Life Cycle Analysis at NETL

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Presentation Outline



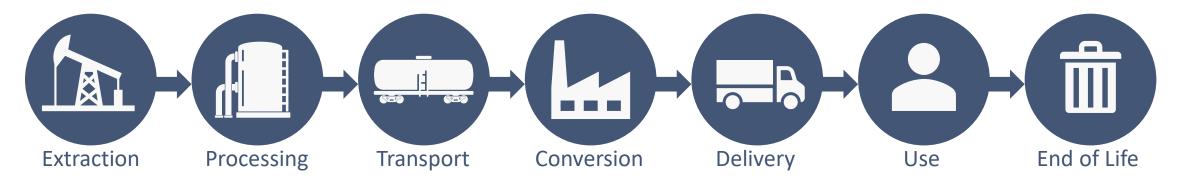
- General Role of LCA, what does it do for you?
- Program specific Accomplishments What have we produced?
 - What insight did we gain from this? What are the key takeaways from this work?
- Future work
 - Public acceptance, communication, outreach create momentum around an idea
 - Inform future program direction/investments based on the comparison of different technology options, while evaluating the potential for tradeoffs



Energy Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)



Cradle-to-Grave Environmental Footprint of Energy Systems



What is Life Cycle Assessment/Analysis (LCA)?

LCA is a technique that helps people make better decisions to improve and protect the environment by accounting for the potential impacts from raw material acquisition through production, use, end-of-life treatment, recycling and final disposal (i.e. cradle-to-grave).



Value of LCA to the Capture Program



- Understanding the Environmental Burdens of Energy with and without Capture
- LCA offers important information on the environmental impacts of carbon capture beyond reduced greenhouse gas emissions
 - Helps focus DOE, industry, and policy makers on areas where carbon capture can be the most beneficial
 - Identifies potential hotspots where carbon capture can be improved
- LCA helps to quantify the full environmental impacts of energy systems with and without capture
 - Understanding the differences between energy sources with and without carbon capture will be vital for its implementation and scale up in the future
 - Findings can help inform the most beneficial uses of capture and can link to other analytical methods (e.g., TEA) to provide a cost for life cycle carbon mitigation



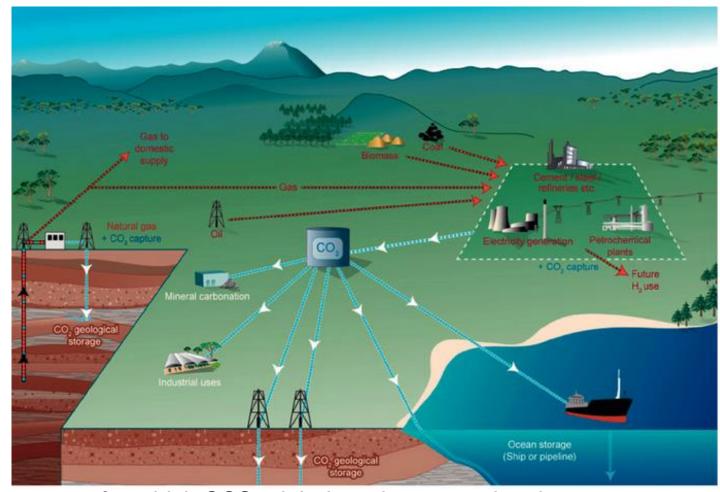
Relevance of CCS and Potential Sources

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LCA can Help us to Select Amongst an Array of Options

Applications Covered

- Thermoelectric Capture
- "Petra Nova Style" Capture
- Industrial Capture
 - Ammonia Production
 - Petroleum Refining
- Direct Air Capture (DAC)
- Bioenergy with CCS (BECCS)



CCS systems showing the carbon sources for which CCS might be relevant, and options for the transport and storage of CO2. Source: IPCC, 2005.

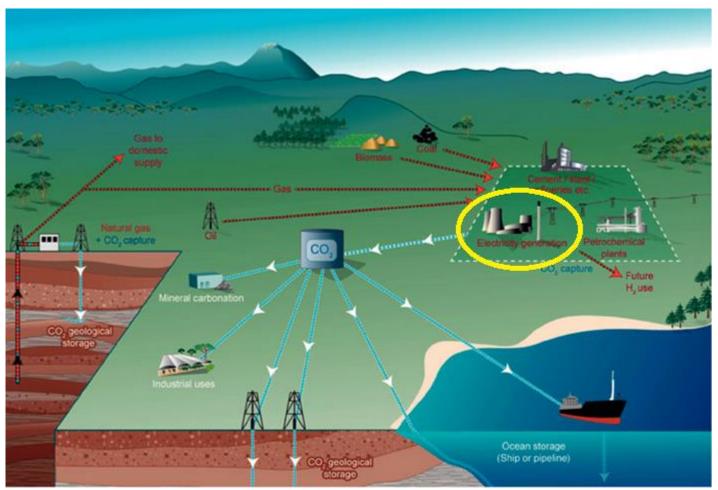


NETL Baseline Studies

Thermoelectric Power with and without Carbon Capture



- Foundational work to provide environmental baselines to compare against alternative technologies
- Saline aquifer storage and enhanced oil recovery (EOR) were the dispositions for captured carbon dioxide



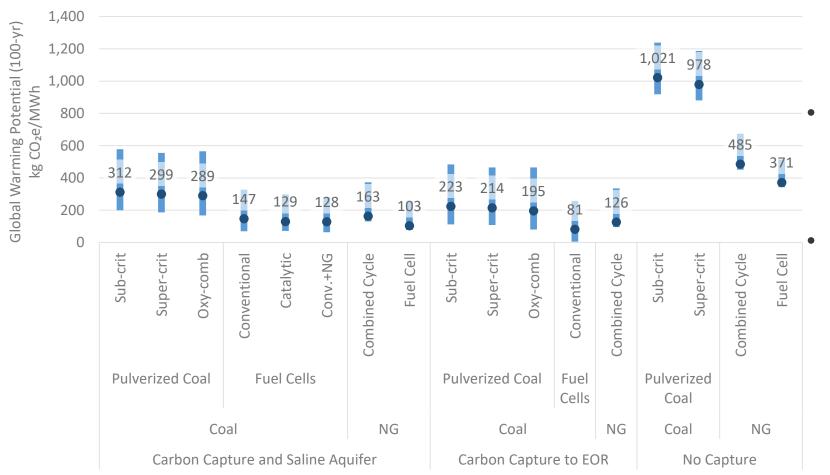
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<u>Thermoelectric Baseline GWP – 100-yr</u>

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Plant Type, Fuel Source, and CO₂ Disposition All Affect GWP per MWh



Benefit from sending CO₂ to EOR is the result of a displacement credit for natural dome CO₂

All the uncertainty shown is from the rest of the life cycle – no uncertainty for power plant direct emissions



Petra Nova Plant

Located Outside of Houston, Texas



- Partnership between JX Nippon Oil and Gas Exploration and NRG Energy
 - US DOE grant
- Capture unit online in 2016
- Petra Nova uses an amine-based capture to capture 90% of CO₂ emissions from a flue gas slipstream
 - W.A. Parish Unit 8 (240 MW)
- Capture unit powered by 75 MW cogeneration natural gas generator
 - No generation from coal-fired Unit 8 used for capture unit



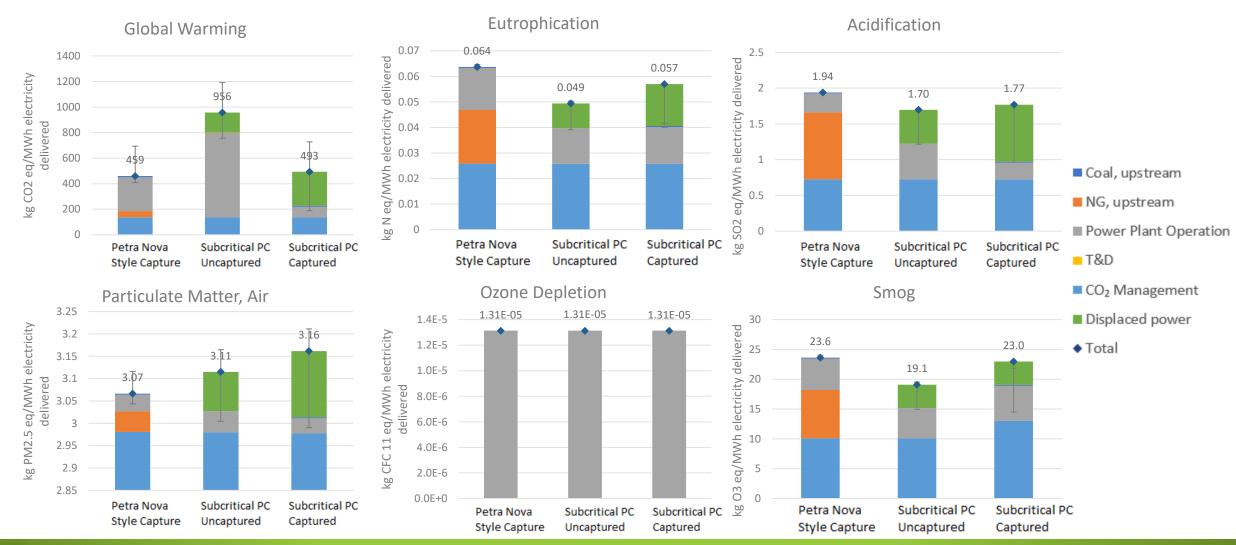
Source: EIA, 2017. "Petra Nova is one of two carbon capture and sequestration power plants in the world."



Petra Nova Style Capture



Petra Nova Style Capture can be an Effective Carbon Mitigation Strategy



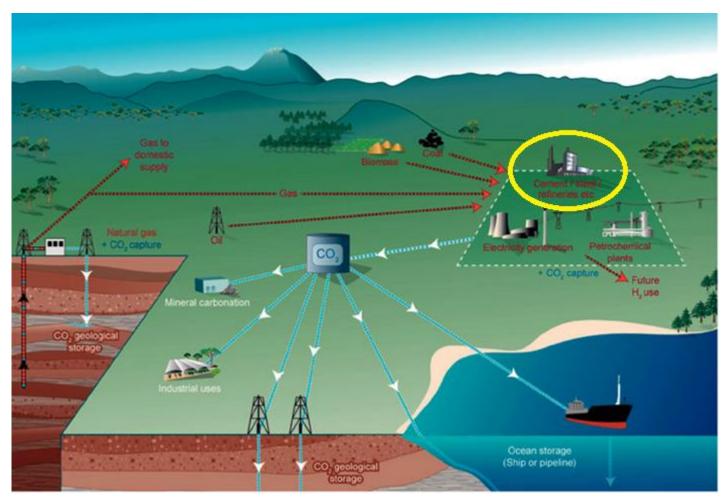


Carbon Capture for Industry



 Capture for petroleum refining and ammonia production were compared with capture for thermoelectric power





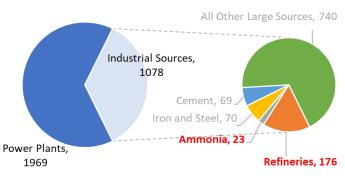
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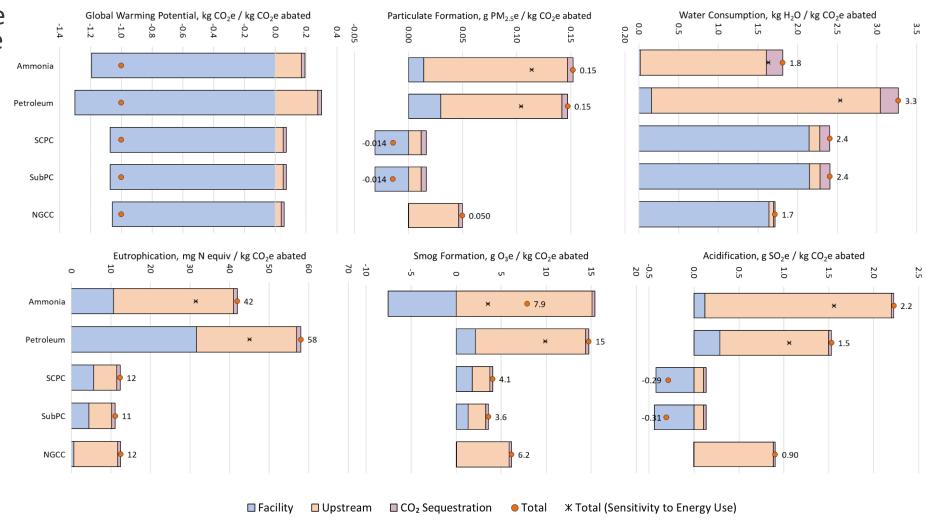


Comparing Industrial to Thermoelectric Capture

Capture for Thermoelectric Power has Lower Impacts per kg CO2e Abated

- Capture is only comparable across industries on a CO₂e abated metric
- The parasitic load for power is subject to the capture system unlike industrial systems – which leads to generally lower environmental burdens for power than petroleum refining and ammonia production



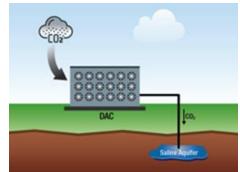


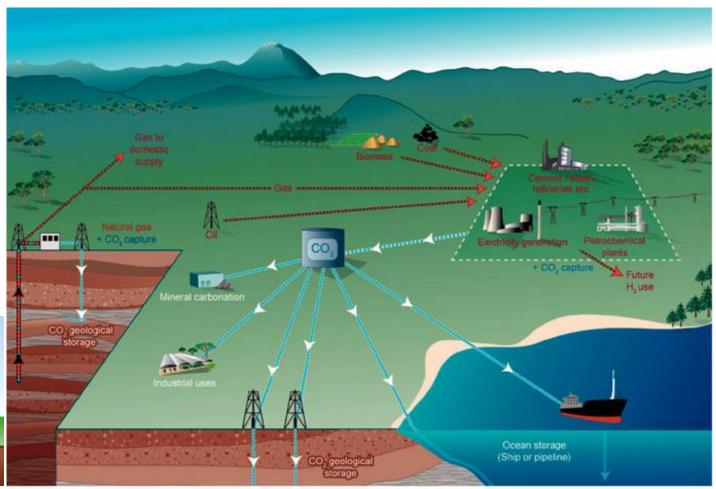


Direct Air Capture (DAC)



- New mitigation technology on the horizon - Direct Air Capture (DAC)
- We explore how DAC stacks up against other sources of CO₂ and how its end fate affects its life cycle impacts





Source: IPCC, 2005. Note: graphic pre-dates DAC IPCC inclusion.



Recent Project: Direct Air Capture Analysis



Guiding Research Questions

 Under what conditions is direct air capture (DAC) carbon negative?

 What is the difference between carbon negative and carbon reducing?

What are the GHG implications of carbon utilization for DAC?

Direct Air Capture (DAC)



- DAC is one of the five IPCC approaches to remove CO₂ from the atmosphere
 - BECCS, DAC, afforestation & reforestation, and soil carbon sequestration, and enhanced weathering
- The systems we modeled
 - Carbon Engineering and a generic sorbent-based system (Fasihi et al.)

System type	CO ₂ conc. (ppm)	Binding agents	Heating source	CO ₂ (% purity)	Absorption (°C)	Desorption (°C)	
Solvent	400	NaOH/KOH & Ca(OH) ₂	Natural gas	>97	Ambient	900	
Sorbent	400	Amine-based material*	Natural gas**	>99	Ambient	100	

- *For a generic sorbent system, however many different materials are being tested and used (e.g., TRI-PE-MCM-41, MOF(Cr)/MOF(MG), K₂CO₃/Y₂O₃)[DC1] (Fasihi et al., 2019)
- **Fasihi et al. modeled their sorbent based system using Heat pump/ waste heat

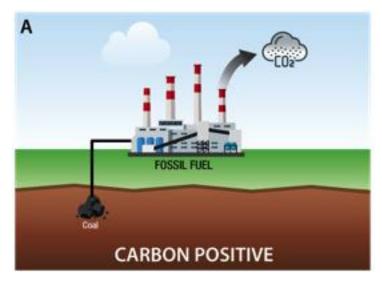


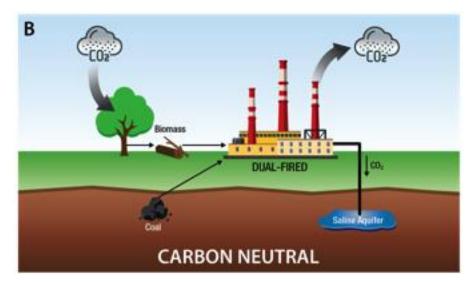
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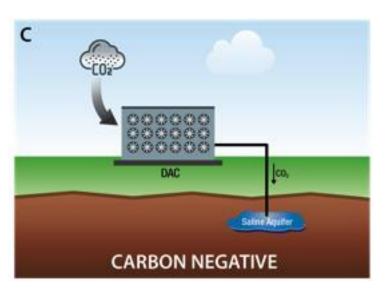
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Life Cycle Carbon Equivalent Accounting Designation for GHG Mitigation

In isolation, is a system carbon positive, neutral, or negative?







Assumed that biomass in this case is harvested sustainably

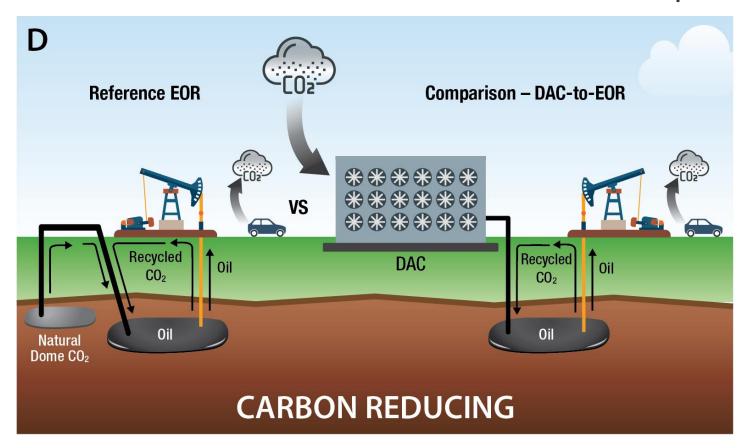


Is DAC Carbon Reducing?

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Carbon Positive Systems can be Carbon Reducing to a Comparison System

Does a system reduce total carbon emissions relative to comparison system?

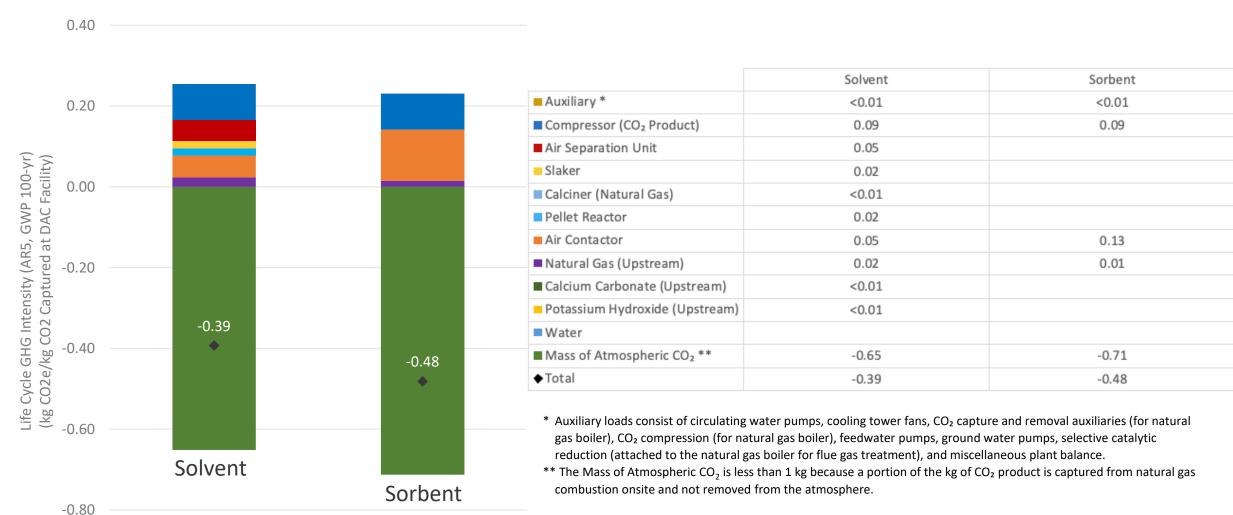




Net GHG for DAC Systems by Process



Direct Air Capture Produces Negative Emissions, Cradle-to-Gate

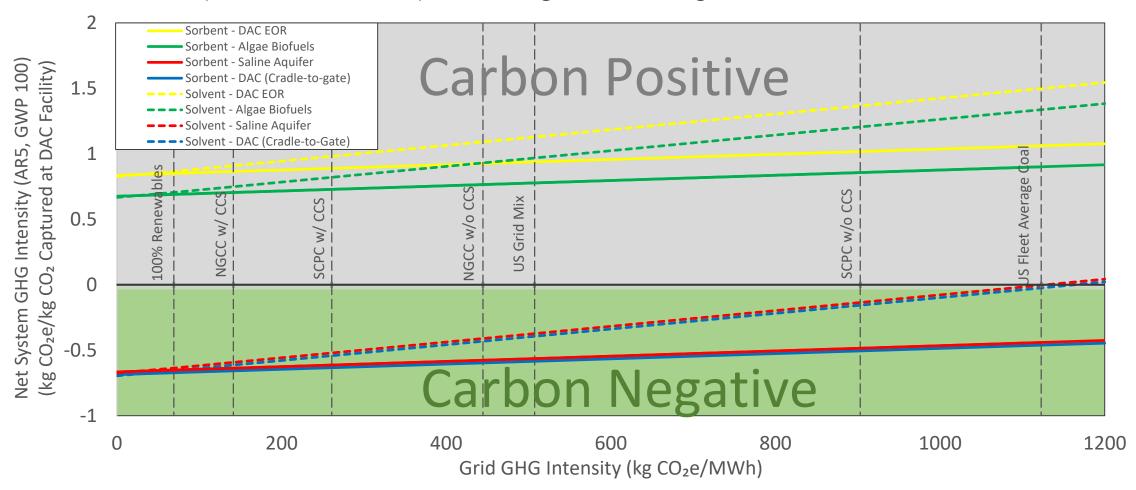




DAC - Net GHG Emissions



Cradle-to-Grave Impacts for Saline Aquifer Storage, EOR, & Algae Biofuel Production



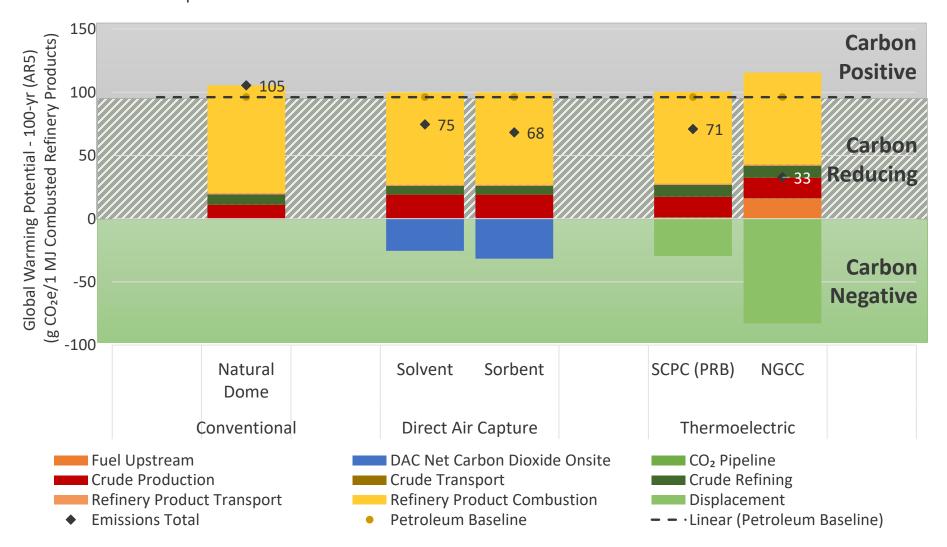
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DAC-to-Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)

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DAC-EOR Outperforms Natural Dome EOR but not Thermoelectric-EOR



- DAC-to-EOR
 produces less GHG
 emissions than the
 BAU Petroleum
 Baseline
- DAC-to-EOR is Carbon Reducing
- Carbon sourced from thermoelectric capture can be environmentally favorable to DAC CO₂



Direct Air Capture Conclusions



DAC-to-Saline aquifer storage removes CO₂ from the atmosphere

- Solvent-based DAC net emissions are -0.39kg CO2e per kg captured
- Sorbent-based DAC net emissions are -0.48kg CO2e per kg captured
- This technology pathway is carbon negative

DAC-to-EOR is carbon reducing

- System-wide emissions are 28%-36% lower than conventional EOR, 22%-29% lower than BAU petroleum production
- System still produces positive emissions to the environment (no longer an IPCC negative emissions technology option)
- Other sources of CO₂ may provide lower system emissions than DAC-to-EOR

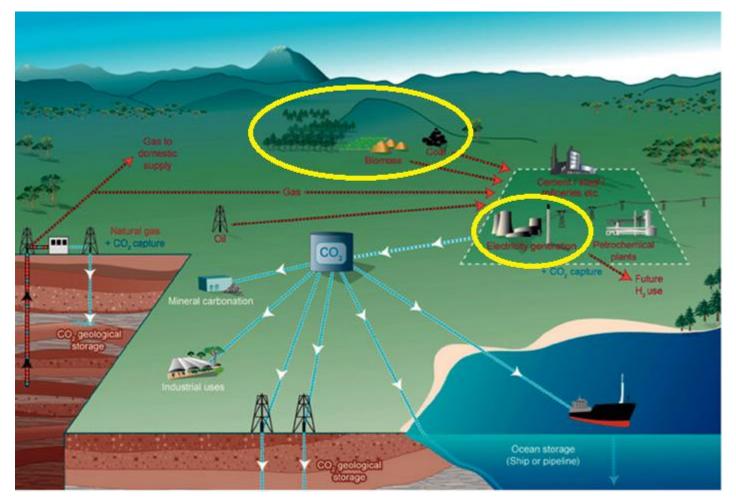


Bioenergy with CCS (BECCS)

Co-firing Hybrid Poplar with Illinois No. 6 in a Supercritical Plant



- We explored co-firing scenarios for a 650MW power plant with and without carbon capture
- Modeled co-firing Illinois
 No. 6 Bituminous coal
 with sustainably
 managed Hybrid Poplar
 short rotation woody
 crop for energy
 production



Source: IPCC, 2005.



Bioenergy with CCS (BECCS)

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Fundamental Questions

 Can you make a Coal power plant Carbon neutral using Biomass and Carbon Capture?

•If so, how much biomass do you need?



BECCS Case Descriptions



 The following case matrix was considered part of this study update

Case	Biomass Type	Plant Type	% Biomass in Feed	CO ₂ Capture %	Capture Strategy
20% Bio			20		
35% Bio			35	0	N/A
49% Bio	Undersid Develor	Greenfield	49		
20% Bio CCS	Hybrid Poplar	Supercritical	20		Amino (Cancoly)
35% Bio CCS			35	90	Amine (Cansolv)
49% Bio CCS			49		Saline Aq. Storage

- 20 wt%
 - Lower end of co-firing
 - Represents the majority of currently in practice co-firing rates
 - Boiler efficiency impacts not statistically significant
- 35 wt%
 - Mid-range of feasible co-firing
 - Close to the potential net-zero greenhouse gas emissions point (with capture)
 - If the desired result is for a net-zero LCA, this co-fire rate could be changed
- 49 wt%
 - Current potential maximum rate of co-firing based on logistical supply constraints
 - Maintains coal with biomass co-firing idea

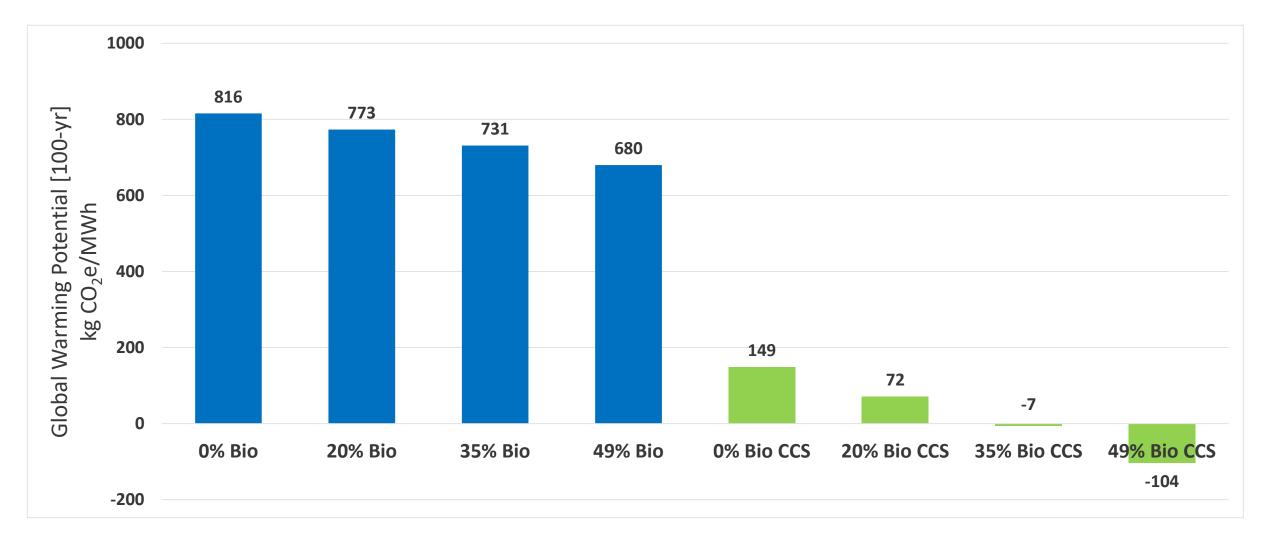
Note: The power plant in this study is a Supercritical Pulverized Coal Power Plant consistent with Revision 4 of the NETL Bituminous Baseline Study – previous power plant results in this presentation are for a Subcritical Pulverized Coal Power Plant based on Revision 3 of the NETL Bituminous Baseline Study, the GWP results are lower for the Supercritical Pulverized Coal Power Plant design due to improved plant efficiency (Subcritical versus Supercritical) and other Revision 3 to Revision 4 design improvements.



BECCS Life Cycle GWP



Carbon Neutrality is Achieved with About 35% (wt) Biomass with CCS

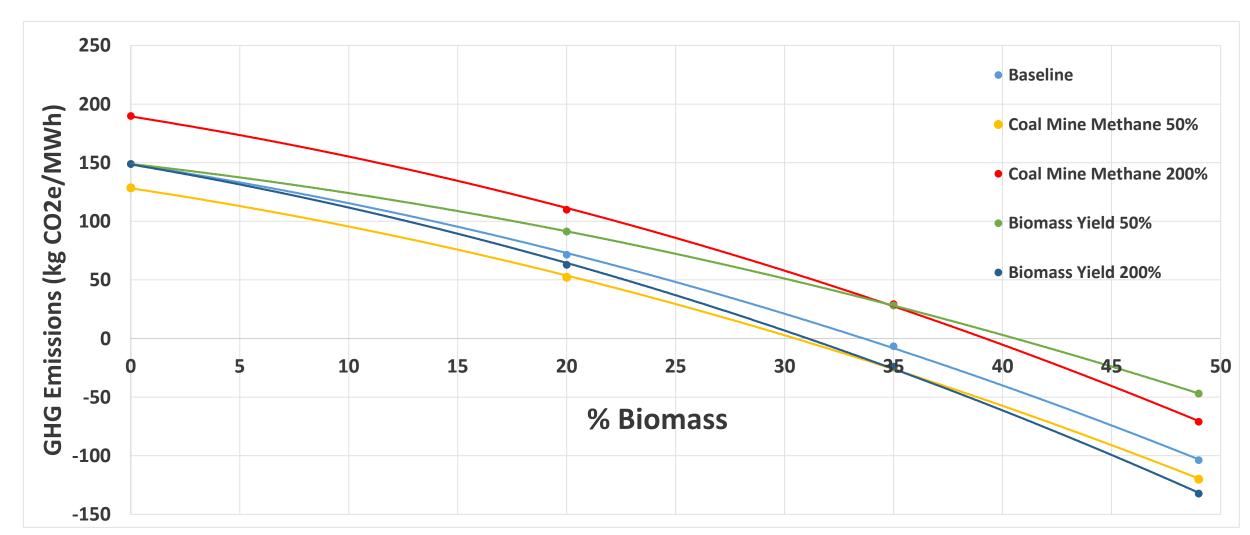




BECCS GHG Sensitivities



Percentage of Biomass is the Most Impactful Variable in the Model



Impact Heatmap for BECCS Scenarios



As GWP Decreases, Other Environmental Impacts Increase due to Additional Fuel Req.

Bioenergy – Increasing biomass cofiring with and without CCS (BECCS)

Indicator	Unit	SC PC w/o Capture (B12A 0 wt%)	SC PC w/ Capture (B12B 0 wt%)	BECCS w/o Capture (PN1 20 wt%)	BECCS w/ Capture (PA1 20 wt%)	BECCS w/o Capture (PN2 35 wt%)	BECCS w/ Capture (PA2 35 wt%)	BECCS w/o Capture (PN3 49 wt%)	BECCS w/ Capture (PA3 49 wt%)
Acidification Potential	kg SO ₂ e	5.80E-01	3.16E-01	7.19E-01	5.24E-01	8.58E-01	7.35E-01	1.03E+00	1.00E+00
Eutrophication Potential	kg N e	1.59E-02	2.03E-02	4.72E-02	6.08E-02	7.84E-02	1.02E-01	1.17E-01	1.53E-01
Global Warming Potential [100-yr]	kg CO₂e	8.14E+02	1.47E+02	7.72E+02	6.93E+01	7.30E+02	-8.83E+00	6.78E+02	-1.06E+02
Ozone Depletion Potential	kg CFC-11e	4.46E-09	5.71E-09	2.10E-08	2.71E-08	3.78E-08	4.93E-08	5.89E-08	7.75E-08
Particulate Matter Formation Potential	kg PM2.5e	1.15E-01	1.23E-01	1.20E-01	1.31E-01	1.24E-01	1.40E-01	1.29E-01	1.50E-01
Photochemical Smog Formation Potential-	kg O ₃ e	8.74E+00	9.96E+00	1.08E+01	1.27E+01	1.29E+01	1.55E+01	1.56E+01	1.90E+01
Water Consumption	kg	2.86E+02	3.66E+02	6.03E+03	7.76E+03	1.17E+04	1.52E+04	1.87E+04	2.45E+04

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- LCA of Carbon Capture Retrofit Using the "Petra Nova Style" Model. ACLCA 2018. https://www.osti.gov/biblio/1576780
- Life Cycle Analysis of Carbon Capture Retrofit Using the Petra Nova Model. AIChE 2018. https://www.osti.gov/biblio/1592449
- Impacts of Carbon Capture on Life Cycle Inventory of Ammonia and Petroleum Products for Comparison with Thermoelectric Power Generation. ACLCA 2017. https://www.osti.gov/biblio/1433631

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- Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Emissions Analysis of Direct Air Capture of Carbon Dioxide Using Solvent and Sorbent Technologies (in review)
- Technoeconomic and Life Cycle Analysis of Bio-Energy with Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS) Analysis (in development)

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Discussion and Conclusions



- LCA can be used to answer complex questions and guide both R&D as well as policy
- Carbon capture is an effective technology to lower the greenhouse gas impact of thermoelectric power
 - There are environmental tradeoffs associated with capture due to increased power demand
- Petra Nova style capture (stand alone energy resource for electricity and heat to operate the captures system) is equally environmentally competitive as integrated carbon capture solution
- Industrial capture presents near term opportunities for decarbonization unique challenges need to be addressed to implement for various carbon sources and concentrations
 - Industrial sources present key opportunities for carbon capture cost reduction and industrial decarbonization
- BECCS requires about 30% biomass co-firing by weight to achieve carbon neutrality
 - Carbon capture provides a larger reduction in GHGs than co-firing with biomass, but biomass is also required to achieve carbon neutrality or carbon negative emissions
- DAC with saline aquifer storage is one of the potential negative emissions technologies presented by the IPCC
 - DAC-to-EOR can be environmentally beneficial to BAU cases, but capture for thermoelectric power provides a larger GHG reduction in the short-term



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Life Cycle Impact Assessment



Converts emissions to environmental impact equivalences (i.e., mid-point impacts).





- Global Warming Potential (GWP): is the heat absorbed by any greenhouse gas in the atmosphere, as a multiple of the heat that would be absorbed by the same mass of carbon dioxide (CO2). GWP is dependent on the time horizon the greenhouse gas emission impacts are assessed; 20 and 100-year time frames are commonly reported, with 100-year being default time horizon. GWP values are defined by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). IPCC 5th Assessment Report values applied in this study on a 20 and 100-year basis are:
 - Carbon Dioxide (CO2): 20-year: 1; 100-year: 1.
 - Methane (fossil) (CH4): 20-year: 87; 100-year: 36.
 - Nitrous oxide (N₂O): 20-year: 268; 100-year: 298.
 - Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF₆): 20-year: 17,500; 100-year: 23,500.





















- Acidification Potential: is the increased concentration of hydrogen ions in a local environment. Substances, which cause acidification, can cause damage to building materials, paints, and other human-built structures, lakes, streams, rivers, and various plants and animals.
- Eutrophication Potential: is the enrichment of an aquatic ecosystem with nutrients (nitrogen, phosphorus) that accelerate biological productivity (growth of algae and weeds) and an undesirable accumulation of algal biomass. High levels of nitrogen and phosphorous can cause adverse effects on local water ways and other downstream destinations.
- Ozone Depletion Potential: is the deterioration of ozone within the stratosphere by chemicals such as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). Stratospheric ozone provides protection for people, crops, and other plant life from radiation.
- Particulate Matter Formation Potential: is the increased concentration of a mixture of solid particles and liquid droplets found in the air" that are smaller than 10 microns in diameter that have the potential to cause human respiratory effects.
- Photochemical Smog Formation Potential: is created by various chemical reactions, which occur between nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in sunlight. Ground level ozone can have both ecological impacts on crops and ecosystems as well as cause respiratory effects in humans.
- Water Consumption: volume of water consumed across the life cycle of the product or service. Increased water consumption in water scarce areas may restrict water availability for human, agricultural, and other uses.



Energy Consumption for DAC Systems



Company	Туре	Thermal Energy (GJ / t CO ₂)	Power (kWH / t CO ₂)	Total Energy (GJ)	Reference
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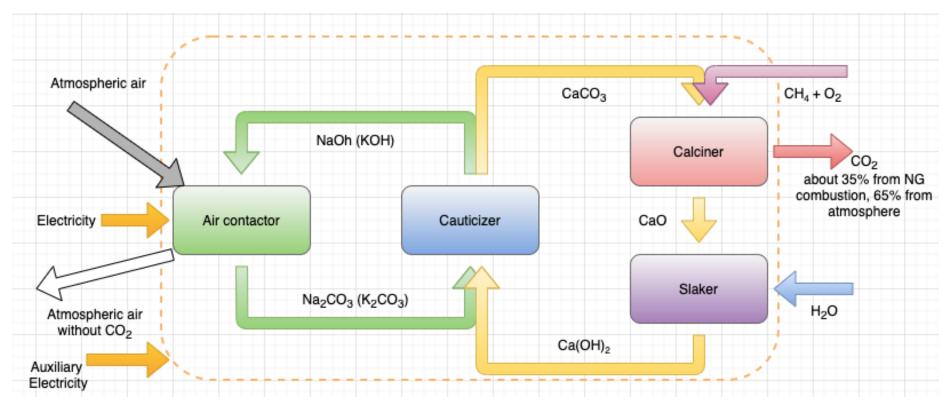
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Solvent-Based DAC Flow Diagram



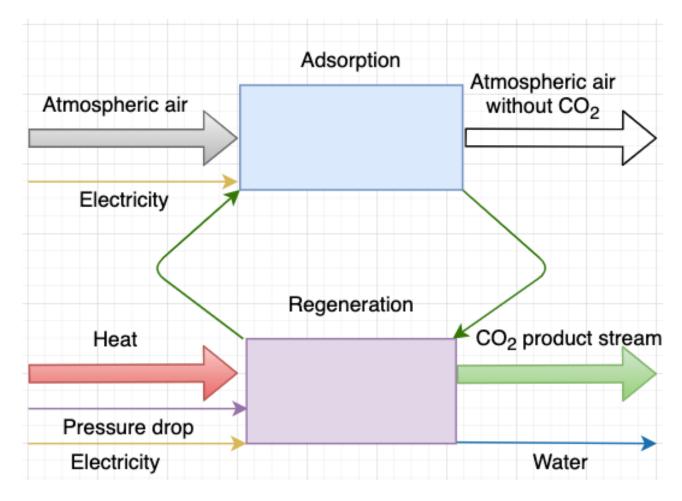


Carbon Engineering Solvent DAC System Flow Diagram (Fasihi et al., 2019)



Sorbent-Based DAC Flow Diagram





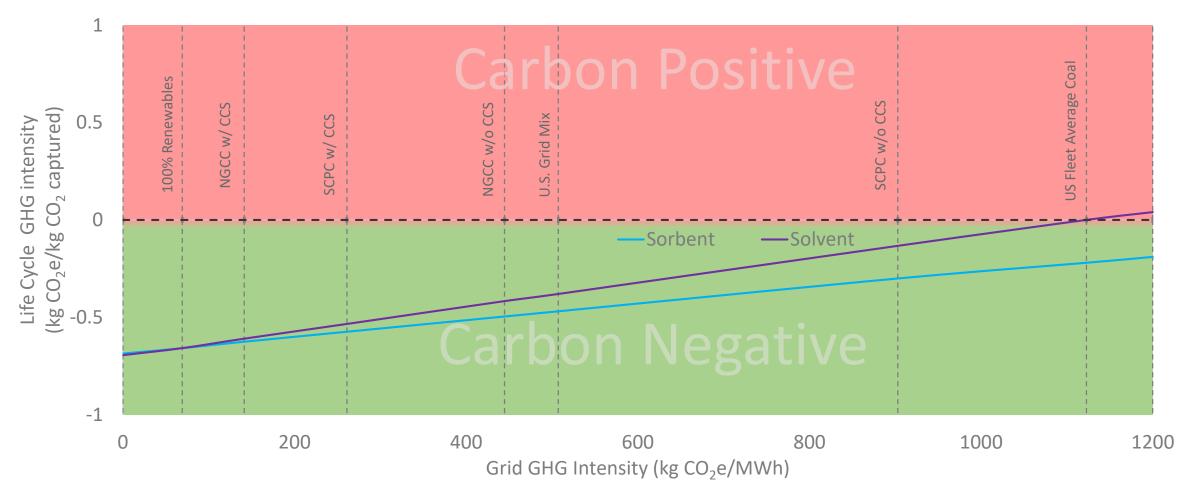
Sorbent DAC System Flow Diagram (Fasihi et al., 2019)



Solvent vs. Sorbent - Net CO₂ Emissions

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Cradle-to-Gate



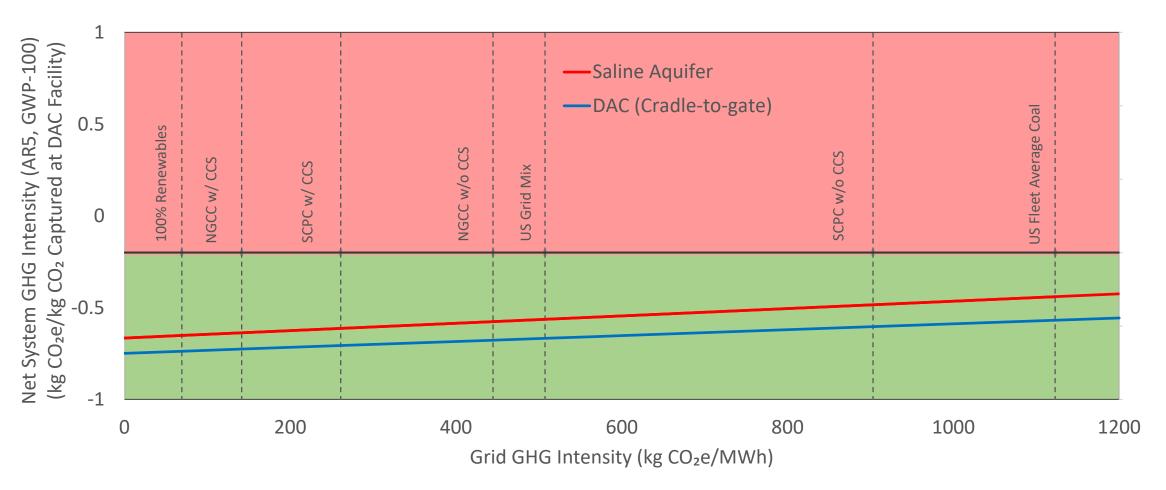
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Sorbent-Based DAC – Net GHG Emissions



Cradle-to-Grave impacts with saline aquifer storage



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Fasihi et al. Sorbent Systems



Table 2 LT solid sorbent DAC specifications.

sorbent	CO ₂ con.	adsorption	desorptio	n	energy demand			cooling		CO ₂ purity	reference
	ppm	T (°C)	T (°C)	P (bar)	kWh _{el} /t	kWh _{th} /t	by	T (°C)	by	%	
amine-based	400	ambient	100	0.2	200-300	1500-2000	waste heat	15	air/water	99.9	Climeworks (2018b); Vogel (2017)
amino-polymer	400	ambient	85-95	0.5 - 0.9	150-260	1170-1410	steam	ambient	water evaporation	>98.5	Ping et al. (2018b)
									-		(Global Thermostat)
TRI-PE-MCM-41	400	ambient	110	1.4	218	1656	steam	_	_	88	Kulkarni and Sholl (2012)
MOF (Cr)	400	ambient	135 - 480	1	1420		HT steam	_	_	_	Sinha et al. (2017)
MOF (MG)	400	ambient	135 - 480	1	997		HT steam	_	_	_	
K_2CO_3/Y_2O_3	400	ambient	150-250	_	_	_	el. heater	_	_	_	Derevschikov et al. (2014)
K ₂ CO ₃	_	ambient	80-100	_	694	2083	waste heat	ambient	airflow	_	Roestenberg (2015); Antecy (2018)
-	400	ambient	100	-	250	1750	heat pump/waste heat	-	_	>99	final model (this study)



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Table 1 HT aqueous solution DAC specifications.

type	1st cycle sorbent	2 nd cycle sorbent	CO ₂ con.	absorption	desorption	energy demand			outlet pressure	CO ₂ purity	reference
			ppm	T (°C)	T (°C)	kWh _{el} /t	kWh _{th} /t	by	bar	%	
2-cycle	NaOH	Ca(OH) ₂	-	ambient	900	-	-	NG	100	-	Keith et al. (2006)
	NaOH	Ca(OH) ₂	500	ambient	900	440	1678	NG	58	-	Baciocchi et al. (2006)
	NaOH	Ca(OH) ₂	380	ambient	900	764	1420	NG/coal	-	-	Zeman (2007)
	NaOH	Ca(OH) ₂	-	-	900	1199-24	161 _{el.th} *	-	-	-	Stolaroff et al. (2008)
	NaOH	Ca(OH) ₂	500	-	900	494	2250	NG	100	-	Socolow et al. (2011)
	NaOH	Ca(OH) ₂	-	ambient	900	2790	-	wind + battery b	-	-	Li et al. (2015) c
	KOH	Ca(OH) ₂	-	-	900	-	2780	NG d	150	-	Carbon Engineering (2018c)
	KOH	Ca(OH) ₂	-	-	900	1500	-	el.	150	-	
	KOH	Ca(OH) ₂	400	ambient	900	-	2450	NG	150	97.1	Keith et al. (2018)
	KOH	Ca(OH) ₂	400	ambient	900	366	1458	NG + el.	150	97.1	(Carbon Engineering)
	KOH	Ca(OH) ₂	400	ambient	900	77 °	1458	NG + el.	1	97.1	
	NaOH	Na ₂ O.3TiO ₂	-	ambient	850	-	ſ	-	15 ^g	pure	Mahmoudkhani and Keith (2009)
1-cycle	-	CaO	500	365-400	800-875	-	-	CSP	-	99.9	Nikulshina et al. (2009)
2-cycle	кон	Ca(OH) ₂	400	ambient	900	1535	-	el.	1	>97	final model (this study)

a Based on different contactors

g CO2 separation at 15 bar and then compression to 100 bar.



b Based on Zeman (2007), without heat recycling.

^c The heat generation method not available.

d Heat and electricity generation ratio not available.

e Air separation unit and CO₂ compressor excluded.

f 50% less high-grade heat than conventional causticisation.