Life Cycle Analysis of Carbon Capture and production of e-fuel

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The relevance of doing LCA for CCUS projects



Review

Limits to Paris compatibility of CO₂ capture and utilization

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De fleste metoder til at fange og genbruge CO2 lever ikke op til Parisaftalen

Flere af metoderne risikerer at udlede mere CO2, end de opsuger, viser et nyt studie, hvor forskerne har gennemgået 74 teknologier til at opsamle og anvende CO2.

Energy penalty

One Earth





Why carbon capture is a "boondoggle" that increases air pollution and mining while hardly reducing CO2 on @Cheddar TV with @jd durkin

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The relevance of doing LCA for CCUS projects



A method to calculate the positive effects of CCS and CCU on climate change



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How to assess the climate change effects of carbon capture projects? This fundamental question can be answered (and perhaps should be answered) by performing a Life Cycle Analysis "more research on the environmental impacts of CCUS is required to provide the theoretical basis for the implementation of carbon capture and storage in cement production" An et al. (2019)

"Net emission reductions must be determined specifically for each technology through life cycle assessments" Naims (2020)

Proper life-cycle assessments or analyses (LCAs) that are inclusive to all aspects of sustainability are a necessary tool for quantifying risk and feasibility of large-scale implementation of CCS. Widder et al. (2011)





Current literature on CCUS





Source: Cruz et al (2021)

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Search criteria

- ✓ Articles published between 2011 and 2021
- ✓ Articles looking specifically into the aminebased capture technology
- ✓ Articles including capture and storage activities
- ✓ Articles about production of methanol with captured CO₂
- ✓ Articles looking simultaneously into utilization and storage





Current literature on CCUS: key findings from 117 articles



Most of studies analyze CCUS implementation in the power sector generation Only four in the cement sector



The majority of articles model the chemical absorption process using MEA





The production of methanol from recycled CO₂ has the greatest potential for a short-term deployment from other utilization options

Only makes sense when using green energy



Only two studies assess the life cycle environmental impacts of all the CCUS value chain



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Only one study considers the temporal dimension





Life Cycle Assessment for the Greencem project

System under assessment

Capture capacity: 1.1-1.3 MtonCO₂/year

Energy requirement for amine regeneration: 2.5GJ/ tonCO₂

Amine make-up: 0.5Kg/tonCO₂

3 steam sources: El-boiler, gas boiler, Heat Pump

Transport by ship

Injection in a depleted oil gas located in the North Sea, at 480Km

Deliver of **biogenic** CO₂ to PtX and methanol production

Deliver of excess heat to DH (Max 100MW)



Production and combustion of kerosene

Production of heat with electrical boiler

Scenarios

Years: 2020, 2030 and 2050

BAU and PA 1.5 CCS and CCUS

Type of LCA: cradle to gate

Functional unit: One ton of grey clinker



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Results: When does CCS or CCUS deliver PA reduction goals?

Paris Agreement (<1.5°C)													
		CCS		CCUS									
Year	El boiler	Gas boiler	Heat Pump	El boiler	Gas boiler	Heat Pump							
2030	84%	85%	85%	83%	84%	83%							
2050	89%	89%	89%	88%	88%	88%							

Reduction on Global Warming for one ton of clinker

30% biogenic

2030: 75% of wind power and 75% alternative fuels 2050: 100% of wind power and 75% alternative fuels

Pre-conditions for reaching neutrality



Concretely Dynamic



Key messages

• CCUS cannot deliver the climate targets without renewable energy sources, therefore, it is not a "competing" technology but a complementary one

CCUS will be the third most important measure, after electrification and renewables, to achieve net zero emissions. IEA, 2020

- The condition of neutrality can be delivered on the conditions of a high share of biogenic sources for fuels in the clinker production. Nevertheless, the availability of biogenic sources is limited and constrained
- There are not great differences between CCS and CCUS as long as the methanol is produced with biogenic CO₂ and it replaces kerosene or fossil fuels





Thank you

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