CCS – Current Status

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Topics covered

- Some CCS background
- What is CCS?
- Some elementary physics of CO₂
- Challenges & opportunities
- Transportation and capture of CO₂
 - where are we now?
 - What is in store for the future?
- Roles for government & industry
 - How can we work together?



Background → climate change

- The 5 tools of greenhouse gas emissions reduction



Illustration source: Freund, Kaarstad "Keeping the Lights on", Universitetsforlaget, 2007



Background → climate change

- 193 countries of the world
- Ten countries presently emit nearly 2/3 of the total





Background → bringing CO₂-rich natural gas to market - Perhaps 40-50 % of remaining gas reserves have too high content of CO₂/H₂S







Simplified World GHG Emission Flow Chart

Not only coal, but also oil and gas to be seen as candidates for CCS

Simplified global energy flows 2007





What is CCS?



What is carbon capture and storage?



Source: CO2CRC, Australia

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Types of storage reservoirs for $CO_2(1)$





Types of storage reservoirs for $CO_2(2)$





StatoilHydro and CCS;

- operating and cooperating 3 out of 4 of the world large CCS projects



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Natural analogues for underground storage of CO₂;

- pure CO₂-reservoirs & CO₂-rich natural gas reservoirs



Source: IPCC SRCCS, 2005



Man-made analogues for underground storage of $CO_2(1)$; - experience from 632 natural gas storage in geo-formations





Man-made analogues for underground storage of $CO_2(2)$; \rightarrow naturally occurring CO_2 used for enhanced oil recovery in USA





Storage safety

- Left: The density of CO₂ increases greatly with increasing depth in the subsurface. Below around 800 meter CO₂ will normally be in the supercritical (dense) phase
- Right: Several trapping mechanisms works to make CO₂-storage safer over time as indicated by the dotted line





The scale of the global CCS challenge - About 7500 large point sources in industry





* Point sources larger than 0,1 million tons/yr CO2

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Transportation and capture of CO₂ where are we now? What is in store for the future?





CO₂- phase diagram

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CO_2 - phase diagram – while H_2O og CH_4 are mostly outside the operating envelope, CO_2 is often in the middle of it





Test rig for CO₂-transport at StatoilHydro R&D



LP-tank: 1.0 m³, 100 bar

HP-tank: 0.2 m³, 160 bar Flow capacity: 10 kg/min

Testloop: ID=10 mm, L=139 m





Solubility of water in CO₂



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Impurities in the CO₂ to be transported and stored can cause large discussions

Table 3 – DYNAMIS CO ₂ quality recommendation		
Component	Concentration	Limitation
H ₂ O	500 ppm	Design and operational considerations
H ₂ S	200 ppm	Health and safety considerations
CO	2000 ppm	Health and safety considerations
CH ₄	Aquifer < 4 vol.%, EOR < 2 vol.%	As proposed in ENCAP project
N ₂	<4 vol.% (all non-condensable gasses)	As proposed in ENCAP project
Ar	<4 vol.% (all non-condensable gasses)	As proposed in ENCAP project
H ₂	<4 vol.% (all non-condensable gasses)	Further reduction of H ₂ is recommended,
		because of its energy content
CO ₂	>95.5%	Balanced with other compounds in \ensuremath{CO}_2

Recommendations \neq Specification \neq Regulation

Example: Pressure let down in Snøhvit sub-sea CO₂-pipeline





Test rig at StatoilHydro for heat exchange between CO₂-pipeline and sea-bed sediments





Ship vs pipeline for CO₂

- Large pipelines is the most economic method
- for CO2 transport
- But ship capacity can easily be adjusted
- to meet capacities and destinations







The most important elements in CO₂-transportation

- Transportation: Pipeline is one opportunity, ships another
- Some experience with onshore pipelines for CO2 in USA and Canada
- The StatoilHydro operated 150 km Snøhvit CO₂-pipeline is so far the only subsea case
- Pressure-enthalpy diagrams are useful tools for success for along the whole CO2-chain
- Heat transfer from sea/seabed sediments important aspect of depressurisation
- The issue of impurities (methane, N2, H2O etc.) in CO2 is very important along the whole chain
- Control of water in CO2 is very important



Challenges and opportunities:

What are the incentives? ...and disincentives?

Economics will decide speed and volume of CCS-deployment - but early deployment needs special mechanisms

Fill this early cost-gap through: -Kyoto-mechanisms, EU ETS + -Direct gov. subsidies -CO₂-EOR -Technology development -Emission limitations -Undersupply of credits -CO2-taxes





Example 1 → EU wide financing mechanisms for CCS

- The EU Energy package of December 17th, 2008:
 - CCS to be an integral part of EU ETS
 - The revised EU ETS sets aside 300 million emission allowances for financing CCS demonstration projects. This may equal €6-9 bn, depending on future allowance prices
- The EU economic stimulus package unveiled in January, 2009:
 - Carbon capture and storage emerged as one of the big winners in the package with €1,25 bn to partly fund five test projects in germany, the UK, the Netherlands, Spain and Poland

Example 2

→ Last year was the 20 year Anniversary for "Our Common Future" \rightarrow and it is 18 years since a CO2-tax was introduced in Norway

Sebastian Oberthür Hermann E. Ott

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The Kyoto Protocol ratified,

2005

government introduced a CO2-tax of about 45 \$/ton



Other existing and possible incentives for CCS

- Existing incentives of several hundred mill \$ magnitude in countries like USA, Canada, Australia, Japan and probably others
- The US situation mostly on "clean coal": The new 2009 budget bill (recently signed by President Obama) includes:
 - \$404 million is included for Coal Research and Development Programs at the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL). This program consists of six coal R&D programs on power systems, CCS, hydrogen and clean fuels.
 - Also within the FE R&D program is \$288 million for the Clean Coal Power Initiative (CCPI). This brings the total amount for this program which focuses on CCS to \$1.5 billion.
- Possible incentives for the future
 - CCS has for a long time tried to be part of the Clean Development mechanism (CDM). So far unsuccessful, but new attempt in Copenhagen in December
- There are ideas for other non-CDM mechanisms in the climate change negotiations that could better suit CCS



Another "incentive" or opportunity could be CO_2 for enhanced oil recovery \rightarrow when we have large volumes of CO2 available, CO2-EOR are tempting

Perhaps CO2 in the future could be transported by ship to the places with older, water flooded oil reservoirs in Asia or even to the Middle East?

CO2-EOR today happens in over 80 fields in USA/Canada and also in some other countries





What are the disincentives?

→ CCS highly affected by todays high cost environment





Other disincentives?

- Legal framework often lacking for such things as
 - Licensing of storage acreage
 - With whom rests the liability for storage after the injection period
 - Criteria for approving a new storage site, for monitoring and verification etc.
 - Pipelines crossing national borders on land or sub-sea
- Technology
 - For CO2-rich natural gas the removal and CO2-handling technology is there to a large extent, but we need to progress on the learning curve towards less costly processes





Roles for government & industry How can they work together?



Some examples of cooperation (both carrot and stick)

- Norway
 - The CO2-tax made CCS at the Sleipner and Snøhvit fields commercially viable
 - A very high level of research and testing effort co-financed by government and industry. Education at university level part of this picture
 - Almost 100% government funding of some CCS-projects (e.g. Mongstad)
 - An open and consultative approach between parties involved in CCS
 - also voluntary agreements between government on funds to reduce SO2- and NOx-emissions
 - Environmental NGOs have played a very (positively) pushing role wrt. CCS
- European Union
 - Started out with large R&D programmes in the CCS-sector that after some time transformed into policy, legislation, finances
 - Large sums will be made available from the emission trading system for CCSprojects in the private sector
 - Enabling legislation was seen as one of the keys
 - Environmental NGOs in Europe are partly supportive to CCS, some very negative



Summary and conclusions

CO₂-capture, -transportation and -storage (CCS)

- Likely that the natural gas and oil industry will continue pioneering CCS for years, but we need to improve our ability to tackle high-CO2 natural gas
- CCS one of five important climate solutions → but there are no single silver bullets in climate mitigation
- Making CCS happen is difficult under any circumstances (cost-boom, low CO₂-prices, regulations ++)
- Frameworks
 - Globally there is a general lack of enabling financial or legal frameworks directed towards CCS
 - Financial mechanisms are, however coming into place in some regions and countries
 - CCS is not allowed within the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) at present

