

# LESSONS FROM THE ROAD PROJECT FOR FUTURE DEPLOYMENT OF CCS

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**Large scale Integrated Projects - Experience**

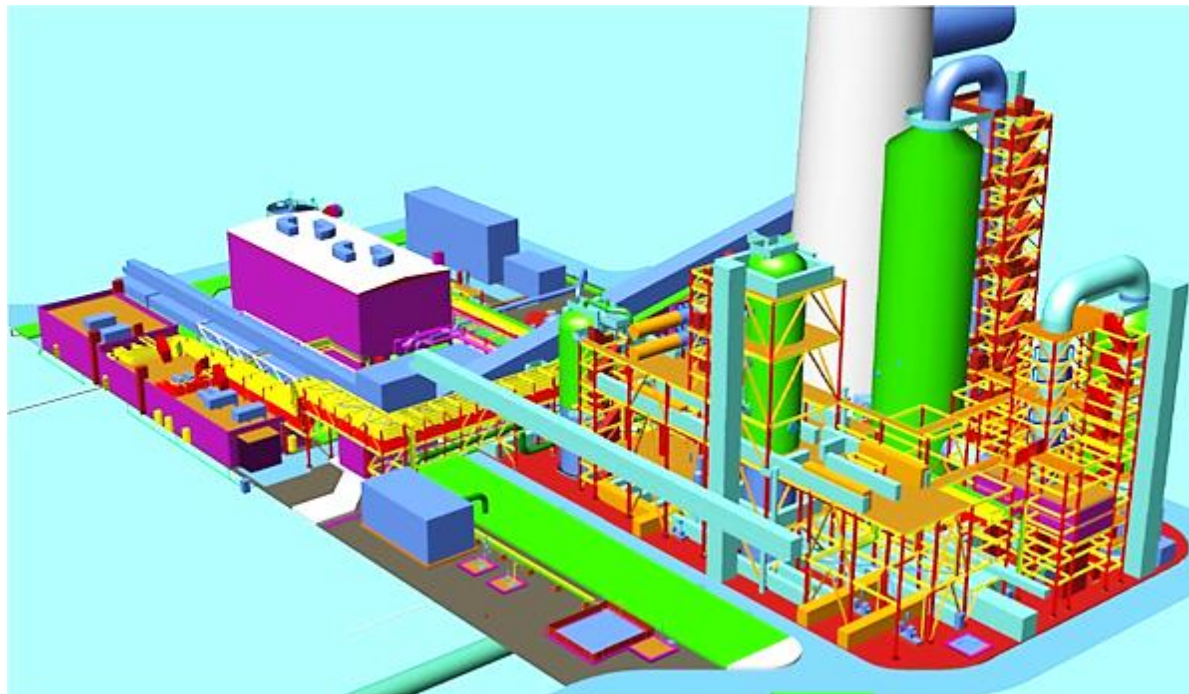
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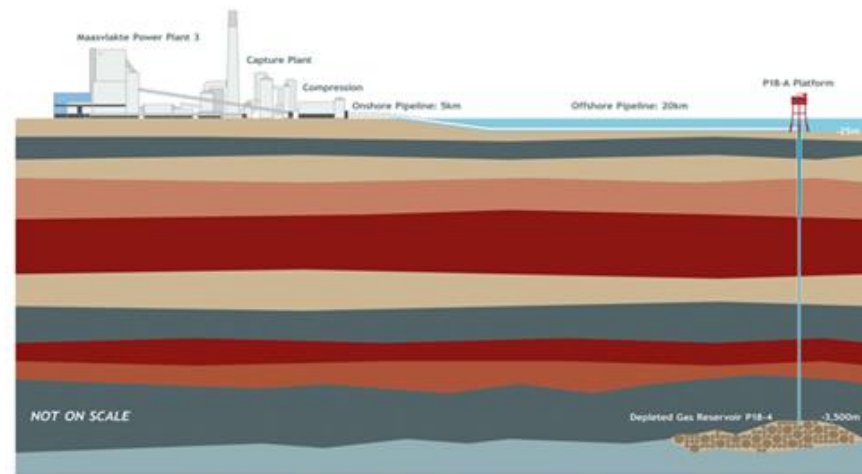
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- › Demonstrate the technical and economic feasibility of a large-scale, integrated CCS chain deployed on power generation
- › ROAD was a joint project by E.ON Benelux and Electrabel Nederland (now Uniper Benelux and Engie Nederland, respectively)



- › Wealth of data, a summary of which is included in 11 online reports:  
<https://ccsnetwork.eu/projects/road-project-rotterdam>

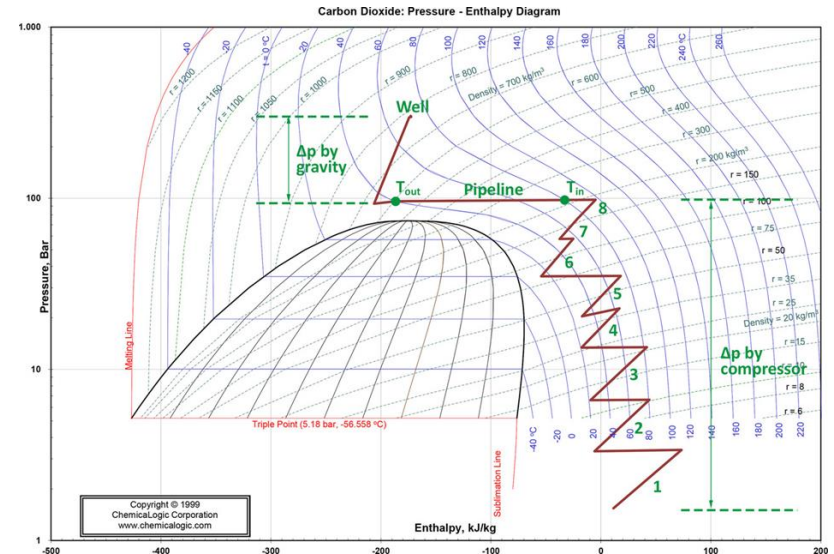
## MAASVLAKTE POWER PLANT 3 (MPP3)

- › MPP3 includes a pulverized-coal fired supercritical boiler (285 bar, 600 °C)
- › Net electrical output is 1,069 MW
- › Annual emission of CO<sub>2</sub>: 5.7 Mt (base load operation)
- › Carbon capture ready (TÜV Nord certified)



# CAPTURE & COMPRESSION

- › Designed capacity of 250 MWe equivalent
- › 1.1 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> captured per year
- › Fairly conventional layout of post-combustion capture amine process (Fluor)
- › Design characteristics of a full-scale commercial plant:
  - › Design life of 126,000 operating hours over 20 yrs
  - › Ramp rates similar to power plant (up to 5%/minute)
  - › Turndown to 40% capture rate
- › P18-4 gas reservoir: 8 stage compressor to 129 bar
- › Q16-Maas gas reservoir: 4 stage compressor to 19-22 bar

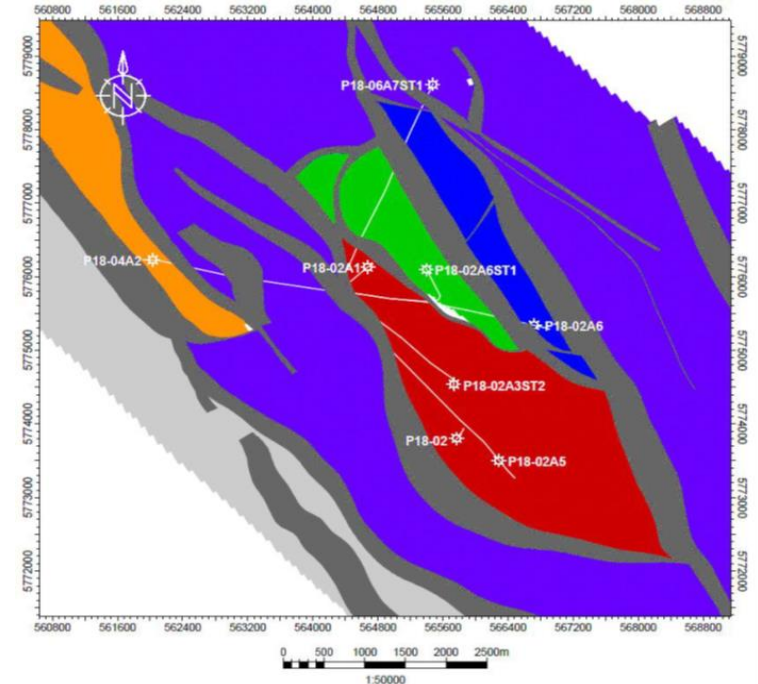


## P18-4 gas reservoir

- › Pipeline capacity of 5 Mtpa
- › Max design pressure of 140 bar
- › Reservoir storage capacity of 8 Mt
- › 20 km off the coast
- › Depth about 3.5 km below the seabed

## Q16-Maas condensate gas reservoir

- › Pipeline capacity of  $\geq 6$  Mtpa
- › Max design pressure 40 bar
- › Final compression to around 80 bar at injection site
- › Reservoir storage capacity of 2 to 4 Mt
- › Just offshore the Maasvlakte
- › Deviated well to reservoir at 3 km depth



2009: Start feasibility and FEED studies

2012: Project developed to FID & permitting  
completed

Collapse of carbon price and no economic FID  
possible

In slow mode, reducing funding gap

2013: P18-4 irrevocable storage permit granted

2014: New funding structure & alternative store Q16-  
Maas

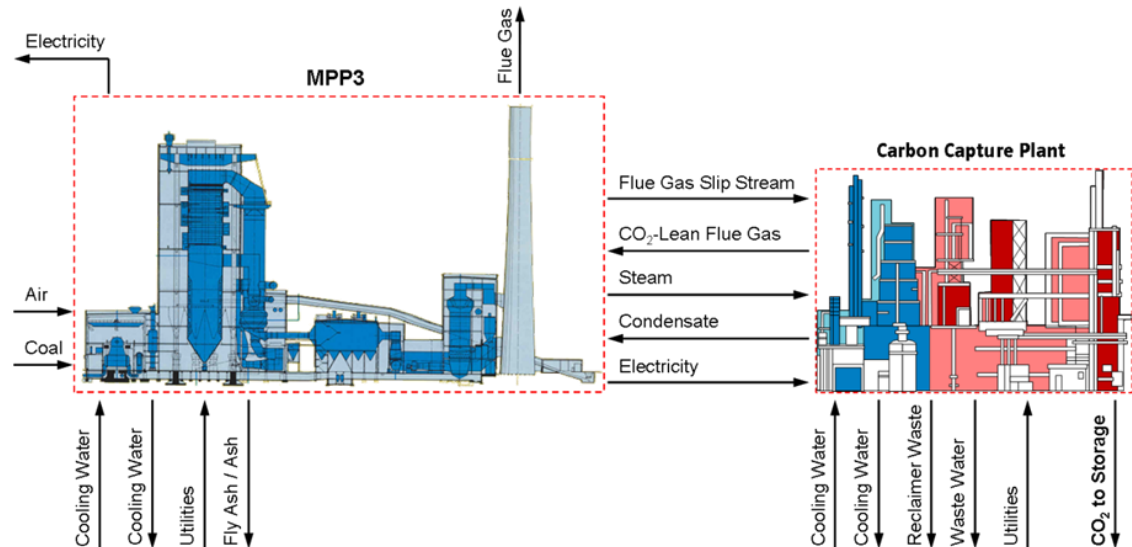
2016: Remobilisation of project

2017: Updated design of capture installation

Industry partners pulled out because of lack of  
political and financial support

## Power plant integration

- › CO<sub>2</sub> from stripper cooled with power plant feedwater
- › Steam ejector in power plant for efficient capture at part load
- › Direct Contact Cooler condense water re-used for de-SOx





## Process performance & capture efficiency

- › Capture efficiency 90% at full load
- › Can be maintained at 90% or higher at part load
  
- › Use of electricity and steam by capture plant single biggest cost
  
- › Total (equivalent) electricity consumption of 58.4 MW (~ 23% of capacity)
  - › Including all compression power
  - › Including 3 MW of off-design operation
  - › Excluding electricity consumption of WESP
  - › Excluding additional consumption due to less efficient compression at Q16-Maas
  
- › Details confidential because of Fluor trade secret
- › Space for further performance improvement

## Wet electrostatic precipitator (WESP)

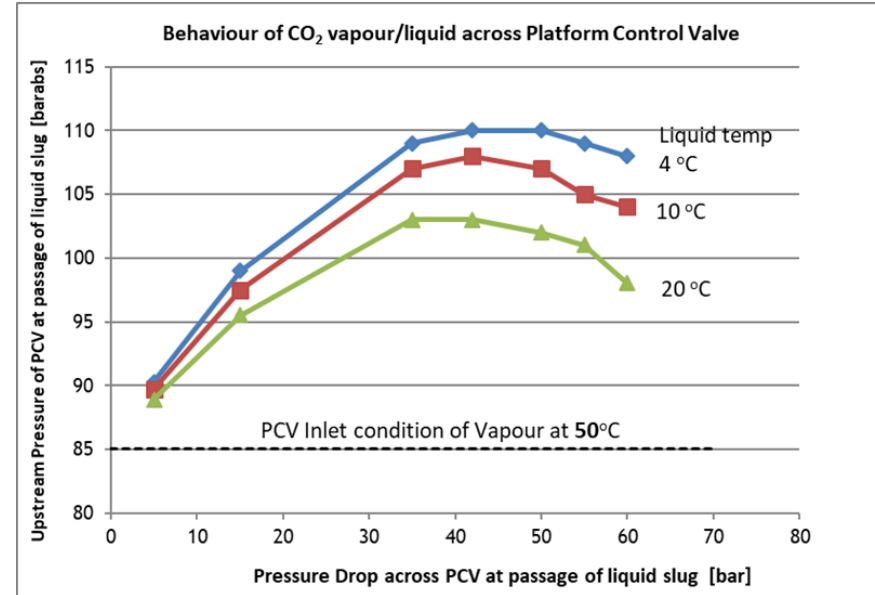
- › Removing ( $\text{SO}_3$ ) aerosols before absorber to prevent high solvent emissions
- › Up to 99% may need to be removed ; the actual level is uncertain.
- › A lower specification of 90% included in the design with space for an optional 2<sup>nd</sup> WESP
- › Location after the Direct Contact Cooler to minimize the risk of converting  $\text{SO}_2$  to  $\text{SO}_3$

## Improved solvent management package

- › Iron leaching into the solvent from the coal ash and Iron catalysed corrosion of the steel
- › Testing of solutions at Wilhelmshaven pilot, e.g. Iron removal, improved reclaimer and filters
- › Fluor developed a successful proprietary package after 2,00 hours test run at the Wilhelmshaven pilot

# HIGHLIGHTS: TRANSPORT & STORAGE

- › Two-phase flow and transient conditions in pipeline potentially causing:
  - › Slugging in the pipeline
  - › Thermal effects in well and reservoir
- › Preliminary calculations of slugging risk
  - › Likely no harm to equipment
  - › Minimize by emptying the pipeline during shutdowns
  - › Maintain low flow rate in initial phase
- › Injection of cold CO<sub>2</sub> in P18-4 reservoir
  - › Propagation of fractures may occur at temperature difference of more than 100 °C
  - › Detailed analysis (TOUGH2/ECO2M) for P18-4 showed no fracturing as a result of injecting cold CO<sub>2</sub>



- › Conditions for transfer of responsibility
  - › All available evidence indicates complete and permanent containment
  - › A minimum period elapses until above point has been met (default 20 yrs)
  - › Financial obligations have been fulfilled
  - › Site is sealed and installations removed
  
- › 20 year period is very costly
- › Unknown how 20 year period can be reduced
- › Unknown if transfer could be postponed
- › Unwanted uncertainty on the EUA price
  
- › Much uncertainty on the handover criteria in particular for demoprojects

- › Capture, transport and storage technology is available and will work.
- › FID-ready, permitted capture plant design for coal-fired power plant at 250 MWe scale
- › Successful design of interfaces along the whole power chain
- › Handling of injection of CO<sub>2</sub> into low pressure depleted gas reservoirs successfully engineered
- › Regulatory barriers to permitting successfully overcome
- › First CO<sub>2</sub> storage permit under the CCS Directive granted in TAQA's P18-4 gas field

- › Future CCS project developers are recommended to stay close to the research community to ensure state-of-the art engineering
- › Design of transport requires careful tuning to the storage location and characteristics
- › Experience points the way forward for the future use of depleted gas reservoirs for storage
- › Requirements for monitoring, financial security and transfer of responsibility may change over time and thus represent a big uncertainty.
- › Strong national support is necessary to overcome these uncertainties and requires early start of collaboration with the authorities.

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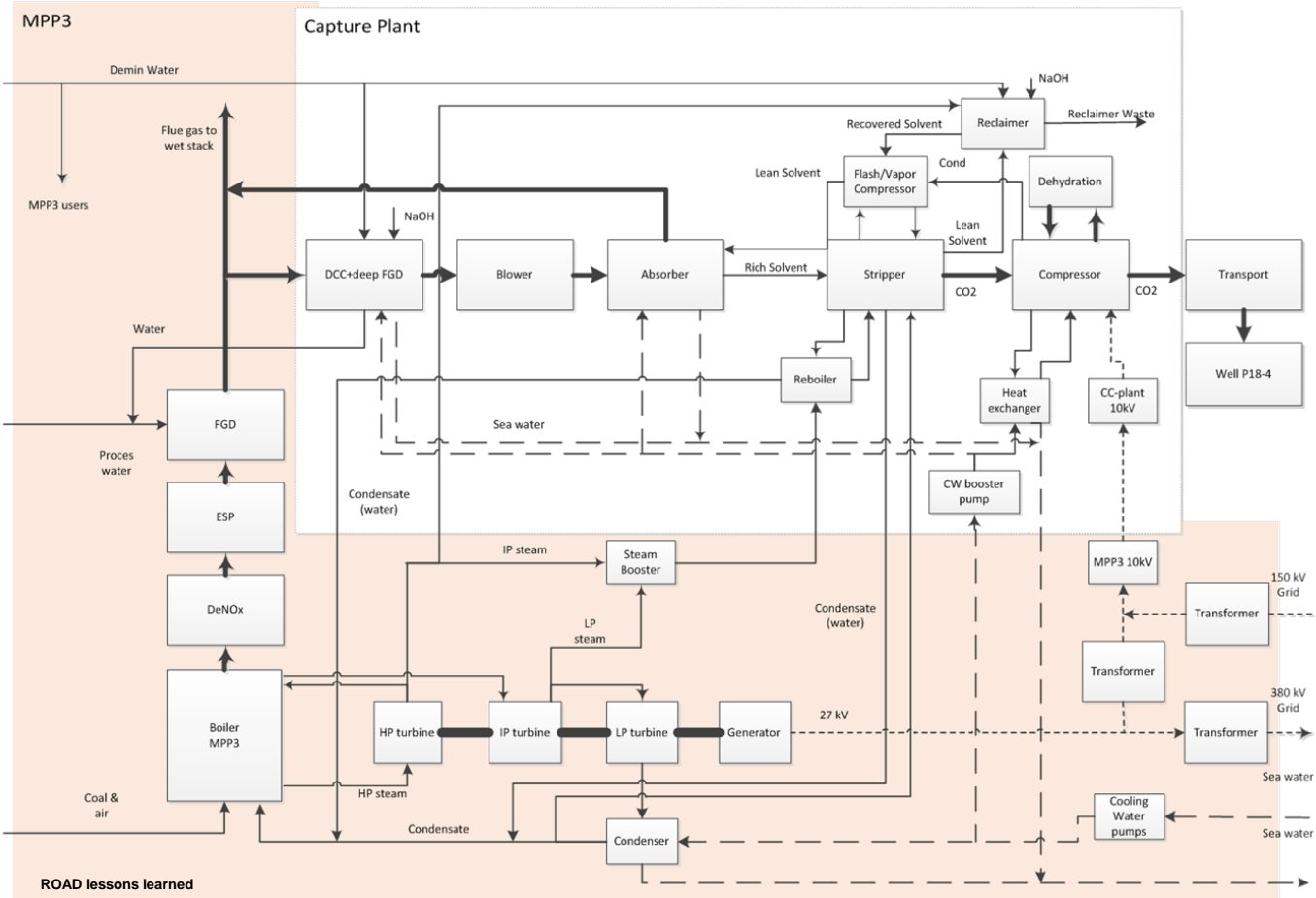
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# THE ROAD CCS CHAIN INTEGRATED IN THE MPP3



ROAD lessons learned