in meta-narrative reviews encourages an iterative search approach. This allowed for publications from a range of research traditions and different perspectives to be included, allowing the inclusion and exclusion criteria, and digital search strategies, to be adjusted during the search phase to reflect our engagement with the extant body of research. The search phase consisted of systematic searches using key phrases as well as forward and backwards referencing from articles. The database search terms included combinations of the terms carbon capture, storage, communities, utilisation, risks, benefits, impacts, public, and awareness. The exact search terms and dates can be seen in the supplementary material (S2 & S3). At the end of the search, we identified 53 research sources (see Figure 1).

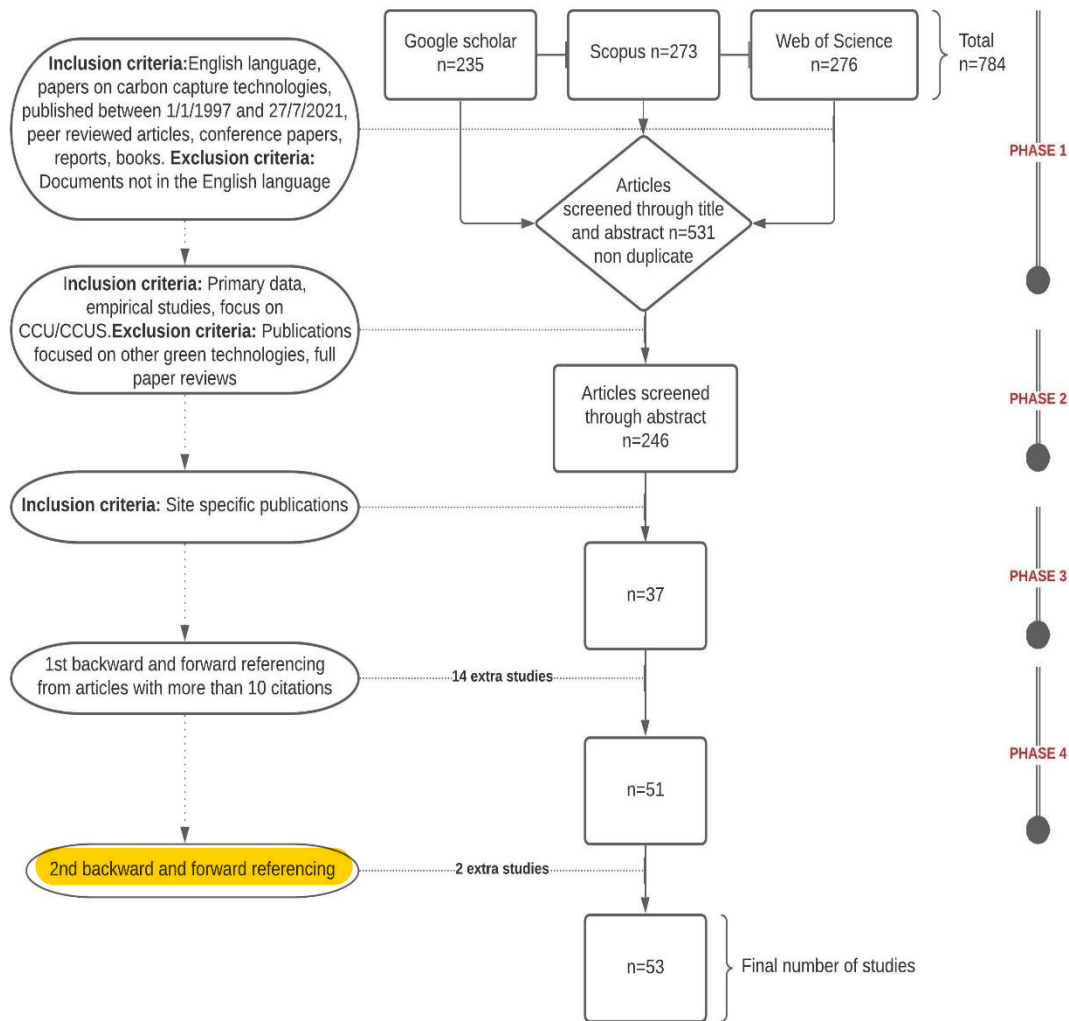


Figure 1 Identification of sources

## Mapping phase

In the mapping phase, from the total of 53 papers, we thematically analysed only papers that had been cited more than 10 times (n=27) in Google Scholar, to identify commonalities and differences in the types of research questions, methods and theoretical frameworks used. We drew out the key findings to map out similarities and differences and started to trace some of the research limitations and areas not considered in the literature. During this phase of analysis, we found that acceptance, community, and impacts were concepts that had shaped the key research questions, conceptualisations, and findings. We, therefore, decided that the review's sense-making focus should be on these three areas of contestation. In addition, we



identified scope for greater theoretical and methodological engagement with the broader literature on community, acceptance, and impacts.

## Appraisal phase

In the appraisal phase (62) the data was first extracted from the 53 papers in NVivo ((version 20) 2020). Each paper was coded for findings and discussion related to acceptance, communities and impacts as well as for location, methods and project and policy recommendations. The quality of the papers was evaluated in line with the meta-narrative approach: we did not prioritise particular methodological approaches as more valid than others as different research paradigms will have different standards for what makes high-quality research. Instead, we appraised the research based on the methodological and theoretical framework used. In the end, we did not exclude any papers based on a lack of quality, which may be a reflection of our limiting the review to peer-reviewed papers.

## Synthesis phase

Finally, in the synthesis phase, we drew on the coded data to identify nine dimensions of community acceptance and CCUS demonstration sites. We grouped these dimensions under the areas of contestation we as a team agreed they related to the most, recognising that all the dimensions and areas of contestation often overlapped and were interrelated. To identify and explore these dimensions we looked at how the research body had conceptualised them, what commonalities and differences existed between research approaches, and notable limitations and omissions in the research and evidence presented.

## Results

### Overview

We reviewed 53 peer-reviewed papers (see supplementary material S4 for details) reporting empirical evidence from studies on community impacts and social acceptance of CCUS-projects published between 2009 and 2021. We observed no discernible trend in publication rates by year (see Figures 2 and 3). This may be due to several papers referring to more than one site, and some sites being more researched than others. Figure 4 shows the 53 reviewed papers and their associated CCUS study site(s) locations together with the number of papers relating to each individual CCUS site by country. This demonstrates the predominance of the study of Euro-American culturally situated communities. We could not locate any studies of communities in emerging economies such as nations in China, Africa, India or the Middle East adherent to our review inclusion criteria.

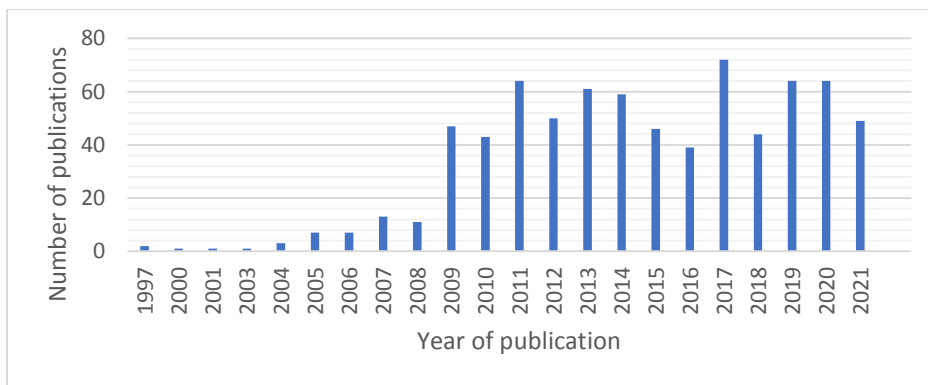


Figure 2 Bibliometric analysis according to study's criteria in phase 1

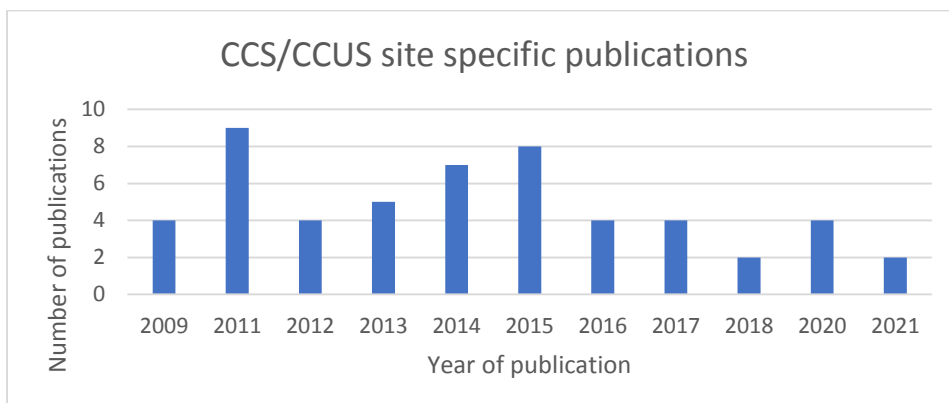


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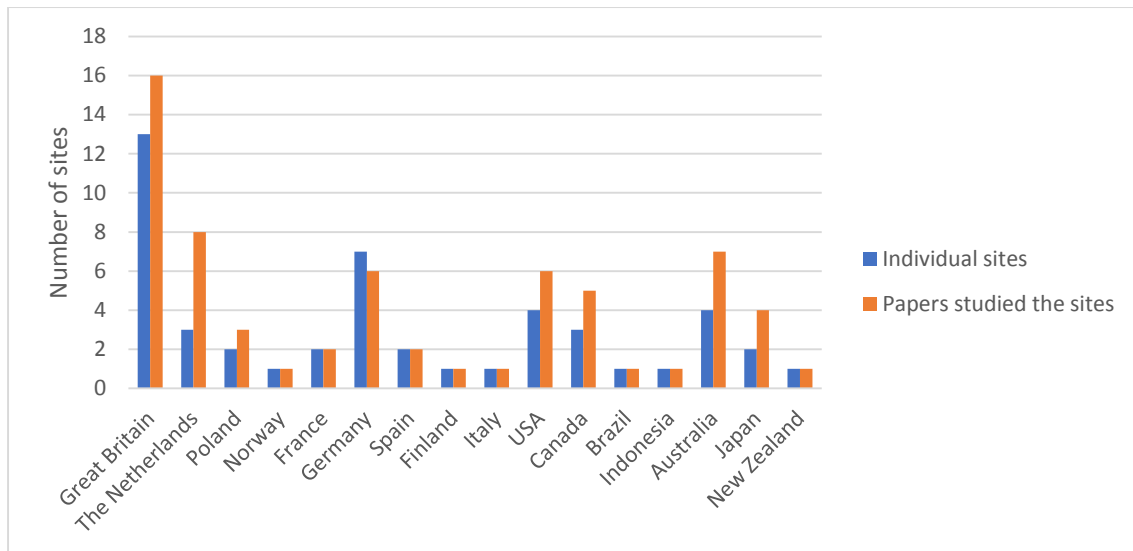


Figure 4 Number of CCUS sites per country

All the papers reviewed included some primary data. A small number augmented primary data with the use of secondary data. The majority of the papers, 42 (79%), reported qualitative research, seven (13%) described their methods as qualitative and quantitative, two (4%) as mixed methods and two (4%) as quantitative. We found a general lack of specificity in the papers reviewed. For example, communities were described as local, but the exact locality was not designated. Many studies referred to research participants as community residents but did not define the boundaries of the residential area studied. Similarly, 23 of the 53 papers did not specify which aspects of CCUS processes were studied. Interestingly, some CCUS processes were more researched than others. Whilst 25 papers referred to storage, only two considered transportation and three referred to utilisation (Figure 5).

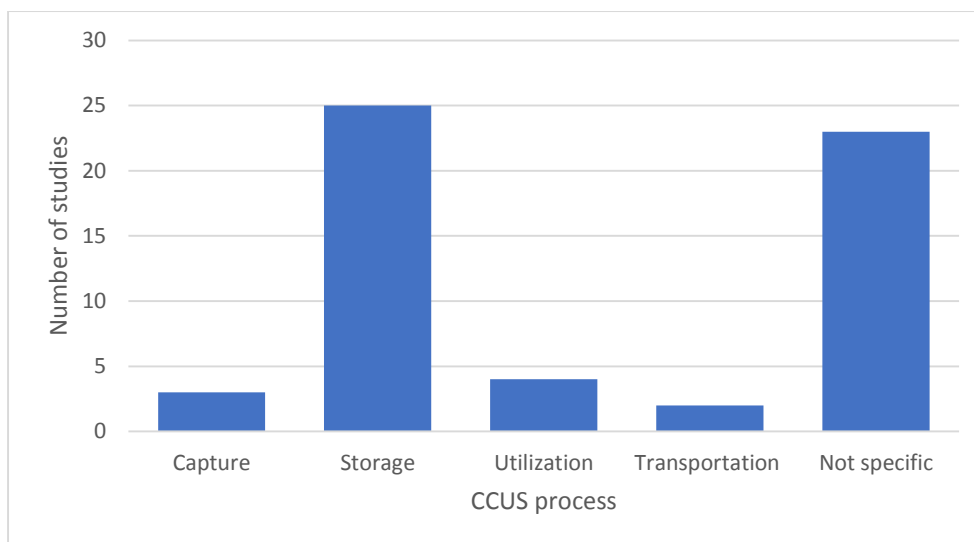


Figure 5 CCUS and the different components studied

In addition to this lack of specificity, we identified a lack of research participant diversity in the studies reviewed. Research examined the outcome of community engagement with only very limited evidence of community members having been involved in the research design or dissemination. From the 53 studies, we identified only one study (63) that explored public participation. Most of the research participants were adults of working age, with only rare mentions of elderly or young adults, children, or youth community members (64,65). Other than a study conducted in a low socio-economic status in the United States by (66) we found no direct involvement of marginalized, underrepresented and minority groups, such as faith-based, ethnic, homeless and economically disadvantaged community members.

Our meta-narrative review identified acceptance, community, and impact as three key areas of contestation in the research literature. We found that how each of the papers approached and used these terms shaped how they conceptualised the problem, the type of research questions they asked, the methods they used, the findings they arrived at and the recommendations they promoted. Within each of these three main areas of contestation, we identified a further three dimensions (giving nine dimensions in total) illustrative of the

underlying dynamics that had shaped understandings of acceptance, community, and impacts, as summarised in Figure 6. The following section presents our considerations of each of these nine dimensions of the three contestations: acceptance, communities and impacts.

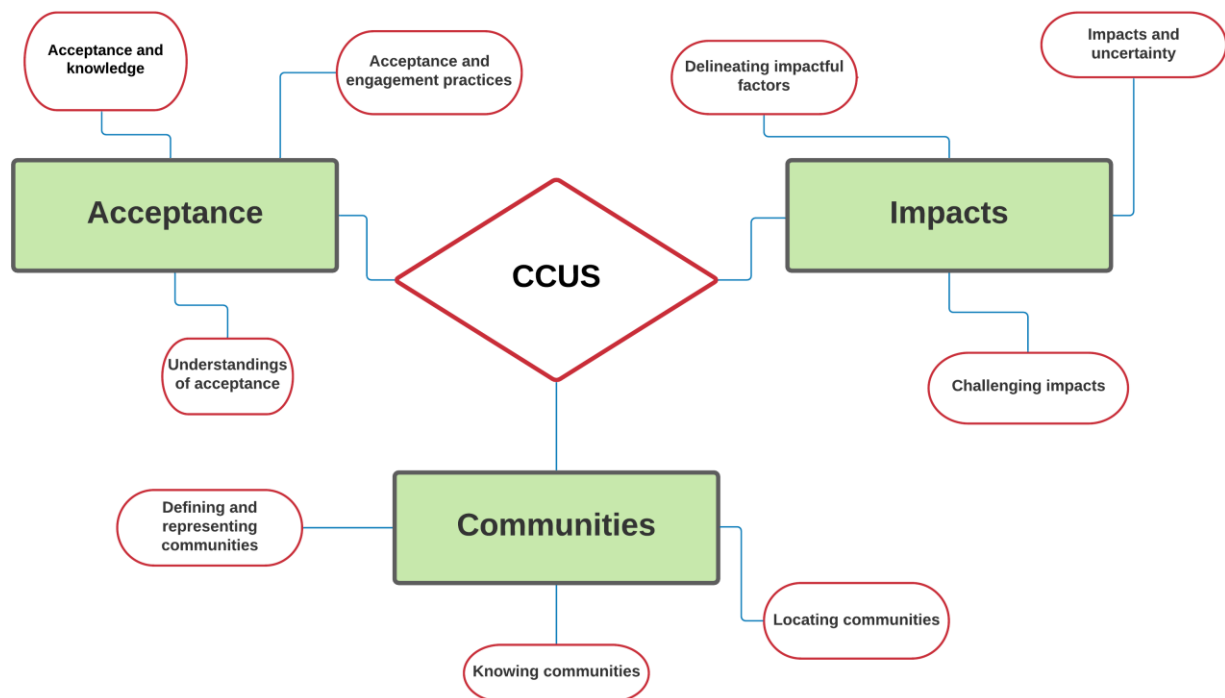


Figure 6. Review themes and sub-themes

## Acceptance

Whilst community and social acceptance of CCUS technologies were generally considered to be important for the successful implementation of CCUS projects throughout the papers reviewed, we found a wide range of understandings around what is meant by acceptance, how it should be achieved, and what purpose it should play in the wider project. How ‘*successful acceptance*’ was conceptualised had implications for CCUS project evaluation, the type of engagement practices that might be recommended, and the social factors deemed to be important in achieving those goals. To illustrate these tensions, we examine three key

315 dimensions of acceptance related to contestations about how acceptance is conceptualised,  
316 the contribution of engagement to achieving acceptance, and the role social knowledge plays  
317 in the project.

## 318 319 Understandings of acceptance 320

321 The first key dimension of acceptance is how it is conceptualised and understood as a term.  
322 One of the most common understandings of acceptance in the reviewed papers was as passive  
323 resistance indicated by a lack of publicly visible resistance. For example, the absence of  
324 public protests was interpreted as an indication that a project was accepted “*or at least quietly*  
325 *tolerated*”(65)(p.6235). When surveys found a willingness to sign petitions against a specific  
326 CCUS project this was seen as a sign that the community did not accept the deployment of  
327 CCUS (26). Acceptance was sometimes understood as consensus amongst established  
328 groups, for example where the interests of relevant stakeholders within a particular policy  
329 framework had aligned and thereby eliminated any visible opposition (66). A lack of  
330 visibility of all social groups, including marginalised and under-represented voices, has been  
331 assumed as acceptance.

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333 This implicit assumption of acceptance is interesting. In several of the papers reviewed what  
334 is meant by “*observed acceptance and resistance*”(67) (p.403) is not clearly detailed. Whilst  
335 local, social, and public acceptance may be mentioned several times (e.g. (68)), it is not  
336 always clear why a lack of public resistance is considered to indicate social acceptance. This  
337 lack of clarity might be due to the policy-focused context these papers emerge from. Within  
338 the policy context of CCUS, and other renewable energy technologies, acceptance is often  
339 conceptualised as a top-down process whereby energy infrastructure projects are “*gifted*” to  
340 local communities who are expected to passively accept and tolerate them (69). Seen from

this perspective the purpose of community acceptability research is to devise engagement strategies and practices that can ensure passive community tolerance of the project.

Although most of the literature approached acceptance as a lack of resistance, there were a few studies that contested this approach. One study of a project in Otway, Australia (61) found that some local communities could not access proper information about the project and did not have the resources to negotiate and engage with the project partners. This resulted in passive acceptance from the community as they did not have the capabilities to make their voices heard. Consequently, even when the project started to disrupt their businesses and cause some personal injuries, it did not result in open protest despite increasing dissatisfaction with the project (61). Similar issues were found in a piece of research that compared how two communities near Sacramento, California with different material and social resources reacted to a CCUS project (64). They found that the community that was socially and economically disadvantaged had the same concerns about the potential risk of the projects as the more affluent community, but the disadvantaged did not expect to have their voices heard when addressing these issues due to a sense of disempowerment (64).

Some papers found it important to consider how to move beyond passive tolerance and acceptance of projects. One suggested approach was to focus on capacity building of the local communities so that they were able to fully access all relevant information about the project and so that they were supported in their efforts to influence how the project is carried out and negotiated (61). Another example of how this could be done was the ZeroGen project where a partnership consultation process was established in the planning phase and legal and technical resources were provided to the involved indigenous communities to increase their capacity to influence the project. This consultative process consequently led to a sense of partnership

between the indigenous communities and the project team. Although there could still be disagreements the consultation was conducted in an atmosphere of trust (70). These findings resonate with other research that indicated that communities that feel empowered by their capacity to influence projects and mitigate any potential risks are more likely to accept pilot projects (71).

Our review found that there was scope to engage more critically with how acceptance is conceptualised and understood by the project partners. Looking at the wider policy discourse on climate mitigation and adaptation, the concept of communities as passive recipients of climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives goes against many United Nations (UN) agreements, ranging from the Aarhus Convention that guarantees the right to information, participation, and justice in relation to environmental decision making (72) to the more recent Paris agreement that emphasises the importance of participatory approaches, local knowledge systems and the rights of communities and vulnerable groups (73).

This emphasis on community-based and participatory research approaches also ties in with findings from the wider literature on climate change mitigation and adaption that has highlighted some of the limitations of top-down solutions (74,75). As climate change was initially mainly conceptualised to be a global problem much of the early approaches to tackling the issues relied on global models that could not take account of local complexities (76). This resulted in projects that implemented solutions that were ill-suited for the particular social and cultural context (77,78) and that produced mixed results with unexpected adverse political, social, and economic consequences (79). As a way to try to overcome these issues it has been suggested that more participatory and community-based approaches have the potential to empower communities (80–83), widen participation(84,85),



linking across scales (86,87), and better utilise local knowledge (83,87,88). This place-based approach does not mean that participatory methods are a panacea that can overcome all the complexities of climate mitigation and participation initiatives. There are still important questions that need to be examined about the efficiency, impact, sustainability of participatory methods (89–91) and it is still necessary to acquire a better understanding of the interlinkages between community processes and climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives (87,92). Nonetheless, a participatory process that seeks active community acceptance and support could be argued to be crucial to ensure the sustainability of climate change mitigation and adaptation. Also, although many of these lessons emerge from within the literature on climate adaption, there is still scope for engaging more with these findings when it comes to understanding the relationship between acceptance and climate change mitigation initiatives such as CCUS projects.

To conclude, although acceptance is mostly approached as a lack of resistance in the literature, this kind of approach has been contested by a minority of studies that emphasise the importance of community capacity building to enable a more active form of acceptance. We suggest that learning from the wider research and policy discourse on climate change and mitigation will enable a more robust understanding of the issues around how acceptance is approached as one aspect of meaningful community engagement practices.

#### Acceptance and engagement practices

In the literature, methods of engaging with communities and stakeholders were commonly understood to be crucial in relation to the implementation of CCUS technologies and issues with the engagement processes were often found to be at least one of the explanatory factors behind why projects might be abandoned (e.g. 26,28,65,66,68,93). However, we found some

417 contestation about what the aim and purpose of the engagement practices should be in the  
418 literature.

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420 The most common approach to engagement practices was that they should help facilitate and  
421 improve the likelihood of community acceptance of the CCUS technologies(e.g. 28,94–96).  
422 From this research perspective, one important element in shaping the engagement process  
423 was the timing of engagement. A lack of early engagement might be considered by some  
424 communities as an indication that their concerns were not being taken seriously, which might  
425 in turn increase resentment towards the project (28,97). As far as possible, communities  
426 should therefore be involved early in the process, allowing time for them to digest the  
427 information (67). Preferably the community should be engaged before any final decisions are  
428 made in terms of whether to implement the project at all, although that can be practically  
429 difficult to achieve (98).

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431 For a few papers, the purpose of engagement was not only important to facilitate acceptance  
432 but could also play a part in promoting wider social justice issues. In the literature, we found  
433 three interrelated notions of justice that were used to enhance the community engagement  
434 project, namely: procedural, distributional. and epistemic justice.

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436 Procedural justice refers to whether the decision-making process is fair, transparent, and  
437 participatory. This could refer to the timing of the community engagement as mentioned  
438 above and related to past experiences. For communities that had been through a consultation  
439 process for other industrial and environmental projects, there could be an expectation that the  
440 engagement process would be merely procedural (99). This could then result in a negative

circle where a perceived lack of procedural fairness resulted in reduced willingness to participate in community engagement initiatives (93).

Distributional justice relates to how fairly and equitable the benefits and risks of CCUS projects are distributed across different communities. In the literature, there were some cases where the issues of distributional fairness were found to have an impact on how communities perceived projects. This concern was tied in with spatial dimensions. For example in connection with a project in Queensland where the CO<sub>2</sub> would be used for enhanced water recovery, members of the communities raised concerns about how the unequal spatial distribution of risk in terms of CO<sub>2</sub> leakage and the benefits of improved water levels would benefit some whilst disadvantaging others (29). Similar concerns were found in a study looking at community responses to new energy projects in Ontario, including a CCS project in Alberta. Here the rural Ontario communities' considered that they had to shoulder most of the risks of new energy whilst urban centres would receive most of the benefits from the energy projects (93). Concerns about project motives were also found to contribute to a sense of unfairness in how the benefits and risks were understood. For example, there could be scepticism towards whether the project was about addressing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions or facilitating capital accumulation for project partners (93). This focus on distributional justice informs the policy focus on '*just transitions*' that seeks to ensure that communities and workers are not left behind or disadvantaged in the transition away from carbon-intensive industries (100).

Epistemic justice goes beyond distributional and procedural concerns to consider how people may feel marginalised and excluded when it comes to shaping the types of questions that are being asked and accessing the knowledge that is being created in CCUS projects (101). Community participants were sometimes found to express notions of epistemic injustice if the

CCUS project was seen as being part of a bigger policy where it was assumed that widespread CCUS deployment would and should happen (101). For example, in the Barendrecht project, questions about the necessity of CCUS and potential alternatives were deemed irrelevant and suppressed during the community engagement (102). This led to increasing public resistance against the projects that made the project politically problematic and ended with the abandonment of the project (102).

Whilst these notions of procedural, distributional and epistemic justice highlight important factors that can shape community impacts and acceptance, we found few examples of how to overcome these issues. One approach to addressing them was by seeking to use particular forms of community engagements such as “*deliberate engagement process*” and “*deliberative workshops*” (103,104). Such approaches would focus on active listening, the co-creation of knowledge, and the inclusion of diverse views from communities and stakeholders with the hope that, by seeking to foster collaboration, power imbalances between the local community and project stakeholders might be addressed (103,104). Although using more collaborative engagement processes is promising in terms of addressing some issues of injustice, it is still unclear to what extent they would be able to deal with procedural, distributional, and epistemic justice concerns. In the wider literature on climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives, there has been criticism of the notion that project practices, no matter how well-intended and how much they seek to be participatory, can end up being symbolic, ignoring structural inequalities and the ways communities may be shaped and influenced by political, social, economic, and environmental factors beyond their control (75,77,105–107).

490 To sum up, although there was agreement in most papers that the practices of engaging  
491 communities could play a role in shaping acceptance, the scope and aim of community  
492 engagement practices differed in the literature. Whilst some only focused on the timings and  
493 content of the community engagement practices (e.g., (26,108,109)) other papers  
494 conceptualised the scope in much wider justice terms (e.g. (29,93,100,101)). It was however  
495 not always clear to what extent community engagement practices in themselves could address  
496 the range of issues and concerns that shaped community acceptance.

#### 497 498 Acceptance and knowledge 499

500 Another key dimension we identified was how the link between knowledge and acceptance  
501 was understood in the literature. One understanding of this was that what people knew, or  
502 thought they knew, about CCUS technologies shaped their attitudes towards it. From this  
503 perspective, the best way to facilitate acceptance was to identify what patterns of awareness  
504 and beliefs people had about CCUS projects (26) and to consider how best to inform people  
505 about the technology (102). In this approach community and stakeholder actors were  
506 conceptualised as the recipients of knowledge and information about CCUS and as group(s)  
507 that CCUS partners can learn how best to influence.

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509 However, there were a few papers that examined how the involvement of communities in the  
510 CCUS process could be beneficial in terms of contributing to what was termed as the ‘social  
511 learning’ of CCUS projects. Projects are often framed as part of a technical process, where  
512 scientific methods are utilised to establish objective facts that are to be communicated to the  
513 public and other stakeholders. However, the social learning approaches tie in with findings  
514 from social science that have questioned many of these assumptions (110,111). CCUS  
515 projects, like other technological developments, are characterised by many uncertainties (98)

and is “a process that is not just about learning technical facts, but also learning about other aspects of the technologies integration into society” (111) (p.6249).

A paper by (66) illustrates how a broader social framing of project scope could facilitate social learning. By examining three projects in the United States (US), United Kingdom (UK) and Japan they found that projects that moved beyond technological learning objectives also enabled lessons to be learnt regarding wider social factors as they relate to CCUS projects. For example, one paper found that the Yubari project in Japan had a technocratic focus as “the justification of the project, the overall goals and results and the project’s relationship with society have been presented almost exclusively on technical and economic grounds”(66)(p.299). This focus on establishing technical and scientific facts resulted in minimal community engagement with consequently little chance to learn about wider social aspects of CCUS technologies. In contrast, the FutureGen (US) and Longannet (UK) projects sought to look at broader social aspects such as acceptance, education and legal regulations. This allowed more comprehensive social learning lessons to be achieved, although there was still much scope for wider community engagement in these projects (66).

Similar issues can be found in the paper by (62) where they reflect on their own journey as dissemination experts in the CCUS field. They started with a narrow framing of the issues that resulted in a top-down approach that assumed that they as experts knew what the problem and its solutions were and that the “public” was nothing but a barrier lacking insight and understanding. Yet as they became more involved in projects, they realised that this approach did not “recognize all the complex socio-cultural aspects that support innovation and problem-solving at the social level” (62) (p.4839).

We identified a few practical suggestions for how to open up space for social learning that moves beyond an exclusive focus on technical expertise. One suggestion was to try to move towards approaches based on mutual learning patterns (62). To exemplify the benefits of this approach the researchers engaged with school children aged 9-10 and illustrated how this engagement had helped the researchers clarify the concepts they used whilst illuminating the wider social context of CCUS (62). Another suggested approach was to classify CCUS projects as “*unstructured problems*” (28) p. 6380. This approach would seek to open up for wider questions about whether CCUS is useful and how it compares to other technologies. It would also seek to create opportunities for more inclusive dialogues between stakeholders and communities with different beliefs and values (28).

Alongside these different understandings of knowledge, it is important to consider how and by whom knowledge is produced and used. This is an important consideration, as scholars have acknowledged, exploring the relationship between power and knowledge (112–114). In his writings, Foucault criticizes the paradigm that knowledge should only come from institutions-such as universities- with sciences holding the power of truth (115). In an attempt to address that issue, scholars have looked at participatory action research (PAR) as a platform to overcome the domination of knowledge associated with conventional research methodologies (112). PAR allows for a more democratic process of knowledge development through the voices and experiences of local people (116,117).

The role of knowledge in environmental governance has been discussed and explored by several environmental scholars including (118,119). There is increasing recognition of the importance of local communities and indigenous people and their associated knowledge systems to climate adaptation policy (103, 104). Indeed, both scholars and the

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have established the importance of knowledge generated by diverse knowledge systems in addressing climate change (114,120,121). Although the importance of indigenous people has been researched and acknowledged, the necessary policies and strategies are not in place to incorporate that knowledge in climate change policy development (114). This was also evident in our review where the experiences and knowledge of more marginalised communities were not represented or recognised nor used to build up more diverse ways of knowing and understanding the implications of CCUS technologies.

## Communities

As communities are considered to play a central part in the social acceptance of CCUS technologies, it is critical to examine what is meant by “*communities*”. We found that terms such as ‘community’ and ‘stakeholders’ were frequently used but rarely specified or defined. Given the importance placed on community acceptance, it was perhaps surprising that definitions of communities and how they might be represented were seldomly discussed in-depth, highlighting an area to be further developed in the CCUS project literature.

## Defining and representing communities

Our findings identified a range of approaches to defining communities. Some studies approached communities in terms of geographical boundaries centred on geographical locations (26,61,65), whilst others based their definition of communities and stakeholders around social interests in the project (70,122,123). Some used more ad hoc approaches such as equating the readership of the local newsletter with the community (108).

There were also several different ways to conceptualise who represented these communities. One common approach was to consider stakeholders associated with local government, Non-



594 governmental organisations (NGO's), academia, industries, and expert communities as  
595 representatives of their respective communities (62,123,124). Another approach referred to  
596 groups of, farmers, local residents, and landholders as being representative of the local  
597 communities (104,109). Others saw media as reflection and influencing community attitudes,  
598 centring part of their analysis on media discourses to reflect community concerns  
599 (65,68,104).

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601 Most studies provided no extensive description of how the communities had been defined nor  
602 why they had chosen particular ways of representing these communities. This produced  
603 analytical ambiguity. For example, in a study conducted in Priddis, Canada, participants were  
604 grouped as "*1) the general population of the area and 2) those who had a particular stake in*  
605 *the development or played a clear role in the opposition of the project*" (125) (p.190). It is  
606 not clear here whether a participant opposed to the project (Group 2) was also a member of  
607 the general population (Group 1) as all the interviewees were residents of the area too.

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609 This issue of definition hints at the complexity involved in studying communities. Notions of  
610 communities as simple, natural, discreet and static parts of the social world have been  
611 criticised for being based on unstated assumptions rather than a critical examination of what  
612 communities are in all their complexity (126). How communities are formed, contested,  
613 understood and experienced relates to a range of local and global social, economic, material,  
614 and political processes (127,128). Whilst communities are often studied and conceptualised  
615 as a single unit tied to place or interests, it has been highlighted that actors interrelate across  
616 networks that often transcend these imagined community boundaries (129). Furthermore,  
617 overemphasis on communities of place and interest fails to attend to ways in which micro-  
618 level interactions shape and rework these communities (130). This is challenging for CCUS  
619 projects as environmental issues tend to interlink and move across the scales of historically

constituted imagined communities (75,131,132)). How communities are defined, understood, and approached therefore also have implications for how community impacts and acceptance is made sense of in the reviewed literature.

#### Locating communities

Our review identified a specific issue related to how the link between CCUS processes and the location of the communities was conceptualised. CCUS technologies refer to clusters of interconnected industrial processes and developments that can take place across vast geographical regions, interconnecting with wider environmental, social, and economic processes. We were interested in what part of these industrial processes is focused upon when researchers locate and identify relevant communities to engage with. Our review suggests that the majority of the research focuses on the connection between community acceptance and the storage of CO<sub>2</sub> rather than other CCUS processes (See figure 6 in the results section). Transportation was the CCUS process studied the least with only two of the reviewed studies exploring transportation impacts.

This focus on the storage aspect of CCUS was often justified by referring to how many of the most (in)famous and impactful examples of community resistance have happened around suggested storage sites (e.g.(67,123,124) ). These approaches were linked to a goal-rational framework where communities are seen as risks and barriers that can disrupt CCUS projects at different stages (e.g., (68)). Papers that moved beyond the storage perspective included studies by (63,133,134) who explored the capture, utilisation and transportation aspect of CCUS. As mentioned in the discussion on acceptance, this fails to acknowledge justice and human rights issues of climate change mitigation initiatives and the potential for community participation to enrich social learning and project outcomes (111).

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647 Although the cases that have received most research attention have been storage projects  
648 abandoned due to visible public protest, this should not be assumed as an accurate reflection  
649 of all CCUS projects, nor does it mean that this pattern will replicate for all projects as some  
650 community responses will be contextual and/or determined by the conduct of the particular  
651 project. As CCUS covers a range of integrated and connected suites of processes, examining  
652 communities solely connected to one aspect of this technology (e.g., storage) may limit our  
653 understandings of underexplored but crucial aspects of community acceptance as it relates to  
654 any CCUS project.

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656 As discussed, communities can be conceptualised in a range of different ways, and it can  
657 therefore make sense to define communities dependent on the particular research context and  
658 framework. Consequently, research studies should utilise concepts of what a community is as  
659 determined by the place and particularities of that project, rather than on how this has been  
660 done in other projects with different sets of characteristics. For some CCUS projects where  
661 the storage element is central to the project aims it might make sense to focus on local  
662 communities near storage sites. In contrast, for projects comprising multiple aspects of  
663 **CCUS**, there is a need to engage with several different communities as each community  
664 might relate differently to the various processes encompassed within the project.

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666 *Knowing communities*

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668 Who has the knowledge to define, delineate and understand communities was another  
669 dimension that shaped the research literature. This dimension has wider procedural,  
670 distributional, and epistemic justice consequences as definitions of communities can have  
671 impacts on who is consulted in the process and how benefits and risks are distributed. In  
672 much of the research reviewed, it was the sole purview of the researcher to define, delineate

673 and determine the project relevant communities, suggesting a view of communities as  
674 distinct, unchanging, and clearly visible entities (65).

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676 There were however some other ways of understanding how to explore communities that  
677 move beyond the views of the researcher. For example, focus groups conducted at two  
678 potential CCUS project sites in England left it open for the participants to deliberate on how  
679 to define relevant communities that might be impacted by a potential CCUS project (94).

680 Within these discussions, complex understandings emerged of the relationship between  
681 specific parts of the CCUS technologies and who the relevant communities and stakeholders  
682 might be. So for example the participants considered that the local place-based community  
683 was important when it came to the capture of CO<sub>2</sub> whereas when it came to offshore storage  
684 the community were conceptualised at the national level (94).

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686 A similar approach was found in a paper focusing on how CCUS project experts approached  
687 the issues around engaging with and acquiring social license from relevant communities.  
688 Focus groups amongst experts uncovered the complexity involved in defining and locating  
689 the “right” kind of community to engage with. For example, the problematic nature of  
690 locating “local communities” when the storage site was located in far-away offshore storage  
691 sites was highlighted. Interestingly, a more utilitarian and goal-oriented approach was evident  
692 amongst the CCUS project experts in the study as they considered the ideal local community  
693 to be one that was sparsely populated as that would make community engagement more  
694 manageable (135).

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696 Who gets to define and know the communities ties into concerns about epistemic justice,  
697 what knowledge-making role communities should have in CCUS projects, and how best to

engage with communities. This question of who gets to define communities is interconnected with questions of definition and representation. As PAR aims to democratize research and give voice to the local people (136), it might be that PAR participants are the ones that define what community they are part of. Even if approaches draw on the knowledge of stakeholders and communities in defining relevant communities there are still questions about what communities and stakeholders' knowledge is sought out. Given the highly context-dependent and ever-transforming nature of communities as they relate to CCUS projects we cannot recommend a single correct answer to these questions. There will be many unknowns and complexities regarding who the communities might comprise. We argue that it is important to acknowledge and examine this complexity more thoroughly to achieve a better understanding of the nuances of interrelated communities.

## Impacts

Impacts emerged as one of the key areas of contestation that were seen as shaping the wider dynamics of community acceptance of CCUS projects. Although CCUS is often framed as a necessary and beneficial technology, like any other technology there can be potential risks that need to be taken into consideration when evaluating the impact (137,138). Risk can however also have positive connotations and be associated with potential rewards, benefits and opportunities as often seen within management and businesses (139). Although risks and benefits are sometimes approached separately they can be inversely related to each other, and interlink with different technological, health, business, financial, and environmental aspects of our daily lives (140–143).

How risk and benefits are perceived and contested can be considered to play an important role in shaping people's attitudes to technology, such as nuclear energy (144), renewable energy (145), as well as carbon capture and utilisation technologies (22). It is therefore

725 important to examine how impacts are conceptualised, made sense of, and dealt with in  
726 practice in CCUS projects.

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728 Delineating impactful factors

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730 A key dimension shaping how impacts were conceptualised in the papers reviewed concerned  
731 what kind of factors and dynamics might shape people's perspectives. All papers recognised  
732 that social factors played a role in people's understandings and perceptions of impacts. There  
733 were however some differences in the role these social factors were seen to play and how  
734 they related to other physical factors.

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736 Some papers took the position the impacts, and in particular the risks, of CCUS technology  
737 projects were material properties that can be accurately estimated through technical risk  
738 assessments (96) and delineated from social perceptions of risk (146). From this perspective,  
739 social factors can shape how these risks are perceived and made sense of, but they do not  
740 relate to the "objective" realities of these risks.

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742 Other approaches focus on the social construction of CCUS technologies and their impacts  
743 (28). In these approaches, impacts are inherently tied to different social factors and practices  
744 such as culturally embedded narratives (104) identity, history, social trust and economic  
745 context (147). It is therefore not possible to separate any objective material facts as these  
746 facts are inherently tied to social dynamics.

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748 These contestations about how to understand risk relate to wider debates where some argue  
749 that understanding risk is mainly an "objective" exercise where it is possible to calculate the  
750 probability for an action to take place and estimate the uncertainties around the consequences  
751 of that action (148,149). Yet others argue that risks and benefits cannot be narrowed down to

objectivist estimates that can then be communicated to unknowing publics. Instead, it is important to examine what factors, dynamics and contestations shape risk and benefit perceptions amongst different communities and stakeholders (150).

Regardless of how social and physical factors were delineated, most papers sought to identify particular important factors that had shaped people's perspectives on a particular CCUS project. These factors tended to relate to four key aspects of risk: 1) financial; 2) environmental; 3) health; and 4) socio-cultural. Often the perceived risk of CCUS projects stemmed from uncertainty regarding the technology used, lack of trust in the project owner, lack of technical knowledge, previous experiences with similar projects and technologies, and the lack of involvement in decision making (61,68,103,135).

How these different factors ended up shaping risk and benefit perceptions seemed to depend on the specific project context. Across the reviewed literature it was common for certain issues (e.g., financial and environmental) to be perceived both as a risk and as a benefit by different actors. This distinction often depended on the role of the respondent. The environmental dimension of risks and benefits is a good example of this distinction. One of the environmental benefits associated with CCUS is as a potential means of climate change mitigation as suggested by some participants (61,63,67). At the same time, the environmental dimension was perceived as a risk associated with groundwater and soil contamination, marine pollution, natural disasters, and impacts on biodiversity (71,95,104,147,151).

Another example of differing perceptions of risks and benefits is how financial aspects are often perceived as a risk to the implementation of large-scale CCUS projects by corporations and employees (66,133,146). Conversely, the potential economic transformation such large

scale projects can bring to an area might also be considered as one of the main benefits amongst communities (94). More specific factors might elicit different interpretations. In some cases, CCUS projects were seen as potentially damaging to local tourism and real estate values (Oltra et al. 2012), whereas in other project site locations with different local and social characteristics participants believed that CCUS would attract tourists and financial benefits for the community (65).

The characteristics of CCUS technologies may also influence people's perception of risk and benefits. As a high impact technology (152), characterised by spatially wide-reaching networks and potential social and environmental impacts across multiple scales, the risks and benefits profile presents some particular challenges as they can often be unequally distributed (153). These concerns links with concerns regarding CCUS and distributional and procedural justice. Some communities might feel they are being exposed to most of the risks whilst others reap the benefits (29,93) and ~~that~~ they are not being involved in decision-making processes that take place outside their communities (99,154).

In summary, whilst our findings identified a range of different types of factors that shape perceptions about impacts, be they economic, environmental, social, or health-related, how these factors play out in other specific contexts cannot be predetermined.

#### Impacts and uncertainty

How to deal with the uncertainties about the potential impacts, whether seen as benefits or risks, was another key dimension shaping research approaches. That different factors can be interpreted in multiple ways only covers part of the complexity involved in determining risks and benefits in CCUS projects. Examining the wider research on risk illustrates how people with different worldviews, identities and experiences will perceive risk differently (155).



804 These perceptions are formed by wider cultural structures (155,156). This tension again  
805 speaks to the difficulty of examining risk as an abstract concept that is shaped by different  
806 social factors and the notion of risk as physical reality with material properties (148).

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808 In CCUS projects, both risks and benefits are dynamic constructs that can change throughout  
809 a project (70,95). There are different risk and benefit associated dynamics for the various  
810 dimensions of CCUS, i.e., capture, storage, utilisation and transportation (22,157–159).  
811 Furthermore, it can be difficult to fully predict how the specific technologies interact with  
812 complex environmental processes. For example, the risk of CO<sub>2</sub> leakage (160), could have  
813 multiple implications in human health, biodiversity, and groundwater contamination  
814 (161,162). Whilst the focus might be on the immediate risk (leakage), the implications can be  
815 multiple, and their risk profile can be difficult to evaluate in isolation.

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817 The way the papers we reviewed approached this complexity differed. Some took a more  
818 technocratic view considering that given the potential risks and benefits is such a complex  
819 phenomenon it would be better to leave it to the technical, scientific, and social experts to  
820 deal with (96,163,164). From this perspective, it was recognised that communities' views on  
821 the impacts of CCUS projects were shaped in interaction with complex social-cultural  
822 processes and that risk perceptions do not relate to greater technical knowledge, but rather to  
823 other aspects such as familiarity with the technology, attitudes, emotions, and cultural  
824 differences (68,163). However, this was often understood as an added complexity to  
825 community engagement practices that seek to determine how best to communicate the expert  
826 views on project impacts in a way that did not lead to misunderstandings (67). A two-way  
827 communication approach with the communities was recommended, to build trust in the  
828 expert's ability to manage the impacts of the project (163).

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830 Other approaches put greater weight on the communities' ability to make sense of and  
831 contribute to complex understandings of the potential impacts of CCUS projects. For  
832 example, one study found that lay people provided with some basic information about the  
833 technology can comprehend and address complex issues associated with the risks and  
834 benefits of CCUS projects (165). In some studies, communities illustrated this complex  
835 understanding of the issue by recognising that there would always be risk involved with any  
836 kind of project (101,146). However, community recognition of the potential risks of projects  
837 did not necessarily result in a rejection of the project. Rather it raised further questioning  
838 about whether the project team recognised the limitations of their expert knowledge and had  
839 made adequate preparations to address any unexpected outcomes (98). When experts and  
840 laypeople participated together in citizens panels it was found that the two groups' risk  
841 perceptions converged after the panel meetings had taken place, illustrating how these  
842 meetings can also help develop experts knowledge about the potential impacts of projects  
843 (146).

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#### 845 Challenging impacts

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847 Many papers recognised that CCUS projects were often contested and that this related to how  
848 the potential impacts of the project were perceived. Whilst there were some examples of  
849 collaboration between experts and local communities, local communities often contested the  
850 information provided by the CCUS project partners. The potential risks, dangers and benefits  
851 were often found to be the main points of disagreement amongst companies and local  
852 community members. However, within the literature, there were different understandings of  
853 why these conflicts emerged.

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855 The most common approach was that these conflicts could be mitigated through  
856 communication and public engagement, raising the question of how best to communicate and  
857 engage with the community to alleviate these tensions. For example (67) reported that  
858 amongst five different projects they reviewed, the projects that involved early communication  
859 and outreach were the ones that experience the least resistance against them. Often that  
860 success was due to trust-building amongst companies and local communities, as the local  
861 public trusted that the project owners would take all the required risk and safety measures to  
862 ensure the smooth operation of the facility (102,166). On the other hand, companies often  
863 failed to establish any trust with the impacted communities, and what these companies  
864 reported as risk and safety measures were seen as inadequate by the public (29,64,99).  
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866 This emphasis on the importance of communicating and engaging constructively with  
867 communities when dealing with risk links to particular risk perspectives that situate risk in  
868 psychological characteristics. Within this tradition, risk perception is how we understand and  
869 acknowledge the risk. Risk perception has been studied both from a cognitive and an  
870 affective perspective (167–169), as well as a dual approach process where both cognitive and  
871 affective assessments are deliberated (170). Cognitive risk perceptions refer to logical and  
872 analytical decision making, whereas an affective risk perception is associated with emotional  
873 and heuristic-based decisions (171). In extension, (153) describe technological risk  
874 perception as the process where a person takes into account the “*physical signals and/or*  
875 *information about potential hazards and risks associated with a technology and the*  
876 *formation of a judgment about seriousness, likelihood, and acceptability of this technology.*”  
877 (p.293). That judgment is a combination of knowledge, values and feelings towards the  
878 technological risk (153).  
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This emphasis on communication and engagement regarding project risk was however not uncontested. A number of papers highlighted how procedural and distributional justice issues can play a role in creating discontent about the potential impacts of CCUS projects (e.g. 61,101,172). How impacts were distributed and perceived was related to the social capital of the communities together with their history of marginalisation and empowerment when similar projects had been proposed in their communities (64). Furthermore, if communities considered that the procedures leading up to the project had been unjust, it could also influence how they perceived the potential risks and benefits of the projects (26). Building on these arguments was the perspective that the power imbalance between local communities, companies, and the national government should be taken into account when analysing how and why conflicts emerged and how they impacted the outcome of CCUS projects (173). From these perspectives, it is not only a matter of creating the right kind of engagement, but also to recognise that how the distribution of impacts relates to wider patterns of social, economic, and political inequalities. How to address these issues then become a question of how best to promote procedural, distributional and epistemic justice rather than how to design best practice engagement strategies to communicate the particularities of the project.

To conclude, how impacts are perceived is often an area of conflict between the communities and the particular CCUS project. Although practices of community engagement and communication have been found to contribute to shaping understandings of impacts, to what extent they can be divorced from wider social justice issues remains contested.

## Discussion

Our findings illustrate the three main areas of contestation that emerged in the literature on site-specific CCUS projects and social acceptance. We drew out nine dimensions within these

areas to explore different approaches within extant work and identify areas for further investigation. In this section, we seek to synthesise the commonalities between these approaches to enhance our understanding of community acceptance and social impacts of CCUS projects and consider how these findings might inform future CCUS project practices.

The review found that although there were different and conflicting conceptualisations of community acceptance and impacts, there were still some areas with common ground. These areas of some agreement often tended to cluster around recommendations for community engagement practices for current and future CCUS projects. We identified three recommendations where there was partial consensus in the literature: 1) providing transparency; 2) acknowledging uncertainty; and 3) encouraging collaboration.

It is important to note that the rationale for these recommendations might be different depending on how community acceptance and impacts are approached. For example, if acceptance is conceptualised as a lack of resistance it might still be useful to provide transparency as that would reduce the chance of resistance. Similarly, if acceptance is understood as part of a wider social justice process, transparency can still make a contribution towards **more just transitions**. Furthermore, although at first glance transparency, uncertainty, and collaboration might be perceived as independent recommendations, there are numerous overlaps amongst them and often one leads to another. For example, lack of transparency may lead to more information uncertainty, and lack of collaboration might lead to lack of transparency. Vice versa, collaboration might lead to decreased levels of uncertainty and greater levels of transparency.

We also recognise that how exactly these recommendations can and should be interpreted and implemented will depend on the particular context, the project partners, and communities that are connected to particular CCUS projects. Some projects involve activities across several countries linking partners and communities with different cultural, social, and political characteristics that each influence what is possible in terms of community engagement. Nonetheless, these suggested practices can hopefully help inform beneficial community engagement.

## Transparency

Transparency was considered to be important as it signified open decision making, reduced concerns about corruption and made people and organizations accountable for their actions (174). Several reviewed studies reported that participants were concerned that either the government or the project owners were not being truthful with different elements of the project. Vattenfall's (Swedish energy company) site in Brandenburg, Germany, has been used in literature as an example of lack of transparency. Both politicians and the public requested safety-related information from the company, but Vattenfall did not provide them with such information (97). Individuals were concerned that the company would not publish the results from their exploration work (65), thus reducing their mode of transparency. Another example of lack of public transparency was Shell's project in Barendrecht, Netherlands, where both the government and the company were perceived as not being transparent about the costs, and impacts associated with the project (28,68). Both Brandenburg and Barendrecht projects were cancelled due to public opposition.

Whether a project is deemed to be transparent relates to how trustworthy the project partners are perceived to be and there is no single set of procedures that can guarantee certain outcomes. Nonetheless, the literature suggests that throughout CCUS projects, as much

information as possible about the different aspects of the project should be made visible to the public in an easily accessible manner (109). Importantly, this information should represent a diverse range of views on the piloted technology and the significance of the project(65). Diverse platforms that are accessible to a variety of groups within communities should be available to the public, e.g., virtual forums, local meetings and consultation events with independent facilitation. Through those platforms, contested questions and concerns can be raised and discussed in the open. These are examples of transparent practices to increase community awareness and acceptance of CCUS projects.

## Uncertainty

Any development of new technologies will involve some element of uncertainty. In other CCUS projects both expert and public uncertainty seems to have been associated with a lack of knowledge and understanding of the technical aspects of CCUS, as well as functions and processes of ecosystems and the natural environment. From an expert perspective, the uncertainty could be associated with the low technological readiness level (TRL) of CCUS, and the slow pace of development in contrast to that originally planned a decade ago (175). On the other hand, based on this analysis of pertinent literature, the public appears to be less concerned about how the technology works and more concerned about the unknown processes linking CCUS' potentially negative impacts on the natural environment and public health (97,151).

How this uncertainty is dealt with partly depends on how project processes are implemented. A project process that plays down uncertainties while promoting expert knowledge as the only useful way of knowing the world risks alienating impacted communities and stakeholders. Similar results may occur from project practices that ignore aspects of climate treaties and, most importantly, miss a learning opportunity to develop and improve the

outcomes of the technology. We suggest that recognising the uncertainties surrounding the technology and opening opportunities to learn from different stakeholders and communities will optimise the management of the inherent uncertainties of innovative CCUS projects.

## Collaboration

Our third and final suggestion is to design and engage in collaboration with communities. Despite the different perspectives on what the purpose of this collaboration should be, whether that is to promote the acceptance of a CCUS project (28), create social learning opportunities (66) or ensure social justice (101), there is some agreement that early and extensive engagement and collaboration are important. For example, if the purpose is to promote acceptance of CCUS, research indicates that engaging comprehensively with communities increases the likelihood of project success compared to projects that do not engage the public (65,103). Similarly, if the purpose is to promote social learning expanding collaboration and engagement activities might achieve this (63,68,111). Indeed, some studies demonstrated how a lack of collaboration and comprehensive engagement was seen to exacerbate social patterns of injustice and exclusion (61,64,93,172). Collaboration can thus not only play an important part in developing more comprehensive levels of community engagement, but it can also contribute to the avoidance of harm within communities impacted by the project. No matter whether these collaborative practices aim to encourage acceptance, social learning, or justice, it is essential to find ways of encouraging and enabling community involvement and collaboration.

## Conclusion

This meta-narrative review has examined research findings on community acceptance and the social impacts of Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) projects. 53 research



1011 papers were identified and analysed according to the meta-narrative principles of pragmatism,  
1012 pluralism, reflexivity, contestation, historicity, and peer-review.

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1014 We found that acceptance, community, and impact were key areas of contestation that had  
1015 been conceptualised and approached in a variety of ways within the literature. Our analysis  
1016 identified a further nine dimensions that illustrated the underlying dynamics shaping  
1017 understandings of acceptance, community, and impacts.

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1019 Although the literature highlighted some important aspects of community acceptance, impact  
1020 and CCUS projects, we identified areas for further investigation. Findings suggest this  
1021 emerging field of research would benefit from engagement with the wider research on  
1022 acceptance, community, and impacts, as well as place-based climate change mitigation and  
1023 adaption initiatives.

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1025 Although the geographical distribution of CCUS pilot projects was not the focus of this  
1026 review, it would be amiss not to mention it and expand on it. As shown in the results section  
1027 the majority of CCUS projects, in accordance with this study's inclusion/exclusion criteria  
1028 that did not consider geographical location, are found in North America, Australia and  
1029 Europe. India, China and Russia are three countries amongst many that no studies were  
1030 identified. That is very important to consider as these three countries are amongst the highest  
1031 CO<sub>2</sub> emitters in the world (9). Although there have been studies on the public's opinions and  
1032 awareness in China and Russia (176–178), these are not linked to specific CCUS pilot  
1033 projects. In the case of India, we did not identify any studies on CCUS and social acceptance.  
1034 Considering the cultural, historical, political, and social complexities that can shape

understandings of CCUS, it is important not to generalise findings from some regions as being applicable globally. Future CCUS research should focus on less explored communities.

Despite these limitations, there are still important lessons to be learned from this review. The relationship between community acceptance, impacts, and CCUS projects is complex, involving many different factors and practices in combinations that may be unique to each project. This means that it is not possible to prescribe precise solutions that will be universally appropriate for all CCUS projects nor is it possible to provide best practice guidelines to ensure particular outcomes. There was however some consensus around some recommended practices that could inform project and community engagement in current and future CCUS projects. These include the provision of transparency regarding the project, together with acknowledgement of the uncertainties and encouraging collaboration with local communities.

How these shared recommendations from the literature are made sense of and translated into specific project practices will depend on the particular project and we advocate a place-based approach. As demonstrated in the review there is a myriad of contested understandings of community acceptance and impacts at play in CCUS projects and they all tie in with wider social, political, and economical complexities. Nonetheless, our aspiration is that by synthesising the areas of contestation as well as the shared recommendation from the literature this review will help advise future project stakeholders and communities as to how to navigate community acceptance and social impacts in multi-faceted, challenging, and innovative projects.

| Principle           | Operationalization   |
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| <b>Pragmatism</b>   | The review was guided by the authors' understanding of what would promote sense-making concerning a CCUS project as well as time constraints. This pragmatic approach resulted in a gradual narrowing of the scope of the literature review from the initial focus on community acceptance and CCUS technologies in general to community acceptance in the context of specific CCUS demonstration sites. The particularities of the research design and aim of CCUS projects also mean that rather than focusing exclusively on the peer-review principle as something that happens before publication, we should aim for this literature review to be the start of an ongoing discussion and "invitation of critical comment from others" (59)(p. 28).  |
| <b>Pluralism</b>    | This principle refers to how simple universal solutions to complex problems seldom exist and that no single theoretical framework will enable a comprehensive understanding of the research findings that explore "wicked" and complicated problems. In practice, this meant that we included studies that used a plurality of methods and theoretical frameworks in their analysis, and we also kept the scope of the study wide enough to encompass research no matter what parts of the multidimensional CCUS process they focused on.  |
| <b>Reflexivity</b>  | Meta-narrative reviews is an iterative process that requires reflexivity throughout the process and a willingness to "continually reflect, individually and as a team, on the emerging findings" (166) (p. 7). One of the consequences of this reflexivity was that we moved away from the principle of historicity that explores research traditions as they unfold over time (166)(p.7). As our analysis progressed, we found that the social aspects of CCUS are a relatively new research topic in the social sciences with site-specific literature only starting to be published in 2009. See Figures 1 and 2 below. We, therefore, thought it would not add much to the sense-making of the body of evidence on the topic. This also resulted in a choice of taking areas of contestation as starting point to elicit sense-making which is a slight shift from other meta-narrative approaches that uses "'storied' accounts of the key research traditions" (59) (p.427) to make sense of the literature. |
| <b>Contestation</b> | This principle ended up being the starting point for our sense-making of the literature. As our review uncovered a range of findings and recommendations concerning community acceptance and CCUS projects that could seem contradictory we treated these "conflicting findings as higher-order data (59) (p.420) that could be used to move from "simple description" to "higher-level interpretation" (59) (p.428). Consequently, we found that conflicting findings and understandings of acceptance, community, and risk & benefits were central to how much of the research literature was shaped and we explored what we could learn from these differences.   |
| <b>Historicity</b>  | In meta-narrative reviews, the research is situated in the historical context in which it emerges to illustrate how it has been formed by different research traditions. In our bibliometric analysis, it was clear that the literature on CCUS projects had only started to be published recently in 2009. Examining the literature we furthermore also found that the papers were less shaped by well-established research traditions than was perhaps seen in other meta-narrative reviews (59,62). Given that the research into community acceptance and impact for CCUS projects are relatively new and given that these projects are often characterised by interdisciplinarity it is perhaps not surprising that research traditions are  |

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|                    | less entrenched than in other research topics. This does however not mean that the papers are not formed by particular research paradigms that influence what types of questions are asked and what research designs and methods are used (166). However, it did mean that we choose to focus on the areas of contestation rather than to trace out research traditions that are still only very vague in the field.  |
| <b>Peer-review</b> | Receiving critical feedback and reflections on the research is important in all academic work, but for meta-narrative research, it is particularly important as it seeks to cover a range of different research traditions (59). Throughout the process, we sought out feedback from a team of interdisciplinary experts on CCUS who could supplement our disciplinary expertise. We shared initial drafts, presented our findings, and had a range of formal and informal conversations about our research with these scholars. As our review indicated the idea of experts having a monopoly on knowledge relating to complex areas characterized by many unknowns is problematic, and we therefore also recognize that there are some limitations to this reliance on experts. However, we hope that this review can form the basis for starting an ongoing engagement with communities that might be affected by CCUS projects. |

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## S2: Search process

### Eligibility criteria and identification of relevant literature

To allow for a comprehensive literature search, four separate search phases were conducted. Each phase is described below and represented in Figure 3 in the results section.

#### Phase 1: Online searches

Three online databases were searched: Google Scholar, Scopus and Web of Science. 13 separate searches were performed in each database with the search dates range starting on 1/1/1997 and ending on the current date of each search. The starting date of 1/1/1997 was selected because that was the year the Kyoto Protocol was signed and before that point, any research on CCUS in connection with climate change was very limited.

The specific end dates can be seen in Appendix 1 together with the search terms.

As each search term could elicit thousands of results, the authors concluded to only screen the title and abstract of the first 200 papers sorted by relevance. We furthermore filtered the papers for the following criteria:

- Focus on perceptions, green technology, and carbon capture technologies.
- Available in the English language.
- Peer-reviewed journals articles, book chapters; reports and conference papers.

The exclusion criteria were:

- Not available in English.
- Grey literature such as editorials and opinion pieces. [This exclusion was done mainly due to resource limitations, and we recognize that by excluding other language resources and grey literature important perspectives and findings might not be included in this review and that this will also further the bias towards projects in Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries. We hope in the future to be able to engage more with learning experiences from other similar projects, especially the ones that are part of Horizon 2020 and from geographical areas not covered in this review].

Each search was saved in the respective database for future reference. From this first search phase, 784 publications were identified as useful: 273 from *Scopus*, 276 from *Web of Science*, and 235 from *Google Scholar*. After duplicates were removed there were 531 identified sources. The identified documents were uploaded in Zotero ((version 5) 2017), a referencing software, in a shared group database for the researchers.

#### Phase 2: Abstract screening

The abstracts of the 531 publications were further screened and reduced to 246 based on our initial inclusion and exclusion criteria.

The inclusion criteria were:

- Empirical studies based on primary data.
- The main focus is on CCS/ CCU/CCUS.

The exclusion criteria were:

- Studies focusing on green technologies other than CCUS (e.g., renewables).
- Empirical studies based on secondary data.
- Review paper.

#### Phase 3: First Snowballing

The 246 publications were further reduced to 37 publications according to the following criteria.

The inclusion criteria were:

- Site-specific studies.
- Studies of several site-specific projects.
- Studies of planned project(s) with at least preliminary permissions.

The exclusion criteria were:

- Nationwide publications.
- Conceptual/fictitious projects.

Those 37 publications were then sorted by highest citation score based on Google Scholar. The 21 studies with more than 10 citations were reviewed as full texts, and a forward and backward citation was performed. 14 extra publications were identified from the forward and backward citation process bringing the total to 51.

#### **Phase 4: Second Snowballing**

A final snowball forward and backward citation was conducted in the two extra publications, resulting in two new studies, giving 53 papers for review. At this point, after consensus was reached amongst the researchers, it was agreed that saturation was reached, and the literature search was ended.

#### **S3: Search Terms**

|    | Search term  | Google Scholar | Scopus  | Web of Science |
|----|--|----------------|---------|----------------|
| 1  | Carbon capture storage AND communities                         | 13/7/21        | 27/7/21 | 15/7/21        |
| 2  | Carbon capture utilisation AND storage and communities         | 13/7/21        | 27/7/21 | 15/7/21        |
| 3  | Carbon capture storage impacts AND communities                 | 13/7/21        | 27/7/21 | 15/7/21        |
| 4  | Carbon capture utilisation AND storage impacts and communities | 13/7/21        | 27/7/21 | 15/7/21        |
| 5  | Carbon capture storage impacts AND public                      | 13/7/21        | 27/7/21 | 15/7/21        |
| 6  | Carbon capture utilisation AND storage impacts and public      | 13/7/21        | 27/7/21 | 15/7/21        |
| 7  | Carbon capture storage benefits                                | 13/7/21        | 27/7/21 | 14/7/21        |
| 8  | Carbon capture utilisation AND storage benefits                | 14/7/21        | 27/7/21 | 14/7/21        |
| 9  | Carbon capture storage risks                                   | 14/7/21        | 27/7/21 | 14/7/21        |
| 10 | Carbon capture storage AND utilisation risks                   | 14/7/21        | 27/7/21 | 14/7/21        |

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| 11 | Carbon capture storage awareness                 | 14/7/21 | 27/7/21 | 14/7/21 |
| 12 | Carbon capture storage AND utilisation awareness | 14/7/21 | 27/7/21 | 14/7/21 |
| 13 | Carbon capture AND social                        | 14/7/21 | 27/7/21 | 14/7/21 |

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#### S4: Studies included in the systematic review

|   | Citation   | Number of citations | Location   | Met                |
|---|--|---------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1 | Terwel, B. W., ter Mors, E., & Daamen, D. D. (2012). It's not only about safety: Beliefs and attitudes of 811 local residents regarding a CCS project in Barendrecht. <i>International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control</i> , 9, 41-51.   | 79                  | The Netherlands, Barendrecht   | Quant              |
| 2 | Brunsting, S., de Best-Waldhober, M., Feenstra, C. Y., & Mikunda, T. (2011). Stakeholder participation practices and onshore CCS: Lessons from the Dutch CCS Case Barendrecht. <i>Energy Procedia</i> , 4, 6376-6383.                      | 63                  | The Netherlands, Barendrecht   | Qual               |
| 3 | Dütschke, E. (2011). What drives local public acceptance—comparing two cases from Germany. <i>Energy Procedia</i> , 4, 6234-6240.  | 61                  | Germany, Ketzin CO <sub>2</sub> sink, Beeskow-Vattenfall   | Qual               |
| 4 | Markusson, N., Ishii, A., & Stephens, J. C. (2011). The social and political complexities of learning in carbon capture and storage demonstration projects. <i>Global Environmental Change</i> , 21(2), 293-302.                           | 50                  | Japan, Yubari, Scotland Longannet, USA, FutureGen  | Qual               |
| 5 | Ashworth, P., Bradbury, J., Wade, S., Feenstra, C. Y., Greenberg, S., Hund, G., & Mikunda, T. (2012). What's in store: lessons from implementing CCS. <i>International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control</i> , 9, 402-409.                 | 44                  | Australia, OTWAY, ZeroGen, The Netherlands, Barendrecht, USA, Carson, FutureGen  | Qual               |
| 6 | Oltra, C., Upham, P., Riesch, H., Boso, A., Brunsting, S., Dütschke, E., & Lis, A. (2012). Public responses to CO <sub>2</sub> storage sites: lessons from five European cases. <i>Energy &amp; Environment</i> , 23(2-3), 227-248.        | 43                  | Germany, Beeskow, Ketzin- CO <sub>2</sub> sink, The Netherlands, Barendrecht, Poland-Belcatow, Sitechar, Spain, Hontomin | Qual               |
| 7 | Shaw, K., Hill, S. D., Boyd, A. D., Monk, L., Reid, J., & Einsiedel, E. F. (2015). Conflicted or constructive? Exploring community responses to new energy developments in Canada. <i>Energy Research &amp; Social Science</i> , 8, 41-51. | 41                  | Canada, Priddis, Weyburn,  | Qual<br>a<br>quant |
| 8 | Mabon, L., Shackley, S., & Bower-Bir, N. (2014). Perceptions of sub-seabed carbon dioxide storage in Scotland and implications for policy: a qualitative study. <i>Marine Policy</i> , 45, 9-15.   | 37                  | Scotland, Argyle, Peterhead  | Qual               |



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| 9  | Kern, F., Gaede, J., Meadowcroft, J., & Watson, J. (2016). The political economy of carbon capture and storage: An analysis of two demonstration projects. <i>Technological Forecasting and Social Change</i> , 102, 250-260.  | 30 | Scotland, Longanett, Canada, Alberta-Shellquest        | Qual               |
| 10 | Cuppen, E., Brunsting, S., Pesch, U., & Feenstra, Y. (2015). How stakeholder interactions can reduce space for moral considerations in decision making: A contested CCS project in the Netherlands. <i>Environment and Planning A</i> , 47(9), 1963-1978.  | 27 | The Netherlands, Barendrecht                           | Qual               |
| 11 | Anderson, C., Schirmer, J., & Abjorensen, N. (2012). Exploring CCS community acceptance and public participation from a human and social capital perspective. <i>Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Global Change</i> , 17(6), 687-706.  | 27 | Australia, OTWAY,                                      | Qual               |
| 12 | Boyd, A. D., Liu, Y., Stephens, J. C., Wilson, E. J., Pollak, M., Peterson, T. R., ... & Meadowcroft, J. (2013). Controversy in technology innovation: Contrasting media and expert risk perceptions of the alleged leakage at the Weyburn carbon dioxide storage demonstration project. <i>International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control</i> , 14, 259-269. | 26 | Canada, Weyburn  | Qual               |
| 13 | Thomas, G., Pidgeon, N., & Roberts, E. (2018). Ambivalence, naturalness and normality in public perceptions of carbon capture and storage in biomass, fossil energy, and industrial applications in the United Kingdom. <i>Energy Research &amp; Social Science</i> , 46, 1-9.   | 23 | England, Shelby-Drax                                   | Qual               |
| 14 | van Os, H. W., Herber, R., & Scholtens, B. (2014). Not Under Our Back Yards? A case study of social acceptance of the Northern Netherlands CCS initiative. <i>Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews</i> , 30, 923-942.  | 23 | The Netherlands, Northern-Netherlands                  | Qual<br>a<br>quant |
| 15 | Gough, C., Cunningham, R., & Mander, S. (2018). Understanding key elements in establishing a social license for CCS: an empirical approach. <i>International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control</i> , 68, 16-25.  | 22 | England, Teeside                                       | Mi<br>met          |
| 16 | Gough, C., & Mander, S. (2014). Public perceptions of CO <sub>2</sub> transportation in pipelines. <i>Energy Policy</i> , 70, 106-114.   | 22 | England, Barmston, Holme on Spalding-Moor, Lancashire, | Qual               |
| 17 | Wong-Parodi, G., & Ray, I. (2009). Community perceptions of carbon sequestration: insights from California. <i>Environmental Research Letters</i> , 4(3), 034002.  | 21 | USA, WESTcarb  | Qual               |
| 18 | Ashworth, P., Pisarski, A., & Thambimuthu, K. (2009). Public acceptance of carbon dioxide capture and storage in a proposed demonstration area. <i>Proceedings of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Part A: Journal of Power and Energy</i> , 223(3), 299-304.  | 20 | Australia, IGCC  | Qual               |

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| 19 | Mabon, L., & Shackley, S. (2015). Meeting the targets or re-imagining society? An empirical study into the ethical landscape of carbon dioxide capture and storage in Scotland. <i>Environmental Values</i> , 465-482.  | 19 | Scotland  | Qual               |
| 20 | Kuijper, I. M. (2011). Public acceptance challenges for onshore CO <sub>2</sub> storage in Barendrecht. <i>Energy Procedia</i> , 4, 6226-6233.  | 19 | The Netherlands, Barendrecht  | Qual               |
| 21 | Boyd, A. D. (2017). Examining community perceptions of energy systems development: The role of communication and sense of place. <i>Environmental Communication</i> , 11(2), 184-204.   | 18 | Canada, Priddis   | Qual               |
| 22 | Mander, S., Polson, D., Roberts, T., & Curtis, A. (2011). Risk from CO <sub>2</sub> storage in saline aquifers: a comparison of lay and expert perceptions of risk. <i>Energy Procedia</i> , 4, 6360-6367.  | 16 | England, Lincolnshire, Scotland, Firth of Forth                         | Qual               |
| 23 | Dowd, A. M., & James, M. (2014). A social licence for carbon dioxide capture and storage: how engineers and managers describe community relations. <i>Social Epistemology</i> , 28(3-4), 364-384.   | 15 | General as Australia  | Qual               |
| 24 | Mabon, L., Kita, J., & Xue, Z. (2017). Challenges for social impact assessment in coastal regions: a case study of the Tomakomai CCS demonstration project. <i>Marine Policy</i> , 83, 243-251.   | 15 | Japan, Tomakomai  | Qual               |
| 25 | Boyd, A. D. (2015). Connections between community and emerging technology: Support for enhanced oil recovery in the Weyburn, Saskatchewan area. <i>International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control</i> , 32, 81-89.   | 14 | Canada, Weyburn   | Mi<br>met          |
| 26 | Mabon, L., Shackley, S., Blackford, J. C., Stahl, H., & Miller, A. (2015). Local perceptions of the QICS experimental offshore CO <sub>2</sub> release: Results from social science research. <i>International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control</i> , 38, 18-25.   | 13 | Scotland, Argyll  | Qual               |
| 27 | Brunsting, S., Pol, M., Mastop, J., Kaiser, M., Zimmer, R., Shackley, S., ... & Rybicki, C. (2013). Social Site Characterisation for CO <sub>2</sub> storage operations to inform public engagement in Poland and Scotland. <i>Energy Procedia</i> , 37, 7327-7336. | 11 | Scotland, Moray Firth, Poland, Załęcze and Żuchłów                      | Quar<br>Q          |
| 28 | Pietzner, K., Schwarz, A., Duetschke, E., & Schumann, D. (2014). Media coverage of four Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) projects in Germany: analysis of 1,115 regional newspaper articles. <i>Energy Procedia</i> , 63, 7141-7148.                                | 10 | Germany, Altmark, Bradenburg, Ketzin-CO <sub>2</sub> sink, North Frisia | Qual<br>a<br>quant |
| 29 | Mabon, L., & Littlecott, C. (2016). Stakeholder and public perceptions of CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR in the context of CCS—results from UK focus groups and implications for policy. <i>International journal of greenhouse gas control</i> , 49, 128-137.                | 10 | England, Peterhead, and Yorkshire                                       | Qual               |

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| 30 | Coyle, F. J. (2016). 'Best practice' community dialogue: The promise of a small-scale deliberative engagement around the siting of a carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS) facility. <i>International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control</i> , 45, 233-244.  | 10 | New Zealand, Taranaki   | Qual                |
| 31 | Brunsting, S., Desbarats, J., de Best-Waldhober, M., Duetschke, E., Oltra, C., Upham, P., & Riesch, H. (2011). The public and CCS: the importance of communication and participation in the context of local realities. <i>Energy Procedia</i> , 4, 6241-6247.   | 10 | Germany, Beeskow, Ketzin- CO <sub>2</sub> sink, Bradenburg- Vattenfall, The Netherlands, Barendrecht, | Qual                |
| 32 | Steeper, T. (2013). CO <sub>2</sub> CRC Otway Project social research: assessing CCS community consultation. <i>Energy Procedia</i> , 37, 7454-7461.   | 10 | Australia, OTWAY,   | Qual<br>a<br>quant  |
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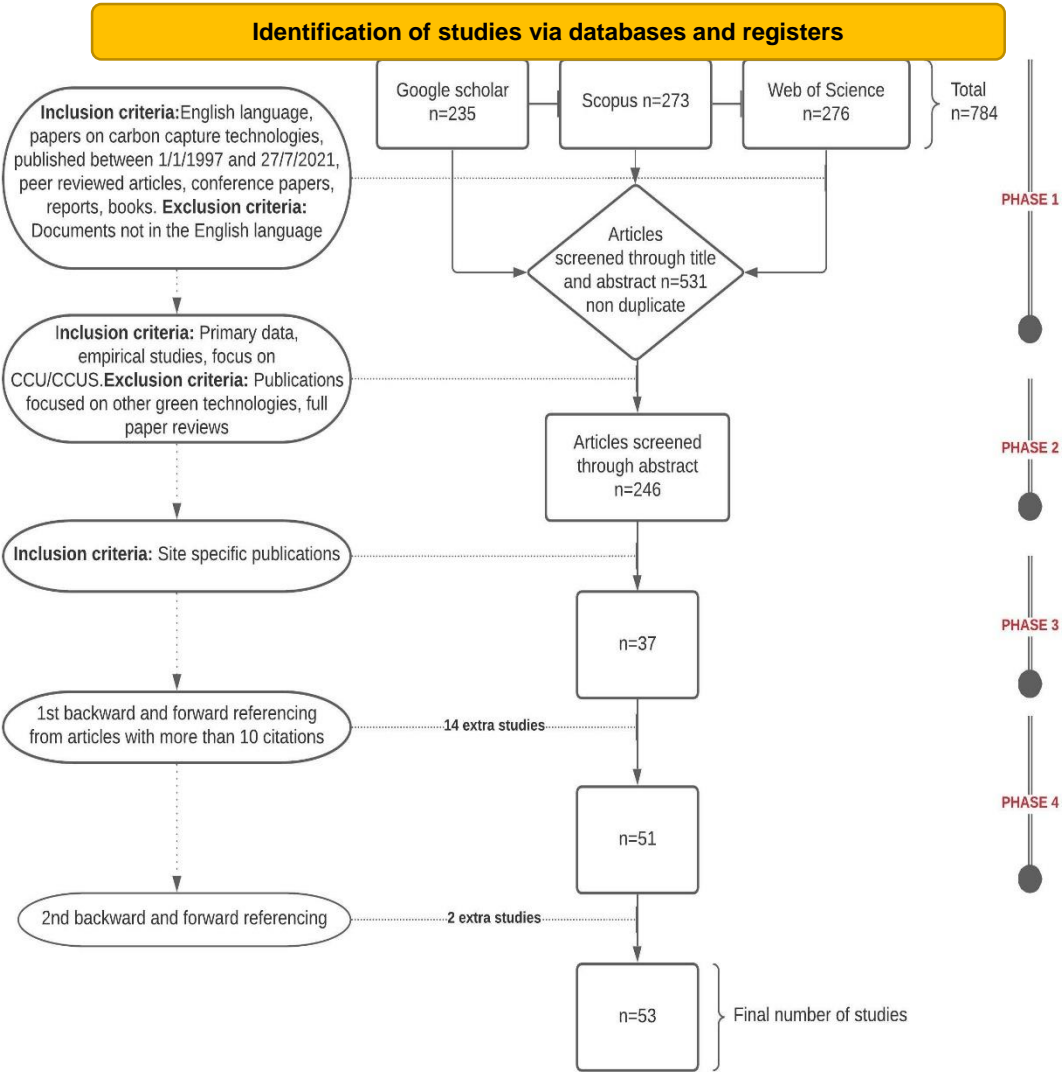
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