

Economic CO2 network optimization model – COCATE Project

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Industrial CO2 emissions are rarely located near suitable geological storages and these reservoirs many often are widely dispersed. In order to transport industrial CO₂ emissions from sources to suitable reservoirs an optimized transport network must be developed with the main objective of minimizing the total costs of CO₂ transport and storage.

During the European project COCATE, an optimization model is developed in order to find a global optimized trade-off between the whole chain of costs of CO₂ transport and storage, taking into account different time periods. COCATE model uses different possible type of routes: onshore and offshore pipelines or shipping and include different technical constraints such as total storage capacity, CO₂ emissions profiles, forbidden routes...etc.

COCATE model is a macroeconomic optimization model which minimizes the whole costs of the transport and storage chain considering :

- capital expenditures, operating and maintenance costs, ..., of the different possible transport modes (pipeline onshore, pipeline offshore and shipping) and specific storages;
- several emitters and storage sites
- a GIS network grid permitting different options of trade-off.

The aim is to be able to determine the more economical CO₂ network deployment of a system.

According on the characteristic of the case studied (distance, profile of emission and storage, the network grid proposed, emission and storage profile...), the tool defines the CO₂ transport network that minimize the total discounted cost over the lifetime of the project.

The optimization COCATE model is developed using Gams® (Version 23.3). Inputs and outputs of case studies are developed in an useful interface Microsoft-Office Excel.