

# Reviewing life cycle assessments of carbon capture and utilisation – unclear goals lead to unclear results

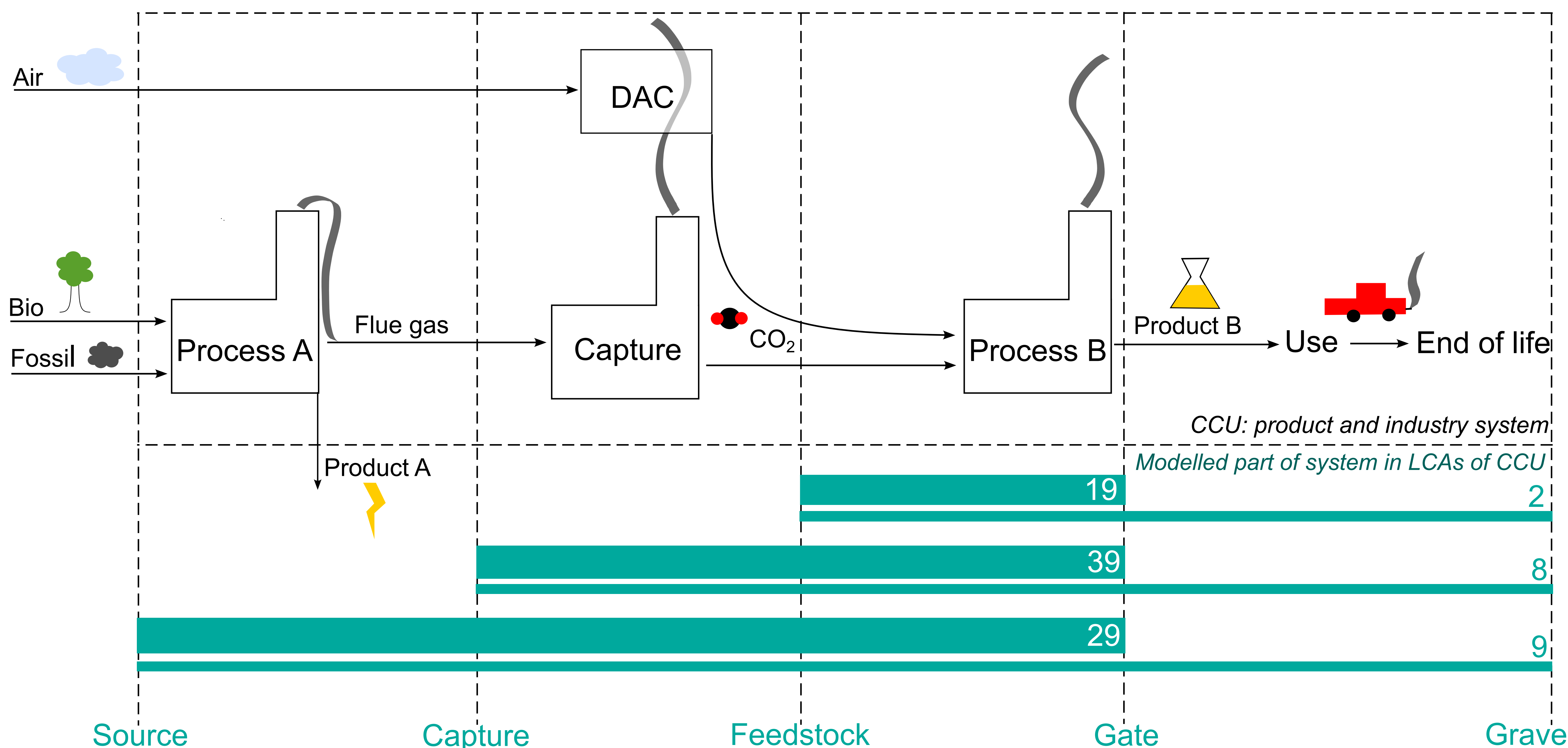
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106 articles with LCA of CCUs were reviewed. These had very different scopes (length of green lines below). The numbers indicate the number of studies with a particular scope. How come these LCAs have so different scopes?



## Goals

In 2/3 of the reviewed papers the goal of the LCA could not be identified. In the remaining papers, the goals were sweeping and vague.

## Scopes

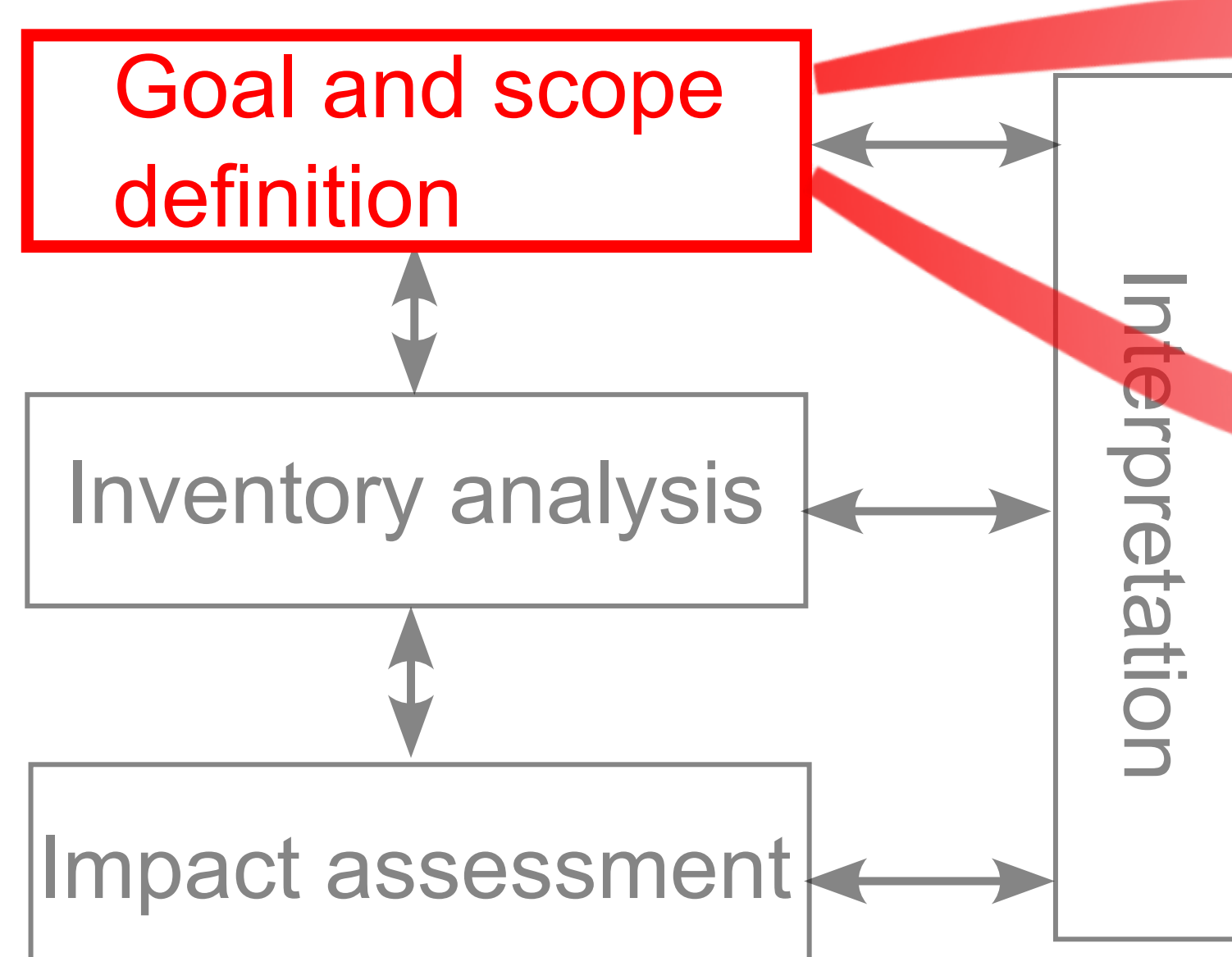
The "cradles" in the reviewed LCAs are very diverse. Also, for any given scope, the purpose of the studies seem to differ greatly.

## Guidelines

There are a handful of guidelines for LCA of CCU. However, very few articles refer to them.

### What is CCU?

Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU) is the process of capturing CO<sub>2</sub> and utilising it to produce a product. It is one way to replace fossil feedstock in chemical processes and a potential pathway to mitigating CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from industry.



A need for

1. better guidelines
2. better explained goal and scopes (in studies)

What would it take for you to trust such studies to deliver on climate targets?

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