

# EXPLORING THE CONDITIONS AND IMPLICATIONS OF DEPLOYING DIRECT AIR CAPTURE AT SCALE



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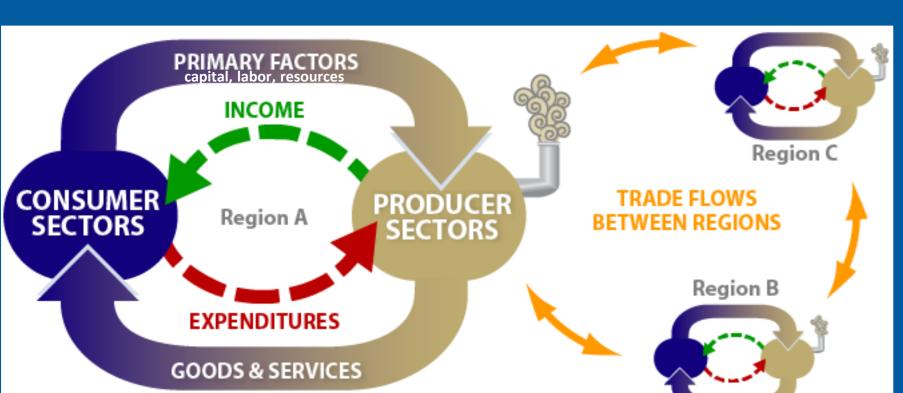
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#### EPPA Model

A global multi-region, multi-sector general equilibrium model coupled with an Earth system model. Major goals: Energy, economy, emissions projections

Model features: Theory-based; Prices are endogenous; International Trade; Inter-industry Linkages; Distortions (taxes, subsidies, etc.); GDP and Welfare effects

<u>Trade-off:</u> Aggregated representation of regions, sectors, technologies

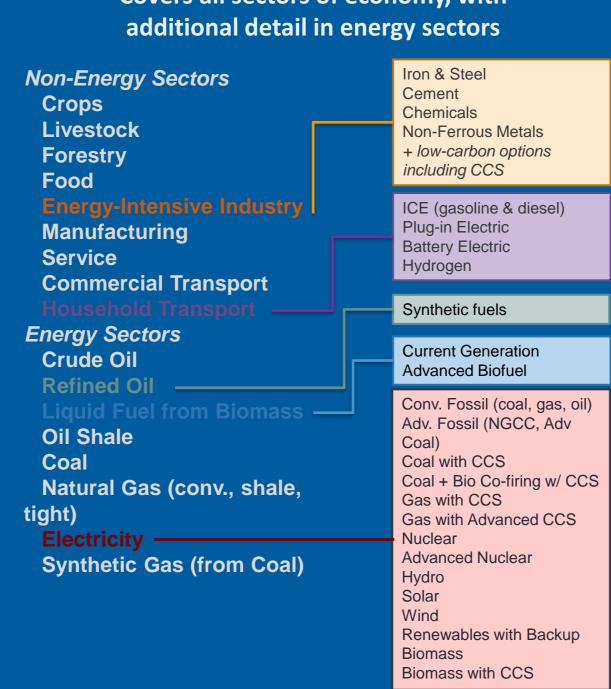


Policy Assumptions
Population Growth
Capital/Labor Productivity Growth
Energy Efficiency Improvements
Technology Costs
Rate of Technology Penetration
Elasticities of Substitution
(related to labor, capital, energy, fuels, etc.)
Fossil Fuel Resource Availability
Urban Pollutant Initial Inventories & Trends

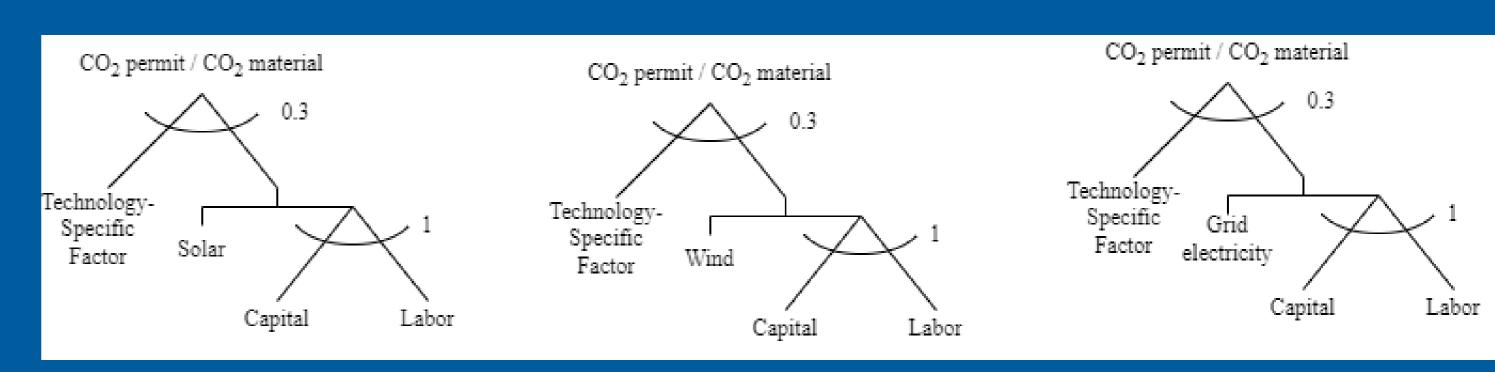
**Land Productivity** 

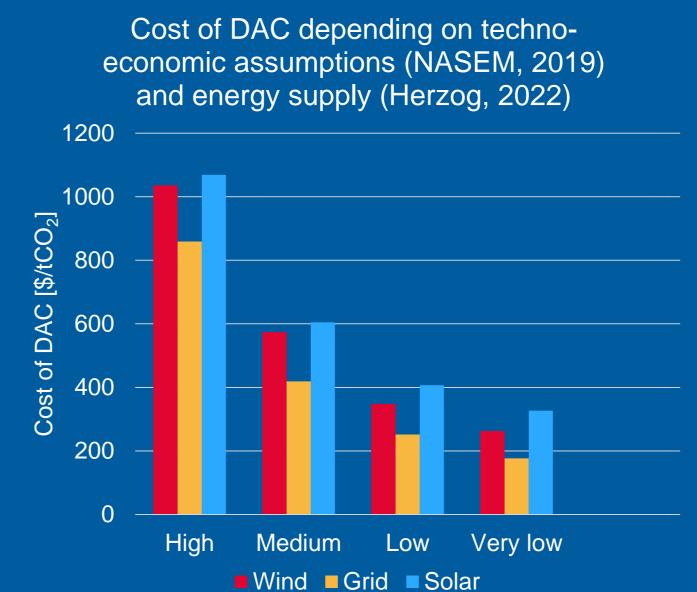
Key Outputs
GDP
Consumption
Emissions (GHGs, Air
Pollutants)
Primary/Final Energy Use
Electricity Generation
Technology Mix
Commodity and Factor Prices
Sectoral Output
Land Use
\*At global and regional levels\*

#### Covers all sectors of economy, with



### Modeling of direct air capture (DAC)





DAC is modeled in nested constant elasticity of substitution (CES). For DAC units powered with dedicated wind or solar, we oversize the capacity of these and implement a battery:

 $= \frac{Energy\ consumption \times DAC\ capacity}{8760 \times availability\ factor}$ 

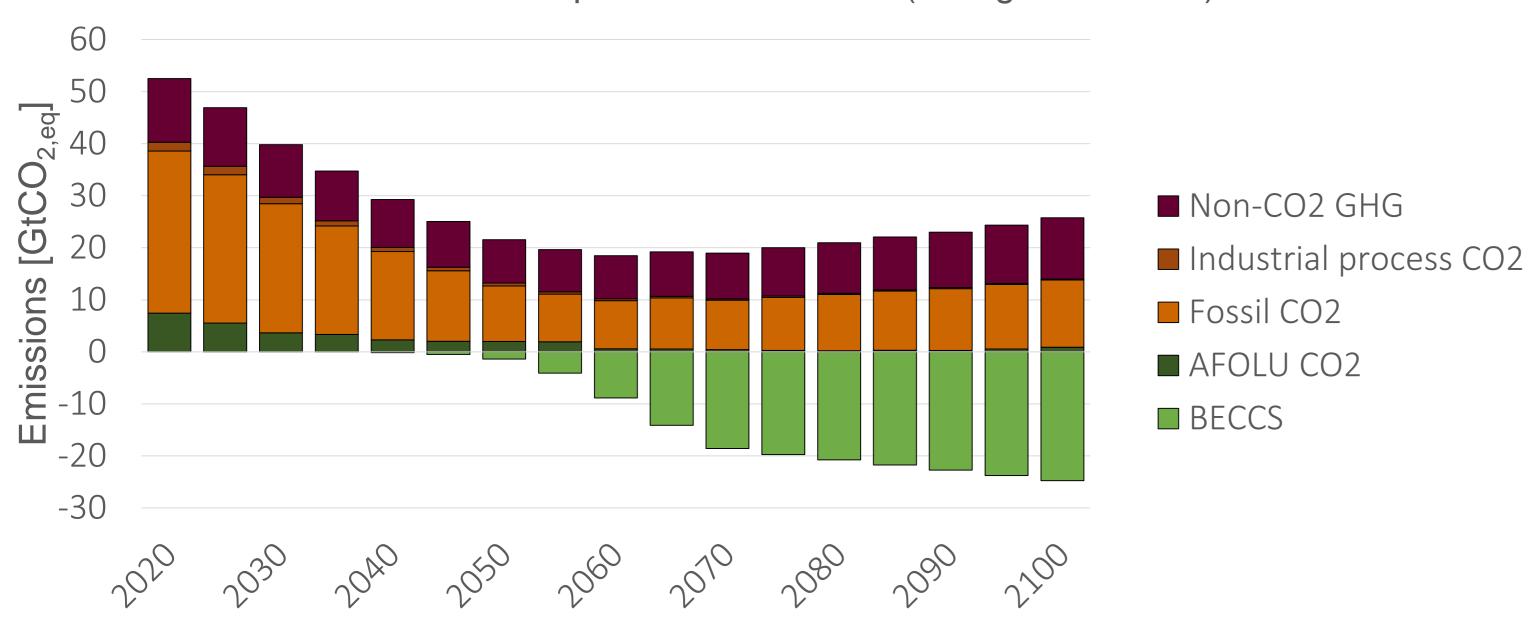
Capacity of battery = Capacity of intermittent power  $\times$  24  $\times$  (1 – availability factor)

The **Technology-Specific Factor** (TSF) limits technology expansion as this factor is limited initially but grows as a function of past investments in the technology, capturing learning, monopoly rents, and adjustment costs.

## Results for a scenario targeting net-zero emissions by 2070

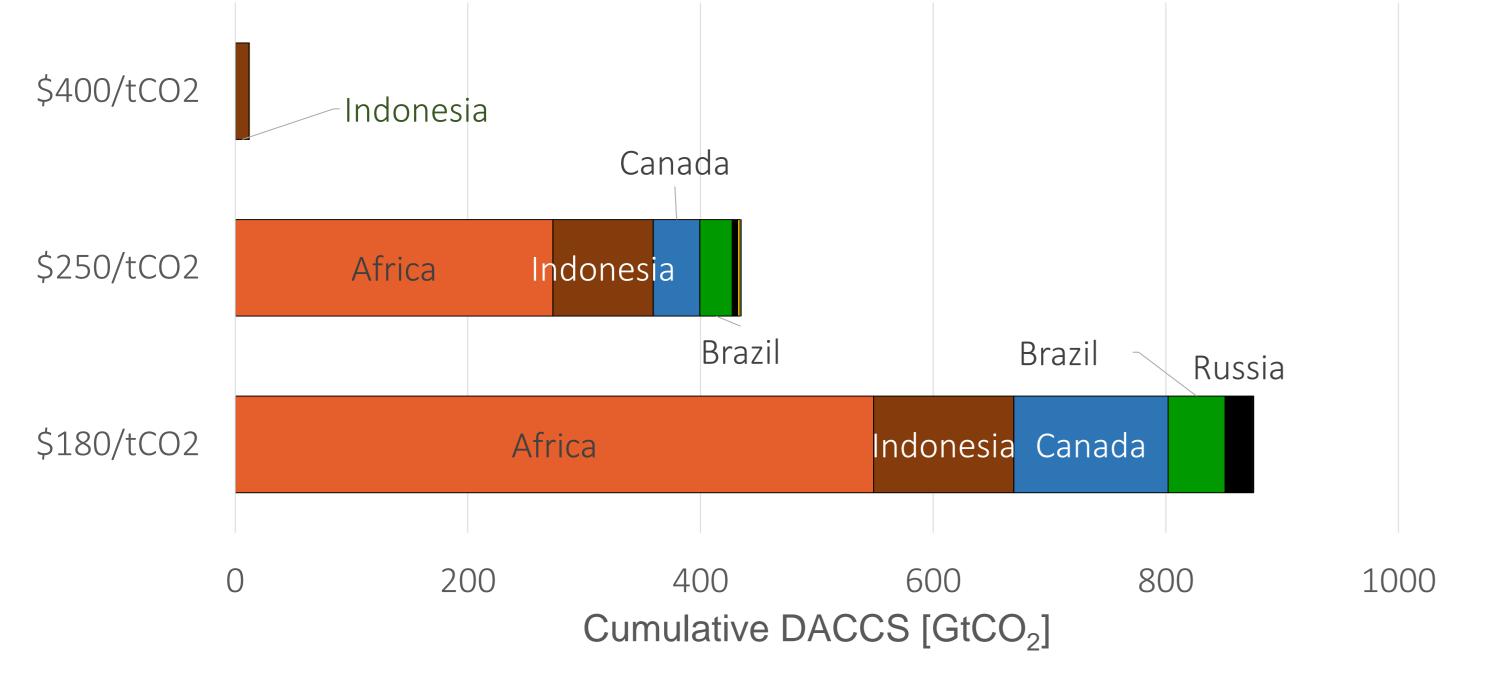
Without DAC, BECCS is deployed massively to reach net-zero by 2070.

Global emissions profile without DAC (or High cost DAC)



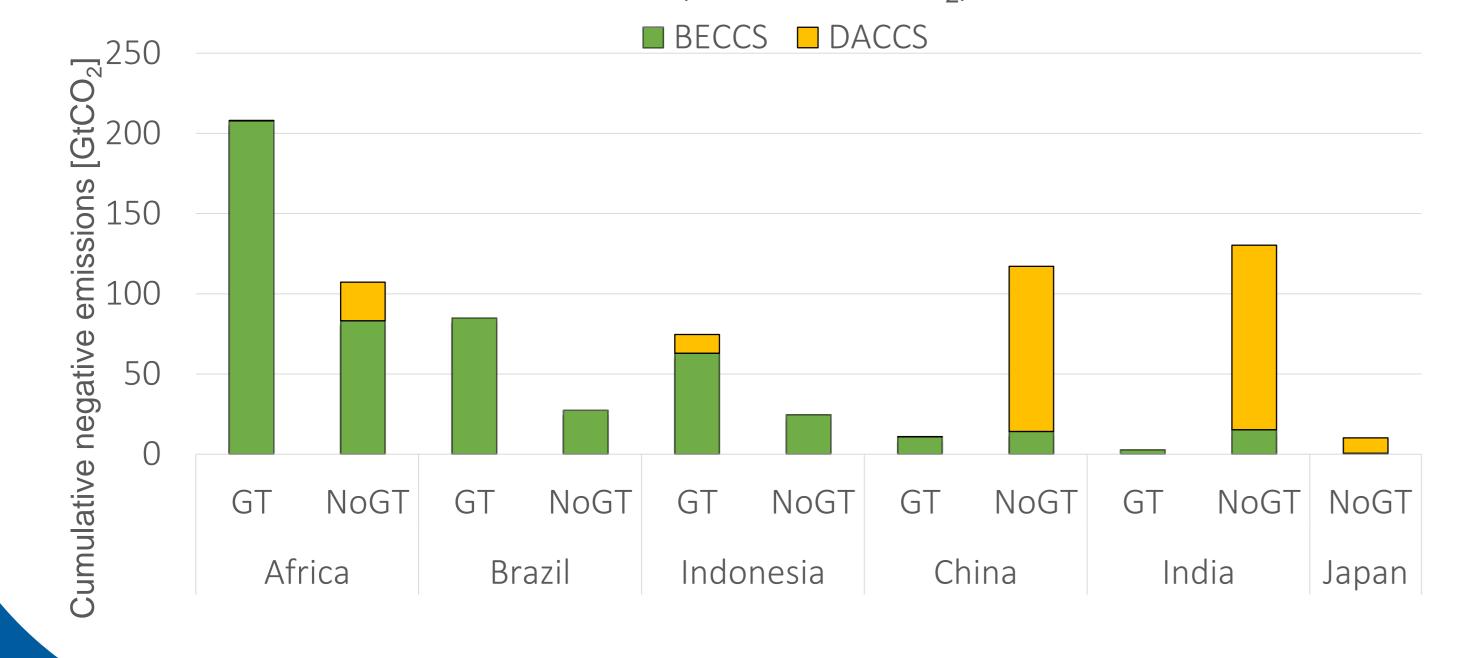
Africa proves to be a massive supplier of negative emissions to offset residual emissions of the rest of the world, as the continent possesses large renewable capacities at low costs.

Cumulative regional negative emissions through DACCS



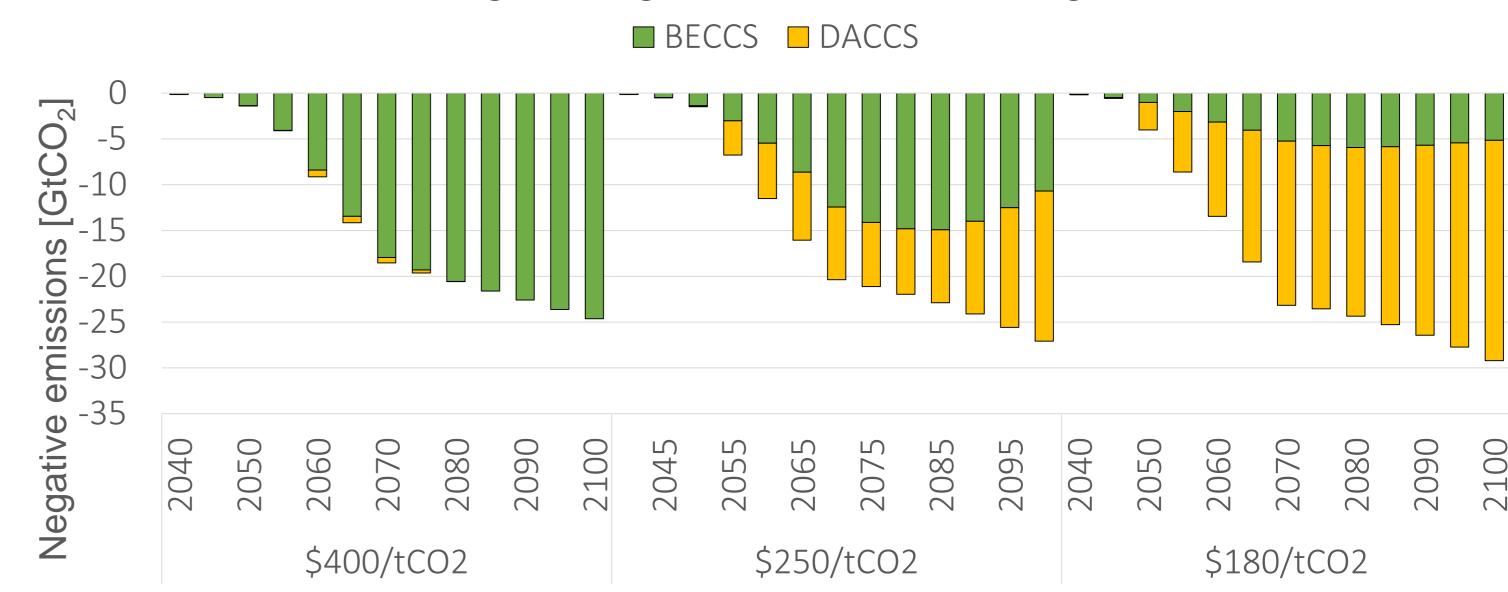
In the absence of an Emission Trading System (ETS), China and India heavily rely on DACCS as they are unable to deploy BECCS due to limited available land.

Cumulative generation of negative emissions in selected countries with GHG trading (GT) and without GHG trading (NoGT) for a Medium Cost DAC (~\$400-600/tCO<sub>2</sub>)

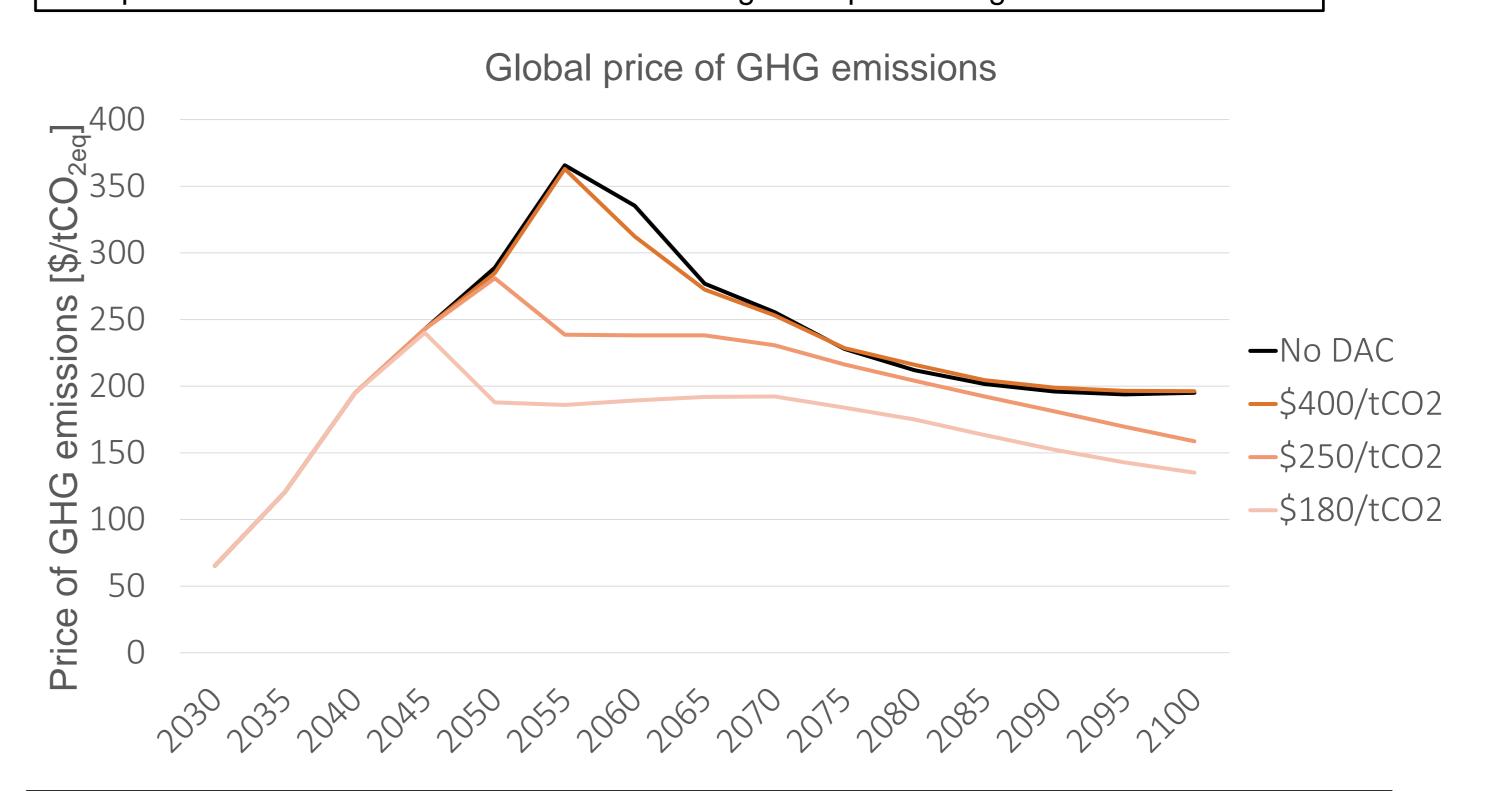


DACCS competes with BECCS for costs below \$380/tCO<sub>2</sub>. DACCU is never rolled out.

Breakdown of global negative emissions according to DAC cost



Cheap DAC lowers the cost of the transition and gives a positive signal to stakeholders.



In the absence of an Emission Trading System (ETS), DACCS drastically reduces the cost of the transition for countries like China, India, Japan or South Korea.

Effect of GHG trading (GT) and no GHG trading (NoGT) on the price of GHG emissions for selected countries with Medium cost of DAC

