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CSLF TASK FORCE ON OFFSHORE CO₂-EOR

Enabling Large-scale CCS using Offshore CO₂ Utilization and Storage Infrastructure Developments

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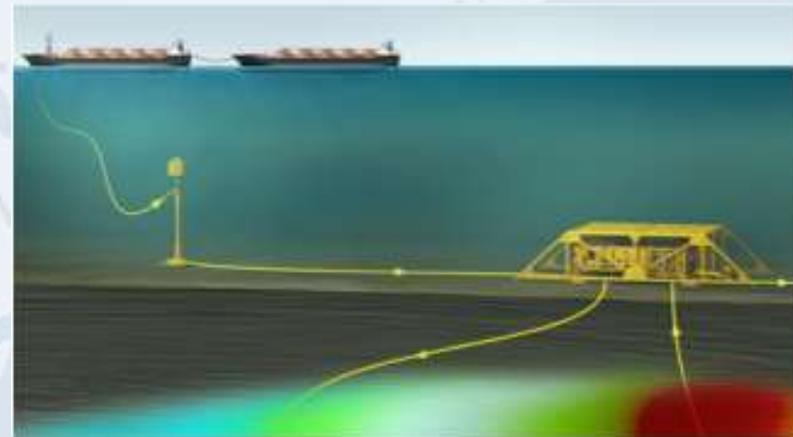
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Purpose of Task Force

- The main purposes of the Task Force were to highlight
 - Main differences between offshore and onshore CO₂-EOR
 - Issues that are different between offshore CO₂-EOR and pure offshore CO₂ storage
 - Technical solutions that will benefit both pure offshore CO₂ storage and offshore CO₂-EOR



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All based on existing, although not necessarily published, information



Timeline

- November 2015, Ministerial Meeting of CSLF, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
 - Offshore CO₂-EOR selected as topic for a new task force
- CSLF Mid-Year Meeting 2017: Presented draft of final report
- September 2017: Final report ready
- CSLF Annual Meeting 2017: Present final report



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Report outline and structure (1)

Chapter title	Content
Introduction	Intro. of CSLF, motivation for doing offshore CO ₂ -EOR, TF mandate
Review of offshore CO ₂ -EOR storage	How CO ₂ -EOR works, difference onshore vs offshore and EOR vs storage, global potential, economics
Insights from Lula Project	Reservoir, development strategy, materials, completion, production units/topside facilities, WAG pilot
Approaches for enabling offshore CO ₂ -EOR	Smart solutions, using late-life infrastructure, using isolated satellite projects, residual oil zone (ROZ), reservoir modelling and numerical simulation
Emerging technical solutions for offshore CO ₂ -EOR and storage	Topside solutions, subsea solutions, novel technologies, mobility control



Report outline and structure (2)

Chapter title	Content
Supply chain issues	Considerations, pipelines, ships, initiating new systems, case studies
Monitoring, verification and accounting for offshore CO ₂ -EOR	Roles and expectations, EOR vs storage, onshore vs offshore, transition from EOR to storage
Regulatory requirements for offshore CO ₂ utilization and storage	Scene-setting, examples of national regulatory requirements, differences EOR and storage, regulations on transition EOR to storage
Summary of barriers	
Recommendations for overcoming barriers	



Summary of barriers and recommendations (1)

Barrier	Recommendation
Access to sufficient and timely supply of CO₂	<p>Increase the pace in deployment of CCS. A prerequisite for offshore CO₂-EOR, needs attention at high political level. Slow deployment may lead to missed windows of opportunity for CO₂-EOR, as the effect of CO₂-EOR reduces with maturity. There are few, if any, developed sources of CO₂ close to the offshore fields amenable to CO₂-EOR</p> <p>Start planning regional hubs and transportation infrastructures for CO₂. Building the networks will require significant up-front investments and the coordination of stakeholders, including industries, business sectors and authorities that will have to work together. The activities will include CO₂ capture at regional clusters of power and industrial plants, transportation of the CO₂ to hubs and to the individual receiving fields, and injection management</p>



Summary of barriers and recommendations (2)

Barrier	Recommendation
Lack of business models, also for offshore CO₂-EOR	Develop business models for offshore CO₂-EOR. Establishing offshore CO ₂ networks will create many interdependencies and commercial risks concerning both economics and liabilities. Risk- and cost-sharing will be needed. The literature has a few examples that provide some thoughts, but these need to be matured. The business models must include fiscal incentives, e.g. in term of taxes or tax rebates
High investment costs, CAPEX and additional operational costs, OPEX; needs for modifications	Support RD&D to develop new technologies. CAPEX and OPEX are significant due to needed modifications and additional equipment on the platforms to separate CO ₂ from the produced oil and gas and to make existing wells and pipes resistant to CO ₂ corrosion. New technologies can reduce the need for modifications and new equipment, for example better mobility control or sub-surface separation systems. Use of existing pipelines may also be a way to keep investment costs down



Summary of barriers and recommendations (3)

Barrier	Recommendation
<p>Lack of regulatory requirements in many jurisdictions, e.g. on monitoring the CO₂ in the underground</p>	<p>Continue to develop regulations specific to offshore CO₂-EOR. Regulations should include monitoring the CO₂ in the underground, both during and particularly after closure and guidelines for when the field transfers into a CO₂ storage site. While not being a barrier in itself, monitoring will require different considerations compared to offshore CO₂ storage and to onshore CO₂-EOR</p>

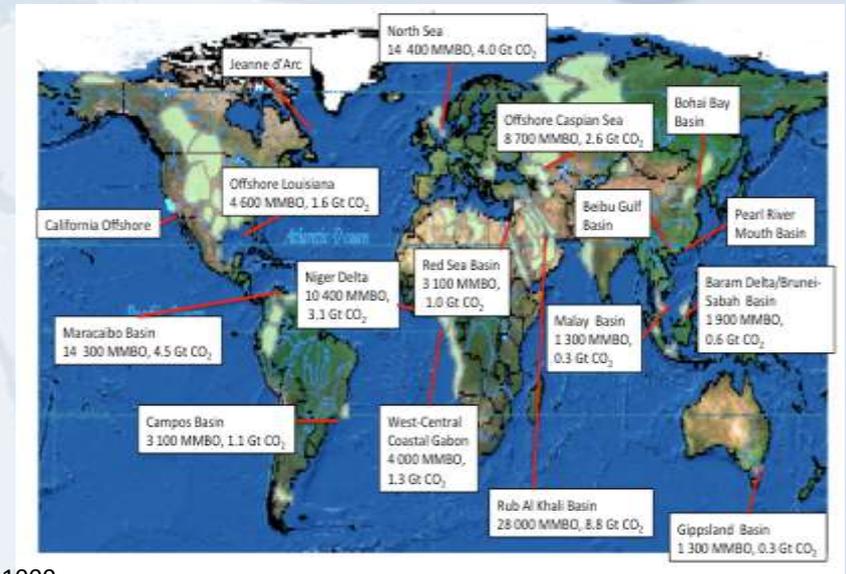


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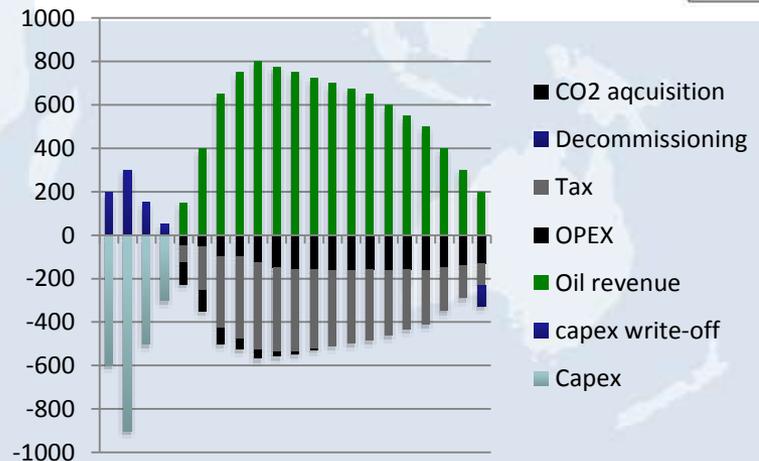


Potential and economics

- Potential updated with available sources
 - Incremental oil production: 114000 million bbl
 - Stored CO₂: ≈41 GT



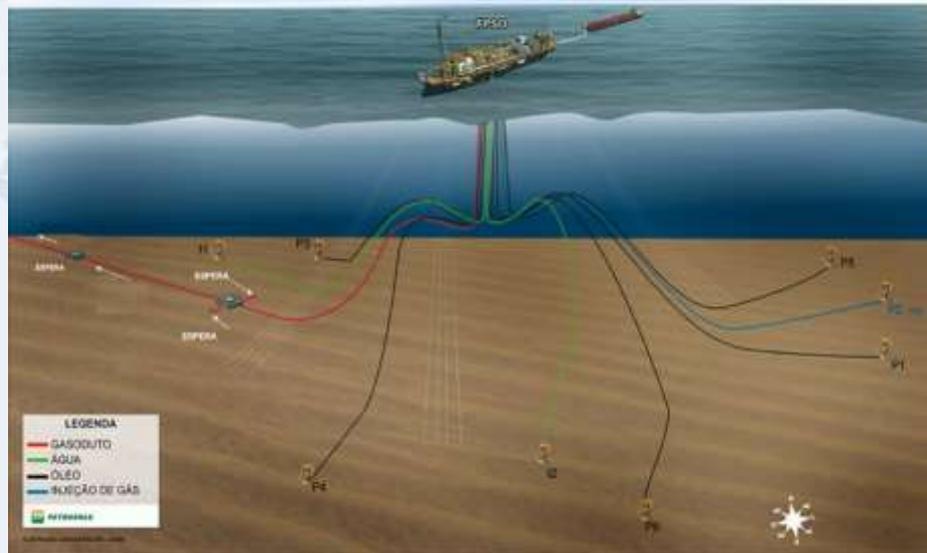
- Economics
 - Discuss some key parameters
 - Cash flow fictitious example





Lula Project

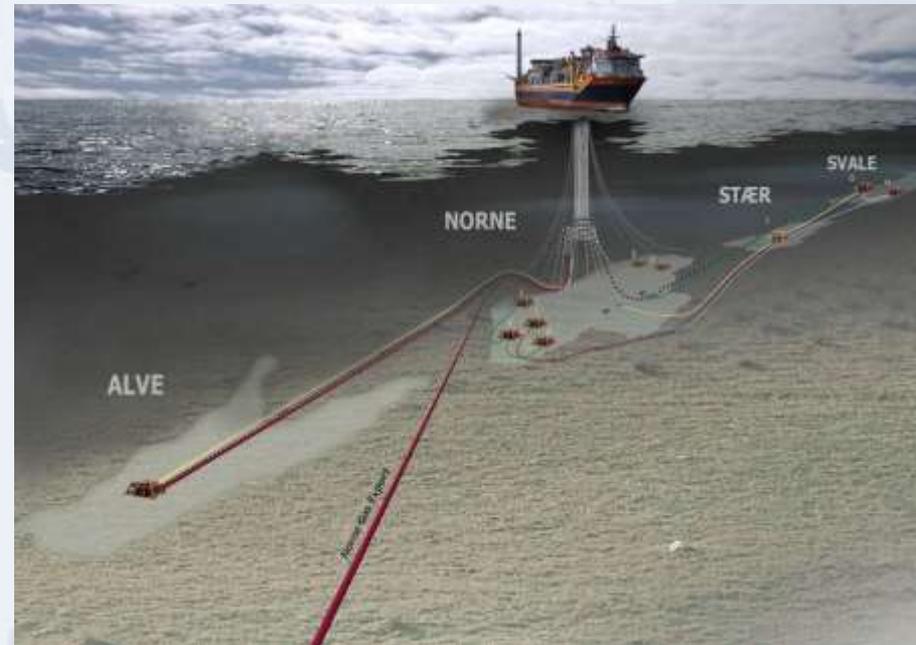
- Reservoir well suited for miscible gas EOR
- CO₂ content in gas ≈ 11 %
- Extensive reservoir characterization
- Robust and flexible development strategy
- Careful choice of topside solution and materials
- Membranes used for CO₂ separation
- WAG solution with six producers, two WAG injectors, one CO₂ injector
- No major operational or reservoir problems
- Monitoring with downhole pressure gauges and tracers





Approaches for enabling offshore CO₂-EOR

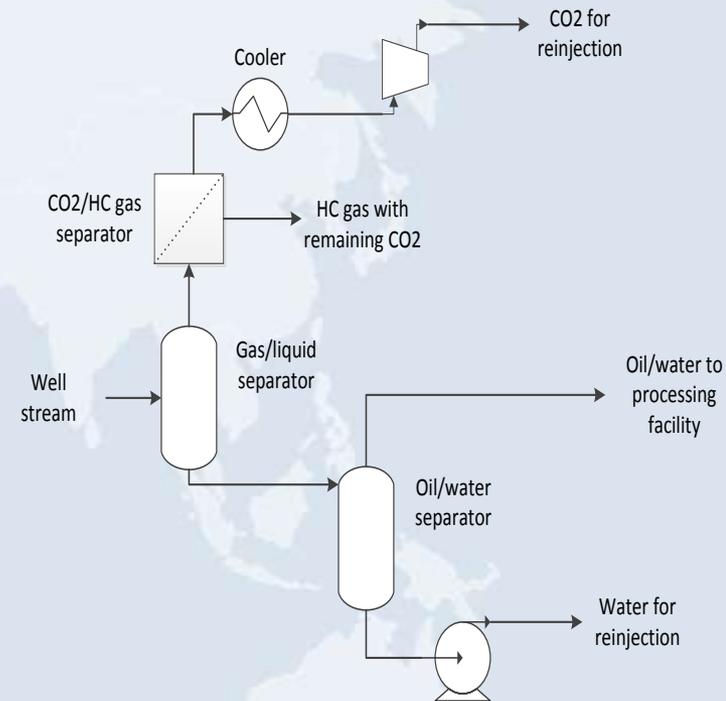
- Using late-life oilfield infrastructure
- Using oilfield satellite projects
- Focusing CO-EOR on the residual oil zone (ROZ)
- Reservoir modelling: Issues particular to CO₂-EOR
 - Phase behaviour
 - Reactions with rocks
 - Multiphase flow in porous media
 - Oil instability





Emerging technical solutions - Subsea solutions

- Subsea systems could provide an attractive basis for economically feasible offshore CO₂-EOR gas separation system
- Report
 - Reviews previous solutions
 - Describes and discusses subsea processing building blocks
 - Describes potential new CO₂/HC separation technologies
 - Describes alternative power production



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Mobility control (next generation EOR technology)

- CO₂ mobility control important offshore due to large well spacing
- Use increased miscibility oil and CO₂
- CO₂ foam a potential remedy for fingering etc that reduce volumetric sweep and effectiveness of injection
- Will increase oil recovery as well as CO₂ storage
- International cooperation needed
- Up-scaling from laboratory to onshore and offshore pertains major issue

WHY TEXAS?

- CO₂ is commercially available
- Foam as mobility control
- Up-scaling; major challenge in oil recovery
- Fraction of costs of off-shore field tests
- Fast results: short inter-well distances
- 30 years experience in Texas on CO₂ EOR
- 4D seismic establishes a field laboratory



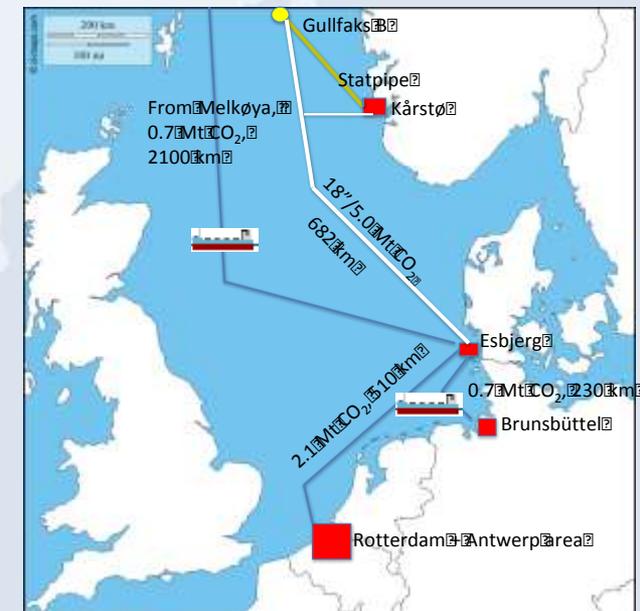
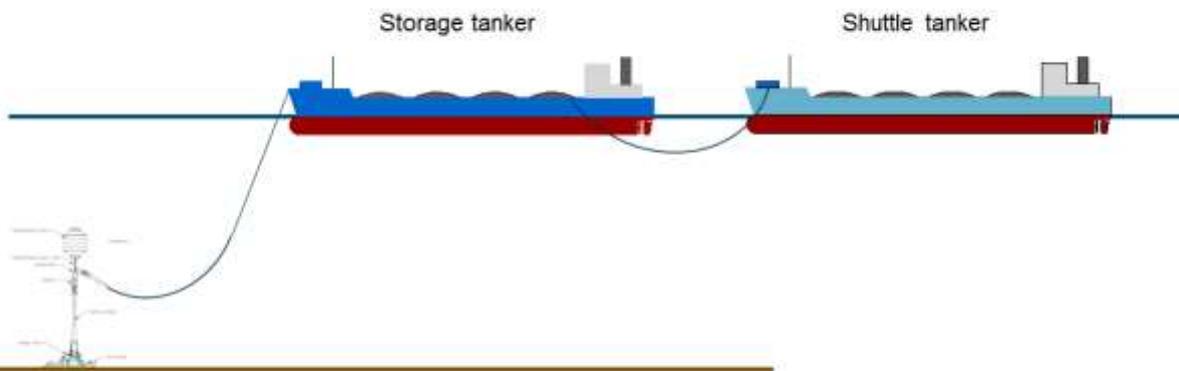
Conclusions emerging technologies

- Significant and promising technologies for reducing the cost of separating CO₂ from production fluids in CO₂-EOR operations are under development and, to some degree, testing.
- Compact sub-sea equipment for CO₂ processing and mobility control using CO₂ foam appear to have large potential when it comes to reducing CAPEX and OPEX for CO₂-EOR projects.



CO₂ supply chain issues

- No technical barriers to CO₂ infrastructure for offshore EOR
- Optimisation will bring costs down
- Some system parts need qualification
- Barriers are commercial and political in nature



A network of sources and transportation means to supply Gullfaks with 5.5 MT CO₂/year. Based on Agustsson and Grinestad (2005), Berger et al (2004) and Elsam et al., 2003

Bow to stern loading from shuttle tanker to storage and injection vessel.
Possible buoy solution indicated. (Courtesy Aker Solutions)



MVA

- Offshore CO₂-EOR is much less mature than onshore CO₂-EOR and offshore dedicated CO₂ storage
- Will have different risk profiles that require special considerations when designing an MVA programme for offshore CO₂-EOR.
- A range of monitoring technologies applied in the two other settings are applicable also to offshore CO₂-EOR.
- The review did not identify any technical barriers for proper monitoring of offshore CO₂-EOR fields



Regulatory requirements

- In all regions considered here, it appears that CO₂ EOR activities can be regulated under existing oil and gas regulation
- However, to demonstrate long-term storage, or seeking incentives (such as carbon credits), the same challenges as transitioning from CO₂-EOR to CO₂ storage onshore are met
- In general, transitional requirements do not exist