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CARBON CAPTURE – WHY, WHO, WHAT AND HOW?

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SAFETY TOPIC – CO₂ TOXICOLOGY

- At what levels is CO₂ dangerous
- 400 ppmv (0.04%v) is the atmospheric concentration
- 5000 ppmv (0.5%v) is tolerable 8 hrs/day
- 30-40,000 ppmv (3-4%v): dangerous
- 100,000 ppmv (10%v): lethal (note: O₂ % still fine)
- Mitigation
- Design
- Detectors (permanent & portable)
- Ventilation
- Limited access, multiple egress routes
- Training



AGENDA

- Why carbon capture?
- Who else is capturing carbon and where?
- ▶ Where does all that CO₂ go?
- What technical options are available?
- How does it fit into the existing facility?
- How much is it going to cost and how can cost be minimized?
- Take-aways: What to do next?

WHY CARBON CAPTURE?

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- Fire invented (stolen, in fact) some 0.4-0.8 million years ago (Prometheus)
- Consequence: explosion of wealth and of CO₂ emissions





WHY CARBON CAPTURE?

- Educated guess #1 : we cannot suddenly reduce our energy demand
- Educated guess #2: transition to zero-carbon fuels (or other zero-carbon energy) will not happen overnight
- However, 'the pressure is on' from legislators and public
- Carbon capture
- is technically feasible and proven
- enables adaptation with continuation of the core business
- hedges against CO₂ taxes and caps

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Source: NAE Emissions from NAEI large point sources 2018. Clusters defined as all large emitters within 30km of a cluster centri





CARBON CAPTURE – WHERE DOES ALL THE CO₂ GO?

- Common denominator: CO₂ must go somewhere
 - Use in existing chemical processes
 - New chemistries: combine with "green H_2 " to e-Fuels
 - Greenhouses
 - Food & Beverage industry
 - Injection into active oil field (Enhanced Oil Recovery)
 - Geological sequestration: empty oil / gas field
 - Geological sequestration: saline aquifer



WHERE DOES THE CO₂ GO – METHANOL

Methanol and NH₃-Urea plants can benefit from additional



WHERE DOES THE CO₂ GO – NEW CHEMISTRIES

- CO₂ has a very low 'energy level'
- Making something good from CO₂ requires considerable energy input
- Green H₂ (from electrolysis) could be that energy
 - − 3 H_2 + CO_2 → e-Methanol + H_2O
 - − 4 H_2 + CO_2 → e-Methane + 2 H_2O
 - 3 H₂ + CO₂ → 2 H₂ + CO + H₂O → -(CH₂)- + 2 H₂O (e-Kero / e-Gasoline)
 - − 2 Green $NH_3 + CO_2 \rightarrow e$ -Urea



WHERE DOES THE CO₂ GO - GREENHOUSES

- ▶ Greenhouses require CO₂ notably in summer
- OCAP pipeline system captures CO₂ from Shell refinery and bioethanol fermentation plant – scale: >0.3 million ton/year







ocap



https://www.researchgate.net/figure/OCAP-pipeline-ingreen-with-possible-extensions-in-blue_fig2_272380887

WHERE DOES THE CO₂ GO - GREENHOUSES

- > AVR in Duiven, Netherlands (waste incineration plant)
- ▶ Up to 100 KTA CO₂ capture, main export (by truck) to greenhouses





WHERE DOES THE CO₂ GO?

Much of the world has not been studied in detail for CO₂ capture potential. However, thick sedimentary basins are some of the best candidates



Figure 9. Global sedimentary basins. Map shows onshore basins and practically accessible basins. Regions with high volumes of sedimentary basin are correlated to higher CO_2 storage capacities. Source: Jordan Kearns et al., "Developing a Consistent Database for Regional Geologic CO2 Storage Capacity Worldwide", Energy Procedia 114 (2017) 4697 – 4709

WHERE DOES THE CO₂ GO?

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Map Reference: https://www.sintef.no/globalassets/sint ef-energi/nordiccs/d-6.1.1205-1mapping-and-estimating-the-potentialfor-geological-storage-of-co2-in-thenordic-countries web.pdf/

WHERE DOES IT GO - PIPELINES

Porthos and Athos pipelines from Rotterdam and Amsterdam regions to offshore fields



https://www.porthosco2.nl/en/project/

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https://athosccus.nl/project-en//

ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE.



CARBON CAPTURE OPTIONS

What Configuration Options are Available?



CARBON CAPTURE - HOW

- Three main types of Carbon Capture
 - Pre-combustion capture
 - Post-combustion capture
 - Oxy-combustion
 - Direct Air Capture
- Each situation has its own specific "best fit"

CARBON CAPTURE – HOW - PRECOMBUSTION

- Pre-combustion capture
- From natural gas or syngas (NH₃ plants, old-fashioned H₂ plants)
- ▶ Today, most 'captured CO₂' is from pre-combustion capture
- Options
- Amines
- Physical solvents
- Hybrid solvents
- Membranes
- Cryogenics
- VSA

CARBON CAPTURE – HOW - PRECOMBUSTION

- Pre-combustion capture in old-school H₂ plants and NH₃ plants
- ► Vast quantities of CO₂ already 'captured' then vented to atmosphere → low-hanging fruit!



POST-COMBUSTION CAPTURE

- Post-Combustion: remove CO₂ from flue gas to stack, i.e. after combustion
 - The most versatile solution universally applicable
 - "Add-on" to existing plant
 - Example: Fluor Econamine FG PlusSM (EFG+) Technology
- Example applications
 - Powerplants (gas-fired, coal-fired, gas engine)
 - Refineries (FCC, Hydrogen Plant, Fired heaters)
 - (Petro)chemical plants (fired heaters)
 - Waste incinerators
 - Limestone calciners (Cement industry...)
 - Hydrogen Plants
 - Blast Furnaces
 - Etc. etc. etc.

POST-COMBUSTION CAPTURE (AMINE-BASED)



ECONAMINE FG PLUSSM PLANT





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WHAT DOES CAPTURE COST?



COST OF CARBON CAPURE

- Made up of capital cost AND operating cost
- Often 'wrapped up' in a cost per ton CO₂ captured
- Cost depends completely on
 - Scale
 - Location
 - Pre- or Post-combustion
 - Type of flue gas (% CO) for post-combustion
 - Pressure, % CO₂ for pre-combustion
 - Site integration possibilities, utilities 'scope'
 - Heat and Power cost
 - CO₂ outlet (does plant include compression, liquefaction, pipeline etc.)

APPROXIMATE CAPITAL COST BREAKDOWN



HOW DOES CARBON CAPTURE FIT INTO YOUR FACILITY?



HOW DOES IT FIT IN – POST-COMBUSTION



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INTEGRATION ON A LARGE RETROFIT PRE-COMBUSTION PROJECT

- Study of existing plant utility system revealed:
 - Most o the time, significant LP steam excess
 - LP steam excess condensed, using cooling water
 - Possibility to supply sufficient LP steam and CW to new capture plant
 - No need to invest in major new utility systems
 - For a small % of the time when no surplus steam / CW was available, capture plant must stop

ORIGINAL DESIGN CASE

- Maximum power output means maximum steam to LP steam turbine and condenser
- Result: minimum steam and cooling water available for other uses

ACTUAL OPERATION CASE

- Actual operation > 95% of the time
- Limited power production
- Surplus LP steam condensed using CW

TIE-IN

- Capture Plant uses surplus steam
- No surplus steam condensing = CW available to Capture Plant

COGEN PEAK POWER – CAPTURE PLANT IDLE

- Only < 5% of time</p>
- Cogen plant produces peak power
- Utilities to Capture Plant constrained
- Capture Plant idle

COGEN AND CAPTURE PLANT BACK TO NORMAL

- Back to normal
- No more peak power production
- Utilities available to Capture Plant again

PRE-COMBUSTION CAPTURE – REAL RESULTS

CONCLUDING REMARKS

TAKE-AWAYS

- There are several
 - Good reasons to capture CO₂
 - Disposal options for the captured CO₂
 - Technology options for the capture process
 - Ways and means to fit the capture plant into the existing facility
- It is a good idea to start evaluating today

