

Computational Toolset for Accelerating Carbon Capture Technology Development

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Fossil fuels helped build the modern world ... will remain the major fuel for next 30 years



IPCC AR5: "Warming of the climate system is unequivocal"

Global surface temperature change is likely to exceed 1.5°C to 2°C by 2100.

Human influence on the climate system is clear.



Climate Change 2013, The Physical Science Basis, Working Group I Contribution to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Summary for Policymakers



CCS is a key technology for reducing global CO₂ emissions



Most 2050 climate budgets require CCUS from NatGas power

Source: J. Friedmann, "A Decade of Projects: CCS to 2022," MIT 15th Carbon Sequestration Forum, 27 January 2014, Austin, TX.



Three options for CO₂ capture in power plants

Post-combustion capture

Oxycombustion



Accelerating capture technology development



Modeling & Simulation tools for accelerating the development of CO₂ capture technology





Carbon Capture Simulation Initiative

Reduce the time for design & troubleshooting







Identify promising concepts



Quantify the technical risk, to enable reaching larger scales, earlier

Stabilize the cost during commercial deployment



D.C. Miller et al., "Carbon Capture Simulation Initiative: A Case Study in Multiscale Modeling and New Challenges," Annu. Rev. Chem. Biomol. Eng., 2014. 5:301-23



CCSI framework for integrating modeling and simulation tools





Particle-scale reaction kinetics model



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Optimization tools enable rigorous screening and design of new processes



Device-scale models must account for mesoscale structures in fluidized beds



Approach: Probe meso-scale structures and develop effective coarse-grained "filtered" constitutive models.

Developed for fluidized beds with and without immersed tubes.



Filtered constitutive models

Higly-resolved periodic cell simulations used to construct filtered models.

These filtered models yield **accurate predictions** using **affordable CFD simulations** with coarse-grids.



A validation hierarchy generates confidence in predictive simulations

Need to predict the performance of devices yet to be built.



Uncertainty quantification enables the determination of confidence bands in predictions



"The emulator prediction bands are within observation error in all cases"



K. Lai, Z. Xu, W. Pan, L. Shadle, C. Storlie, J. Dietiker, T. Li, S. Dartevelle, X. Sun, "Hierarchical Calibration and Validation of High-fidelity CFD Models with C2U Experiments," Milestone Report, 2014.



Summary

The usual path from discovery to commercialization is too slow for developing urgently needed CO_2 capture technologies.

CCSI – a partnership among U.S. national laboratories, industry and universities – is developing a modeling and simulation toolset for accelerating CO_2 capture technology development.

The CCSI Toolset uses a multi-scale approach, including models of particle/film-scale reaction kinetics, CFD models of capture reactors, and steady and dynamic models of capture processes.

- Reduced order models transfer information between scales.
- Optimization tools enable rigorous screening and design of new processes.
- Filtered models speed up device-scale computations.
- A validation hierarchy generates confidence in predictive simulations.
- Uncertainty quantification enables the determination of confidence bands in predictions.





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