



Advanced Carbon Capture for Steel Industries Integrated in CCUS Clusters

How is CO₂ transported?

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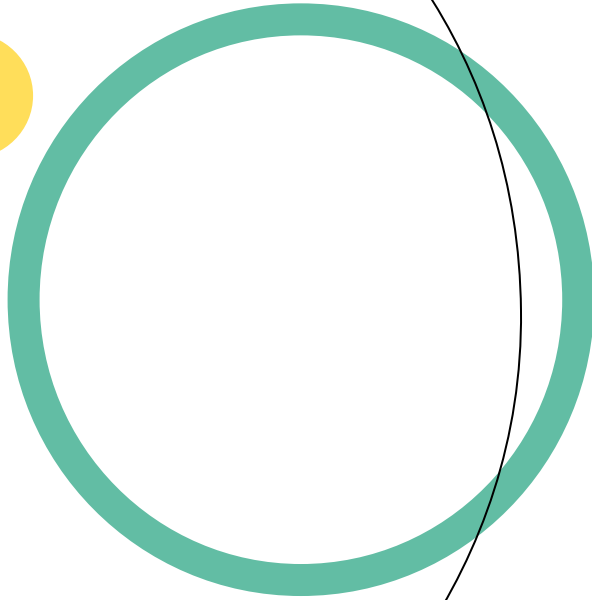
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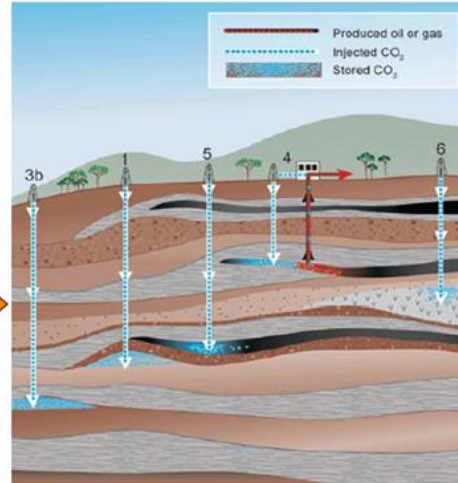
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Why CO₂ transport?

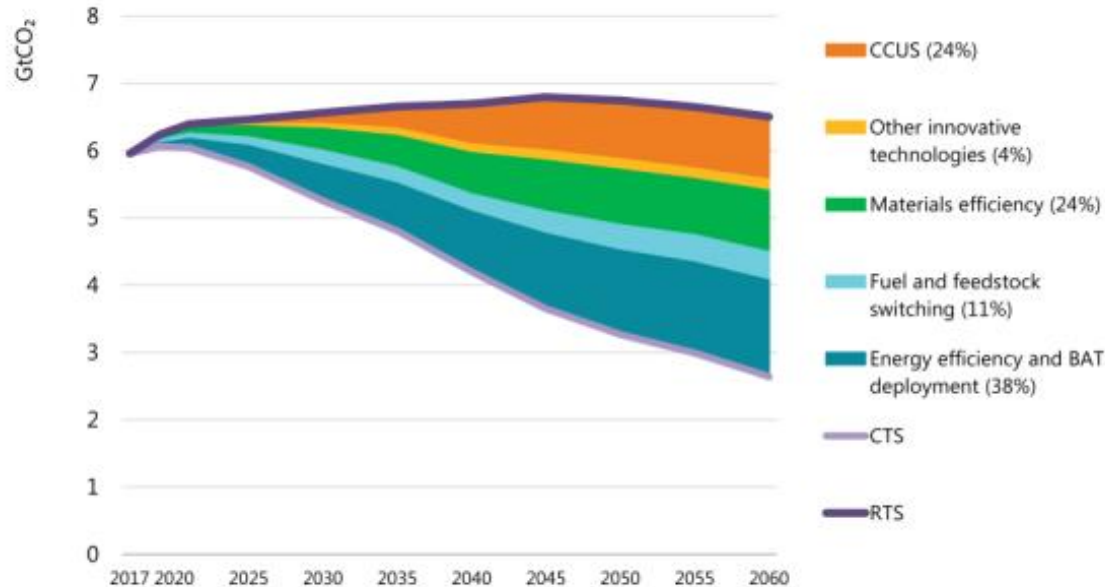
Capture of anthropogenic CO₂ emitted from industrial processes (e.g., methane reforming, ammonia production, steel, cement, etc) and power plants



CO₂ geological storage

Implementation of CCS requires not only capture and storage facilities, but also the development of *robust, safe and economic CO₂ transport infrastructure*

Demand for transport of CO₂ for CCUS



Capture of
ca 1 Gt CO₂ / year
as part of CCS
in 2050

Global CO₂ emission reduction scenarios for key industry subsectors
(cement, iron and steel, chemicals) (IEA, 2019)

Demand for transport of CO₂ for CCUS

CO₂ commercial use:

- ✓ Enhanced oil recovery (EoR),
- ✓ food and beverage industries,
- ✓ horticulture,
- ✓ refrigeration (R744),
- ✓ supercritical solvent extraction,
- ✓ fire extinguishing,
- ✓ welding
- ✓ ...

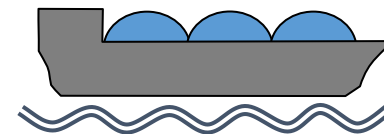
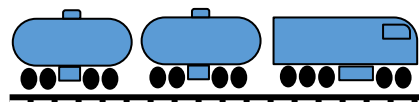
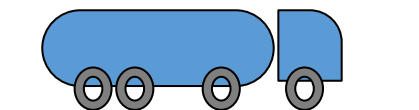
The global current market for CO₂ as an industrial gas is several **10 Mt/year** (excluding EOR and urea production) is very small compared to **ca 1Gt/ year** planned CO₂ capture in CCS

Although mature CO₂ transportation solutions already exist, the roll-out of CCS requires highly efficient and economic solutions at **high TRL** for **large scale transport of CO₂**, with improved efficiency, operability and safety

Modes of transport of industrial fluids

Onshore transport:

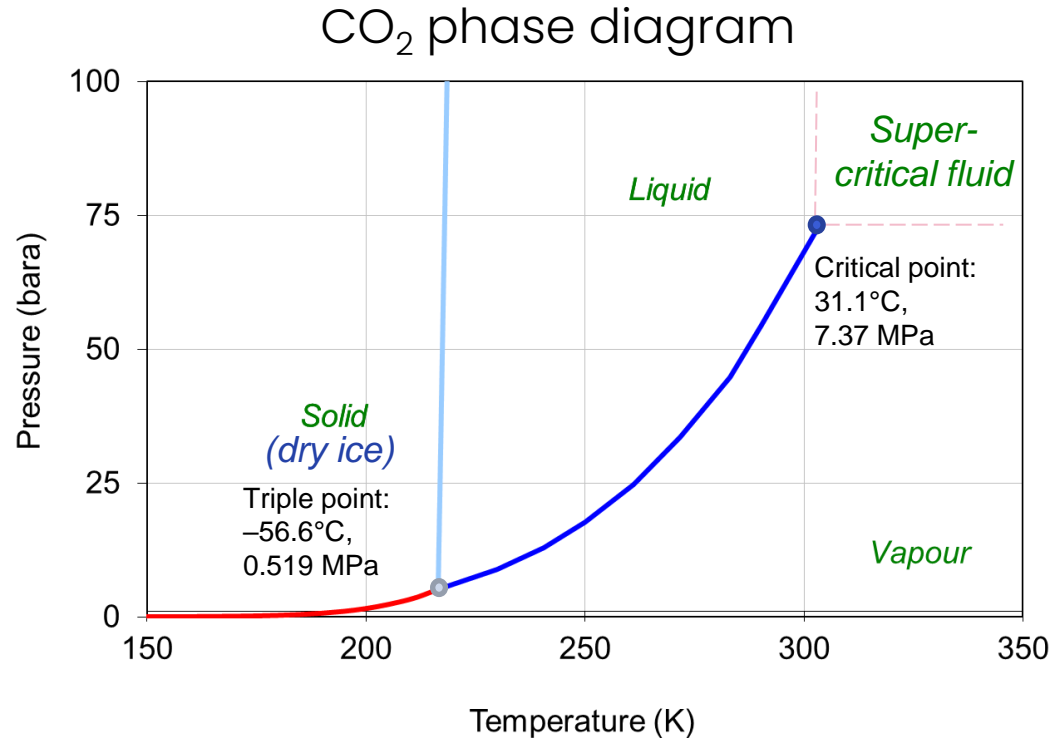
- Modular transport: Tanks carried by trucks, railway carriages, barges (solids, liquid, compressed gas cylinders);
- Pipelines: Stainless steel/ carbon steel pipelines/ composite corrosion resistant pipelines (low-pressure gas-phase and high-pressure dense-phase, slurries);



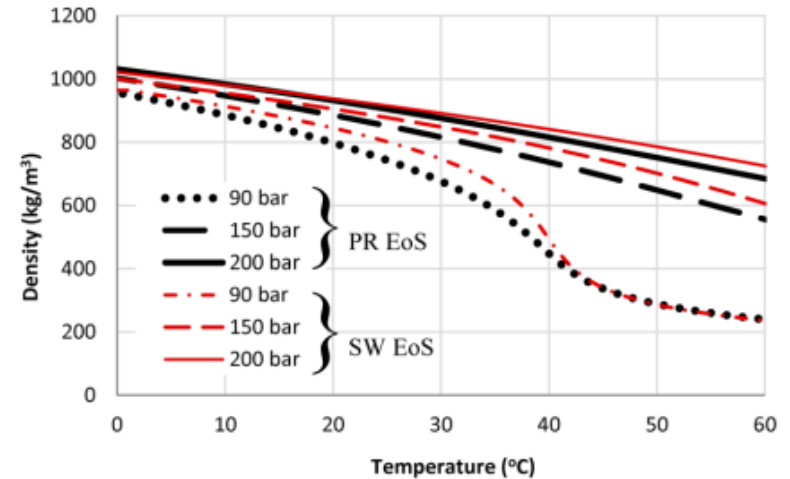
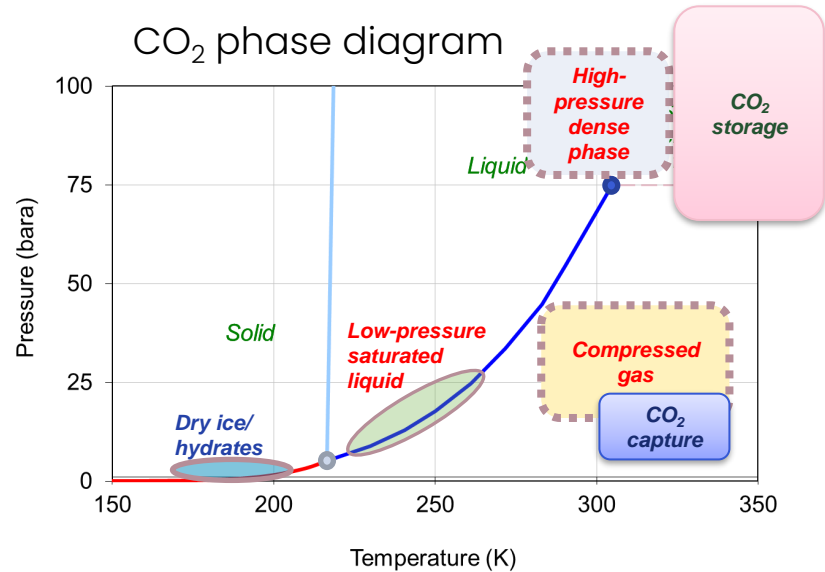
Offshore transport:

- Shipping of liquefied gases
- Subsea pipelines

Properties of CO₂ fluid



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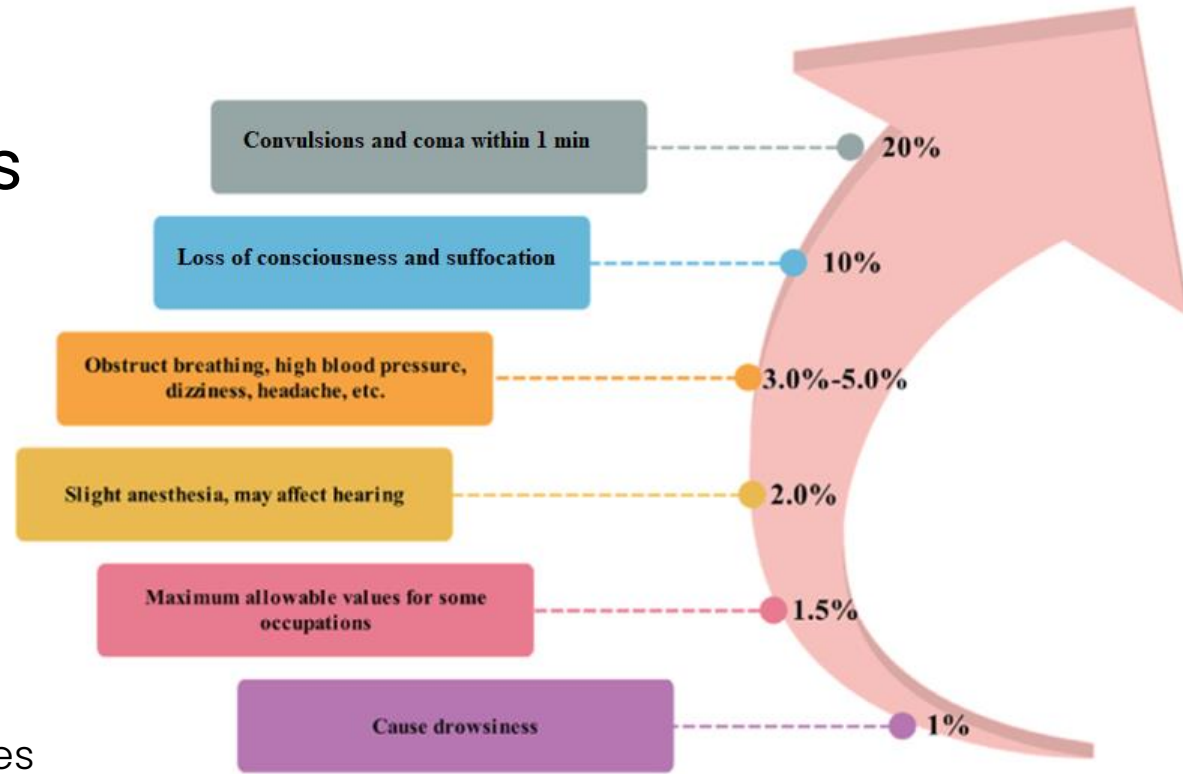


CO₂ properties in dense-phase and supercritical states may differ significantly from those of gases and liquids.

CO₂ processing facilities hazards

CO₂ as a substance is not toxic, but CO₂ facilities can carry hazards due to:

- CO₂ asphyxiation,
- high pressure,
- low temperature,
- presence of toxic impurities in the CO₂ stream



Impacts of CO₂ concentration in air on human health

Lu, H., Ma, X., Huang, K., Fu, L., & Azimi, M. (2020). Carbon dioxide transport via pipelines: A systematic review. *Journal of Cleaner Production*, 266, 121994.

CO₂ pipeline transportation – existing experience

CO₂ pipelines in North America (USA and Canada):

- since 1972 (Canyon Reef pipeline),
- more than **6,500 km** of onshore high-pressure pipelines,
- transport **ca 68 Mt/yr** of CO₂ for EOR,
- purified CO₂ (>95% CO₂): naturally occurring (Cortez, Sheep Mt, Bravo, Central Basin pipelines) and from gasification plants (Canyon Reef, Weyburn, Val Verde, Bairoil pipelines),
- in sparsely populated areas.



Kinder Morgan to expand CO₂ pipeline network. <https://www.worldpipelines.com/>

Pipeline	Location	Operator	Capacity (MtCO ₂ yr ⁻¹)	Length (km)	Year finished	Origin of CO ₂
Cortez	USA	Kinder Morgan	19.3	808	1984	McElmoDome
Sheep Mountain	USA	BP Amoco	9.5	660	-	Sheep Mountain
Bravo	USA	BP Amoco	7.3	350	1984	Bravo Dome
Canyon Reef Carriers	USA	Kinder Morgan	5.2	225	1972	Gasification plants
Val Verde	USA	Petrosource	2.5	130	1998	Val Verde Gas Plants
Bati Raman	Turkey	Turkish Petroleum	1.1	90	1983	Dodan Field
Weyburn	USA & Canada	North Dakota Gasification Co.	5	328	2000	Gasification Plant
Total			49.9	2591		

Doctor, et al (2005). Transport of CO₂. In IPCC Special Report on Carbon dioxide Capture and Storage.

CO₂ pipeline transportation – existing experience

CO₂ pipeline systems worldwide

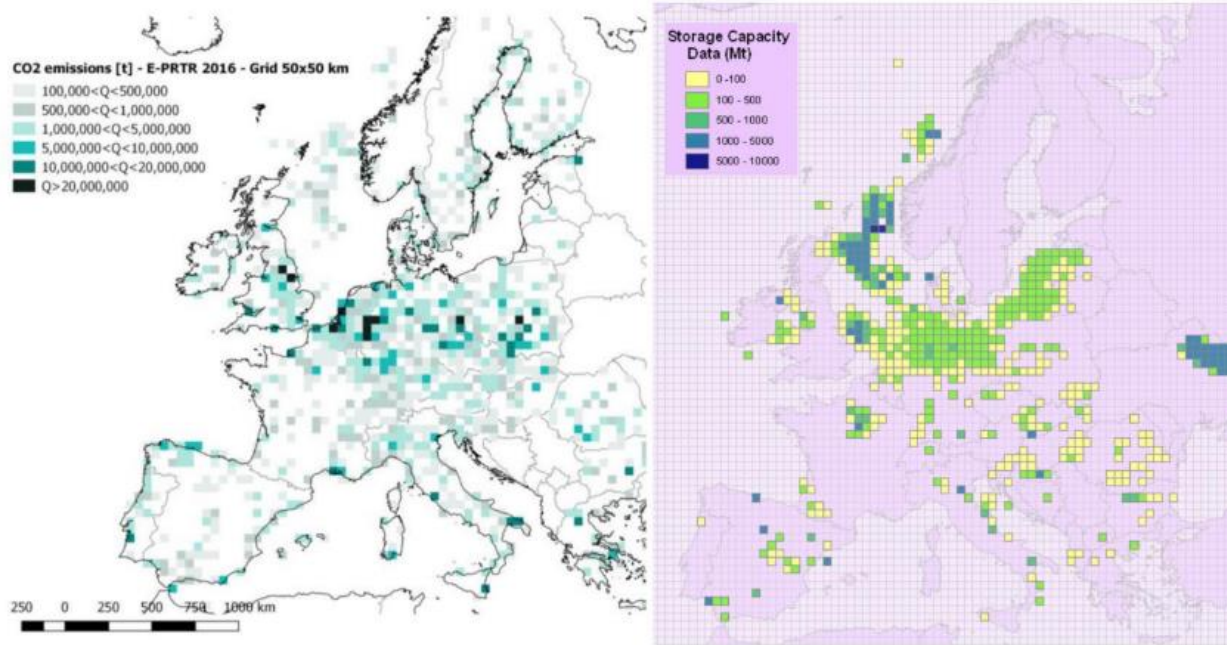
Country	System	Length (km)	Capacity (Mt/year)
United States	Permian Basin (West Texas, New Mexico, Colorado)	4 180	
	Gulf Coast (Mississippi, Louisiana, East Texas)	1 190	
	Rocky Mountains (Colorado, Wyoming, Montana)	1 175	
	Midcontinent (Oklahoma, Kansas)	770	
	Other (North Dakota, Michigan)	345	
Canada	Alberta Carbon Trunk Line	240	14.6
	Quest	84	1.2
	Saskatchewan	66	1.2
	Weyburn	330	2
Norway	Hammerfest	153	0.7
Netherlands	Rotterdam	85	0.4
United Arab Emirates	Abu Dhabi	45	
Saudi Arabia	Uthmaniyah	85	

Source: IEA analysis based on IEAGHG (2013), CO₂ pipeline infrastructure report 2013/18 and Peletiri, Rahmanian and Mujtaba (2018), CO₂ Pipeline Design: A Review.

Typical specifications for dense phase CO₂ (liquid/ supercritical) transport pipelines:

- Temperatures: 4°C to 40°C
- Pressures: 86 bar to 200 bar
- Flow speed: ca 1.5 m/s

CO₂ pipeline transportation – future needs



On a global scale the CO₂ transport for CCS would require
95,000 – 550,000 km
of pipes
(Element Energy, 2010)

IOGP (2019). *The potential for CCS and CCU in Europe.*

Is CO₂ pipeline transportation safe?

CO₂ specific design and operation considerations made to minimise the risks of:

- formation of two-phase liquid-vapour flow;
- rapid transients in the flow,
- significant cooling in the flow, causing:
 - formation of solid phase CO₂ (dry ice);
 - embrittlement of the pipeline materials.
- fracture propagation along the pipeline;
- accidental discharge of CO₂ from a pipeline constructed in populated areas;
- corrosion in presence of H₂O, SO_x, O₂;
- hydrates formation.

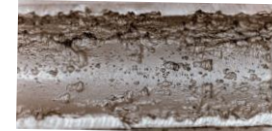
- *ISO 27913:2016 Carbon dioxide capture, transportation and geological storage – Pipeline transportation systems.*
- *DNV (2010). Design and Operation of CO₂ Pipelines. Recommended Practice DNV-RP-J202.*



Propagated rupture in CO₂ pipeline
Aursand et al. /Engineering Structures 123 (2016) 192–212



Release of 3.8 tons of Supercritical CO₂ from a large-scale pipeline (DUT, CO₂QUEST)



CO₂ pipeline corrosion
<https://www.aboutcorrosion.com/2014/11/12/carbon-dioxide-corrosion-definition/>



Hydrates formation in pipelines
Zarinabadi & Samimi (2011). Australian J. of Basic & Applied Sci, 5(12): 741–745

CO₂ road transport

Existing experience:
Refrigerated liquid CO₂ transport in tanks
mounted on trucks or trailers

Pressure: ca 20 bar

Temperature: saturation (ca -20 °C)

Capacity: 2 m³ to 35 m³

Vehicle speed: up to ca 100 km/hr

Similar applies to railway/ barge transport



<https://tomcosystems.com/product/co2-transportation/>



<https://www.bnhgastanksindia.com/liquid-carbon-dioxide-transport-tanks>

CO₂ ship transport

Past experience: LNG transport

Developing solutions:
transport of refrigerated liquid CO₂

Pressure: 7 bar to 15 bar

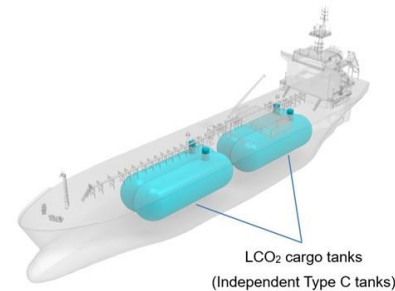
Temperature: -50 °C to -30 °C

Capacity: 4,500 m³ to 30,000 m³

Vessel speed: 16.5 knots ~ 30 km/hr



<https://www.energynewsbulletin.net/>



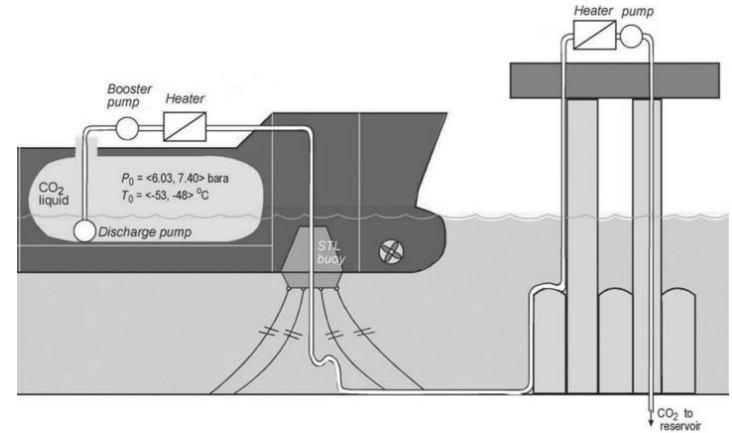
<https://www.offshore-energy.biz/mitsubishi-shipbuilding-secures-aip-for-lco2-carrier-cargo-tank/>

CO₂ ship transport design & operation

The CO₂ interim storage and offloading in a port



<https://splash247.com/japanese-utility-firm-readies-first-liquefied-co2-shipping-terminal/>

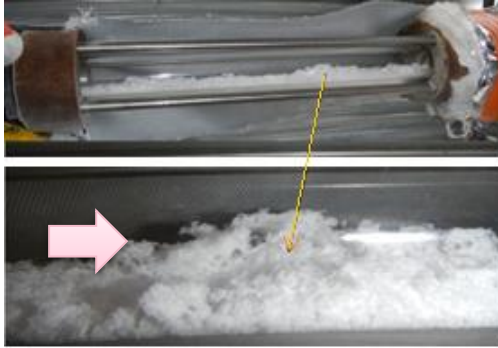


The offshore CO₂ unloading system

- a submerged turret loading (STL) system;
- cargo, booster and injection pumps;
- a CO₂ heating system on the ship;
- a flexible riser and pipelines to the platform;

Aspelund, et al. (2006). Ship transport of CO₂: Technical solutions and analysis of costs, energy utilization, exergy efficiency and CO₂ emissions. *Chem Eng Res & Design*, 84(9 A), 847–855.

Safe operation of CO₂ storage tanks



Rapid decompression below the triple point:

- Very low temperatures
- 'Dry ice' formation inside the pipe



Very slow rate of CO₂ sublimation



FIGURE 2. Plant area close behind and to the left of the CO₂ tank after failure.



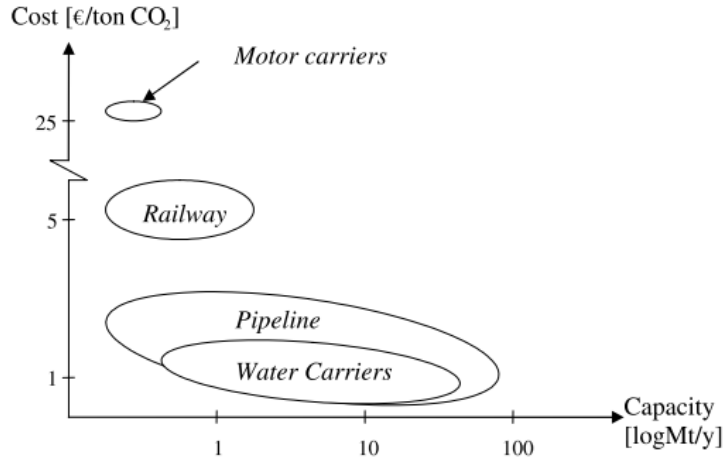
FIGURE 4. Head of CO₂ tank found soon after failure.

Clayton, W. E., & Griffin, M. L. (1994). Catastrophic failure of a liquid carbon dioxide storage vessel. *Process Safety Progress*, 13(4), 202–209.

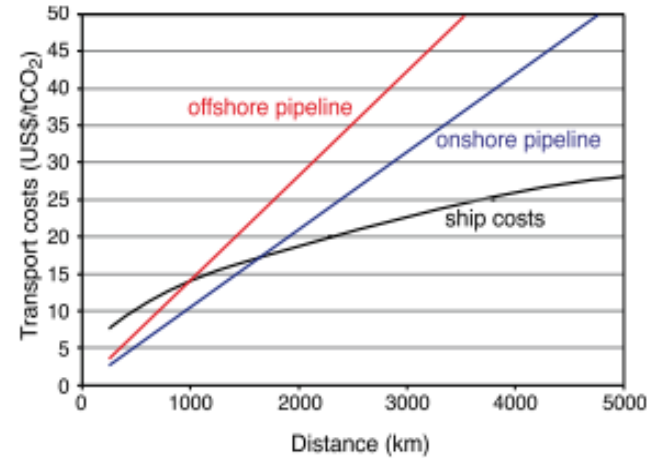
- Thermal fatigue of steel
- Brittle fracture propagation
- Blockage of safety relief valves
- Over-pressure during refilling process

Overpressure accidents and dry ice formation can be prevented by following the standards and operation guidelines for CO₂ storage vessels and tanks

Cost of CO₂ transport



Cost and capacity for transportation alternatives at 250 km.
Svensson et al. 2004, *Energy Conv. & Managem.* 45, 2343–2353



Costs for onshore pipelines, offshore pipelines and ship transport.

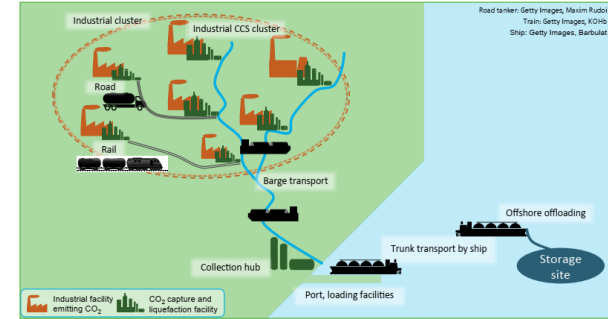
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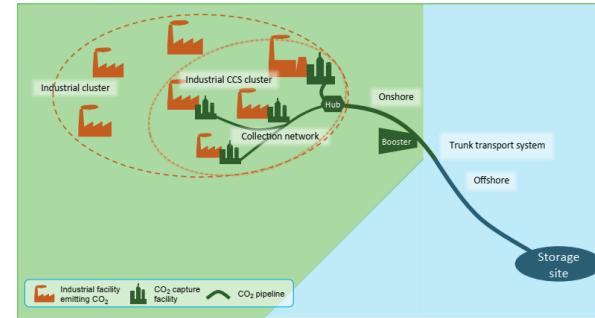
Industrial clusters (red) and storage sites (green)
around the North Sea



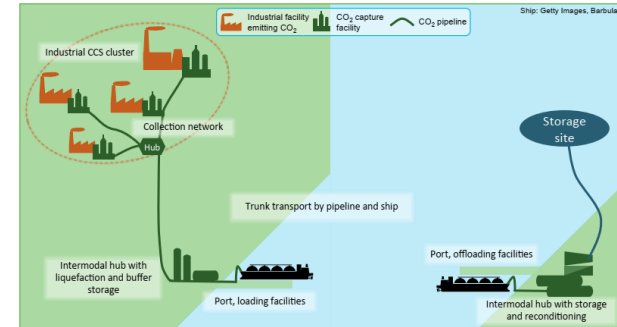
Modular
transport of
liquefied
CO₂



Pipeline
transport
of CO₂



Hybrid
transport
of CO₂



Brownsort, P. (2019). *Methodologies for cluster development and best practices for data collection in the promising regions. Part 1.*

Comparison of CO₂ transport modes

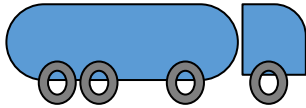
Advantages

Disadvantages



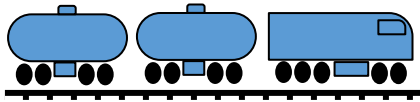
- Continuous operation
- Large transport capacity
- Low costs

- High capital costs



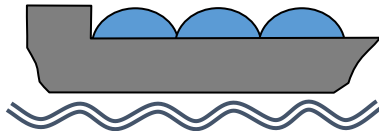
- Flexible transport route selection
- Use of existing road transport infrastructure

- Low transport capacity
- Affected by weather/traffic
- High operating costs



- Not dependent on weather/ traffic
- Use of existing railway infrastructure

- Limited to locations with existing railways



- Flexible transport route selection
- Moderate capacities

- Temperature and pressure control for loading/unloading facilities

Thank you

Questions ?

