



Some personal thoughts on the OCC2 Conference

Focus on ASU & CPU

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My "big 5" in Yeppoon









ASU (1/2)



- Cryogenics development → significant efficiency improvement
 - -20% vs previous best
 - 160-170 kWh/t
 - Various cycles
- Large Capacity commercially available
 - √ 3000 → 5000 → 7000-10000 tpd O2 per unit
- Flexibility:
 - Load change: 5%/min
 - Efficient turndown
 - Energy storage (power price variability)

ASU (2/2)



- Integration (Thermal) can significantly improve efficiency and economics:
 - confirmed 6 to 8% efficiency loss puts Oxy ahead of PCC
- The century old Cryogenics adapted very well to the specific requirements of Oxyfuel and brings its wealth of experience
- O2 production will further improve
 - Cryogenics: cycles, machines, heat exchangers, distillation...
 - New routes: membranes,...?
- Upstream R&D is still needed
- Industrial Gas Companies commitment pursued

CPU (1/2)



- Feedback from actual operation →
 - It works!

- Total Lacq
- Vattenfall Schwarze Pumpe
- Soon from Callide & Ciuden
- Corrosion can be the major issue
 - → Impurity management is the solution
- It is flexible in purity: « Which CO2 purity? »,
 « You choose »
- It can achieve very high capture rate

CPU (2/2)



- Variety of technical options for impurities management with further testing and validation:
 - Sour compressor, cold deNOx, SOX/NOX removal by activated carbon, NO2 reburning...
- Still a great potential of improvement primarily on Capex
- Important input from Universities / Research activity

Wider comments



- Many large scale demos reach a decision crossroad
- We heard that Oxycombustion is:
 - Easy to operate
 - Cost competitive vs PCC (actual projects, reference plants, cost study)
 - Building up on well known cryogenics for gas production/purification
 - The « non chemical » capture route
- Even if not the « natural » capture choice for most utilities, Oxycombustion can be the most attractive one
- Since 2 years, more interaction between e.g. boiler suppliers, IG companies and utilities (projects, reference plant & integration studies)
 - Clearer economics
 - Better assessment of integration solutions
 - This opens a new round of optimization

Wider (and final) comments



I have seen a community of passionnate people with strong interest to get Oxyfuel demonstrated

- But...
 - The capture part is not the issue
 - How can we participate to building up confidence in Oxyfuel and CCS?
- Let's remain optimistic











So what about the OCC2 Group picture in Yeppoon?

