



CO₂ Storage Challenges to the Iron and Steel Industry

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Storage portfolio



- ***Technical studies on key issues***
- ***International research network series***
 - Learning's from R&D projects and pilot injection projects
 - Modelling of injected CO₂
 - Monitoring of injected CO₂
 - Monitoring Tool
 - Well bore integrity
 - Risk Assessment
 - Environmental Impacts/Natural Analogues
- ***What have we learnt from early commercial CCS projects***

Geological Storage Of CO₂



Injection of a supercritical fluid into the pore spaces of permeable rocks (geological reservoirs)

- Reverse of oil and gas production
- Oil industry has been injecting fluids into geological to assist oil production for many years
- CO₂-EOR has been practised in North America since the mid 1980's
- Storing natural gas in depleted oil and gas fields and deep saline aquifers since 1990's

What is a Geological Reservoir?



The reservoir comprises a reservoir and seal pair

In general a reservoir / seal pair consist of:

- Porous and permeable “reservoir” rock that can contain (a mixture of) gas and liquid

Rocks with porosity of typically 5-30% of volume of the rock

Overlain by a “seal” (non permeable rock) layer

Typical seal permeability is < 0.001 md

Sandstone



Shale

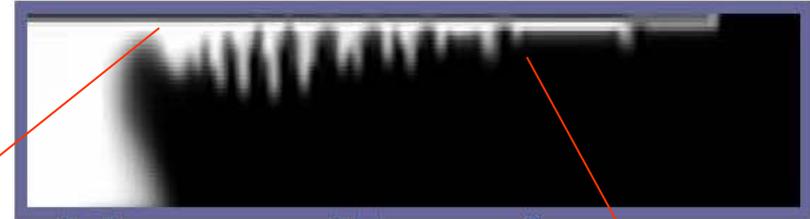


How Does the CO₂ Stay Underground?



Structural Trapping

- CO₂ moves upwards and is physically trapped under the seals



Structural trapping of CO₂

Residual storage

- CO₂ becomes stuck between the pore spaces of the rock as it moves through the reservoir



Residual trapping of CO₂

Dissolution

- CO₂ dissolves in the formation water

Dissolution of CO₂

Mineralisation

- The CO₂ can react with minerals in the rock forming new minerals



Mineral trapping of CO₂

Commercial Application of CCS (to date)



Sleipner
1Mt/y CO₂



Weyburn
2.5 Mt/y CO₂



In-Salah
1.2 Mt/y CO₂



Snohvit
0.7Mt/y CO₂



Gorgon
4Mt/y CO₂



350km overland pipeline



160km sub sea pipeline

1996

1998

2000

2002

2004

2006

2008

2010

2012

2014

2016

2018

Industry considerations



- ***Need for CCS in steel industry highlighted in global policy studies***
- ***Core business is making steel***
 - Same dilemma faced by power sector
- ***Is there a business case for CCS?***
 - Probably not – no price on CO₂
- ***Industry has no experience of transport and storage – same as power sector***
- ***Ideally would like a storage company to handle out of gate storage***
 - No market therefore no such companies currently exist

Infrastructure considerations



- ***Each site will be site specific***
- ***Need a gas gathering system?***
 - More than one stack
 - Central capture plant or multiple?
 - Experience from refining industry
- ***Shipping versus pipelines***
 - Site approximate to harbours
 - Experience from projects like ROAD in Rotterdam

Experience to date



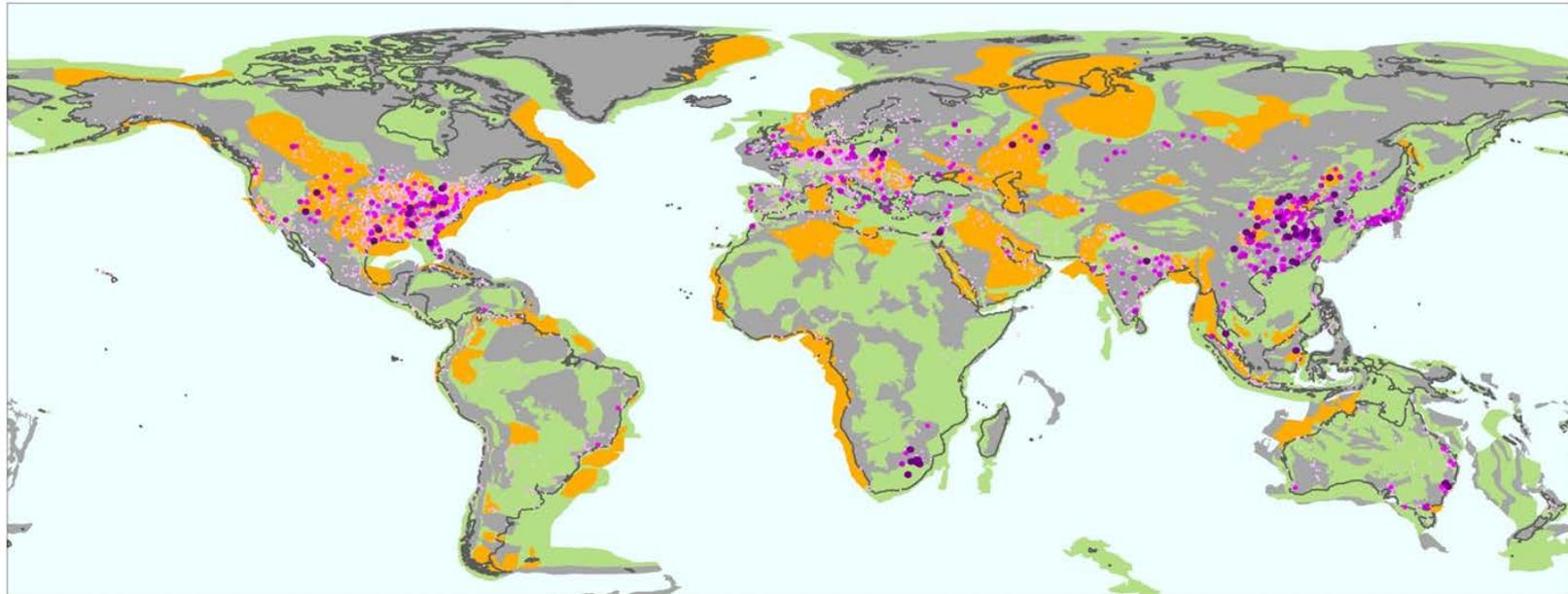
Experience from demonstration projects in power sector

- Need to start storage assessments early
- Highest source of project risk
- Large up front cost, which you may lose
 - Who pays for those costs and takes the risks?
- Who undertakes work? – geological surveys or geoengineering contractors
- Biggest issue regarding public acceptance
 - Security of storage issues

Storage Resource



World Emissions



-  Highly Prospective Areas
-  Propsective Areas
-  Non-Prospective Areas
-  Coastline

Emission Locations
(kT CO₂ per year)

-  1 - 1000
-  1000 - 5000
-  5000 - 10000
-  10000 - 15000
-  15000 - 50000

0 3000 Km



Storage Resource Issues



USA & Europe

- ***Good storage potential***
- ***Europe – off shore***
- ***USA – on shore***
- ***Competition from other sectors – power sector***
- ***Need to consider transmission network to reservoirs***
- ***Are there suitably large reservoirs?***

Asia

- ***Limited storage potential in region***
- ***Transport to other regions – shipping***
- ***Competition from other sectors – power sector***
- ***Need to consider transmission network to distribution terminal***
- ***Are there suitably large reservoirs?***

Moving up in scale



- **Injection rates on the order of 10 MtCO₂/year for many sites;**
- **CCS infrastructure will need to be of the same scale as that of the current petroleum industry;**
- **Management of reservoir pressures (water production) to avoid fracturing, seismic events and impact on resources (both groundwater, petroleum).**
- **Need to optimise storage process by:**
 - **Multi-well injection schemes;**
 - **Enhancement of dissolution and residual trapping mechanisms to maximise effective storage capacity (co-injection of brine/CO₂).**

Injection Strategy – Parameters 1



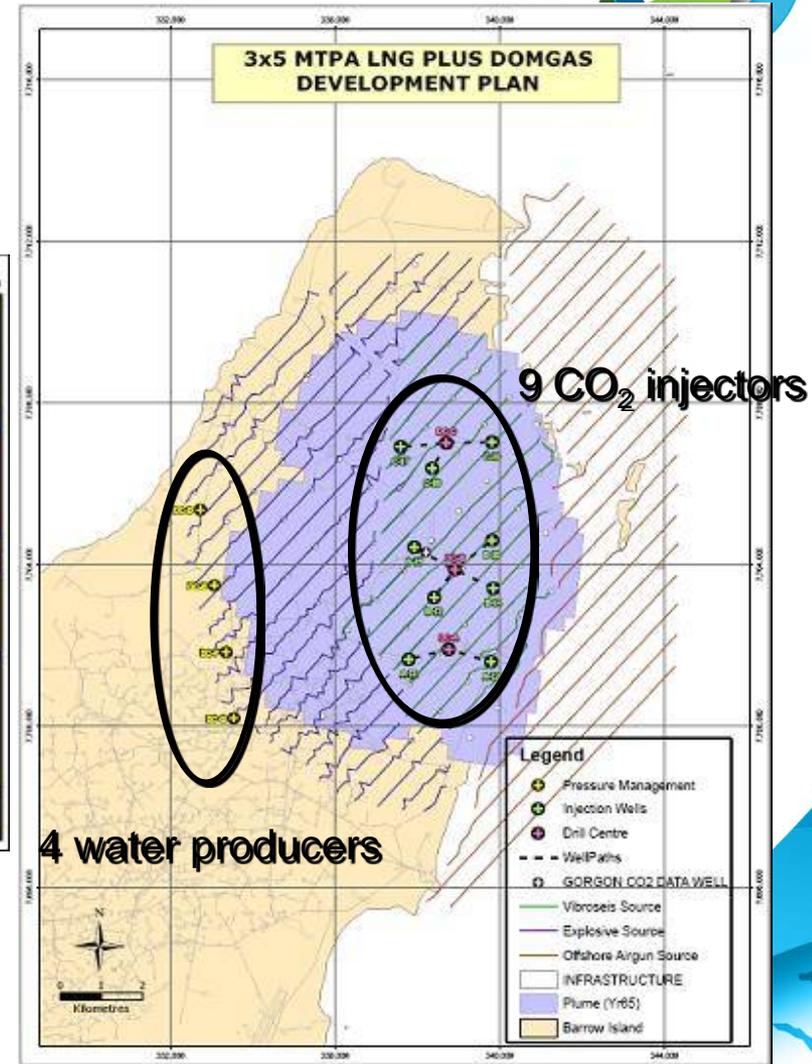
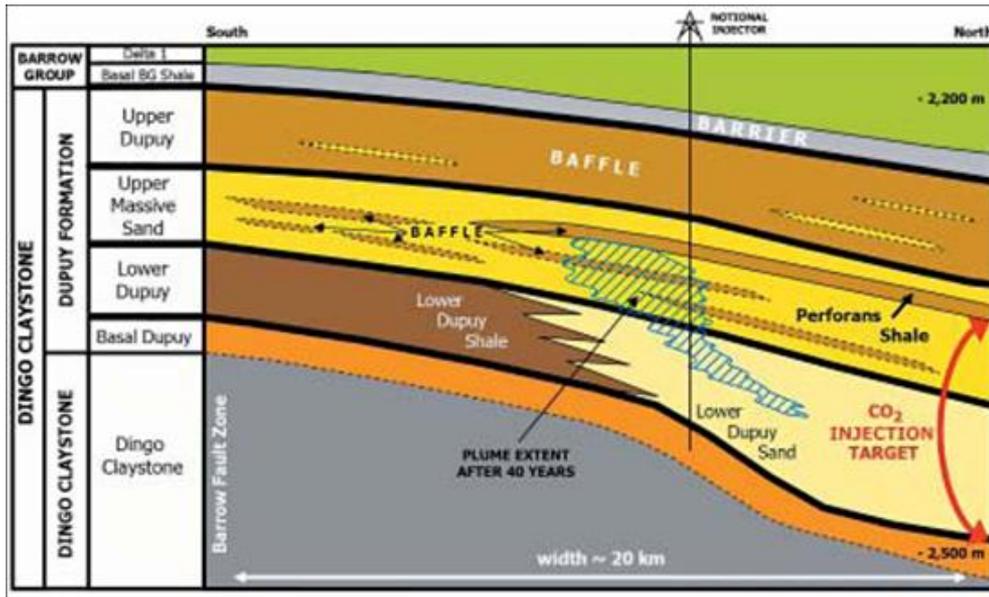
- Definition of Injectivity:
 - The ability of a geological formation to accept fluids by injection through a well or series of wells.
- Many factors effecting injectivity, but primary is bottom-hole pressure, surpassing this pressure limit is likely to lead to migration and leakage.
 - Bottom-hole pressure influenced by:
 - Injection rate,
 - Permeability,
 - Formation thickness,
 - CO₂ / brine viscosity,
 - Compressibility.

Existing Injection Strategies



- Snøhvit, Norway, LNG Project.
 - 0.75 Mt/yr CO₂ injected through single well into DSF below Jurassic gas reservoir
 - Single well injection, considerable upscale necessary to analogise with commercial CCS projects of the future
- Gorgon, Australia, Offshore Natural Gas Production,
 - Produced gas approx. 14% CO₂, removed from gas stream, compressed and transported via 12km pipeline to storage site.
 - Anticipated 9 injector wells, in 3 groups
 - Budget contingency allows for additional wells if necessary.
 - 4.9 Mt/yr CO₂ injected, with total projected storage of 125 Mt CO₂
 - Water production wells also planned to maximise control of plume, and manage reservoir pressures

Pressure Maintenance - Gorgon Proposal



Conclusions to date



- **Pressure build-up is most influential factor on injectivity and storage potential,**
- **Pressure management will therefore prove a vital element of injection strategies,**
- **Large scale demonstrations will enhance knowledge and understanding.**
- **The pure size of future CCS projects might provide unexpected new challenges.**

Largest on shore project in planning



Bełchatów CCS Project

- **250MW post combustion capture slip stream**
- **Storage in onshore deep saline formation**



858MWe Power Plant near
Lodz in Poland

Bełchatów issues



- ***Site characterisation programme, 5 years and €7 million***
- ***Proposed reservoir is a deep saline aquifer***
 - Area of Karst on top causing seismic issues
 - Inject and monitor in flanks
- ***Public opposition to seismic acquisition***
- ***Plume could extend 20km***
 - Need a compensation mechanism to cover plume spread

Summary



- *Technology development issues*
 - 10 - 20 years to introduce new technology into industry sectors
 - Technical issues to resolve with oxy firing
 - Pilot testing underway
- *Transmission*
 - Steel facilities near sea shore/estuaries
 - Large volumes of gas to be transported
 - Multiple stacks, collection/distribution infrastructure required
 - Pipeline or ship transport?
- *Scale*
 - We could be looking at 8 to 30 Mt/CO₂/y produced
 - Need large reservoirs to accept this volume of CO₂
 - Largest CCS injection so far Gorgon, Australia 4 Mt/y
 - Looked at potential for injection up to 10Mt/y so far



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