



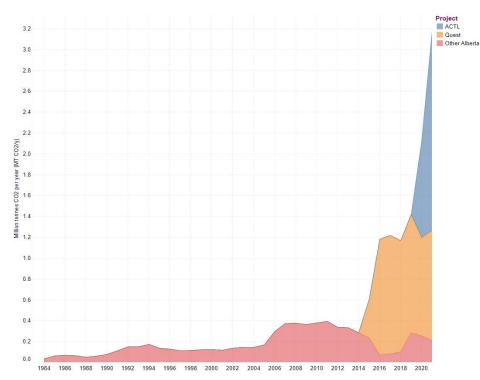
# **CCUS Challenges**

**C-FER Technologies** 



# How Many CO<sub>2</sub> Pipelines?

- Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage (CCUS) will be a key part of Net Zero
- USA studies suggest up to 100,000 km of new pipeline will be required
- 25 CCS projects being evaluated in Alberta

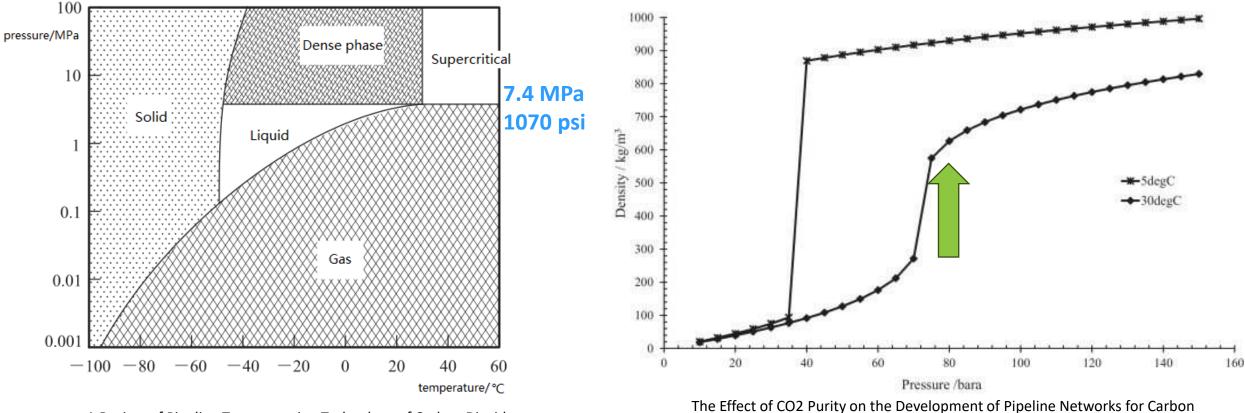


## Pathways Alliance is aiming at 22 MT/y ~ 7 times current rate of injection

CER - Market Snapshot: New projects in Alberta could add significant carbon storage capacity by 2030



# CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline Hydraulics



A Review of Pipeline Transportation Technology of Carbon Dioxide (Wang et al 2019)

The Effect of CO2 Purity on the Development of Pipeline Networks for Car Capture and Storage Schemes (Wetenhall et al 2014)

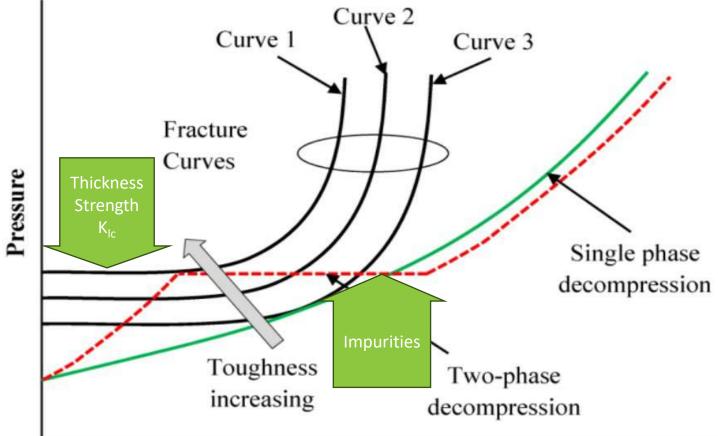
- Best economics when operating in dense phase
- Impurities (H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>0, H<sub>2</sub>S, CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, NOx, SOx,...)
  - Increase compressibility
  - Initiate corrosion





Full-scale tests generally required to confirm sufficient fracture toughness for planned operating conditions

## **Fracture Propagation**



### Fracture or Decompression Speed

(Decompression wave speed in CO2 mixtures: CFD modelling with the GERG-2008 equation of state. Elshahomi et al. 2015)



### **Outflow**

- Estimate rate of gas release for large leaks & ruptures
- Requires complex transient analysis
- Consider valve closures
- Complicated by impurities effects on compressibility

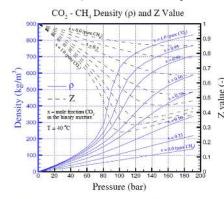


Figure 3. Density and Z value of  $CO_2$ -CH<sub>4</sub> mixtures at T = 40 °C (source: Magee et al.

### **Dispersion**

- Estimate where dense gas cloud goes
- Requires complex transient analysis
- Consider terrain & wind
- Complicated by impurities effects on density



CO<sub>2</sub> Release at DNV Spadeadam

# **Release Modeling**

## Toxicity

- Evaluate life safety impact
- Requires complex exposure analysis
- Consider occupancy & escape scenarios
- Complicated by impurities effects on toxicity

Gas	8-hour Exposure Limit (ppm) (AB OHS)
CO <sub>2</sub>	5,000
СО	25
H <sub>2</sub> S	10
SO <sub>2</sub>	2



# CO<sub>2</sub> Dispersion Monitoring & Modeling

Opportunities to validate:

- Fracture arrest in pipelines
- Dispersion models that consider terrain
- Remote monitoring to identify and track large plumes



Canadian Forces Base Suffield

- 2,700 km<sup>2</sup>
- Restricted access
- Flat and valley terrain
- Research & Testing facilities







# **Underground Storage**

#### **Enhanced Oil Recovery**

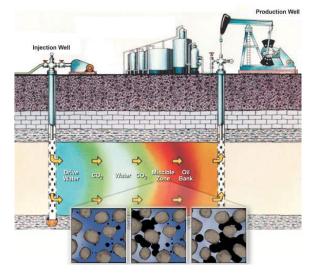
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#### **Sequestration**

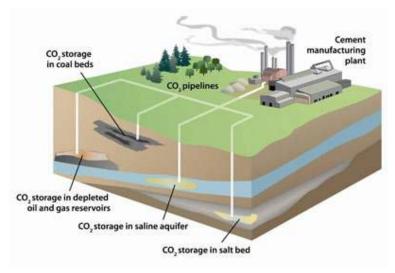
Quest (AB) – Alberta Carbon Trunk Line Aquistore (SK) – Boundary Dam Power Station

#### **Temporary**

Required to manage variability in capture/injection networks

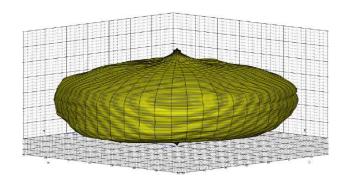


Carbon Dioxide Enhanced Oil Recovery, NETL



Carbon Sequestration, US EPA

- Thermal cycling
- **Challenges** Leakage through neighbouring wells
  - Well component degradation
  - Permanence of storage

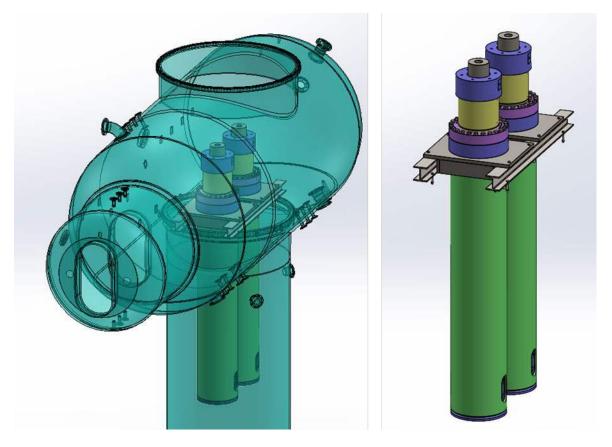


Petronim Projects, petronim.ca



# CO<sub>2</sub> Underground Storage

- Ensure Integrity of underground storage
  - Reservoir/cavern integrity
  - Wellbore integrity
  - Risk assessment of storage operations and well servicing
- Approach
  - Qualification of well casing connections for hydrogen sealability
  - Geomechanical modeling of reservoir and cavern stability
  - Assessment of wellbore cement sealability
  - Expand risk models for threats & release consequences

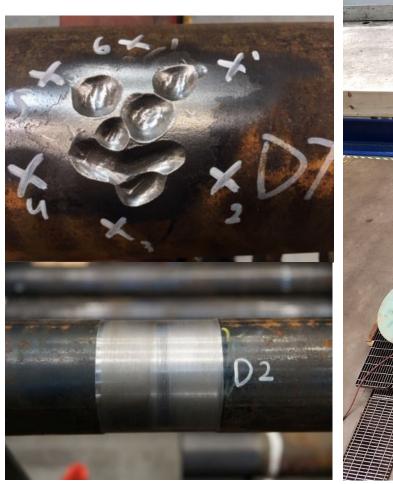


Well casing connection qualification test in hydrogen



# **Underground Storage Casing Inspection**

- Logging tool verification
  Corrosion wall loss
  - Leak locating
- QRA-based prioritization







## **C-FER Services for CCUS**

CO<sub>2</sub> Pipelines

## CO<sub>2</sub> Underground Storage

## CO<sub>2</sub> Releases

Challenge	Test Type	Challenge	Test Type	Challenge	Test Type
Decompression behaviour with impurities	Shock tube test	Well casing connection integrity	Connection qualification testing with CO <sub>2</sub>	Discharge rate from storage wells or pipelines	Transient pressure modeling
Corrosion caused by impurities	Flowing critical pressure corrosion tests	Well cement integrity	Long-term exposure	Dispersion of releases considering	Transient dispersion modeling
Fracture propagation	Full-scale fracture arrest tests	Well inspection log performance voltation testing of logs in a controlled test well	terrain and obstacles		
			controlled test	Life-safety impact	Consequence modeling
		Cavern stability	Geomechanical modeling	Risk assessment	QRA



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