



CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE. WHY?

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- 1. World emissions derived from fossil fuels and mitigation options
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- 6. The North American Carbon ATLAS Project (NACAP)
- 7. Conclusions.





IEA Studies





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• The ETP 2008 blue map scenario requires to reduce emissions to a level of 2.0 tons/person/year. *Today's level 7 t/p/y aprox*

CONCLUSIONS OF IEA STUDIES

- CCS will contribute with about 20% Of the required emissions reduction by 2050
- Not using CCS would increase the cost of meeting the emissions reduction goal by 70 %

Espectro de respuesta del sismo de Michoacán (19 de Septiembre de 1985)

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WHAT IS CCS



CCS is a two step process:

- Separate the CO₂ from the combustion gases.
- 2. Store the CO₂ permanently in geological formations





CAPTURE TECHNOLOGIES



Three technologies proven at the pilot plant level:

1.Post combustion

A system added at the end of the process that takes the combustion gases and separates the CO_2

2.Precombustion

Separates CO₂ before combustion, after gasification

3.Oxycombustion Combustion with O_2 instead of air. Products >> $CO_2 + H_2O$



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RESULTS FORM THE GCCSI STUDY

| | Units | PC Supecrit. | Oxyfuel | IGCC | NGCC |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | USD/MW- hr | USD/MW- hr | USD/MW- hr | USD/MW- hr |
| Levelized cost of electricity | Without CCS | 78 | 78 | 96 | 78 |
| | With CCS | 135 | 122 | 132 | 111 |
| | % Increase | 77% | 60% | 39% | 43% |
| Cost of CO2 avoided USD/ton | | 86 | 64 | 59 | 109 |

The GCCSI report gives cost ranges. Here only the mean values are presented. Tthe report also gives estimated costs for a first of a kind and subsequent plants and here, only the latter are presented

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- To limit the global temperature raise to 2°C, a reduction of emissions from fossil fuels of 77% from the base line is required
- CCS has to be part of the portfolio of mitigation actions. It can contribute with 20% of the reduction. Not using it would increase the costs of mitigation by about 70%
- There are three proven technologies at pilot plant level with no clear winner among them: Post combustion; Precombustion and Oxycombustion.
- All the technologies will imply an increse of the cost of electricity in the range of 40 to 80%





- México emitted, in 2006, 600 million tons of CO2, of which 400 million were produced by the combustion of fossil fuels in power generation; production of fuels, industry, residential and commercial uses and transportation
- The breakdown by use is as follows:
 - Power generation
 - Fuel production
 - Industry
 - Transportation
 - Others
- These emissions represent 6 tons/person/year total and 4 ton/p/y from fossil fuels. (Goal 1.5 ton/p/y dedrived from fossil fuels)







- Additionally, México as a developing country, needs to increase its energy consumption in order to increase standards of living
- The estimated increase is from 2,000 kw-hr/p/y in electrical energy to 8,000 kw-hr/p/y and possibly more if electric transport is implemented
- Energy security requires fuel diversification and coal and nuclear are the main options for base load.
- Renewables will be favored but they will not be significant by 2050
- The emissions target for Mexico would be about 75 million tons CO2 / year (70% of today's emissions with an increase in generation of a factor of 4)



THE SITUATION IN MEXICO. EMISSIONS



 Emissions with growth in coal, gas and nuclear



 Emissions without nuclear



Denotes emissions target

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- CCS will be needed in the power sector, the energy sector and the industrial sector.
- The needed participation of CCS will depend on how is the nuclear option included in the portfolio of generation technologies



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WHAT IS MEXICO DOING IN CCS?



- México is preparing itself to cope with CCS with the following actions:
 - México has started the analysis of a post-combustion CO₂ capture for a coal fired unit
 - The research institutions such as IIE and IMP are working on CCS technology development and application to EOR
 - México is an active member of the CSLF and has participated in capacity building in the Country
 - México is a foundation member of the GCCSI

México is active in cooperation projects worldwide, particularly with the USA and Canada there is a project to publish a CO₂ ATLAS for North America (NACAP)







- North American Carbon ATLAS Project
- Under the NAEWG umbrella
- Based on previous work by the US Regional Partnerships
- DOE/USA NRCan/Canada SENER/México
- 1st meeting. December 2008





NORTH AMERICAN CARBON ATLAS



- Identify and quantify CO₂ emission sources in the Region
- Identify sites of potential CO₂ storage and estimate capacities
 - Oil and gas fields
 - Saline formations
 - Unmineable coal
- Present the information above in an interactive digital ATLAS

Provide a basis for the institutions in the energy sector to plan their CO_2 management programs



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- The threat of climate change requieres intense and inmediate actions from all countries
- CCS is a necessary technology for CC mitigation that can contribute up to 20% of the required reductions
- There are three technologies for CO₂ separation with no clear winner for all situations
- México will need CCS to curb its CO₂ emissions to levels similar to the required values worldwide
- México is actively involved in international collaboration programs as the CSLF and the NAEWG