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CO₂ emissions mitigation potential in Vietnam's power sector

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Outline

- 1. Vietnam power sector grows fast up to 2030
- 2. Integrated resource planning (IRP) model
- 3. Abatement potentials

1. Vietnam power generation



High growth, led by coal

Installed capacity in 2007	Generation in 2007	Growth rate (2000-2007)	
		Total generation	Thermal generation
13.5 GW	69 TWh	19 % yr ⁻¹	23 % yr ⁻¹

Electricity demand forecasts to 2030



Source: Institute of Energy of Vietnam, 2006

Rising environmental impacts

Concerns about air pollution from coal

Typhoon, floods, droughts intense and frequent

Sea level to rise 30cm – 1m by 2100:

- 12% territory loss
- 23% population
- Increased salinity

2. The IRP model

- Name: Integrated Resource Planning
- Kind Bottom-up, MILP solved by CPLEX
- Author: Energy Program, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand
- Result: Optimal plan to expand generation capacity to 2030

Minimize Total Cost =

Capital + O&M +Fuels + DSM + Imported electricity + **CO2 value**

Subject to constraints on

- Peak demand
- Hydro-energy
- Generating unit availability
- Imports availability

- Annual energy
- Reliability
- Fuels or resources availability $\frac{1}{7}$



Model parameters

- Plant types: 8 conventional, 6 renewables
- 14 fuel prices, growing 1-4% per year
- Assumed economic potentials:
 - Small hydro 4 GW
 - Biomass 1.5 GW
 - Geothermal 0.4 GW
 - Wind 22 GW
 - Solar 1 GW

Model use scenarios

Compare model runs for CO2 value up to 20\$/tCO2, exploring different policy assumptions for Demand Side Management (DSM), renewables, nuclear.

- What are the mitigation costs and potentials in the Vietnam power sector ?
- What is the order of merit of different technologies ?

3. Results: base case Without DSM, renewables, or nuclear policies

- Fossil fuels up to 74% of the mix in 2030 (to 108GW total capacity, need 73 B\$ over the period)
- Imports coal & natural gas (40% & 14% of 2010-2030 consumption)
- CO₂ emissions x 10

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CO₂ abatement potential for various policy scenarios



Technologies order of merit

1. Demand Side Management (>10% reduction potential free lunch)

2. Small hydro and biomass (some already competitive)

3. High efficiency coal (replaces all PC at 5 \$/tCO2)

4. Wind (enters at 3 \$/tCO2, big resource)

10GW nuclear by 2030 ?

Political will, uncertain reality

Significant emissions reductions

- \rightarrow 12% even at no CO₂ value
- \rightarrow 34% at 20 \$/t CO $_{_2}$ value

Only part of the solution at best Planning for +70GW capacity by 2030, there is room for DSM, renewables, CCS

CCS is Carbon Capture and Storage



Conclusions

• Climate change a vital issue for Vietnam, but Baseline x10 CO_2 emissions by 2030

• Demand side management first, then Much happens at 5 $/t CO_2$

• Coal is central \rightarrow Carbon Capture and Storage