Perspective of CO2 capture & storage (CCS) development in Vietnam: Results from expert interviews.

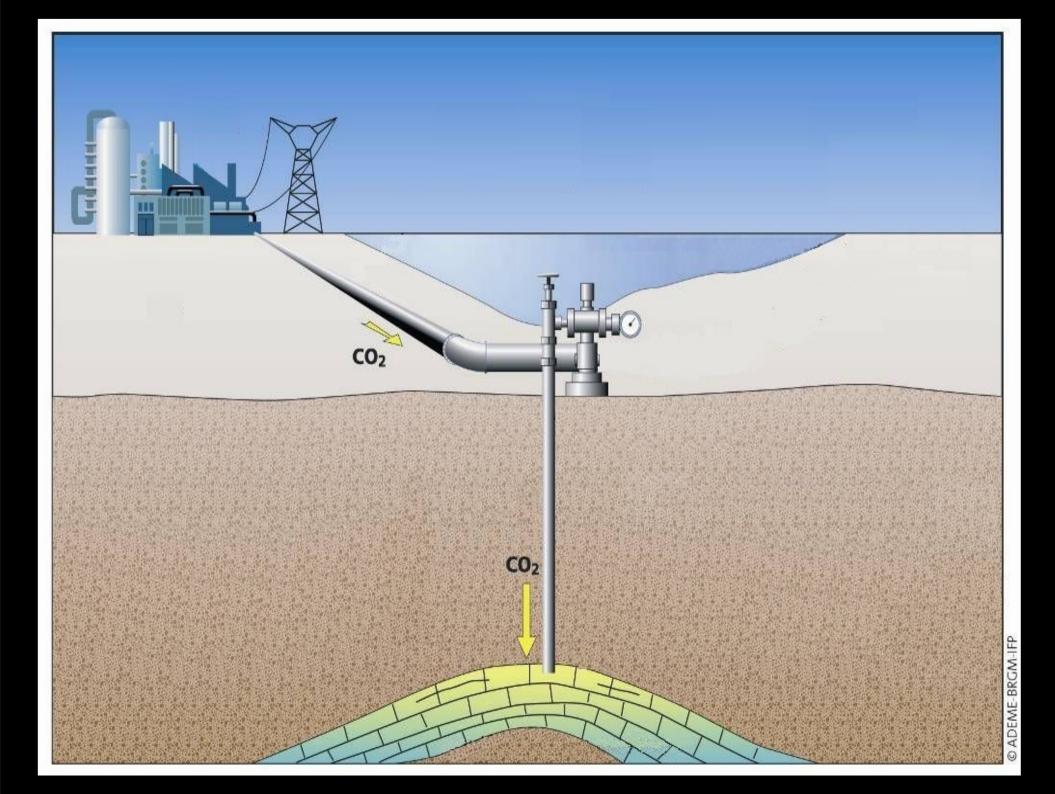
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Outline

- CCS : burying the CO2
- Potentially relevant in Vietnam
- Survey : nobody optimistic

1. A primer on CCS

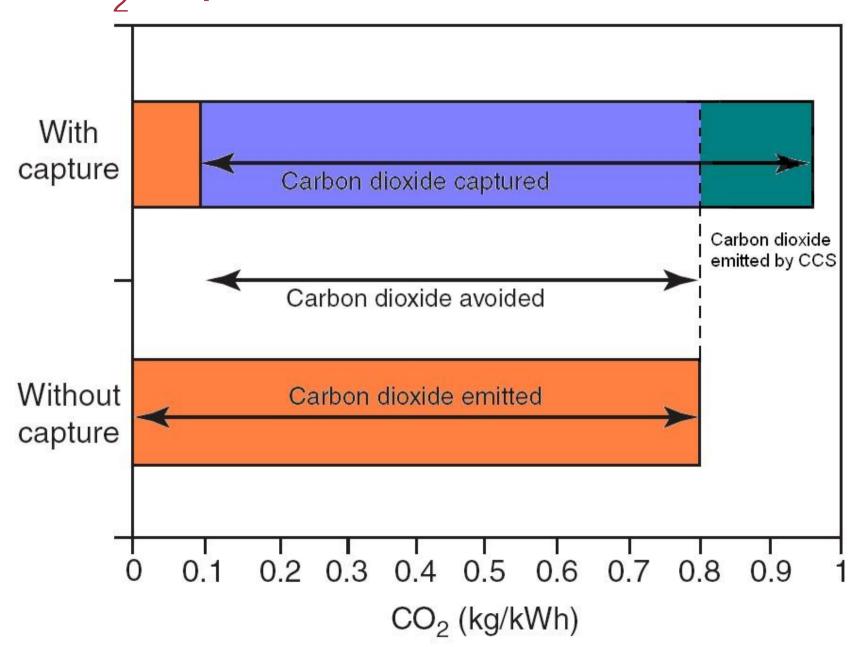


Example: Sleipner natural gas field, Norway



CO2 capture and storage pathways Gas to domestic supply Cement / steel / refineries etc. Natural gas min diminin dimini + CO, capture Petrochemical Electricity generation plants + CO, capture Future H, use Mineral carbonation CO, geological storage Ocean storage (Ship or pipeline) CO, geological storage

CO₂ avoided = CO₃ captured - emissions of CCS



Estimated total cost, today

43 - 52 € / tCO2 avoided for 10 M t/yr



Electricity production cost increases by >30%

Coal plant:

from 4.3-5.2 c/kWh without to 6.3-9.9 c/kWh with CCS 400M\$ additional investment

Natural gas combined cycle:

3.1 - 5.0 c/kWh without

4.3 - 7.7 c/kWh with

Source: IPCC SRCCS

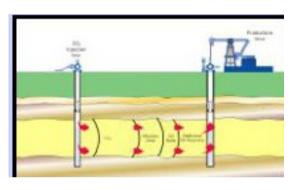
But there are uncertainties

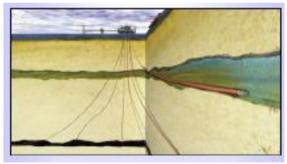
Risks of leakage:

Imply long term monitoring

Economic framework is uncertain (post Kyoto regulation, ETS...)

No public opinion exists yet



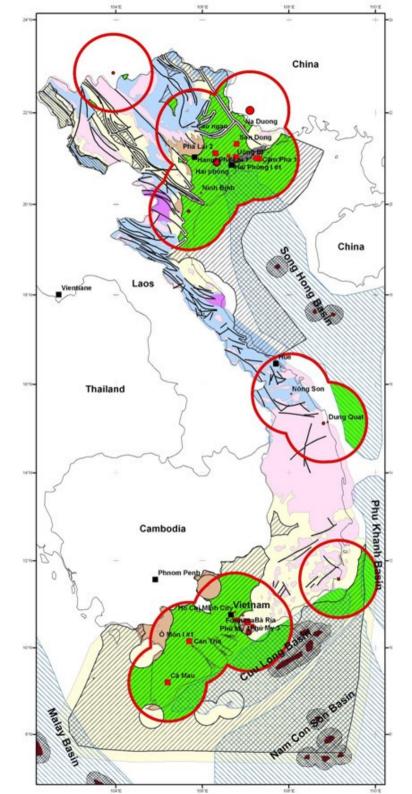


2. CCS potentially relevant in Vietnam

Many power plants >2.5 Mt CO2 / yr

Existing and future coal-fired/natural gas combined cycle power plants (Pha Lai, Uong Bi, Hai Phong, Cam Pha, Quang Ninh, TBKHH Mien Trung, Coal Mien Trung, etc) in the river basin area of Song Hong and the North end.

Existing and future natural gas combined cycle/coal-fired power plants (Phu My, Ca Mau, TBKHH Mien Nam, Tra Vinh, Kien Giang, Coal Mien Nam, etc) in the river basin area of Cuu Long.

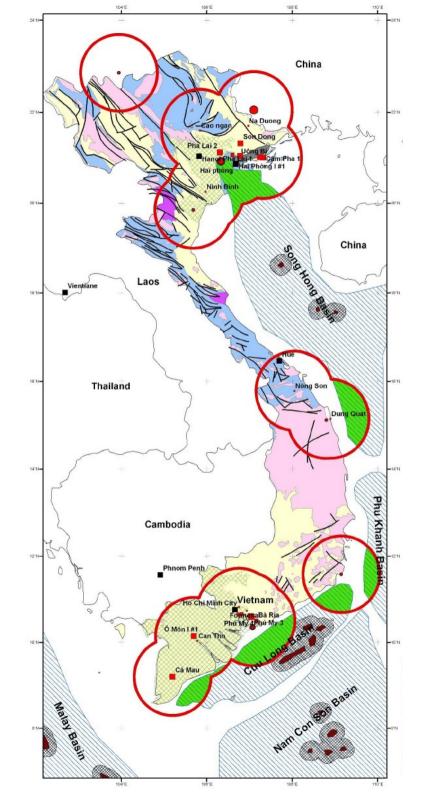


Favorable storage geology & proximity

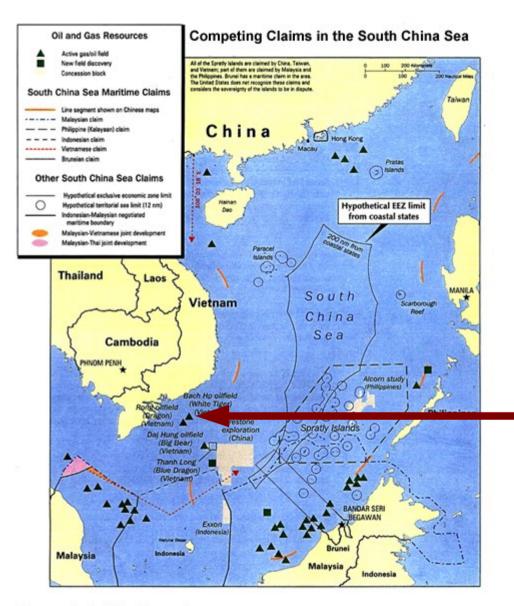


Source: BRGM

Storage potential even if restricted to near offshore



CCS at White Tiger field (Bach Ho)



CO2 capture from gas power plants
pipeline transport
storage in oil fields
enhanced oil

recovery (EOR)

Source: Central Intelligence Agency

White Tiger missed goals

Emission reduction of 7.7 million tCO2 per year

Recovery of 50 000 barrels of crude oil per day

Clean Development Mechanism





3. Experts are pessimistic

The survey

- Face to face interviews
- 16 experts
- 2013, in Vietnam

Table 1: The organizations of experts and their functions

Sector	Organization	Function
Government	Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT)	Energy policy and project investment for CCS in the national energy development
	Ministry of Environmental and Natural resources (MONRE)	Environmental and natural resources protection and management
	Electricity Regulatory Authority of Vietnam (ERAV)	Issuing regulations for the power system operation in Vietnam
	Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)	Scientific policy and research investment for the new technologies
Industrial sectors	Electricity of Vietnam (EVN)	Invest in and regulate the largest share of the power generation sector, all transmission and distribution systems
	National Load Dispatch Center (NLDC - AO)	Dispatch the whole power generation and transmission systems
	Coal power plants	Investing in or operating coal power plants
Scientific institutes	Institute of Energy (IE)	Research on CCS potential and deployment in Vietnam
	Institute of Energy Science (IES)	Research on new and clean energy technologies, implement renewable energy projects
	Electric Power University (EPU)	Research on electric power systems

Table 2: Interview themes

Theme	Key points	Objectives	
	Is it a necessary technology in Vietnam for mitigating climate change	To examine advantages and position of CCS/CR in Vietnam' energy development strategy	
Necessity of CCS & Capture-Readiness (CR) in Vietnam	Is it possible to deploy CCS/CR in Vietnam now		
	Could it be an effective low carbon technology in short- or long-term?		
Potential risk of CCS projects and the	What kind of potential risks of CCS/CR exist in Vietnam	To prepare solutions to deal with potential risks	
corresponding risk	Is it preventing CCS/CR from deployment		
control	How to control risks effectively		
Influencing factors and incentives for CCS/CR deployment in Vietnam	What are the main influencing factors in CCS/CR deployment in Vietnam	To provide policy-making recommendations for CCS/CR development	

Views on necessity of CCS

- Coal : will increase
- Integration with existing system : relatively easy
- Competitiveness with efficiency & renewables : in doubt

Views on barriers

- Technical risk: novelty, Bach Ho failed EOR
- Environmental risk of leakage
- Degrades energy security : need more coal
- Financial risk : CO2 market unreliable
- Political risk : no mandate for Capture Ready

Views on solutions

- Policy : MoIT, MoNRE, MoST joint board
- Financial incentives needed but not believed
- More studies : geology, technology, economics
- Awareness : demonstration (someone else pay)
- Power sector development strategy

Conclusions

- All experts : CCS not a first choice for reduction
- Developping CCS needed, but not our problem
- Reusing CO2 is preferred
- Internalize the costs of CO2 emissions first
- No new coal plants without carbon capture built in or funded by Europe