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Assessment of CO₂ Enhanced Oil Recovery Projects through Process Modelling

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PSE HISTORY: FROM RESEARCH TO INDUSTRY





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Global customer base (partial)









gCCS CO₂ Enhanced Oil Recovery

gCCS: The CCS System modelling Tool-kit Project 2011-2014



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Management

Project

Energy Technologies Institute (ETI) Particular Particular Corporate Public institutions

- ~\$5m project commissioned & co-funded by the ETI
- Objective: "end-to-end" CCS modelling tool





gCCS current scope (ETI project deliverable)



Process models

- Power generation
 - Conventional: pulverised-coal, CCGT
 - Non-conventional: oxy-fuelled, IGCC
- Solvent-based CO₂ capture
- CO₂ compression & liquefaction
- CO₂ transportation
- CO₂ injection in sub-sea storage
- CO₂ Enhanced oil recovery

Materials models

- cubic EoS (PR 78)
 - flue gas in power plant
- Corresponding States Model
 - water/steam streams
- SAFT-VR SW/ SAFT- γ Mie
 - solvent-containing streams in CO₂ capture
- SAFT-γ Mie
 - near-pure post-capture CO₂
 streams
- Cost estimation
 - Equipment CAPEX & OPEX

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CCS network process simulation





gCCS applications CCS Flexibility (Shell)





gCCS applications Industrial CCS (DECC / Element Energy)



Techno-economic study of Industrial Carbon Capture and storage [DECC and Element Energy]



MACC curve of capture technologies



Pragmatic technology deployment scenario

gCCS applications CAPSULE (DECC / Carbon Clean Solutions)



Specific Project Objectives

- Reduce the solvent regeneration energy footprint by up to 40% as compared to a standard/current MEA process.
- Demonstrate zero solvent emissions from carbon capture plant.
- Reduce corrosion rates to migrate to inexpensive material of construction.
- Focus on process standardization, intensification and industrial scale up. Reduce the overall level of plant redundancy and overdesign to account for outage and performance risks in the future CO₂ capture systems.
- **Development of high-fidelity predictive models for** optimising the design and operation of the full-scale plant in order to realise the full extent of these savings.



Carbon Clean Solutions launches test campaign at pioneering Technology Centre Mongstad pilot

Test campaign intended to bring CCSL's patented technology to commercial readiness

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- The novel APBS solvents reduce the steam consumption by upto 40% which translates to an approximate 22% reduction in LCOE (levelised cost of electricity) for a CCS enabled power plant.
- Auxiliary electrical load, which consists mainly of pumps and fans, can be reduced by 50%.
- Improved process layout, which maximizes sharing of infrastructures and mitigation of expensive connections.
- Process standardization, better layouts and best metering technology selection will boost the confidence in future leading to savings realization between 5% - 7%. Also reduced redundancy and overdesign will reduce the risk premium leading to savings between 2% - 4%.





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CO₂ Enhanced Oil Recovery

CO₂ Enhanced Oil Recovery: Key facts





Source: Advanced Resources International and Melzer Consulting, Optimization of CO, Storage in CO, Enhanced Oil Recovery Projects, prepared for UK Department of Energy & Climate Change, November 2010.



- CO₂ EOR is a typical tertiary oil recovery mechanism which can allow a further 5 – 30% Original oil in place (OOIP) of production
- Has been used extensively since 1970s especially onshore USA
- Some CO₂ remains trapped in reservoirs – can be used to reduce anthropogenic emissions

CO₂ Enhanced Oil Recovery: Challenges





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How do I optimize field development schedules?

- Capacity/design/location of facilities?
- Design trade-offs?
- How long can we produce sales gas to spec?

What are the produced fluid composition changes before and after CO₂ breakthrough

CO₂ Enhanced Oil Recovery: Challenges





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Pressure maintenance requirements?

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CO₂ EOR Flowsheet in gCCS





Case Study basis



70 patterns

- 80 acres per pattern, 75ft thickness, 6000ft depth
- 31° API oil viscosity
- 1.2 RB/STB (oil);
- OOIP 9.3MMSTB per pattern; HCPV 11.2MMRB per pattern
- Current production: 1000BOPD; >99% water cut
- Absolute permeability: 1000mD
- Reservoir pressure: 3000psi
- GOR 400 scf/stb



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Large Scale CO₂ Flood Begins Along Texas Gulf Coast Darrell Davis, SPE, Mark Scott, Kris Roberson and Adam Robinson - Denbury Resources Inc.

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Reservoir type curves









CO₂ EOR project lifecycle

Using super-structure models in gCCS to predict the phases of operation in a CO₂ EOR project

Phase 1 operations





Phase 2 operations





- Onset of CO₂ breakthrough.
- Larger amounts of CO₂ recycled
- Membrane units installed for additional capacity
- Amine gas treating removes acid gas to specifications



Phase 3 operations





- After CO₂ breakthrough.
- Produced gas is mostly CO₂
- Capacity of gas treating units exceeded so a bypass is established
- CO₂ purity drops



Case Study results – Simultaneous development





Case Study results – Simultaneous development





Case Study results







No CO₂ before breakthrough © 2015 Process Systems Enterprise Limited



Field development strategies

Comparing simultaneous field developments with staged developments

Case Study results – comparing with staged

developments









Field development strategies

Considering CO₂ supply constraints

Case Study results – comparing with CO₂ supply constraints







Case Study results – comparing with CO₂ supply constraints



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Project Economics

Case Study results - economics















Process model library developed for CO₂ EOR studies

- Design of CO₂ recycling facilities
- Interface to detailed reservoir simulators (type curves)
- Scheduling operations
- Investigating constraints
- Comparison of various strategies
- Economic analysis of CO₂ EOR operations
 - Pay back period
 - Internal rate of return estimation

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