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U.S. Energy Emissions

Energy technologies central to U.S. GHG and pollutant emissions

- 86% of domestic GHG emissions^[1], > 90% of anthropogenic NO_x, SO₂^[2]
- Emissions dominated by fossil fuel use in power generation and transportation
 - LDV sector responsible for 61% of transportation GHG emissions



Life cycle GHG emissions dependent on fuel/conversion pathway

Traditional Coal: 687-1689 gCO₂eq/kWhr (Average: 944) [1-8]

Strategy		GHG Reduction [Average Coal]	Potential AQ Impact	Reference(s)
Gas-Fired Power		28-76%	+/- : introduce emissions, improvement from coal	[1-4, 9-13]
Nuclear Power		77-99%	+++: high benefits	[3, 4, 9, 11, 14-20]
Renewable Power	Wind	96-99%	_++/-: emissions free but can have impacts system-wide with	[3, 4, 10, 11, 21-31]
	Solar PV	89-98%		[4, 30, 32-40]
	Solar CST	74-99%	emission consequences	[41-46]
	Biopower	62-163%	++/: pathway dependent	[3, 30, 47-64]
	Geothermal	94-99%	++: emissions free	[4, 27, 65, 66]
	Ocean	94-99%	+/-: likely positive, uncertain	[27, 67, 68]
ccs	Coal (PC)	50-94%	+/: Pathway specific, Potential	[6-8, 73-76]
	NG	59-88%	increases from efficiency penalty	[7,8, 73-75]
Efficiency Gains	Generation	2.5-3.7%**		[77-85]
	Transmission	1-4.3%**	+: will reduce emissions	
	End-use	7.6-30%**		

** denotes a reduction in total demand for power



Life cycle GHG emissions dependent on:

- Vehicle propulsion efficiency, utilized fuel, and production pathway

Strategy	Technology	GHG Reduction [Avg. gasoline]	Potential AQ Impact	Reference(s)
Efficiency	Conventional	5 to 50%	+ : reduce emissions	[1-9]
	HEVs	37 to 87%		[1-3, 7, 8, 10, 11]
Hydrogen	FCEVs	14 to 99%	+++/- : Dependent on the chosen supply chain	[1, 3, 7-24]
Electricity	PHEVs	15 to 68%	+++/- : Dependent on the chosen supply chain	[1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 25-31]
	BEVs	28 to 99%		[1, 7, 8, 10, 11, 32, 33]
Biofuels	Corn Ethanol	+93 to 67%	+/ : Dependent on life	[4, 7, 11, 34-41]
	Cel. Ethanol	+50 to >100%	cycle and direct vehicle emissions	[3, 4, 7, 11, 35, 37, 39, 42-46]
Modal Shift	Various	0.4-2%	+: will reduce vehicle emissions	[47-50]



Alternative Energy Strategies



Assessing AQ Impacts





Motivation

Problem Statement

- Climate change concerns influencing shifts to alternative technologies and fuels in major energy sectors
 - Transition will alter direct pollutant and GHG emissions
 - Quantity, composition, spatial and temporal patterns
- Emission perturbations directly influence future AQ
 - Formation and fate of atmospheric chemical species of concern for human health
 - Ozone (O₃) and fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5})

<u>Goal</u>

- Investigate future (2055) GHG and AQ impacts of transitions to alternative energy pathways
 - Identify and characterize opportunities to maximize co-benefits while avoiding any unforeseen costs









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Regions of Interest



Region selection focused on:

- Existing and expected future AQ challenges
- Variation in regional sources to facilitate comparison and identify trends
- Current/expected focus on GHG mitigation and alternative technology deployment





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<u>Characterize and assess baseline (Base Case) AQ in 2055</u>

- Prediction of future emissions difficult due to uncertainties underlying drivers
 - Technology advancement, regulatory changes, energy prices, economic growth, weather
- MARKet ALocation (MARKAL) model \rightarrow EPA
 - Represents energy system evolution to targeted horizon (2055)
 - Calibrated to U.S. Energy Information Administration Reference Case





Source: Loughlin et al. 2011

Justifiably project emission evolution in response to major drivers

- Sector and sub-sector energy demand growth
- Advancement and selection of technologies and fuels to meet demands
- Emissions from utilized technologies and fuels





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Air Quality Impacts of FCEVs

Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle Deployment Modeling

- Hydrogen can be generated from a wide range of pathways
 - Reformation (SMR, ATR), Gasification, Electrolysis
 - Delivery methods
 - On-site production, Truck delivery, Pipeline delivery
- Electric load increase depends on production/delivery method:
 - Low(SMR) to high(electrolysis)

Emissions and AQ Modeling of Deployment Scenario

- Direct vehicle emissions reduced from conventional fleet
- Novel emissions from production/delivery pathways added
 - Vary in spatial and quantitative impact e.g., SMR plant vs. grid for electrolysis
 - Delivery method important \rightarrow HDV vs. pipeline
- Potential for reduction in petroleum fuel infrastructure emissions
 - Uncertain due to socio-economic factors \rightarrow both cases evaluated





Air Quality Impacts of FCEVs

Two Cases of Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle Deployment in 2050 (SMR 1 and SMR 2)

- Both Cases have been adjusted to account for vehicle emissions (-74%), power sector emissions (+ 0.005%), and the addition of SMR plant emissions
 - For the SMR 2 Case petroleum refinery emissions (-25%)



Transportation Sector O₃ Impacts



Air Quality Impacts of Cold Ironing OGVs

Provision of shore-to-ship power important mitigation strategy

- Auxiliary engines at berth comprise significant fraction of total OGV & Port emissions
 - Power needs can be provided by vessel linkage to shore \rightarrow grid, distributed tech.



Requires projection of:

- 1. Port activity: vessel calls/types
- 2. Electricity requirements
- 3. Emission impacts
 - **OGVs** ≈ 18 to 45%
 - Power ≈ + 0.25%

For major ports in CA:

- Long Beach/L.A.
- Oakland and Bay Area (4)
- San Diego
- Hueneme

AQ Impacts of Renewable Resources and Electrification

AQ and GHG impacts of increasing renewable generation in tandem with electrification of additional sectors in CA

- Grid modeling platform: HiGRID in combination with Plexos
 - Consideration of T & D requirements, dynamics, complementary strategies, etc.
- Potential implementation scenarios for electrification in various sectors
 - Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Transportation



Hourly Electrification Load Comparison - Summer 2020



AQ Impacts of Renewable Resources and Electrification

AQ impacts vary (+ and -) spatially and in magnitude

- Emission reductions from energy sectors yield moderate improvements
 - Generally occur with larger spatial distribution
 - Seasonally dependent, e.g., ozone in summer and PM_{2.5} in winter
- Emission increases from fossil generators yield areas of localized AQ worsening
 - Generally occur with higher peak magnitude
 - Potentially mitigated by co-deployment of advanced comp. strategies (next step)



Δ PM_{2.5} Commercial Case (Winter 2020)





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Conclusions

- Strategies to mitigate GHG emissions will in tandem impact regional AQ
 - Emission perturbations alter atmospheric concentrations of pollutants
 - Potential for co-benefits (avoid problem shifting)
- AQ impact assessment requires detailed atmospheric modeling
 - Account for chemical and physical processes post emissions release
 - Spatial and temporal distributions of primary and secondary pollutants
- Emission inventories key input for methodology
 - Provide foundation for projection and spatial and temporal distribution
 - Advances will directly improve overall AQ modeling results
- Methodology has been applied to assess AQ impacts of various advanced energy technologies that can reduce GHG emissions
 - Transportation: Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles, Electric Vehicles, Ocean Going Vessels, Heavy Duty Vehicles
 - Power: Renewable resources, Biopower, Distributed Generation
 - Industrial



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Formation of tropospheric ozone governed by complex set of chemical reactions





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Temporal Impacts on O₃

O₃ reductions occur during important times in important locations

- Increases occur during off-peak times in areas of lower concentrations





CMAQ

Governing Dynamic Equation:

- Numerical solution of the atmospheric diffusion equation
 - Advective transport, sources/sinks, chemical production/loss, size /chemically resolved aerosol formation

$$\frac{\partial Q_m^k}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(u Q_m^k \right) = \nabla \cdot \left(K \nabla Q_m^k \right) + \left(\frac{\partial Q_m^k}{\partial t} \right)_{sources/} + \left(\frac{\partial Q_m^k}{\partial t} \right)_{aerosol} + \left(\frac{\partial Q_m^k}{\partial t} \right)_{chemistry}$$



- Widespread use in AQ modeling community
- Modular chemical mechanisms
 - CBIV, SAPRC99, CB05
- Met fields include encompass temperature
 field, wind field, UV radiation field, and
 information of the terrain such as surface
 roughness to calculate deposition velocities,
 etc...



U.S. Energy Emissions

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- 86% of domestic GHG emissions^[1], > 90% of anthropogenic NO_x , SO_2 ^[2]
- Emissions result from combustion of fossil fuels



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Combustion: Emission Impacts

During combustion components of fossil fuels combine with O₂ from air to yield water vapor, CO₂, and trace pollutants

E.g., for octane (C_8H_{18}) combustion

$$2C_8H_{18} + 25O_2 \rightarrow 18H_2O + 16CO_2 + \text{pollutants}$$

Global Climate Change

- 1. Fossil fuel combustion contributes to climate change and air quality concerns → Transitions to cleaner alternatives Economic Impacts • Environmental Impacts
 - Additional drivers: energy security/independence, sustainability,
 - Ecosystems impacts oncerns, ...
- Materials Degradation

Air Pollution (Quality)

- Shifts to alternative technologies/fuels will impact both 2. emissions of GHG and pollutants due to common sources
 - **Opportunity to simultaneously address climate change and air quality**





Source: Brown 2011

2020 Electrification GHG Results





Energy Sector Regional Emissions

Transportation major contributor of GHG and NO_x Emissions

- Power sector important for GHG emissions
- Industrial sector pollutant emissions significant in all regions



Energy Sector O₃ Impacts

Transportation sector yields largest improvements in all regions

- Power more localized than industrial but with higher magnitude (TX, NEUS)
- Industrial impacts significant, particularly for CA



ΔO_3 From Base

Energy Sector PM_{2.5} Impacts – NEUS

NEUS power generation contributes significantly to ambient levels

- Transportation sector impacts upwind of NYC
- Industrial sector impacts have localized importance



Energy Sector O₃ Impacts

-7.5 ppb





-15.3 ppb





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Energy Sector PM_{2 5} Impacts – CA

<u>Regional variation in magnitude & spatial distribution of improvements</u>

- Transportation dominant contributor to ambient concentrations in CA
- Industrial of high importance in select CA regions, i.e., Central Valley



<u>Δ 24-hour Average PM_{2.5} From Base</u>

Transportation Sector AQ Impacts

Transportation sector emissions significantly impact regional AQ

- Primary and secondary pollutants \rightarrow Ozone and Particulate Matter (PM)
- Significantly more than other major energy sectors in CA



Projected Transportation Emissions to 2055

Significant variance in projected emissions amongst sub-sectors

- Result of current regulatory focus, technology advancement, etc.
- − In 2055 GM sectors contribute majority of emissions \rightarrow Ships, Off-road



Life Cycle GHG Emissions for LDVs



* Gasoline ICE and Compressed NG vehicle WTW information obtained from the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, except vehicle manufacturing. **Tri-Generation is a novel technology that was conceived by the National Fuel Cell Research Center in 2001 to simultaneously generate electricity, hydrogen, and heat. It was developed into the first prototype in collaboration with FuelCell Energy, Inc., and Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. The first demonstration of this technology in the world is currently being demonstrated at the Orange County Sanitation District while operated on renewable biogas derived from the wastewater treatment process. For more information on Tri-Generation please visit: http://www.apep.uci.edu/3/research/partnership_TRI-GEN.aspx

***Fleet-wide average fuel economy is the representative fuel economy of the average vehicle in the light-duty vehicle fleet. This is a weighted average of the fuel economy of different size vehicles. Each vehicle class is weighted by their contribution to the total light-duty vehicle fleet according to the CARB EMFAC model.

****Vehicle manufacturing emissions obtained from automaker data input.



Transportation Sector O₃ Impacts



Evolution of LDV Impacts

The relative AQ impacts of LDVs are modest in 2055...BUT

- Improvements occur in highly populated areas \rightarrow Important health benefits
- Emissions of GHGs still have high importance \rightarrow Need for mitigation



2005 O₃ LDV Impacts



2055 O₃ LDV Impacts

Air Quality Impacts of Electric Vehicles

Impact of Battery Electric (BEV) and Plug-in Hybrid Electric (PHEV) Deployment

- Direct reductions in vehicle and petroleum fuel infrastructure pathways
- Increase in emissions from electricity generation



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Electric Vehicle Impacts

AQ impacts driven by vehicle emission reductions

- Complete deployment of BEVs in the LDV sector
- Additional power (11% increase) met by existing generation mix



Difference in [O₃] Relative to Base



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Air Quality Impacts of Petroleum Refining

Petroleum fuel production/distribution important to AQ & GHG

- Substantial reductions in O_3 and $PM_{2.5}$ for key CA regions
- Further motivation supporting transitions to alternative LDV strategies



OGV Emissions Mitigation: Cold Ironing (CI)

Provision of ship-to-shore power (CI) important mitigation strategy

- Auxiliary engines at berth comprise significant fraction of total OGV & Port emissions
 - Power needs can be provided by vessel linkage to shore \rightarrow grid, distributed tech.
 - CA: At-berth regulation requires 80% reduction by 2020



OGV Emissions Mitigation: Cold Ironing (CI)

<u>CI Cases demonstrate benefits to AQ in urban regions of the State</u>

- Substantial reductions in PM_{2.5} in important areas, e.g., SoCAB
- Ozone impacts include increases from reduced scavenging from large NO_x reductions



Industry Sub-sector O₃ Impacts



Industry Sub-sector PM_{2.5} Impacts – TX



Industry – Oil and Gas Production



Marine Vessel Impacts

Deployment of advanced vessel strategies achieves high co-benefits

- International Marine Organization potential emission reduction estimates
 - Ship design, propulsion, machinery, vessel operation, alternative fuels



Goods Movement Sector

GM sector emission reductions yield important AQ benefits

- Heavily impacted communities adjacent/upwind of major U.S. shipping ports
 - Long Beach/L.A, Oakland, Houston, New York City, Philadelphia



Coal Mitigation

Strategies to mitigate GHG emissions from coal power plants in TX

- Nuclear Power
 - Free of direct pollutant emissions, life cycle emissions comparable
- Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)
 - Efficiency penalty \rightarrow Net increase of some pollutants (NO_x)
 - Impacts of capture \rightarrow Decrease per kWhr of some pollutants (SO₂)



Coal Mitigation

AQ co-benefits maximized by nuclear power relative to CCS

- Peak O₃ difference of 8 ppb localized to large capacity generators
- Reductions in 24-h $PM_{2.5}$ reach 2 μ g/m³ for nuclear scenario



Industry – Petroleum Fuel Refining

Crude oil refining emissions reflect complexity of process

- Stationary combustion for heat/power/steam \rightarrow limited large sources
 - CO₂, NO_x
- Various (vents, leaks, stacks, cooling towers) \rightarrow diffuse, continuous or episodic
 - CO₂, CH₄, VOCs (potentially highly reactive)

Source Contribution of GHG emissions From Petroleum Refineries





Petroleum Refinery Impacts

Petroleum fuel production/distribution has important AQ & GHG impacts

- Substantial reductions in O₃ and PM_{2.5} for important CA regions
- Further motivation supporting transitions to alternative LDV strategies



Industry – Petroleum Fuel Refining

Petroleum fuel production/distribution important to AQ & GHG

- Annual GHG emissions for a large refinery \approx 500 MW coal plant^[1]
- Reductions in O_3 and $PM_{2.5}$ impact population centers in TX



ΔO_3 From Base

Source: Abella & Bergerson 2012

Industry Sub-sector O₃ Impacts – CA



Industry Sub-sector PM_{2.5} Impacts – CA



Industry Sub-sector O₃ Impacts – TX



Base Power Generation

Significant regional variation in utilized technologies and fuels

- Gas-fired generation growth substantial \rightarrow Impacts of shale gas
- Coal utilized in TX and NEUS (offset in NEUS by significant nuclear power)
- CA relatively clean grid mix



Impacts of Coal Generation

GHG and AQ impacts of coal generation important in 2055

- Despite optimistic outlook of natural gas displacement
 - 2055 share of total generation TX: 25%, NEUS R1: 11%, NEUS R2: 36%



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Detailed emissions apportionment based on Source Classification Codes (SCC)

- Assigned to specific emissions sources accounted for in NEI
- Allows emissions perturbations at desired level of specificity
 - Sectoral →Technology →Fuel





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