

CCS Pipeline Infrastructure Development in the Gulf Coast and Southeast US

A SimCCS Case Study

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Large-scale CCS deployment will require development of regional CCS infrastructure

- Regional CO₂ transport infrastructures connecting regional sources to geologic sinks is a critical need
- CCS infrastructure is a long-term investment
- Strategic development of infrastructure could help address large number of sources and help save on costs
- Infrastructure that effectively connects multiple CO₂ point sources with multiple geologic sinks assures long-term use



SimCCS: A model to integrate different parts of the CCS value chain

SimCCS can help determine optimal, regional network of CO₂ sources, CO₂ sinks and CO₂ transport infrastructure that meet desired CCS goals



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LANL is utilizing SimCCS to support infrastructure modeling in three regional CCUS initiatives (SECARB-USA, MRCI, CUSP) and one energy transition initiative (I-WEST)

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CO₂ emission sources and potential storage formations in the Southeast US region



45Q eligible point sources and saline storage formations in SE USA



- 3632 point sources:1.281 Gt/yr cum emissions
 - 1063 45Q eligible point sources: 1.17 Gt/yr cum emissions
- 69 potential storage targets (saline formations)
- Data source for CO₂ point sources: EPA GHGRP & eGRID (2021)
- Date source for saline storage formations: NATCARB
- SECARB-USA Regional Initiative is updating the saline storage formation data

CO₂ supply curve – based on point source characteristics





69 potential saline storage targets in the region with varying characteristics



Potential regional deployment of CCS connecting all sources with suitable sinks

Scenario 1: Capture all 45Q eligible emissions, Pipelines avoid tribal lands & disadvantaged communities

- Only saline storage
- 45Q tax credits: \$50/ton



- Pipeline length: 14,890 miles
- Pipeline size: 4" 48"
- Net cost: \$10.05/ton
 - Pipeline cost: \$2.57/ton



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Scenario 2: Phased CCS infrastructure build-out

- Incremental CO₂ capture to meet net-zero emissions by 2050
- 45Q tax credits: \$50/ton



Conclusions

- Deployment of large-scale CCS will require large-scale regional infrastructure:
 - Capture CO₂ from multiple sources and transport it to multiple sinks
- Strategic investments in developing regional CO₂ transportation infrastructure can facilitate timely & efficient large-scale CCS deployment:
 - Phased build-out can encourage regional deployment
- Development of effective & efficient CCS infrastructure requires taking into consideration characteristics of point sources (for capture), region (for transport) & sinks (for storage)



Thank you!

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