Fossil Fuels Processes and Technologies:

Clean Energy and Chemicals Production



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CONTEXT

ОИТLООК.....



Total Primary Energy Supply World Energy Outlook, International Energy Agency, 2012

GENERAL STRATEGY......

38 36 34

32

28

26

24

22

20

5 30

New Policies Scenario

Abatemo

44%

21%

24%

SW.

22%

14.8

2020 2035

72%

17%

2%

5%

3%

2.5

Efficiency

Biofuels

Nuclear

CCS

Renewables

Total (G: CO₂)



TOWARD

Efficiency

CCS

In the medium term Fossil Fuels will remain the main energy source

Conventional fuels must be used in



Low-Carbon technology

World energy-related CO₂ emissions abatement in the 450 Scenario relative to the New Policies Scenario. Energy Efficiency Technologies: Overview Report World Energy Council 2013

450 Scenario

CHALLENGES.....at IRC

- **1.** From fossils to added value feedstocks
- 2. Efficiency and performance of available processes
- 3. New concepts for low carbon technologies





ACTIVITES

1. Downstream processing of fossil fuels



- Advanced analytical techniques for the characterization of liquid and solid fuels
- Behavior of solid fuels in different reactors and process conditions (fragmentation, agglomeration...)
- Fuels and products pretreatments (purification, ash valorization...)
- Detailed kinetics of solid carbon oxidation
- Catalytic Partial Oxidation/Reforming of gaseous fuels for production of syngas or olefines





Competences

Advanced methods for chemical analysis
Reaction kinetics
Chemical physical properties and microstructure
Fragmentation phenomena
Catalytic reaction engineering

ACTIVITES 2. Optimization of consolidated technologies





- Atomization of liquid fuels and high pressure spray combustion
- •Mixing of turbulent gaseous flows
- •Fluidinamics of entrained flow reactors and particles-slag interactions
- Advanced models of coal pyrolysis/combustion/gasification fragmentation/ annealing
- Dynamics of granular systems fluidized beds combustion and gasification
- •Non linear dynamics of processes
- •Particulate formation in combustion systems (gas burners, turbines, domestic stoves)







Competences

- Reaction kinetics
- Computational/modeling
- Reaction engineering
- Analysis of chemical and physical properties of fuels and products
 Fluidized beds



ACTIVITES

3. Advanced technologies/new concepts



New combustion processes:

- Oxyfiring
- CLC
- Carboloop
- MILD
- Catalytic combustion

CO₂ capture:

- Calcium looping
- Biomimetic absorption
- CO₂ adsorption on nano-materials
- CO₂ usage:
 - Chemical storage/Power to Gas

ACTIVITIES Technology transfer



MAJOR PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS

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Energy For Life

Recent EU projects RFCS-FLEXGAS, RFCS FECUNDUS, CAL-MOD

1. Downstream processing of fossil fuels

From fuels to feedstocks: Gas to Liquid; Coal to liquid
 Low grade fossil fuels: Gas Shales, Tar Sands
 Fuels and products pretreatments/Fuel upgrade

2. Optimization of consolidated technologies

- Flexibility of power plants with respect to different fuels, in particular low value fuels
- Co-combustion
- Integration with ash post combustion and fuel pre-treatment
- Small scale (distributed energy, domestic boilers etc)

3. Advanced technologies/new concepts

- Chemical looping for syngas production
- Carbon looping gasification
- Integration with supercritical cycles
- Innovative methods for CO₂ utilization e.g. photocatalytic or biological processes (green chemistry)
- Frontier fuels (Methane hydrates etc...)