Determining steadystate pressure and temperature profiles of new CO, pipeline systems requires both accurate routines for predicting fluid properties and reliable methods

of calculating, based on these properties, related pressure and temperature changes along the pipeline route. Key properties include density, kinematic viscosity, specific (isobaric) heat capacity, Joule-Thomson coefficient,. and isentropic change of temperature with pressure.

The capture of CO, from power plants, its transportation through pipeline systems, and its long-term deposition in suitable storage reservoirs both on and offshore is considered a feasible option for preventing CO, from entering the atmosphere, mitigating

adverse anthropogenic greenhouse gas effects.

The first part of this series, presented here,

will describe in detail methods for determining steady-state pressure and temperature profiles incorporating all of these CO, stream properties. The conclusion, presented next week, will address the expected influence of impurities present in real CO, streams on the hydraulic pipeline layout and present an overview diagram enabling a first estimation of the most economic pipeline diameter, depending

on intended CO, throughput rates.

Fig. 1 shows a basic scheme for CO, capture, pipeline transportation, and storage options.

#### Background

Fig. 2 shows-a phase diagram of pure CO, in the pressure range up to 200 bar. The phase above the critical pressure and the critical temperature is the supercritical phase, while the dense phase refers

to operations in either the supercritical or liquid

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states.12 During transitions between gas phase and supercritical phase as well as between the latter area and

## Study details methods for determining steady-state pressure, temperature

liquid phase, the local properties of CO, change gradually, Fig. 2's lines separating defined areas of each phase.

If the pressure is less than the critical pressure, however, an abrupt phase

> transition occurs between gas and liquid as the vapor pressure line is crossed. Gas and liquid phases in

this case can coexist at the same pressure on the vapor pressure line. Heat is then required to evaporate liquid phase CO,, or it will be released during condensation from gaseous to liquid CO.

This article uses phase diagrams with color-coded physical properties of pure CO, in the pressure range 25-175 bar and temperature range from 0-50° C. to illustrate the hydraulic pipeline layout. These properties were deterKlaus D. Kaufmann Munich

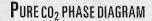
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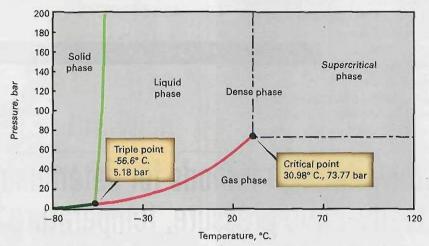
#### BASIC CO2 CAPTURE, TRANSPORT, STORAGE OPTIONS

CO, PIPELINES—1

Fig. 1 CO<sub>2</sub> storage CO2 pipeline system CO<sub>2</sub> capture facilities Head station Postcombustion systems Precombustion systems Oxy-fuel systems nhanced coalbed methan Terminal, injection station

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mined using of high-precision calculation routines.<sup>3 4</sup>

Physical properties considered include:

- Density as the dominant property required for determining pressure changes in the pipeline due to friction losses and elevation changes.
- Kinematic viscosity determining flow regime inside the pipe directly influencing the friction loss factor.
- Specific heat capacity describing degree of temperature change when heat is added or removed from the fluid, e.g., by heat exchange with the surrounding environment.
  - Partial derivative of temperature

with pressure at constant enthalpy (Joule-Thomson coefficient) allowing estimates of the fluid temperature decrease due to friction effects.

• Partial derivative of temperature with pressure at constant entropy allowing estimates of fluid temperature changes due to compression or expansion resulting from elevation changes along the pipeline.

All figures demonstrate the relatively smooth change of relevant properties between the fluid phases when pressure and temperature are changed, provided the vapor pressure line is not crossed.

#### New onshore pipeline

Fig. 2

Fig. 3 shows that in the range 100-125 bar and 10-40° C. CO<sub>2</sub> maintains a density between about 629 kg/cu m and 939 kg/cu m, corresponding roughly to the density of light- to-heavy regularly transported hydrocarbon liquids. Temperature's influence is high. At a pressure of 100 bar, density increases from about 629 kg/cu m to about 920 kg/cu m when the temperature drops from 40° C. to 10° C., a relative density increase of about 46%.

Fig. 4 shows in the same pressure and temperature ranges, the kinematic viscosity of CO<sub>2</sub> lies between about 0.076 sq mm/sec and 0.109 sq mm/sec: much smaller than the kinematic viscosity of liquids such as water (roughly 1.0 sq mm/sec at 20° C.) or propane (~0.2 sq mm/sec at 20° C.) CO<sub>2</sub>'s kinematic viscosity under these conditions is also much smaller than that of gases such as air at low pressures (~16 sq mm/sec at 1 bar, 25° C.) but approaches that of higher pressure gasses (air at ~0.17 sq mm/sec at 100 bar, 25° C.).<sup>5</sup>

Fig. 5 shows in the range 100-125 bar and 10-40° C. the specific (isobaric) heat capacity of CO<sub>2</sub> is about. 2,218-5,657 J/(kg\*K). The figure shows a relatively high influence of pressure and temperature on specific heat capacity, with maximum values concentrated in the range above the critical point on the (fictively) extrapolated vapor pres-

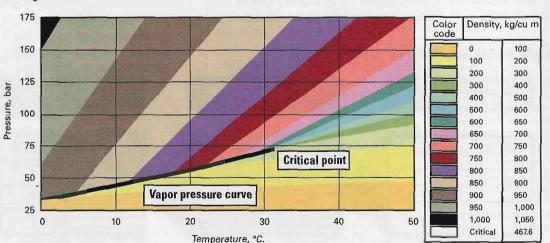
Fig. 3

sure line. Transporting CO<sub>2</sub> at the higher values of specific (isobaric) heat capacity accordingly reduces changes of fluid temperature due to heat transfer with the ambient (e.g., soil) or other thermodynamic influences (friction losses, elevation changes).

Thomson coefficient is the

The Joule-

#### Pure CO2 DENSITY



partial derivative as a result of pressure reduction due to friction. assuming no heat exchange with the environment

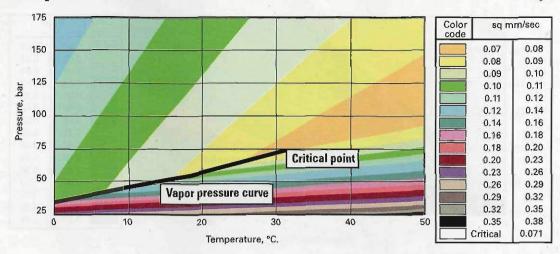
Fig. 6 shows the Joule-Thomson coefficient of CO, in the range 100-125 bar and 10-40° C. as between about 0.027 K/ bar and 0.266 K/ bar, considerably smaller than the Joule-Thomson coefficient of natural gas in high-pressure natural gas transmission pipelines (~0.4 K/bar at 75 bar and 20° C. for methane).

occurs

A Joule-Thomson coefficient ~0.10 K/bar would mean a fluid temperature decrease of 1 K for every 10-bar pressure loss caused by friction (adiabatic conditions provided).

A fluid moving through pipeline in hilly terrain will be subject to elevation differences resulting in related changes of pressure and density. Estimating the influence of the pressure (and density) changes on the fluid temperature (assuming hereby reversible, adiabatic and steady-state transportation conditions) requires determining the partial derivative of the temperature with pressure at constant entropy  $(\partial T/\partial p)_c$ .

#### Pure CO2 KINEMATIC VISCOSITY



#### Pure CO2 Specific ISOBARIC HEAT CAPACITY



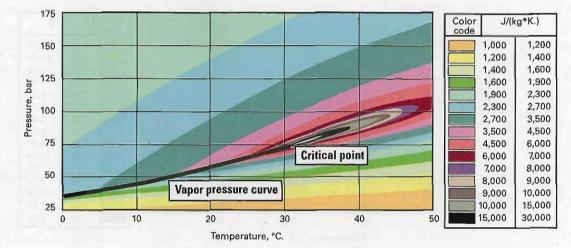


Fig. 7 shows the specific isentropic temperature change with pressure as between 0.075 K/bar and 0.294 K/bar for the range 100-125 bar and 10-40° C. The values in this figure represent the ratio of finite pressure and temperature differences between two neighboring points situated on the same isentropic curve.

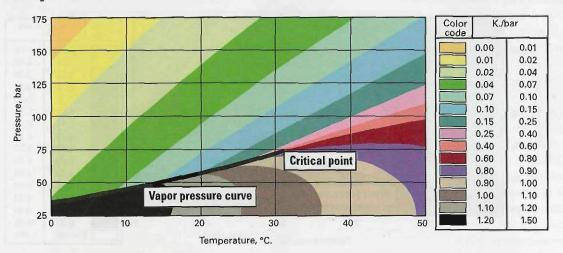
For 100 bar and 25° C. the specific isentropic temperature change amounts to 0.13 K/bar. An elevation change of ~100 m therefore (resulting in a pressure change of ~8 bar) would produce a temperature change of roughly 1 K. This estimation shows temperature effects caused by elevation changes may become considerable if the pipeline runs through terrain with major elevation changes.

#### Pressure, temperature profiles

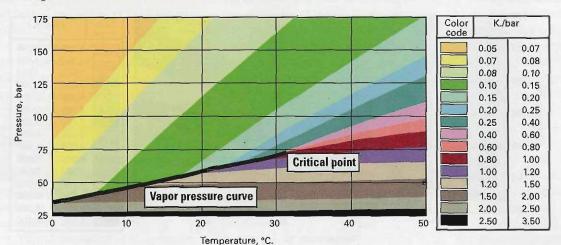
The main considerations to determine the optimum pressure levels and hydraulic profiles of CO, pipeline systems refer to:

- · Avoiding two-phase flow in the pipeline system.
- Meeting the pressure requirements at the pipeline end-wellheads for CO, stream injection into the storage formation.

#### Pure co2 Joule-Thomson Coefficient



#### Pure co2 specific isentropic temperature change



• Ensuring CO<sub>2</sub> transportation at the most economic conditions.

Ensuring stable and safe transportation conditions along a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline system with only a single CO<sub>2</sub> phase requires operating the pipeline such that under no conditions do actual pressure-temperature conditions inside the pipeline system cross the vapor pressure line of CO<sub>2</sub>. This is always accomplished if the pipeline system is operated above the actual critical pressure of the CO<sub>2</sub> stream and hereby sufficient safety distances in pressure can cope with potential deviations between real system be-

havior and the theoretical design case.

While the critical pressure of pure CO<sub>2</sub> is about 73.8 bar, the critical pressure of real CO<sub>2</sub> streams from CO<sub>2</sub> capture facilities will most likely be higher, depending on type and concentration of impurities.

Operating a pipeline system at dense phase or at supercritical phase conditions is, however, not unusual. Such conditions are common for major natural gas transmission pipelines, which are almost always operated at supercritical conditions, i.e., above the critical pressure (typically 45-50 bar) and above critical temperature (typi-

cally  $-80^{\circ}$  to  $-60^{\circ}$  C.).

Pressure required at the injection wellheads to the storage formation is one of the major boundary conditions for overall pipeline system layout, including potential installation of facilities for pressure change at the pipeline end. Injection pressure depends on a series of conditions such as reservoir depth, minimum, original, and maximum reservoir pressures, filling grade, and friction pressure losses in the bore hole. A recent study addressed related aspects.6

Fig. 7

The study assumed delivery pressure at injection site of 85 bar with flowing wellhead pressure (FWHP) limited to 160 bar, affected

by reservoir-related relationships of injection pressure, hydrostatic pressure, and depths up to 4 km. Installation of injection facilities (boosting) is assumed at the storage site to increase pipeline end-pressure to wellhead pressure. Since the last quantities of CO<sub>2</sub> injected are the most costly and consume the most energy, the optimum degree of filling should be investigated in a related feasibility study addressing safety and economy.

The study also notes that high-rate CO<sub>2</sub> injection in a depleted gas field has not been done anywhere in the world and refers to two recent related studies

#### **EQUATIONS**

$$\Delta p_{tt} = \lambda \cdot \frac{L}{d} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{w}^2 \cdot \rho}{2} \tag{1}$$

$$Re = \frac{w \cdot d \cdot \rho}{\eta} \tag{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = -2 \cdot \log \left[ \frac{2.51}{\text{Re}\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{k_{\text{R}}}{3.71 \cdot \text{d}} \right]$$
 (3)

$$\Delta p_{EI} = -\rho_{av} \cdot g \cdot \Delta h \tag{4}$$

with

g (m/sq sec) = local gravity acceleration (~ 9.81 m/sq sec)

 $\Delta h$  (m) = elevation difference

Δp<sub>B</sub> (Pa) = pressure change due to elevation difference

ρ<sub>εν</sub> (kg/cu m) = average fluid density

$$T_2 = T_{\infty} + (T_1 - T_{\infty}) \cdot e^{-3 \cdot L}$$
 (5)

$$a = \frac{m \cdot U \cdot d}{\dot{m} \cdot c_p} = \frac{k}{\dot{m} \cdot c_p} \tag{6}$$

$$k = \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \lambda_s}{1n \frac{4 \cdot h_s}{d}} \tag{7}$$

$$\dot{m} \cdot c_p \cdot dT = -k \cdot dL \cdot (T - T_s) - \dot{m} \cdot c_p \cdot j \cdot dL + \dot{m} \cdot c_p \cdot i \cdot dL$$
 (8)

$$j = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p}\right)_{h} \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta p_{t}}{\Delta L}\right) \tag{9}$$

$$i = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p}\right)_{s} \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta p_{el}}{\Delta L}\right)$$
 (10)

If elevation increases, pressure decreases with increasing length, and i becomes negative.

$$dT = -a \cdot dL \cdot (T - T_s) - (j - i) \cdot dL$$
(11)

$$\int_{T_{i}}^{T_{i}} \frac{dT}{T - T_{s} + (j - i)/a} = \int_{L_{i}}^{L_{s}} -a \cdot dL$$
 (12)

$$T_2 = (T_1 - T_S + (j - i)/a) \cdot e^{-(a \cdot L)} + T_S - (j - i)/a$$
(13)

$$T_2 = (T_1 - T_\infty) \cdot e^{-(a \cdot L)} + T_\infty$$
 with

$$T_{\infty} = T_s - (j-i)/a$$

Nomenclature

d (m) = pipeline diameter
k, (m) = internal pipe roughness
L 1(m) = section length
Re = Reynolds number
w (m/sec) = flow velocity

 $\Delta p_{tr}$  (Pa) = pressure loss due to friction  $\eta$  (Pa × sec) = dynamic viscosity

 $\begin{array}{lll} \eta \ (\text{Pa} \times \text{sec}) &=& \text{dynamic viscosit} \\ \lambda &=& \text{friction factor} \\ \rho \ (\text{kg/cu m}) &=& \text{fluid density} \\ \alpha \ (\text{1/m}) &=& \text{constant} \end{array}$ 

h<sub>s</sub> (m) = depth of pipe axis below ground surface i(K./m) = factor describing isentropic temperature change due to pressure changes caused by elevation differences

j (K./m) = factor describing friction effect (Joule-Thomson) on temperature

k (W/(m x K.)) = length-related heat transfer coefficient m (kg/sec) = mass flow of the medium transported T<sub>1</sub> (K.) = medium temperature at pipeline section inlet medium temperature at pipeline section

outlet

T<sub>s</sub> (K.) = undisturbed soil temperature at pipe axis depth

 $T_{\infty}(K.)$  = hypothetical fluid end temperature, see Equation 14

U (W/(sq m × K.)) = global heat-transfer coefficient  $\lambda_s$  (W/(m × K.)) = heat conductivity of soil

which estimated injection flow rate/well at a relatively broad range of 0.2-1.25 million tons/year.<sup>6</sup>

At the start of the injection phase (initial state), reservoir pressure can measure below 35 bar with CO<sub>2</sub> still in the gaseous state. This requires reducing delivery pressure at pipeline end to injection pressure at the wellhead site. A heater station might also need to be installed upstream of pressure reduction to prevent freezing of residual water, formation of hydrates, and potential reservoir damage by thermal stress.

After prefilling the gas field at a moderate rate, the injection rate can accelerate to the desired plateau injection level, prompting an increase in well-head pressure at the wellhead site.

Accommodating CO<sub>2</sub> production (in the capture plant) and CO<sub>2</sub> injection (to storage) at minimized cost requires a detailed storage development plan, including adequate scheduling of the various injection points within a storage cluster.

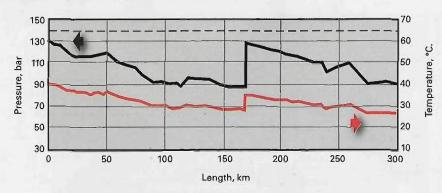
Design pressure and pipeline diameter directly influence the investment costs of new CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline systems via the WT. Optimum selection of pipeline diameter, maximum design-operating pressure, and number-location of intermediate transport stations for a

given throughput scenario and elevation profile yields a minimum specific cost/ton CO<sub>2</sub>.

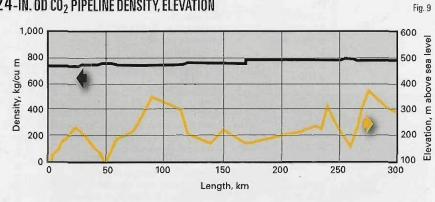
The following aspects will particularly influence steady-state operation pressure of a new pipeline system for CO, transport:

- Two-phase flow in the pipeline system must be avoided by appropriate selection of minimum pressure, also considering the influence of impurities.
- An elevation profile with major elevation differences (e.g., a mountainous or considerably descending route) will lead to higher operating-design pressures in specific pipeline sections and at the pipeline end point.

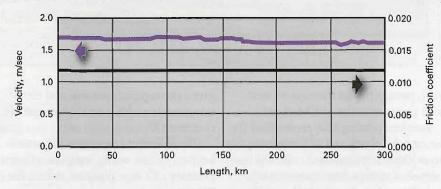
#### 24-IN. OD CO2 PIPELINE PRESSURE, TEMPERATURE



#### 24-IN. OD CO2 PIPELINE DENSITY, ELEVATION



#### 24-In. od co $_2$ pipeline velocity, friction coefficient



- · Longer CO, pipeline systems. Suitable selection of number and position of intermediate transfer stations can reduce maximum operating-design pressure.
- Offshore pipeline systems may require higher WT not only to meet stability criteria for pipelaying, but also to cope with higher operating pressures

that might be required if intermediate transport station(s) or an injection station at the storage site cannot be installed due to technical or economic considerations (e.g., unavailability of platforms to install equipment for a pressure increase).

Reaching a good prediction accuracy for calculation purposes requires subdividing the whole route length into a suitable number of sections for which pressure and temperature variations are then determined individually based on local pressure and temperature-dependent CO, properties. Discussion will consider only a single-phase operated pipeline system, especially in the dense

Fig. 8

Fig. 10

Equation 1 allows calculating the friction pressure losss of CO, behaving with low viscosity as a Newtonian liquid. Equation 2 determines the Reynolds number.

The flow regime will be turbulent for all relevant pipeline diameters, flow velocities, and viscosities for CO, transportation. The Colebrook-White equation (Equation 3) can iteratively determine the friction coefficient,  $\lambda$ .<sup>7</sup>

Friction factors λ will equal 0.010-0.016 for 12-40 in. OD, flow velocities of 0.5-2.0 m/sec, pressures of 80-150 bar, temperatures of 0-40° C. and pipe roughness values of 0.025-0.1 mm.

Equation 4 defines the pressure change inside a pipeline section caused by elevation difference between inlet and outlet.

Equation 5 shows the usual calculation approach for determining the outlet temperature of a pipeline section,7 with Equation 6 defining constant and Equation 7 estimating length-related heat transfer coefficient, k.

Low-compressible fluids (like water or oil) transported at moderate velocities inside a pipeline system allow temperature T<sub>m</sub> in Equation 5 to be attributed to the temperature of the material surrounding the pipeline, e.g. for a buried pipeline where  $T_{\infty}$  represents the thermally undisturbed soil temperature at the depth of the pipe axis.

CO, as a compressible fluid with considerable pressure-temperature influence on density, requires consideration of friction pressure losses (Joule-Thomson effect) and major elevation differences (isentropic compressionexpansion) on the outlet temperature of a pipeline section.

Equation 8 extends the known approach8 considering the Joule-Thomson effect by influence of elevation changes with respect to both influences, with Equation 9 showing the length-related temperature change coefficient j due to the Joule-Thomson effect and Equation 10 the length-related temperature modification coefficient i due to elevation changes.

Constant  $\alpha$  according to Equation 6 allows formulation of Equation 8 as Equation 11.

Rearranging and integrating between temperatures T, and T, (Equation 12) yields Equation 13 and finally Equations 14 and 15.

This result is also in line with the approach shown in literature when the elevation's influence on temperature is added analogously to the friction influence (OGJ, Feb. 26, 1979, p. 107).

#### Hypothetical pipeline

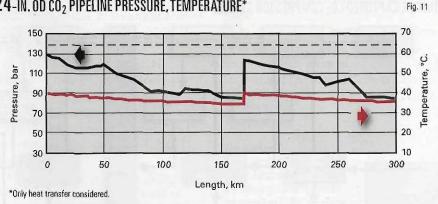
Specific CO, emissions from a pulverized coal power plant with postcombustion CO, capture technology would presumably amount to about 0.81 kg CO,/kw,9 with a related 1,000-Mw power plant producing 810 tons/ hr of CO,.

Figs. 8-10 show typical hydraulic profiles of pressure, temperature, density, elevation, velocity, and the friction coefficient of a hypothetical 24-in. OD land-based CO, pipeline system, designed to transport 1,200 tons/hr of CO, over a distance of 300 km. Pipeline inlet conditions measured 130 bar and 40° C. After about 170 km a booster station increases pipeline pressure. Pipeline design pressure for determining WT measured 140 bar, with soil conductivity 1.0 W/(m\*K).

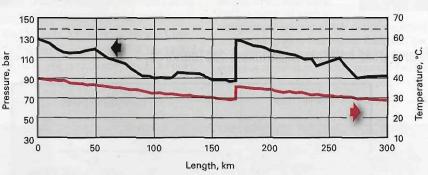
Pressure variations in Fig. 8 reflect pressure differences caused by the geodetic head differences along the hypothetical elevation profile.

Investigating the influence of friction loss and elevation differences on calculated pressure and temperature profiles (Figs. 11-13) requires determining hydraulic profiles with different combinations of Joule-Thomson coefficient and isentropic pressure-temperature (p-T) effects due to elevation

#### 24-IN. OD CO<sub>2</sub> PIPELINE PRESSURE, TEMPERATURE\*

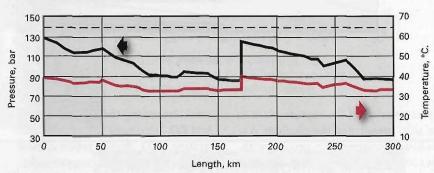


#### 24-IN. OD CO2 PIPELINE PRESSURE, TEMPERATURE\*



\*Heat transfer, Joule-Thomson considered

#### 24-IN. OD CO2 PIPELINE PRESSURE, TEMPERATURE\*



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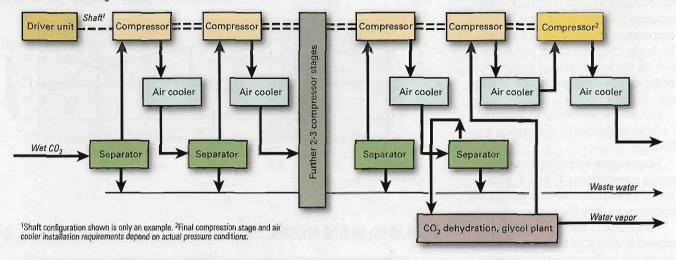
changes (Equation 10).

The hypothetical elevation profile leads to the conclusion that (in addition to heat exchange and specific fluid heat capacity) at least the friction influence on the temperature profile (via Joule-Thomson effect) should be included in predicting pressure and temperature along the pipeline route. Further improvement of prediction accuracy, especially for local temperature conditions, is possible if temperature variations caused by pressure modifications due to elevation changes along the pipeline route are also considered.

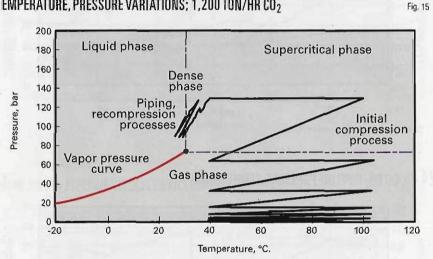
After capture, the CO, stream has to be brought into the initial CO, compressor station from the (relatively low)

Fig. 12

Fig. 13



#### TEMPERATURE, PRESSURE VARIATIONS; 1,200 TON/HR CO2



outlet pressure of the capture plant to the inlet pressure of the pipeline. A multistage compression process with four to eight compression stages including interstage coolers would conventionally perform this process. Installed separators prevent ingress of potentially condensed water into the next compression stages.

Other potential compression strategies include using cryogenic liquefaction and pressure increase via pumps to raise CO, pressure to the injection pressure level.10 11

Economic reasons will require longer CO, pipelines be built of carbon steel. Protecting the CO, pipeline from wet CO, corrosion will require integrating a CO, drying process, most likely into the initial compression station but depending on water concentration at the station inlet. The dehydration process can be a glycol absorption process operating at an intermediate pressure level.

Fig. 14 shows the typical configuration of an initial compressor station. The driver arrangement is shown schematically. Compressors may be coupled individually or commonly to the driver(s). The driver(s) may be steam turbines, gas turbines, electric

motors, or even gas motors for small applications.

Fig. 15 shows the variations of pressure and temperature within the hypothetical CO, transportation system.

Assuming the CO, stream to be compressed is fed at 1.0 bar and 30° C. to the suction side of the injection compressor station, compression occurs in a seven-stage process to reach the required station outlet pressure of 130 bar. Coolers installed downstream of each compression stage reduce temperature to the defined 40° C. Stages 1-6 operate in gas phase, while Stage 7 compresses the CO, from about 65 bar to roughly 130 bar where the phase is supercritical or dense. After cooling once again to about 40° C., the CO, enters the pipeline.

Fig. 15 also shows variations of CO, pressure and temperature along the pipeline, with pressure always remaining above critical (~73.8 bar). The fluid state therefore changes between supercritical and liquid, but the transitions are smooth and no abrupt phase transition occurs, the vapor pressure line remaining uncrossed during transportation. +

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