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Abstract: Currently, there is considerable confusion within parts of the carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS) technical and regulatory communities regarding the maturity and commercial readiness of the technologies needed to capture, transport, inject, monitor and verify the efficacy of carbon dioxide (CO₂) storage in deep, geologic formations. The purpose of this technical report is to address this confusion by discussing the state of CCS technological readiness in terms of existing commercial deployments of CO₂ capture systems, CO₂ transportation pipelines, CO₂ injection systems and measurement, monitoring and verification (MMV) systems for CO₂ injected into deep geologic structures. To date, CO₂ has been captured from both natural gas and coal fired commercial power generating facilities, gasification facilities and other industrial processes. Transportation via pipelines and injection of CO₂ into the deep subsurface are well established commercial practices with more than 35 years of industrial experience. There are also a wide variety of MMV technologies that have been employed to understand the fate of CO₂ injected into the deep subsurface. The four existing end-to-end commercial CCS projects – Sleipner, Snøhvit, In Salah and Weyburn – are using a broad range of these technologies, and prove that, at a high level, geologic CO₂ storage technologies are mature and capable of deploying at commercial scales. Whether wide scale deployment of CCS is currently or will soon be a cost-effective means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions is largely a function of climate policies which have yet to be enacted and the public’s willingness to incur costs to avoid dangerous anthropogenic interference with the Earth’s climate. There are significant benefits to be had by continuing to improve through research, development, and demonstration suite of existing CCS technologies. Nonetheless, it is clear that most of the core technologies required to address capture, transport, injection, monitoring, management and verification for most large CO₂ source types and in most CO₂ storage formation types, exist.

Key Words: carbon dioxide capture and storage; technological readiness; climate change; CO₂ pipelines; measurement, monitoring and verification.

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1.0 Summary

Carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS) technologies are commercially available today. Specifically, there exists the following deployment experience with CCS component systems:

- CO₂ capture systems that have been mated to coal and natural gas fired electricity plants, coal gasification facilities and various industrial facilities. Some of these CO₂ capture systems have been in operation since the late 1970s.
- There are currently more than 3,900 miles of dedicated CO₂ pipelines in the United States and there is more than 35 years of commercial experience associated with transporting large volumes of CO₂ via dedicated pipelines. Some of the earliest CO₂ pipelines were constructed in the early 1970s and are still in operation today. Available data suggests that these CO₂ pipelines have safety records that are on par with or better than the closest industrial analogue which would be large interstate natural gas pipelines.
- More than 35 years of injecting anthropogenic CO₂ into the deep subsurface for the purpose of CO₂-driven enhanced oil recovery. There are over 6,000 deep CO₂ injection wells currently in operation across parts of 10 states of the U.S. Since 1972, more than 8,800 CO₂ injector wells have been used in Texas alone.
- There is a wide variety of measurement, monitoring and verification (MMV) technologies which have been employed to understand the fate of CO₂ injected into the deep subsurface at large commercial CO₂ storage facilities.
- There are currently four complete, end-to-end commercial CCS facilities on the planet. Each of these facilities captures anthropogenic CO₂ from a process stream/flue gas that would otherwise be vented to the atmosphere. The captured CO₂ is dehydrated, compressed and otherwise prepared for transport via pipeline and/or for injection into nearby suitable deep geologic CO₂ storage formations. Each facility injects between 0.7 MtCO₂ and 2 MtCO₂ into these deep geologic formations annually and then applies a suite of MMV technologies to monitor and verify the fate of the injected CO₂. These four sites represent 25 years of cumulative experiential knowledge on safely and effectively storing anthropogenic CO₂ in appropriate deep geologic formations.

It is also important to acknowledge that key component technologies of complete CCS systems have been deployed at scales large enough to meaningfully inform discussions about CCS deployment on large commercial fossil-fired power plants, which are almost certainly going to represent the largest market for CCS technologies in a greenhouse gas constrained world. To illustrate this point, the following bullets compare the current state of key CCS component technologies to the scale of deployment needed for a hypothetical 500 MW coal power plant that employed CCS to reduce its CO₂ emissions to the atmosphere.

- The largest CO₂ capture system commercially delivered to date that would be applicable to electric power production facilities can capture 450 tCO₂/day in a single unit. If there were no technological progress beyond this point, the application of this unit to a nominal 500MW coal power plant would require approximately 20 parallel capture units. This would represent a

significant capital expenditure and would require significant land at the power plant. However, there is no reason to assume that there will not be technological progress in this regard.

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries has stated that they are ready to deliver CO₂ capture units that are as large as 3000tCO₂/day which would reduce the number of parallel CO₂ capture trains required for this hypothetical 500MW coal plant to only three units.

- There are operational CO₂ pipelines in the U.S. that routinely transport 10-20 MtCO₂ / year through a single pipeline. A large 500 MW coal fired power plant that was capturing its CO₂ would generate approximately 3 MtCO₂/year. Thus mankind's ability to transport large volumes of CO₂ over long distances via pipeline at a scale that would be germane to CCS deployment with large power generation facilities has been demonstrated. Not only do these large pipelines exist but the pumps, compressors, valves, automated safety and shut off devices exist that allow for their safe operation are also common technologies available off the shelf today.
- Over the past 35 years approximately 150 MtCO₂ has been injected into the Canyon Reef formation at the 90mi² SACROC unit in Texas for the purpose of stimulating additional oil recovery. This volume of CO₂ is roughly equivalent to what a 500 MW coal power plant would produce over a 40 year period. Assuming that the CO₂ from this hypothetical 500 MW power plant was injected into a deep saline formation, the foot-print of the injection field would likely be smaller than the 90mi² of the SACROC unit, and perhaps significantly so. It is important to note that the CO₂ injected at SACROC was not monitored in terms of whether the CO₂ was being permanently isolated from the atmosphere and most of the CO₂ injected into the Canyon Reef was purposefully withdrawn so that it could be reused to stimulate oil production in other areas. Notwithstanding these two important caveats, one can conclude that the knowledge to inject CO₂ into the deep subsurface over many decades and over a large area exists.
- For ten years, approximately 1 MtCO₂/year as been injected into the Utsira deep saline formation below the Sleipner CCS facility. The Sleipner project has utilized a MMV program focused on time-lapse seismic surveys, and drawing on core analysis, wireline logging, geochemical monitoring, pressure / temperature / injection rate monitoring, as well as microseismic and gravitational techniques. The data derived from this MMV program is evaluated by national regulators who use these data to determine the environmental efficacy of CCS in terms of climate protection and to determine whether the storage activities are successful in isolating the CO₂ from the atmosphere and to hence avoid Norway's existing carbon tax. Again, if one compares this to activity to a nominal 500MW coal power plant that would generate approximately 3 MtCO₂/year the scale of the activity might be multiples of this size not orders of magnitude more complex.

The vast majority of the 8,100 large stationary CO₂ point sources (e.g., fossil fired power plants, refineries, cement kilns, chemical plants) that could conceivably adopt CCS technologies as a means of reducing their CO₂ emissions have not adopted CCS systems. Moreover, the vast majority of the new power plants and other large industrial CO₂ point sources that are now being built or that are in various stages of planning in the United States and throughout the rest of world are also not planning on adopting CCS systems. *This reveals an important point: the deployment of CCS technologies is almost exclusively motivated by the need to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and therefore, their large-scale adoption depends upon explicit efforts to control such emissions.*

The fact that complete, end-to-end commercial CCS systems exist and that the needed system components of a CCS system are commercially available does not undercut the rationale for a vigorous ongoing research, development and demonstration program focused on improving CCS technologies and demonstrating them in various combinations of technological, geographical, and geologic applications and settings.

The fact that CCS technologies are commercially available today is also not sufficient to suggest that they provide cost effective means for significantly reducing CO₂ emissions to the atmosphere absent a climate policy that would create a significant disincentive on the free venting of CO₂ to the atmosphere thereby creating a market for the services CCS technologies provide.

It is also critical to acknowledge that in addition to a sufficiently stringent climate policy, the deployment of CCS as a part of society's response to climate change will need a more clearly defined regulatory framework. Progress is being made on creating and implementing an appropriate regulatory framework covering each aspect of CCS deployment and that ensures appropriate protection for human and environmental health, property and mineral rights, and settlement of liability concerns related to the long-term storage of CO₂ as well as other key regulatory issues. However, this again does little to diminish the commercial availability of the technologies, only increase the uncertainty and potential risks for those seeking to deploy them.

2.0 Introduction: The Role of CCS in Addressing Climate Change

Addressing climate change is a large-scale, global challenge to reduce and avoid the release of enormous quantities of greenhouse gases over the course of this century while global populations, economies, and standards of living are expected to continue to grow. There is an extensive body of technical literature that conclusively demonstrates the value of developing an enhanced and diversified portfolio of energy technologies in meeting this challenge (Edmonds, et. al., 2008, IPCC, 2008). “Addressing climate change” will require continued advancements in energy efficiency, nuclear power, renewable energy, and other energy technologies to not only reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions but to also help to improve economic efficiency, competitiveness, and local environmental quality.

Carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS) technologies have the potential to be central elements of this needed advanced energy technology portfolio. CCS technologies are capable of deploying widely across the globe in many different economic sectors and are capable of delivering deep, cost effective and sustained emissions reductions. Research by this and other research groups has shown that CCS systems are capable of reducing the costs of climate stabilization by trillions of dollars because these technologies allow for the continued use of fossil fuels and enable the deployment of other key mitigation technologies such as large-scale, low-emissions hydrogen production (IPCC, 2005, Dooley, et. al., 2006, McFarland et. al. 2003). The costs of CCS systems should be competitive with – and in some cases significantly less costly than – other potential large-scale CO₂ emissions reduction and abatement technologies (Edmonds, et. al., 2008).

Globally, there are currently more than 8,100 large CO₂ point sources (accounting for more than 60% of all anthropogenic CO₂ emissions) that could conceivably adopt CCS technologies as a means for delivering deep and sustained CO₂ emissions reductions. These 8,100 large CO₂ point sources are predominantly fossil-fuel-fired electric power plants, but there are also hundreds of steel mills, cement kilns, chemical plants, and oil and gas production and refining facilities (Dooley, et. al., 2006). A very small number of these facilities are already capturing and selling CO₂, suggesting that in certain niche applications it is already profitable to deploy some CCS component technologies. However, the vast majority of these existing facilities have not adopted CCS systems. Moreover, the vast majority of the new power plants and other large industrial CO₂ point sources that are now being built in the United States or anywhere else in the world or that are in various stages of planning are also not planning on adopting CCS systems. *This reveals an important point: the deployment of CCS technologies is almost exclusively motivated by the need to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and therefore, their large-scale adoption depends upon explicit efforts to control such emissions.*

The limited, early large scale commercial adoption of complete, end-to-end CCS systems which has taken place to date has occurred outside the electric power sector. However, if there were an explicit climate policy in place that called for substantial and sustained emissions reductions, the fossil-fired electric power plants would almost certainly represent the largest market for CCS systems. CCS systems will be most economic when deployed with large baseload power plants (Dooley et. al., 2006 Kamel and Dolf, 2009, MIT 2007 and IPCC 2005). One explicit goal of this paper is to examine -- in a disaggregated manner -- the status of CCS technologies and their component systems to shed light on the degree to which current systems are of a scale that is relevant to future CCS deployment with large fossil fired power plants and other large anthropogenic CO₂ point sources.

There is widespread agreement on the potential value of CCS technologies in a greenhouse gas constrained world (e.g., Dooley et. al., 2006, IPCC 2005, Bennaceur and Gielen, 2009, MIT 2007).

However, there is considerable confusion as to whether CCS technologies exist today or whether these are technologies that have yet to be invented and therefore will not be ready for use for many years, perhaps decades, to come.

The purpose of this short paper is to identify and describe commercially deployed CO₂ capture systems, CO₂ transportation pipelines, CO₂ injection systems and measurement, monitoring and verification (MMV) systems for CO₂ injected into deep geologic structures. That is, this paper seeks to help establish the current commercial availability of CCS technologies. This paper will not attempt to speak to the rapidly changing status of currently operational or planned CCS facilities. Readers interested in learning more about these facilities and demonstration projects which are working to advance the current state of the art can consult the on-line resources listed in Appendix B.

There is no reason for confusion as to whether CCS technologies exist. CO₂ is currently being captured from both natural gas and coal fired commercial power generating facilities, gasification facilities and other industrial processes. Transportation via pipelines and injection of CO₂ into the deep subsurface are well established commercial practices with more than 35 years of industrial experience. There are a wide variety of MMV technologies which have been employed to understand the fate of CO₂ injected into the deep subsurface. Whether wide scale deployment of CCS is currently or will soon be a cost-effective means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions is largely a function of climate policies which have yet to be enacted and the public's willingness to incur costs to avoid dangerous anthropogenic interference with the Earth's climate.

Before examining the commercial deployment of individual system components of CCS in more detail, this paper will begin with a brief overview of the four currently operational large commercial complete end-to-end CCS facilities.

3.0 Overview of Four Operational Commercial CCS Facilities

As of early summer 2009, there are four complete, end-to-end commercial carbon dioxide capture and storage facilities on the planet (See Figure 1). Each of these facilities captures anthropogenic CO₂ from process streams/flue gases that would otherwise be vented to the atmosphere. The captured CO₂ is dehydrated, compressed and otherwise prepared for transport via pipeline and injection into nearby suitable deep geologic CO₂ storage formations. Each facility injects CO₂ into these deep geologic formations and then employs a suite of MMV technologies to monitor the injected CO₂. These four facilities represent 25 years of cumulative knowledge on safely and effectively storing anthropogenic CO₂ in appropriate deep geologic formations.

3.1 Sleipner West Field (250km off the Norwegian coast in the North Sea)

The Sleipner project represents the world's first commercial CCS facility. The Sleipner natural gas field has a high – approximately 9% – concentration of CO₂ which must be removed prior to shipping the natural gas on-shore and selling it to various markets. Approximately 1 MtCO₂/year is removed from the produced natural gas via an amine-based CO₂ separation unit. The captured CO₂ is injected via a single injection into the Utsira deep saline formation 800-1000 meters below the seabed (IPCC 2005 and IEA GHG, 2009). CO₂ capture and storage has been ongoing at Sleipner since 1996 and to date more than 10 MtCO₂ has been safely stored at this site (Statoil Press Release, 2008). The Sleipner project has utilized

an MMV program focused on time-lapse seismic surveys, and drawing on core analysis, wireline logging, geochemical monitoring, pressure / temperature / injection rate monitoring, as well as microseismic and gravitational techniques (Chadwick, et al. 2006, Chadwick, et al. 2007).

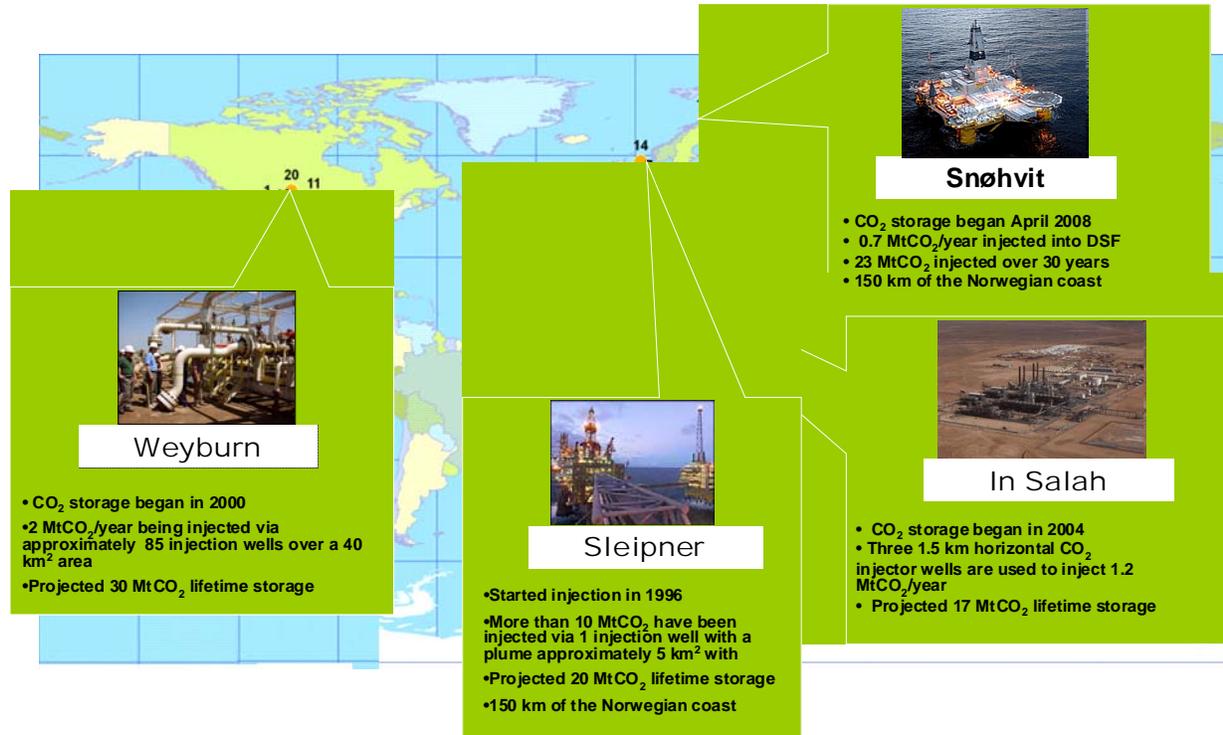


Figure 1: Overview of Four Large Commercial CCS Facilities

3.2 Great Plains Synfuels Plant (Beulah, North Dakota) and the Weyburn Enhanced Oil Recovery Project (Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Canada)

This is the only large scale commercial CCS project in North America and the only one of the four large complete end-to-end CCS facilities that captures CO₂ from a coal energy production facility. CO₂ is captured at a coal gasification plant in North Dakota and shipped to Saskatchewan via a dedicated 320 km pipeline. CO₂ is captured from this synfuels plant with a Rectisol capture unit. More than 3 MtCO₂/year is captured at this plant with approximately 2 MtCO₂ / year being sent to Weyburn with the remainder vented to the atmosphere (IPCC, 2005). In 2000, equipment needed to recover, compress, and transport via pipeline a portion of this coal gasification plant's CO₂ was installed so that the CO₂ could be pipelined to an enhanced oil recovery project known as the Weyburn Unit in southeast Saskatchewan, Canada. The Weyburn oil field lies at a depth of approximately 1500 meters and is less than 50 meters thick. The Weyburn EOR project injects both water and CO₂ to enhance oil production via 197 vertical and 15 horizontal injector wells (Wilson and Monea, 2004) The Weyburn project uses a broad range of MMV technologies including time-lapse seismic, core analysis, wireline logging, geochemical sampling and analysis, electrical resistance tomography, crosswell seismic, microseismic monitoring, and sampling of the soil, shallow subsurface and atmosphere to ensure retention of injected CO₂ (White 2007).

3.3 In Salah Natural Gas Production Facility (Central Saharan Region, Algeria)

CO₂ concentrations in this natural gas field range from 1-10% which is far in excess of allowable concentrations for exporting natural gas to markets in Europe. Approximately 1.2 MtCO₂/year is removed from the natural gas using an MEA-based CO₂ capture unit. The CO₂ is injected into a deep saline geologic formation 1800 meters below the surface via three CO₂ injector wells with long horizontal legs running up to a 1.5 km to increase the efficiency of CO₂ injection in this tight formation (IPCC, 2005). CO₂ capture and storage began in April 2004. (IEA GHG, 2009). The In Salah project uses seismic, core, wireline logging, geochemical sampling / analysis, pressure / temperature / injection rate monitoring, electrical resistance tomography, passive / microseismic monitoring, gravitational surveys, tiltmeters, differential InSAR, soil / shallow subsurface and atmospheric monitoring techniques as well as tracer-based monitoring (Wright, et al. 2005, Ebrom, et al. 2007, Onuma & Ohkawa 2009).

3.4 Snøhvit LNG Project (located in the Barents Sea 150 km off the northern coast of Norway)

The Snøhvit facility is Europe's first commercial liquefied natural gas production facility. The fields that are producing the natural gas also contain a significant quantity of CO₂ (5-8% CO₂ by volume) which must be separated before the natural gas can be liquefied prior to transport. Approximately 0.7 MtCO₂/year is captured from this facility using an amine-based capture system and is injected into a nearby deep saline formation that lies 2,600 meters below the seafloor. (IEA GHG, 2009, Statoil, 2009, Benson, 2009). The Snøhvit project, also operated by Statoil, has also employed a monitoring and verification program that focuses heavily on time-lapse seismic surveys and pressure monitoring, along with time-lapse gravimetric surveys (Late, 2008).

Sleipner and its sister project Snøhvit are unique among these four commercial CCS projects in that data derived from their MMV programs are submitted to national regulators who use these data to determine the environmental efficacy of CCS in terms of climate protection. Norwegian regulators rely on these data as evidence that the CO₂ is staying in the target injection formations, to determine whether the storage projects are successfully trapping CO₂ away from the atmosphere and therefore whether the projects qualify as a mean to avoid the national carbon tax on CO₂ emissions. The Weyburn and InSalah projects utilize their MMV data to demonstrate to relevant regulators that CO₂ is remaining in the injection formation and is therefore not negatively impacting underground sources of drinking water or other natural resources. However, because there is no climate policy in place in Algeria or Canada there is no explicit dialogue with a regulator about the efficacy of CO₂ storage in terms of mitigating greenhouse gas emissions. If climate policies are put in place in Algeria and Canada, the types of MMV data collected would most likely form the core if not the totality of data presented to regulators to establish the climate benefits of CO₂ storage at these two sites.

While each of these four commercial CCS facilities captures, injects, and monitors between 0.7 and 2 MtCO₂/year into suitable deep geologic formations, a typical large fossil fired power plant would generate perhaps 2-4 times as much CO₂/year and perhaps an order of magnitude more cumulative CO₂ stored over a typical 40-50 year lifetime. And therefore, there is truth to the often heard assertion that CCS has never been demonstrated at the scale of a large commercial power plant. On the other hand, these four facilities demonstrate that many of the underlying technologies such as pipelines that can handle up to 2 MtCO₂ / year (along with all of the seals, pumps, automated flow and safety controls for such a pipeline) do currently exist and would only need to be scaled up modestly to handle the mass of CO₂ from a large commercial power plant. These four facilities also demonstrate that MMV technologies

can be deployed in a range of different settings and conditions to understand the movement and behavior of CO₂ that has been injected into the deep subsurface.

4.0 CO₂ Capture, Compression, Dehydration, and Handling Technologies

CO₂ has been captured from operational coal power plants since the late 1970s and from natural gas power plants since the early 1990s. The primary task of these facilities is producing electricity or steam for industrial processes, and CO₂ capture is a secondary task. As such, these facilities tend to capture CO₂ from a small fraction of the total flue gas stream as these CO₂ capture units are sized to meet niche commercial markets for CO₂ (such as carbonated beverage production and food processing).

As noted above, CO₂ is also being captured at the Dakota Gasification Facility which gasifies coal to produce synthetic natural gas as well as a number of chemical feedstocks. While similar to IGCC power plants in a number of key respects, it is important to note that this facility does not generate electricity. Industrial coal gasification systems must separate CO₂ from the syngas stream as an inherent part of their process unlike an electricity generating IGCC, a point which will be explained in more detail below. However, it is important to note that Dakota Gasification Facility's capture of CO₂ is not precisely the same as CO₂ capture from a coal-fired IGCC power plant.

Anthropogenic CO₂ is also “captured” from natural gas processing plants and from ammonia plants, which produce a high purity CO₂ stream that requires little effort to capture beyond diverting and compressing it. Similar to the situation for the Dakota Gasification Facility, the capture of CO₂ at these facilities is an inherent part of the process of producing the end product (e.g., natural gas). The technologies used to separate CO₂ at these facilities are well established. CO₂ capture from natural gas processing plants is at the heart of three of the four large commercial end-to-end CCS facilities currently in operation worldwide. The volumes of CO₂ captured from these facilities are significantly larger than what is currently captured from power plants, due in large part to the low costs of capture.

It is also important to note that there is more than 35 years of experience related to many of the underlying system components that are often overlooked but are vital aspects of a functioning CO₂ capture system. Systems to compress, dehydrate and move gaseous and supercritical CO₂ including materials and seals, fittings, meters, etc. are all commercially available and well established technologies.

Appendices C and D provide more detail on the three basic CO₂ capture system configurations and terms like “food grade CO₂” and “amine” that are used throughout the remainder of this section.

4.1 Post Combustion CO₂ Capture from Pulverized Coal-fired Electric Power Plants

CO₂ is currently being captured from three coal fired electric power plants in the U.S. Each of these are conventional coal power plants. A small fraction of the power plant's overall CO₂ is captured to serve niche markets for CO₂. The vast majority of the CO₂ produced at these power plants through the combustion of coal to generate electricity is vented to the atmosphere.

- *Warrior Run Power Plant (Cumberland, Maryland)*. This 180 MW pulverized coal power plant captures a small slip stream of the facility's flue gases to produce approximately 330 tCO₂/day of food grade CO₂ (Holt, 2008). The CO₂ is captured using an ABB Lummus unit that uses monoethanolamine (MEA) as its solvent. This plant has been in operation since 2000. (IEA GHG, 2009)
- *Shady Point Power Plant (Panama, Oklahoma)*. The 320MW_e Shady Point power plant is a circulating fluidised bed coal-fired power plant. A small slip stream of the facility's emissions are treated to produce approximately 200 tCO₂/d of food grade CO₂ via an ABB Lummus scrubber system that uses MEA as its solvent. The extracted CO₂ is used for food processing, freezing, beverage production and chilling purposes. (IEA GHG, 2009).
- *Searles Valley Minerals Soda Ash Plant (Trona, California)*. Approximately 800tCO₂/d of CO₂ is captured from the flue gas of a coal power plant (steam and electricity are generated at this plant) using ABB Lummus MEA capture unit (Herzog, 1999). This facility has been in operation since 1978 thus making it the world's longest operating CO₂ capture facility. The captured CO₂ is used for the carbonation of brine in the process of producing soda ash. (IEA GHG, 2009, SourceWatch, 2009).

4.2 CO₂ Capture from Coal Gasification

As noted above, the capture of CO₂ from a coal gasification plant like the Dakota Gasification Facility which makes synthetic natural gas and various chemicals is similar yet markedly different than what would need to occur within a coal fired integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) electricity plant. For a gasification plant like the Dakota facility, the vast majority of the CO₂ is removed by plant's gas treatment units upstream of the methanation units in an already concentrated and pressurized form. This CO₂ stream is in a form that requires little extra processing other than some additional compression for pipeline transport. While similar acid gas removal processes would be used in an IGCC power plant wishing to capture CO₂ prior to combustion of the syngas stream, this process is not necessary for the production of electricity in an IGCC plant. Therefore, the key difference between a coal gasification facility and an IGCC power plant is that the CO₂ must be separated in syngas production while it is a choice (that also brings additional costs and design considerations into play) for the IGCC plant. However, the technologies employed for CO₂ separation in each case would be very similar.

- *Great Plains Synfuels Plant (Beulah, North Dakota)*. This facility is the only large coal gasification plant in the United States that synthesizes natural gas from coal. CO₂ is captured from this synfuels plant with a Rectisol capture unit. In 2000, equipment needed to recover, compress, and transport via a 205 mile pipeline a portion of this coal gasification plant's CO₂ was installed so that the CO₂ could be pipelined to an enhanced oil recovery project known as the Weyburn Unit in southeast Saskatchewan, Canada. More than 3 MtCO₂/year is separated at this plant with approximately 2 MtCO₂ / year being sent to Weyburn with the remainder vented to the atmosphere (IPCC, 2005, Perry and Eliason, 2004).

4.3 CO₂ Capture from Oxygen-fired Coal Combustion

The combustion of coal using purified oxygen as opposed to combustion in air which contains a significant fraction of nitrogen and many other non-reactive constituent gases is seen as one promising

technology for increasing the concentration of CO₂ in the flue gas stream and thereby simplifying and hopefully reducing the cost of CO₂ capture from coal power plants. Currently, there is one rather small “oxy-fired” coal power plant in operation.

- *Schwarze Pumpe Pilot Plant (Spremberg in Brandenburg, Germany)*. Vattenfall has been operating a 30 MW pilot scale, oxygen fired coal power plant since the middle of 2008. Approximately 220tCO₂/day can be captured from this pilot plant via compression and liquefaction of the resulting high purity CO₂ exhaust stream as opposed to a chemical absorption process like MEA. The captured CO₂ is stored in a liquefied state on-site in two 180m³ tanks which are used to temporarily store the CO₂ before it is sent to various markets via tanker trucks. (Strömberg, 2009)

4.4 Post-Combustion CO₂ Capture from Natural Gas-fired Facilities

While the CO₂ concentration in the flue gas of conventional coal-fired power plants is approximately 15% and oxy-fired technology aims at significantly higher concentrations, the combustion of natural gas results in very low CO₂ concentrations (approx. 3%-5%). Capturing CO₂ from such dilute streams can present unique challenges.

- *Sumitomo Chemicals Plant (Chiba Prefecture, Japan)*. This natural gas fired power plant generates electricity and approximately 150-165 tCO₂/day of food-grade CO₂. A Fluor Econamine CO₂ scrubber system is used to remove CO₂ from flue gases. The plant has been operational since 1994. (IEA GHG, 2009).
- *Prosint Methanol Production Plant (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)*. Approximately 90 tCO₂/day of food-grade CO₂ is captured from the flue gases of a natural gas-fired boiler using a Fluor Econamine MEA CO₂ capture unit. This facility has been in operation since 1997. The captured CO₂ is used to carbonate beverages (IEA GHG, 2009).

4.5 CO₂ Capture from Natural Gas Reforming

Natural gas is commonly used as a feedstock in the production of hydrogen, ammonia, urea, and related products, via steam reforming processes. Approximately 85% of ammonia is made by steam reforming natural gas, a process that is well suited to separating out large commercial quantities of high purity CO₂ (IPCC, 2005).

- *Indian Farmers Fertilizer Company (Aonla and Phulpur, India)*. CO₂ is recovered from steam reformer flue gases via a CO₂ capture unit that uses Mitsubishi Heavy Industry's (MHI) proprietary KS-1 amine. The plant captures approximately 900 tCO₂ /day utilizing two 450 tonCO₂/day capture trains) for use in manufacturing (MHI, 2009).
- *Petronas Fertilizer (Kedah Darul Aman, Malaysia)*. Approximately 160 tCO₂/day is captured from a steam reformer flue gases. The recovered CO₂ is used for urea production. The Petronas flue gas CO₂ recovery plant started up in October 1999 and has been operated continuously since. (MHI, 2009).

- *Ruwais Fertilizer Industries (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates)*. At this facility 400 tCO₂/day is captured from steam reformer flue gases using a capture unit based on MHI's KS-1 solvent. CO₂ capture began at this facility in 2008 (MHI, 2009).

Luzhou Natural Gas Chemicals (Luzhou City, China). CO₂ is removed from the exhaust gases of a natural gas reformer unit using Fluor's Econamine MEA CO₂ removal process. The facility captures approximately 160 tCO₂/d of CO₂ which is used for manufacturing urea. (IEA GHG, 2009)

4.6 CO₂ Capture from Natural Gas Production

Natural gas fields around the world contain various levels of CO₂ that is intermixed with the methane and other light hydrocarbons which are being produced from these fields. Natural gas pipeline specifications vary around the world, though natural gas markets and pipeline operators generally limit CO₂ concentrations to no more than 2% by volume. This is done to prevent pipeline corrosion, to avoid using energy to compress the CO₂ for transport and to increase the heating value of the gas (IPCC, 2005). For the vast majority of these facilities, current commercial practice is to vent this pure CO₂ into the atmosphere

- *Snøhvit LNG Project (located in the Barents Sea 150 km off the northern coast of Norway)*. The Snøhvit facility is Europe's first commercial liquefied natural gas production facility. The fields that are producing the natural gas also contain a significant quantity of CO₂ (5-8%), which must be separated before the natural gas can be liquefied prior to transport (Carbon Capture Journal 2008). Approximately 0.7 MtCO₂/ year is captured from this facility and is injected into a nearby deep saline formation. (IEA GHG, 2009 and Statoil, 2009)
- *In Salah Natural Gas Production Facility (Algeria)*. CO₂ concentrations in this natural gas field range from 1-10% which is far in excess of allowable concentrations for exporting natural gas to markets in Europe. Approximately 1.2 MtCO₂ / year is removed from the natural gas using and MEA-based CO₂ capture unit and is injected into a nearby deep geologic formation. CO₂ capture and storage began in 2004. (IEA GHG, 2009).
- *Sleipner West Field (150km off the Norwegian coast in the North Sea)*. The Sleipner natural gas field has high – approximately 9% -- concentration of CO₂ which must be removed prior to shipping the CO₂ on shore and selling it to various markets. Approximately 1 MtCO₂/year is removed from the produced natural gas via an amine-based CO₂ separation unit. The captured CO₂ is stored in a nearby deep saline formation (IEA GHG, 2009). CO₂ capture and storage has been ongoing at Sleipner since 1996 and to date more that 10 MtCO₂ has been stored at this site (Statoil Press Release, 2008).
- *Shute Creek Natural Gas Processing Plant (La Barge, Wyoming)*. Produced gas streams from fields in this area contain approximately 65% CO₂ and only 22% natural gas. The plant has been separating, compressing, and selling approximately 4 MtCO₂/yr to various enhanced oil recovery projects in the region and venting another 3.5 MtCO₂/yr. Selexol process is used to remove CO₂ and H₂S from natural gas (Kubek, 2009). ExxonMobil is currently planning to increase the capture of CO₂ by another 100 MMCFD (1.9 MtCO₂/yr) and is testing a new controlled freeze zone capture technology that may make additional capture more affordable (Environmental Leader, 2008).

- *Val Verde Natural Gas Plants (Terrell and Pecos Counties, Texas)*. The Terrell, Grey Ranch, Mitchell, and Puckett plants, process natural gas and transport their collected CO₂ to oil fields in west Texas via the Petro Source Canyon Reef Carriers CO₂ pipeline (the oldest large CO₂ transport pipeline in the U.S., constructed in 1972). Current estimates suggest that 75 MMCFD of CO₂ are delivered to the SACROC and other oil fields (Moritis, 2008) while total pipeline capacity is estimated at 275 MMCFD (Bradley 2005).
- *DTE Turtle Lake Gas Processing Plant (Otsego County, Michigan)*. One of several gas processing plants in northern Michigan's Antrim Shale fields. Gas produced from Antrim Shales contain between 5-30% CO₂ which is removed by an amine based separation process. The resulting high purity (99%) CO₂ stream is used periodically for EOR flooding of Niagaran Reef oil fields (transported via existing 8 mile pipeline) and also for the ongoing demonstration of CO₂ storage in the Silurian-age Bass Island dolomite deep saline formation by the Midwest Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership. A total of 60,000 tons is scheduled to be injected (at rates of 250-600 tons/d) by the end of this demonstration project, at a depth of 3,500 feet (Battelle 2007 and Global Energy Network Institute, 2009). Excess CO₂ is vented to the atmosphere.

Table 1 summarizes the individual CO₂ capture facilities discussed above. The volume of CO₂ captured from each facility is shown in three different sets of units as these are common units for discussing the scale of these operations in different engineering and technical communities. The first three rows in Table 1 also show the volume of CO₂ that could be captured from hypothetical 500 MW natural gas and coal fired power plants. These hypothetical reference plants are included here to provide a basis of comparison from today's CO₂ capture deployments to the scale that might be needed for future facilities. As can be seen, many of the existing CO₂ capture facilities – and in particular those capture facilities that are mated to fossil fired electricity generating plants – is considerably smaller than the volumes of CO₂ that would have to be processed from these reference 500 MW facilities. However, the observation that CO₂ capture facilities mated to existing power plants is small compared to a large power plant's total CO₂ emissions should be seen as being driven by the niche market circumstances that existed which led to the investment in these CO₂ capture systems. That is, these facilities were built to serve a specific commercial market for CO₂; at the time they were built there was no incentive to build a CO₂ capture unit larger than what was required to serve that market and in fact there would have been strong disincentives that would have prevented the construction of a larger than needed CO₂ capture unit.

Because these CO₂ capture units were sized to serve specific market demands for CO₂, it would be incorrect to assume that the size of these units represents some inherent technical or economic threshold for CO₂ capture units. The last two columns in Table 1 are intended to speak to this point. The data in these last two columns represent a back of the envelope calculation of how many CO₂ capture trains would be needed to handle this volume of CO₂ based upon a 450 tCO₂/day system (the largest advanced CO₂ capture system commercially installed to date) and a 3000 tCO₂/day system (which represents the largest advanced CO₂ capture system that Mitsubishi Heavy Industries says they can deliver today for commercial applications (Hirata, et. al., 2008 and Ijima et. al., 2009)). Assuming that the largest currently installed CO₂ capture system that is applicable to electric power production was deployed on a nominal 500 MW coal-fired power plant, it would require approximately 20 parallel 450 tCO₂/day capture units. This would represent a significant capital expenditure and significant land at the power plant. However, there is no reason to assume that there will not be technological progress in this regard and considering the application of the 3000 tCO₂/day capture technology that is reported to be available would reduce the number of parallel CO₂ capture trains required for this hypothetical 500MW coal plant to only three units. With additional experience and development, it is not unreasonable to believe that the number of required trains may be further decreased.

Table 1: Summarizing Existing Anthropogenic CO₂ Capture Facilities

CO ₂ Source	Type	Use	MMCFD	tCO ₂ /d	MtCO ₂ /yr	Number of 450 tCO ₂ /d Capture Trains	Number of 3000 tCO ₂ /d Capture Trains
<i>500 MW NGCC Power Plant</i>	<i>Reference Power Plant</i>		67	3,550	1.3	8	2
<i>500 MW Pulverized Coal Power Plant</i>	<i>Reference Power Plant</i>		154	8,160	3.0	19	3
<i>500 MW IGCC Power Plant</i>	<i>Reference Power Plant</i>		145	7,680	2.8	18	3
IMC Global Soda Ash Plant (USA)	Coal-fired power plant	Soda ash production	15	800	0.3	2	1
Warrior Run Power Plant (USA)	Coal-fired power plant	Food/beverage	6	330	0.1	1	1
Schwarze Pumpe Pilot Plant (Germany)	Coal-fired oxyfuel combustion	Various	4	202	0.1	1	1
Shady Point Power Plant (USA)	Coal-fired power plant	Food/beverage	4	200	0.1	1	1
Great Plains Synfuels Plant (USA)	Coal gasification	EOR	104	5,480	2.0	13	2
Sumitomo Chemicals Plant (Japan)	Natural Gas-fired power plant	Various	4	200	0.1	1	1
Prosint Methanol Production Plant (Brazil)	Methanol	Beverage/food	2	90	0.0	1	1
Enid Fertilizer Plant (USA)	Fertilizer	Urea, EOR	35	1,850	0.7	5	1
Indian Farmers Fertilizer Company (India)	Fertilizer	Manufacturing	17	900	0.3	2	1
Ruwais Fertilizer Industries (India)	Fertilizer		8	400	0.1	1	1
Luzhou Natural Gas Chemicals (China)	Fertilizer	Urea	3	160	0.1	1	1
Petronas Fertilizer (Malaysia)	Fertilizer	Urea	3	160	0.1	1	1
Shute Creek Natural Gas Processing Plant (USA)	Natural gas processing	EOR	300	15,870	5.8	36	6
Val Verde Natural Gas Plants (USA)	Natural gas processing	EOR	75	3,970	1.4	9	2
In Salah Natural Gas Production Facility (Algeria)	Natural gas processing	Geologic storage	62	3,290	1.2	8	2
Sleipner West Field (North Sea, Norway)	Natural gas processing	Geologic storage	52	2,740	1.0	7	1
Snohvit LNG Project (Barents Sea, Norway)	Natural gas processing	Geologic storage	36	1,920	0.7	5	1
DTE Turtle Lake Gas Processing Plant (USA)	Natural gas processing	EOR/Geologic storage	11	600	0.2	2	1

5.0 CO₂ Transportation Technologies

The technologies needed to safely move CO₂ by pipeline are well established. CO₂ transport via pipeline has been practiced in the U.S. since the early 1970s and should be seen as an established technology.

The U.S. has by far the largest existing dedicated CO₂ pipeline infrastructure in the world. There are currently more than 3900 miles of dedicated CO₂ pipelines in the United States—of varying lengths and diameters—built primarily to serve CO₂-driven enhanced oil recovery (EOR) projects. Figure 2 shows the existing CO₂ pipeline infrastructure in the US and Saskatchewan, Canada.



Figure 2: Existing CO₂ Pipelines in the U.S.

Many of the largest CO₂ pipelines in terms of length and capacity take CO₂ from natural CO₂ domes and transport the CO₂ to aging oil fields for enhanced oil recovery. Table 2 lists selected major CO₂ pipelines in North America. As Table 2 illustrates the volumes of CO₂ that can be moved through these pipelines are very large and are certainly on the order of (if not larger than) the volume of CO₂ that would need to be transported from a large yet-to-be-built power plant that might employ CCS to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. Large-scale transport of CO₂ via pipeline is not a technology that needs to be created nor are new laws or regulatory policies prerequisites for any potential expansion of the nation's CO₂ pipeline infrastructure.

Gale and Davison (2007) and Forbes et. al. (2008) report that CO₂ pipelines in the US have a safety record which is better than that of comparable natural gas lines and the IPCC (2005) cites a number of studies showing that pipeline safety has improved in many parts of the world with the development and dissemination of operational best practices and improved remotely controlled safety valves and sensors.

Table 2. Selected Major Operational CO₂ Pipelines in North America (IPCC, 2005)

Pipeline Name (year completed)	Length	Estimated Design Capacity
Bravo (1984)	217	7 MtCO ₂ /year
Canyon Reef Carriers (1972)	140 miles	5.2 MtCO ₂ /year
Cortez Pipeline (1984)	502 miles	24 MtCO ₂ /year
Sheep Mountain (1984)	410 miles	9.5 MtCO ₂ /year
LaBarge (2003)	285 miles	8 MtCO ₂ /year
Val Verde (1998)	81 miles	2.5 MtCO ₂ /year
Weyburn (2000)	205 miles	2 MtCO ₂ /year

These existing CO₂ pipelines are regulated under an established body of regulations under the authority of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Pipeline Safety as applicable state-specific regulations. Operational pipelines are monitored continuously by pressure and flow management systems to detect and respond to leakage instantaneously, and are periodically evaluated internally by automated inspection devices and externally by visual inspection (on foot or by aircraft). Long-distance pipelines are divided into smaller segments with each segment instrumented to measure pressure and flow, and capable of isolating individual segments for maintenance, repair, or to minimize loss of CO₂ in the event of a pipeline breach (IPCC 2005).

6.0 CO₂ Injection Technologies

The technologies needed to safely inject CO₂ into these deep geologic formations largely exist today and are drawn from technologies, techniques and industrial best practices that are routinely used in the oil and natural gas production industries. CO₂ injection should be seen as established technology.

The injection of anthropogenic CO₂ into the deep subsurface dates to at least 1972 when CO₂-driven enhanced oil recovery began at the Scurry Area Canyon Reef Operators Committee (SACROC) unit in west Texas (Ambrose et. al., 2008). Over the past 35 years, approximately 150 MtCO₂ has been injected into the Canyon Reef formation for the purpose of stimulating additional oil recovery. 75 MtCO₂ were intentional produced from these fields for reinjection into other parts of the SACROC or in other oil fields employing CO₂-driven EOR. Thus, an estimated 55 MtCO₂ has become trapped in these deep geologic formations from the injection of CO₂ (Smyth et. al. 2006). Meyer (2007) reports that 440 injection wells have been completed in the SACROC unit itself which covers approximately 90mi².

In their 2008 Enhanced Oil Recovery Survey, the Oil and Gas Journal (2008) indicates that there are 100 CO₂-driven enhanced oil recovery projects operational in the United States. The CO₂ flooding across these 100 projects encompasses nearly 420,000 acres and utilizes more than 6200 injection wells (as well as more than 9100 production wells). Meyer (2007) estimates that since the start of the SACROC project in 1972 more than 8,800 CO₂ injector wells have been completed in Texas alone.

A Real World 205 mile CO₂ pipeline.

The CO₂ pipeline from the Dakota Gasification Company's (DGC) Great Plains Synfuels Plant runs for 205 miles from North Dakota to Saskatchewan. This pipeline transports 2 MtCO₂/year for use in enhanced oil recovery operations at the Weyburn oil field.

- Rights of way were negotiated with various land owners to acquire the needed continuous corridor for the pipeline. All parties eventually agreed to allow the pipeline to cross their land. There was no need to resort to condemnation proceedings.
- The pipeline diameter runs from 12 to 14 inches. The pipe is made from carbon steel as there was no need to use exotic alloys given the very low water content entrained in the CO₂ coming from the DGC Great Plains Synfuels Plant. The thickness of the pipeline's walls is increased significantly at water crossings, road and railroad crossings. The maximum operating pressure is 2700 psig over the first half of the pipeline and 2964 psig over the remainder of the pipeline. A booster pump operates at Tioga, ND which is approximately half way along the pipeline.
- The pipeline is buried at a minimum depth of 4 feet. At road crossings, a minimum depth of 5 feet is used and at railroad crossings the pipeline is buried to a depth of 10 feet.
- In total there are 12 remotely controlled main line valves, which are designed to allow for individual sections of the pipeline to be isolated in case of damage to the pipeline. These remotely controlled main line valves are no more than 20 miles apart along the pipeline.
- The pipeline crosses three waterways along its path; the Little Missouri River as well as Lake Sakakawea both of which are in North Dakota and Jewel Creek in Canada. The crossing at Lake Sakakawea is three miles long. At the two more significant water crossings, the Little Missouri River and Lake Sakakawea, there are remotely controlled main line valves on both shores for both of these water crossings.
- The pipeline undergoes periodic inspections and tests to ensure its continued integrity and safety including: aerial and foot patrols of the right of way 26 times per year, maintenance and inspection of all valves twice per year, internal inspection of the pipeline using electronic tools at least once every 5 years, and testing of all emergency systems including over pressurizing safety devices once per.

Sources: Perry and Eliason, 2004 and Dakota Gasification Company 2009.

The injection of CO₂ into the deep subsurface is not a new practice and has been regulated for decades under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The draft Class VI Underground Injection Control rule clearly states “CO₂ is currently injected in the U.S. under two well classifications: Class II and Class V experimental technology wells” (Federal Register, 2008). There is a small but growing body of literature that indicates that past CO₂ injection has managed in a safe and effective manner. These research studies are built upon an examination of the historical record of CO₂ injection and highly analogous deep subsurface injection techniques. Here we briefly mention three of these studies.

- In a study of well blowouts in California oil fields undergoing thermal enhanced oil recovery during the period 1991-2005, Jordan and Benson (2008) demonstrate that well blowouts were rare and the rate of blowouts declined significantly over this 15 year period. The authors attribute this to “increased experience, improved technology, and/or changes in the safety culture in the oil and gas industry.” They go on to note, “Any of these explanations suggests that blowout risks can also be minimized in CO₂ storage fields.”
- Preliminary analysis of research still underway looking at the effects of more than 35 years of CO₂ injection at the SACROC field by Smyth (2009) suggests that no leakage of injected CO₂ into shallower underground sources of drinking water has occurred notwithstanding the large volumes of CO₂ that have been injected at this site. There has also been significant improvement in well construction and operations over the last three decades.
- Carey et. al., (2007) report that while cement cores retrieved from 30 year old CO₂ injector wells in the SACROC formation clearly show that the injected CO₂ reacted with the cement that the cement appears to have “retained its capacity to prevent significant flow of CO₂” which is the primary purpose of this cement casing around the CO₂ injection well.

7.0 CO₂ Measurement, Monitoring and Verification Technologies

Because CCS technologies will only deploy in the presence of a societal mandate to avoid CO₂ emissions to the atmosphere, and since these policies are likely to carry with them either incentives for long-term storage or penalties for venting, it is necessary to create a framework that provides for the safe, secure, long-term storage of CO₂ in the subsurface, and certifies that a given ton of CO₂ stored qualifies for monetization as a credit, offset or avoided emission. This is the motivation for a robust program to measure, monitor and verify the quantity of CO₂ stored.

Measurement, monitoring and verification (MMV) technologies for CO₂ injected into the deep subsurface represent a large set of potential technological options for monitoring CO₂ injection and other critical *in situ* behaviors that help determine the fate of the stored CO₂ and the ultimate efficacy of CO₂ storage as a means of isolating CO₂ from the atmosphere and underground sources of drinking water. Wellhead monitoring of the volume and rate of CO₂ injected into the formation provides the first critical data stream used in the MMV toolkit. This step quantifies the amount of CO₂ injected in the subsurface, while other methods are used to verify this storage volume, and/or look for evidence that the injectate is migrating out of the storage formation. As shown in Figure 3 below, some technologies are best used for detecting the presence of CO₂ at the surface and in the shallow subsurface – including atmospheric and soil monitoring methods that involve sampling and analysis to detect CO₂ in the air, soil and water table – while other

technologies are only used to examine the very deep subsurface, all the way down to the storage formation itself, or even deeper.

There are also sampling-based techniques for monitoring the very deep subsurface, including formation fluid chemistry monitoring, and monitoring of overlying water-bearing formations to determine if CO₂ from the target formation has migrated away from the intended zone. They also can include technologies such as seismic imaging, a technology that uses energy imparted into the earth's crust, collects information on how that energy is reflected and refracted through the layers of rock, and uses that information to create an image of the CO₂ plume at depth like those shown in Figure 4 (IPCC 2005).

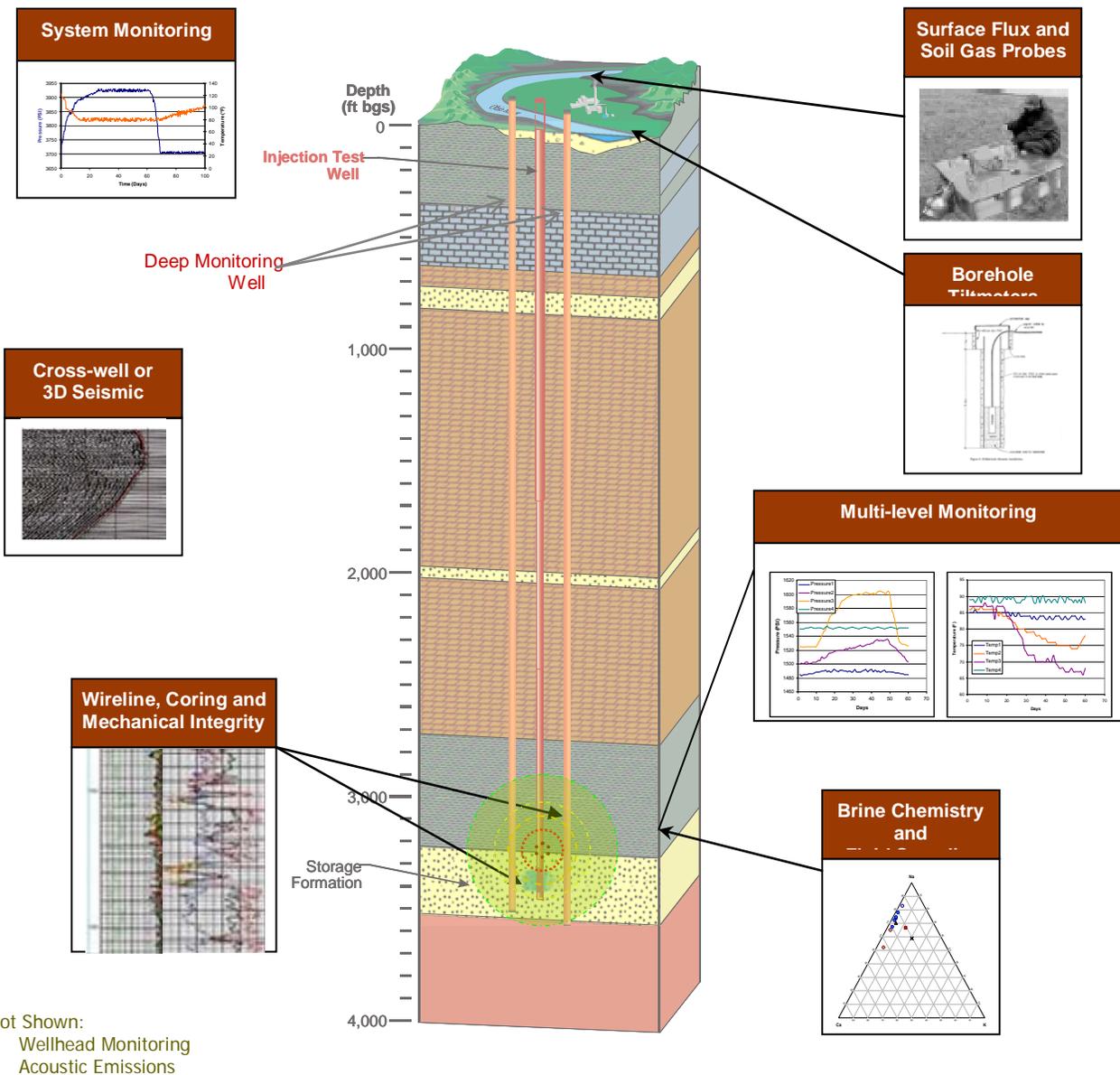


Figure 3. Examples of MMV techniques applicable at various depths. (Graphic credit: Midwest Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership)

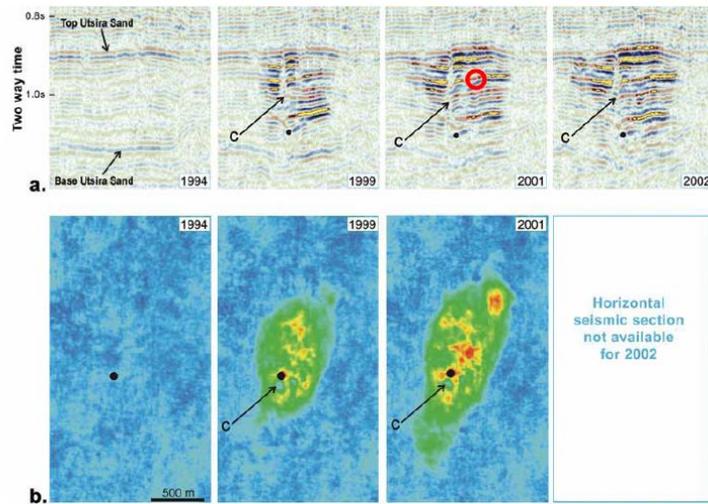


Figure 4. Seismic images from the Sleipner injection project (IPCC 2005).

Likewise, while some methods such as these require that a baseline survey be conducted prior to injection but are also useful for long-term monitoring once CO₂ injection has begun, some technologies are better suited to pre-injection site characterization activities – such as geophysical tests of the formation that can only be run before the well is cased, or aerial magnetic surveys that are flown over the projected maximum CO₂ plume footprint to find any undocumented wells that may need to be remediated prior to injection (Figure 5, USGS 2005). It is also important to note the interdependence of baseline and continuing data acquisition in validating and updating models used to simulate future reservoir behavior under expected conditions. By updating the models with new data, they become more robust over time, increasing certainty in the results for a given geochemical code – and therefore all subsequent projects that use that model – as well as for the specific field and project.

A large, varied suite of tools for monitoring injected CO₂ already exists, having been developed for other industries interested in exploring the deep subsurface. A large number of these technologies are mature, and are used commercially in the oil and gas fields (Spangler 2008). For example, seismic imaging of the subsurface – particularly two- and three-dimensional surveys – is routinely used all over the world by the oil and gas industry to identify new resources and manage hydrocarbon production. However, the application of these technologies to CCS, though expected to be very similar and in some cases already tested, may require knowledge gaps to be filled. For example, in order to resolve the movement of a body of injected CO₂, seismic surveys are taken at various time intervals in order to see the progress of the CO₂ plume. This kind of survey was less routine a decade ago when the Sleipner project began injection CO₂ into the subsea Utsira formation, but Sleipner and other CCS projects have used it successfully, and the knowledge gained in these applications has increased the confidence in these “4D” seismic methods.

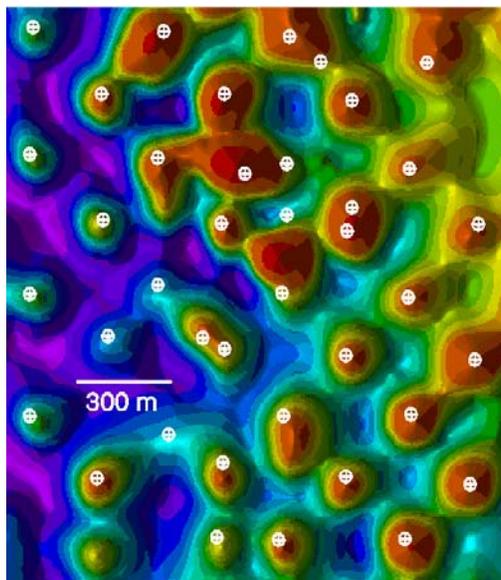


Figure 5. Example of data acquired during an aerial magnetic survey showing the locations of wells, differentiated from the surrounding ground by their magnetic signatures (USGS 2005).

Table 3 summarizes the major components of the MMV suite discussed within the CCS technical community, including the phase(s) where each technology is applicable and whether it was used for one of the major CCS projects listed. Note that this discussion is based on a preliminary literature review, and should not be considered comprehensive.

7.1 CO₂SINK –

The CO₂SINK injection project at Ketzin, Germany was designed to utilize surface seismic, core analysis, wireline logging, geochemical monitoring of formation fluids in and above the storage zone, injection rate / in situ pressure and temperature monitoring, electrical resistance tomography, crosswell seismic, and surface / shallow subsurface monitoring techniques (Giese, et al. 2009).

7.2 In Salah –

BP's Algerian In Salah project uses seismic, core, wireline logging, geochemical sampling / analysis, pressure / temperature / injection rate monitoring, electrical resistance tomography, passive / microseismic monitoring, gravitational surveys, tiltmeters, differential InSAR, soil / shallow subsurface and atmospheric monitoring techniques as well as tracer-based monitoring (Wright, et al. 2005, Ebrom, et al. 2007, Onuma & Ohkawa 2009).

7.3 Nagaoka –

The Japanese Nagaoka project has employed core analysis, wireline logging, geochemical sampling and analysis, injection operations monitoring (wellhead and in situ), crosswell seismic and microseismic detection to monitor CO₂ injection operations (Yoshimura 2007).

7.4 Sleipner –

The Sleipner project, under which Statoil injects CO₂ into the Utsira formation, deep beneath the North Sea, has utilized a program focused on timelapse seismic surveys, and drawing on core analysis, wireline logging, geochemical monitoring, pressure / temperature / injection rate monitoring, as well as microseismic and gravitational techniques (Chadwick, et al. 2006, Chadwick, et al. 2007).

7.5 Snøhvit –

The Snøhvit project, also operated by Statoil, has also employed a monitoring and verification program that focuses heavily on timelapse seismic surveys and pressure monitoring, along with timelapse gravimetric surveys (Late 2008).

7.6 Weyburn –

The Weyburn project, which takes CO₂ from the Dakota Synfuels plant in the United States and injects it into the Weyburn-Midale EOR field in Saskatchewan, Canada, uses a broad range of MMV technologies including timelapse seismic, core analysis, wireline logging, geochemical sampling and analysis, electrical resistance tomography, crosswell seismic, microseismic monitoring, and sampling of the soil, shallow subsurface and atmosphere to ensure retention of injected CO₂ (White 2007).

7.7 Frio –

The GEOSEQ's Frio project, a pilot injection project into the Frio formation in Texas, utilized seismic surveys for site characterization as well as monitoring plume movement. Core and wireline logging were used in characterization, in addition to monitoring techniques that included pressure / injection rate monitoring, electromagnetic surveys, crosswell seismic, geochemical sampling of the deep subsurface, and sampling of the atmosphere, surface and shallow surface for CO₂ and tracers (Hovorka & Knox 2003, Hovorka 2005).

In some instances, as is the case for the In Salah and Weyburn projects for example, the geology of the storage formation is analogous to the oil and gas formations where many of these technologies were pioneered and perfected. However, in other cases where non-standard storage formations (e.g., basalt formations, coal seams, shales, and others) may be used as the primary storage reservoir, it is likely that the gaps between existing technologies and their reliable use in these novel formation types will be greater than when they are used on sandstones and carbonates like the ones where oil and gas are typically found. Thus, while the various MMV component technologies may be commercially mature, they may not necessarily be able to deploy everywhere and always, and the same technologies may prove to be technologically immature or unusable in these novel formation types.

Similarly, technologies that have been used in the oil and gas industry for decades and have been constantly improved upon to increase their effectiveness for finding and producing hydrocarbon resources are not capable of imaging a very small volume of oil, nor would they be capable of imaging a very small volume of CO₂. Indeed, the biggest gun in the MMV arsenal, 3D seismic surveys, typically expect resolutions in the meters to tens of meters when imaging the edge of the CO₂ plume. For the range of CO₂ densities present at depth at the Sleipner project, this corresponds to hundreds or thousands of tons of CO₂. While being able to define the boundary of a CO₂ plume that is 5000 feet deep and be accurate to within 10-20 feet and verify millions of tons of CO₂ injected to within a matter of a few hundred tons is a technological marvel, if CO₂ regulations require that MMV methods be capable of verifying that 100% of the CO₂ is present and accounted for, there is no suite of technologies that currently exists that will meet this requirement. In no way does this suggest that regulations will be expected to forgive some quantity of

leakage, but the resolution of the monitoring tools is such that knowing where literally *all* of the CO₂ is at any time is not possible, nor is it likely to be any time in the next 10-20 year timeframe expected to be crucial for CCS deployment and climate change mitigation in general. As discussed earlier, some tools are best suited for surface or near-subsurface monitoring tasks, while others are ideal for the very deep subsurface; similarly, some tools have very high lateral resolutions, others very high vertical resolutions, and still others achieve a well balanced combination of the two. Certain tools complement each other well and are often used in conjunction with each other (e.g., surface seismic with vertical seismic profile), and other tools can be combined to address the unique needs – reservoir geometry, formation fluids, matrix rock, etc. – of the individual storage site. However, while the individual resolutions of each tool in the MMV suite employed by a given project may vary by technology and site, it is the cumulative set of data produced by the combination of MMV tools, iterative reservoir modeling and careful injection rate monitoring that provides the needed level of detail to detect and address issues before they threaten from multiple tools corroborating and improving modeling results and verifying the initial flowmeter measurements of CO₂ introduced into the storage formation that resolves enough detail to say with a very high degree of certainty that the CO₂ is effectively stored, and that groundwater and surface resources and environmental health are being protected.

Lastly, it is important to note that there are often multiple technologies that can be used to obtain values for the same parameter. One technology may be better for a certain situation, while another would be preferable elsewhere. This suggests that, instead of a single standardized MMV suite for all sites, operators and their wellfield support contractors should choose that suite of technologies, based on site-specific needs, that satisfy the data requirements necessary to verify the volume and location of injected CO₂ at the levels of resolution and certainly required by the entity responsible for certifying the emissions credit or offset. If verification requirements are crafted to be appropriate to the resolution of the tools used to quantify the volume and location of injected CO₂, and if project operators are allowed to use a flexible approach to selecting the MMV technologies employed, for a large majority of the potential CO₂ storage projects likely to deploy in the next 10-20 years, the existing technologies available for MMV are likely to be sufficient. As CCS deploys and demand for storage in non-standard settings grows, the need for effective novel MMV applications is likely to push the research and industrial communities up the learning curve as well.

Table 3. Key MMV technologies, their applicability by phase, and application at selected major CCS projects around the world.

Technology	Description	Characterization	Injection	Post-Closure	CO2SINK	In Salah	Nagaoka	Sleipner	Snøhvit	Weyburn	Frio
Surface-based seismic (2D / 3D / 4D)	Surface-based sources used to impart energy into the subsurface. Surface-based receivers collect energy waves that have been reflected and refracted through the deep subsurface, and these travel time data are processed and analyzed to resolve structures at depth. 2D seismic produces a single "slice" image of the subsurface, while 3D produces a three-dimensional image. So-called "4D" timelapse seismic data are acquired at multiple discrete periods in time to resolve changes in the subsurface over time.	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Lithology logging / core	Initially performed for site characterization and project / operational design, these tests are crucial to understanding the fine-scale characteristics of the formation at depth. In particular, core samples can be analyzed in the laboratory for critical storage formation and caprock parameters, including information on the ability of the rock to transmit fluids and its ability to withstand injection pressures.	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
Wireline logging	Performed by introducing a set of tools into the well to measure geophysical and electrical properties of the storage formation, caprock and other zones of interest. Initial logging is often done in an uncased well, although some logs (e.g., cement bond log) are routinely performed through casing. These logs are used for initial characterization and project design, and many are useful for ongoing monitoring as well. Note that logging of the injection well requires that injection cease in order to introduce the logging tool string.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Geochemical sampling & analysis	Collection of fluid samples from the storage zone, as well as overlying and possibly underlying aquifers via monitoring wells to screen for changes in chemistry that could suggest movement of formation fluids from the storage zone	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Pressure & injection rate monitoring	Standard field management tools used to monitor formation and well integrity	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Electromagnetic surveys	Introduce EM energy into the subsurface and measure the response. Can be used as an accessory to seismic surveys.	X	X	X							X
Electrical resistance tomography	Inexpensive but lower resolution than seismic, ERT uses an electrode in the subsurface (the wellbore may be used as the electrode) to measure resistivity. Data can be acquired often and via remote, making this a good option for filling in between higher-resolution but more expensive discrete seismic surveys.	X	X	X	X	X				X	
Crosswell seismic	Uses sources and receivers placed in the wells, which allows for greater resolution in the subsurface, but only between the wells.	X	X	X	X		X			X	X
Microseismic / passive seismic	Uses permanent geophones in monitoring wells and/or on the surface to monitor for very, very small geomechanical changes in the storage formation as the CO2 moves.	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	
Gravitational surveys	Measures changes to the gravitational field in order to resolve changes in formation fluid density as CO2 displaces brine in the formation over time.	B	X	X		X		X			
Magnetic surveys	Excellent aerial technique for identifying existing (cased) wellbores. Less mature as a CO2 monitoring technique.	X									
Tiltmeters	Resolves small changes in elevation of the ground surface resulting from CO2 injection at depth using tiltmeters on the ground.	B	X			X					
InSAR / DInSAR	Uses satellite-based radar to measure changes in the elevation of the ground surface resulting from CO2 injection at depth.	B	X	X		X					
Soil gas / vadose zone / shallow aquifer	Monitoring wells in the shallow subsurface are used to collect samples to check for changes in CO2 concentrations, as well as changes in isotope ratios, concentrations of tracers, and other markers that might indicate CO2 leakage.	B	X	X	X	X				X	X
Tracers	Impurities that are highly detectable at low concentrations and not naturally present in the subsurface or the CO2 stream are introduced into the injectate prior to injection. Detectors used at the surface and in intermediate water-bearing zones can look for these trace gases to determine if CO2 is leaking from the storage interval.		X	X		X					X
Atmospheric monitoring	Monitoring of the wellhead and other areas above the plume. This can include eddy covariance, LIDAR and other forms of CO2 detection.	B	X	X		X				X	X

B: Baseline needed for future phases.

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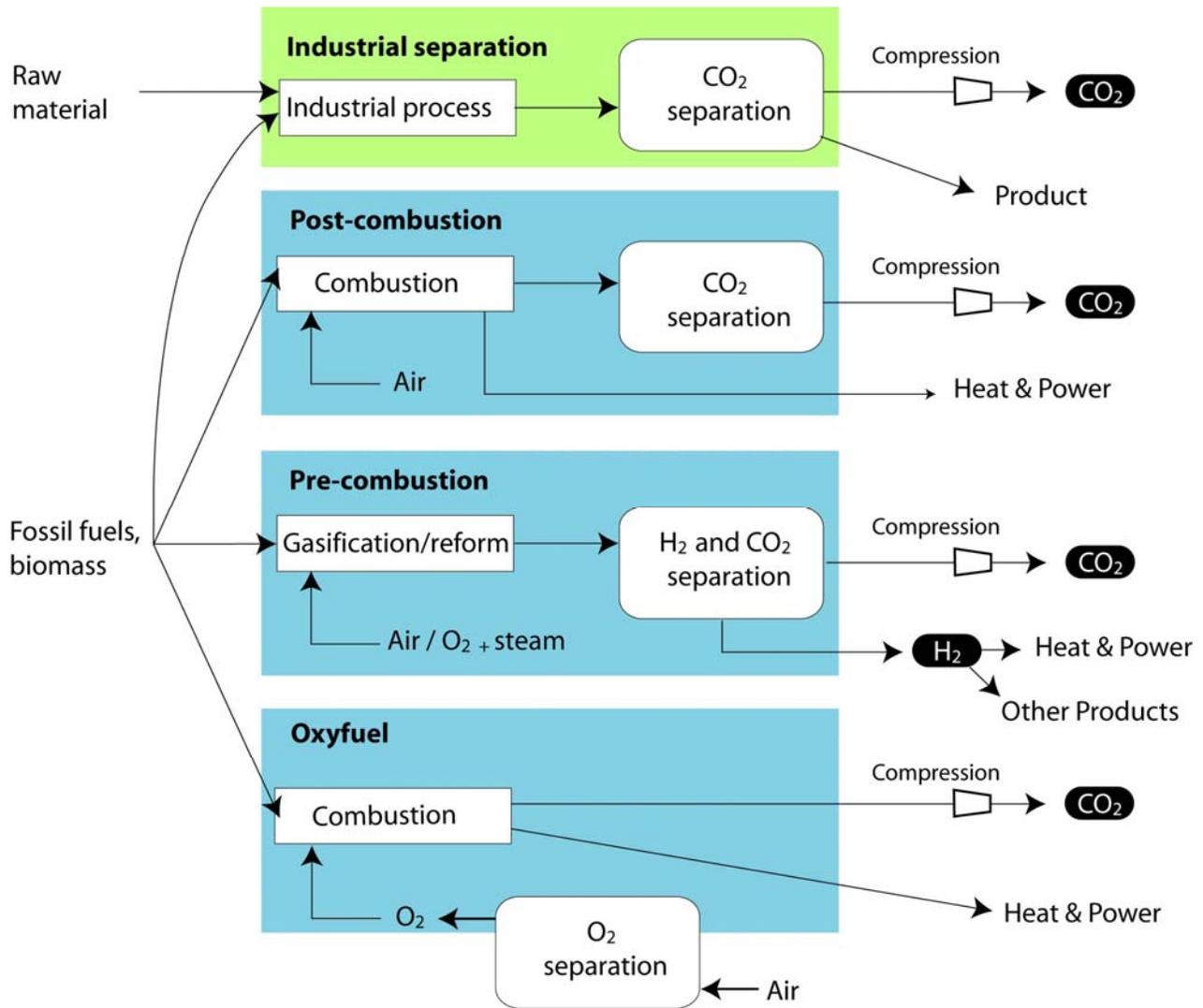
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Appendix B: Online Resources Tracking CCS Demonstration Projects and Planned Commercial CCS Facilities

- IEA Greenhouse Gas R&D Programme: CO₂ Capture and Storage Info. An extensive searchable database of CCS research projects around the world.
<http://www.co2captureandstorage.info/search.php>
- National Energy Technology Laboratory: Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnerships. List general information on the Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and contains links to more detailed information about specific research activities being carried out by these public-private CCS research partnerships.
http://www.netl.doe.gov/technologies/carbon_seq/partnerships/partnerships.html
- Scottish Centre for Carbon Storage. “Where is CO₂ Storage Taking Place?” An interactive map of operational and planned CCS facilities.
<http://www.geos.ed.ac.uk/sccs/storage/storageSitesFree.html>
- The Australian Cooperative Research Centre for Greenhouse Gas Technologies (CO₂CRC) has two interactive maps of ongoing and proposed CO₂ storage demonstration projects around the world.
<http://www.co2crc.com.au/demo/worldprojects.html> and
http://www.co2crc.com.au/demo/worldprojects_pro.html

Appendix C: Overview of Principal CO₂ Capture System Configurations that Could Be Applied to Large Commercial Power Plants



(IPCC 2005)

Appendix D: Brief Summary of Commercially Available Absorption-based CO₂ Capture Systems

While there are many different advanced CO₂ capture technologies under development with some in the field testing stage (see Figueroa, et. al., 2008 for an overview of developments in CO₂ capture), the following are short descriptions of the CO₂ capture technologies in use at the commercial facilities described in the body of this paper. The table on the next page provides further elaboration on the CO₂ capture systems in use today (International Energy Agency, 2008).

Post Combustion CO₂ Capture Technologies

Monoethanolamine (MEA) and a number of related amines are the most commonly employed CO₂ capture systems today. MEA was developed over 70 years ago as a robust (i.e., relatively low cost and capable of being deployed in a variety of different circumstances) solvent for removing gases, such as CO₂ and H₂S, from produced natural gas before introducing the natural gas into pipelines to send to market. The basic MEA process has been modified over time to better tune it to the new task of CO₂ capture from combustion flue gas streams. One particular innovation in this regard was the incorporation of incorporate inhibitors to resist solvent degradation and corrosion in the steel components of the CO₂ capture unit (Herzog, 1999).

- *The Kerr-McGee/ABB Lummus Crest Process* is employed to recover CO₂ from coke and coal-fired boilers. This process uses a 15-20% by weight aqueous MEA solution. The largest capacity experienced for this process is 800 tCO₂/d system utilizing two parallel trains (IPCC, 2005).
- *The Fluor Daniel ECONAMINE Process* is another MEA-based CO₂ capture process. The Econamine process uses a 30% by weight aqueous solution of MEA in conjunction with inhibitors that are designed to prevent corrosion in the carbon steel components of the CO₂ capture system. The Econamine process was specifically tailored for CO₂ capture from oxygen rich gas streams. It has been used in many plants worldwide recovering up to 320 tCO₂/d in a single train. (IPCC, 2005).
- *The Kansai Electric Power Co., Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd., KEPCO/MHI KS-1 Process* utilizes a proprietary sterically-hindered amines. The KS-1 amine was specifically designed for CO₂ extraction from natural gas combustion. Other amines are more widely applicable to other process streams and other sectors of the economy. Over a decade's worth of commercial experience using the KS-1 process, data have been collected that show that this process experiences relatively low amine losses and low degradation of the solvent over time without the need to use inhibitors (Yagi, et. al., 2008). The energy required to regenerate the KS-1 solvent can be 20% less than a similar MEA based system (Mangalapally, et. al., 2009). It has been used in many plants worldwide recovering up to 450 tCO₂/d in a single train (Ijima, et. al., 2009).

Pre-Combustion CO₂ Capture Technologies

For pre-combustion CO₂ capture systems, the CO₂ is typically removed by a physical solvent process. The two most commonly used systems are based around Selexol (a glycol-based solvent marketed by Union Carbide) and Rectisol (a refrigerated methanol-based physical capture system marketed by Lurgi and Linde) (IPCC, 2005 and Blomen, et. al., 2009). Physical solvents are typically used for pre-combustion separation of acid gases including CO₂ and H₂S from synthesis gas streams such as those found synfuel plants as well as IGCC power plants with CO₂ capture. The Dakota Gasification Great

Plains Synfuels Plant utilizes the Rectisol process to remove CO₂ and sulfur from the syngas stream prior to the methanation.

Table 3.3 Commercial CO₂ Scrubbing Solvents Used in Industry

	Solvent name	Solvent type	Process conditions
Physical solvents	Rectisol	Methanol	-10/-70°C, >2 MPa
	Purisol	n-2-methyl-2-pyrrolidone	-20/+40°C, >2 MPa
	Selexol	Dimethyl ethers of polyethyleneglycol	-40°C, 2-3 MPa
	Fluor solvent	Propylene carbonate	Below ambient temperatures, 3,1-6.9 MPa
Chemical solvents	MEA	2,5n monoethanolamine and inhibitors	40°C, ambient-intermediate pressures
	Amine guard	5n monoethanolamine and inhibitors	40°C, ambient-intermediate pressures
	Econamine	6n diglycolamine	80-120°C, 6.3 MPa
	ADIP	2-4n diisopropanolamine 2n methyldiethanolamine	35-40°C, >0.1 MPa
	MDEA	2n methyldiethanolamine	
	Flexorb, KS-1, KS-2, KS-3	Hindered amine	
	Benfield and versions	Potassium carbonate and catalysts. Lurgi & Catacarb processes with arsenic trioxide	70-120°C, 2.2-7 MPa
Physical/chemical solvents	Sulfinol-D, Sulfinol-M	Mixture of DIPA or MDEA, water and tertahydrothiopene (DIPAM) or diethylamine	>0.5 MPa
	Amisol	Mixture of methanol and MEA, DEA, diisopropylamine (DIPAM) or diethylamine	5/40°C, >1 MPa

(Table taken from (International Energy Agency, 2008))

Appendix E: CO₂ Purity Specifications for Various Classes of Use

Limiting Characteristics	E	G	H	I	J
	Medical/USP	General commercial	Food processing	Beverages	Dry ice, refrigeration
Carbon Dioxide (min % v/v)	99	99	99.5	99.9	
Acetaldehyde		0.5	0.5	0.2	
Ammonia	25			2.5	
Acidity				To pass JECFA test ^(b)	
Benzene				0.02	
Carbon monoxide	10 (vapor) ^(a)		10 (vapor)	10	
Carbonyl sulfide			0.5	(c)	
Hydrogen cyanide				None detected ^(d)	
Methanol				10	
Nitric oxide	2.5 (vapor) ^(a)		5 (total of NO + NO ₂)	2.5	
Nitrogen dioxide	2.5			2.5	
Oxygen		50	50	30	
Phosphine ^(e)				0.3	
Sulfur dioxide	5		5	(c)	
Total sulfur		0.5	0.5	0.1 ^(c)	
Total hydrocarbon content (as methane)		50	050	50 max including 20 max of nonmethane hydrocarbons	
Hydrogen sulfide	1 (vapor) ^(a)		0.5 (vapor)	(c)	
Color					White opaque
Nonvolatile residues (wt/wt)		10	10	10	500
Oil/grease				5	
Odor/taste	Free of foreign odor or taste.				
Water	200	32	20	20	
Dew Point °F	-32	-60	-67	-67	
°C	-36	-51	-55	-55	

(Sass, 2005)

Notes: Table units are in ppm (v/v) unless otherwise noted. A blank indicates no maximum limiting characteristic.