



Measures to Limit Near-Term Climate Change and Improve Air Quality



The UNEP/WMO Integrated Assessment of Tropospheric Ozone and Black Carbon

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Assessment Objectives

- To review the scientific literature on Black Carbon, tropospheric ozone and its precursors and assess the state of knowledge of their influence on climate and impacts as air pollutants
- To assess the extent by which carefully selected measures addressing BC and ozone can help protect near-term global and regional climate change
- Determine the size of the co-benefits of the selected measures on health and crop yield
- Identify how the selected measures can be widely implemented with reference to case studies

Selecting Packages of Measures for the Analysis

- Emissions considered are CO, CH₄, BC, OC, SO₂, NO_x, nmVOCs, CO₂ other direct emissions of PM_{2.5}, NH₃
- IIASA ranked mitigation measures by their net impact on GWP100 of their CH₄/BC/OC/CO/SO₂ emission changes, picked the top measures that achieved ~90% of GWP reduction feasible with technological measures – only 16!
- This analysis explores only the theoretical potential from such measures, but not the cost or feasibility of their implementation

Emission Control Measures in the Analysis

‘Methane measures’

- extraction and long-distance transport of fossil fuels (~25%)
 - waste management; municipal, landfills & wastewater (~10%)
 - agriculture; livestock manure & intermittent rice aeration (~5%)
- (% reduction in 2030 relative to reference)



‘BC Measures’: those that reduce emissions of black carbon and co-emissions (e.g. OC, CO)

- Diesel vehicles (particle filters+)
- Eliminating high emitters*
- Coal briquettes replacing coal in residential stoves
- Pellet stoves & boilers replacing residential wood burning in Industrialized countries
- Clean-burning cookstoves in developing countries*
- Modern brick kilns
- Modern coke ovens
- Ban of open burning of agricultural waste*



3 groups of measures

- **‘Methane only’: Measures that affect emissions of methane**
 - to be implemented centrally by large multi-national and national energy companies, municipalities and through modified agricultural practices;
- **‘BC Group 1’: Technical measures that reduce emissions of black carbon and co-emissions (e.g. OC, CO)**
 - mainly at small stationary and mobile sources; biggest BC reduction is from diesel particulate filters
- **‘BC Group 2’: Technical & non-technical measures to eliminate the most polluting activities**
 - e.g., through improved enforcement of legislation or through economic and technical assistance to the poorest population; biggest BC reduction is from cookstoves

Hypothetical analysis to explore influence of selected measures fully implemented on relevant sources.

Impacts of the packages of measures on emissions

Scenario	Description ¹
Reference	Based on energy and fuel projections of the International Energy Agency (IEA) World Energy Outlook 2009 and incorporating all presently agreed on policies affecting emissions
CH ₄ measures	Reference scenario plus the CH ₄ measures
BC measures	Reference scenario plus the BC measures (the BC measures affect many pollutants, especially BC, OC, and CO)
CH ₄ + BC measures	Reference scenario plus the CH ₄ and BC measures
CO ₂ measures	Emissions modelled using the assumptions of the IEA World Energy Outlook 2009 450 ppm CO ₂ e scenario and the IIASA GAINS database. Includes CO ₂ measures only. The CO ₂ measures affect other emissions, especially SO ₂ . ²
CO ₂ + CH ₄ + BC measures	CO ₂ measures plus the additional CH ₄ and BC measures