

Thermodynamic Study of the Effect of Impurities on Phase Behavior of Dense Phase CO₂

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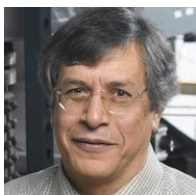
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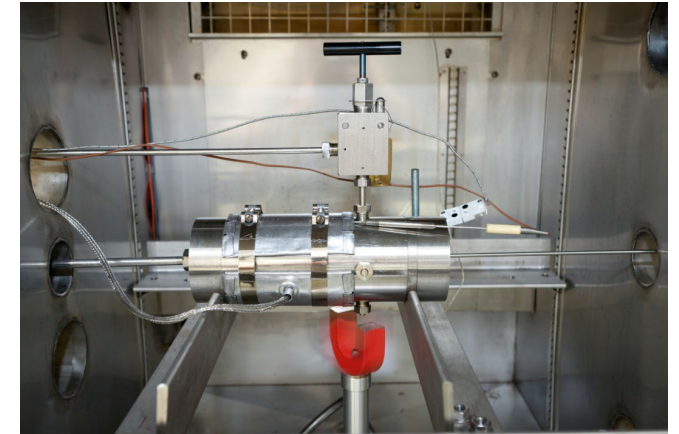
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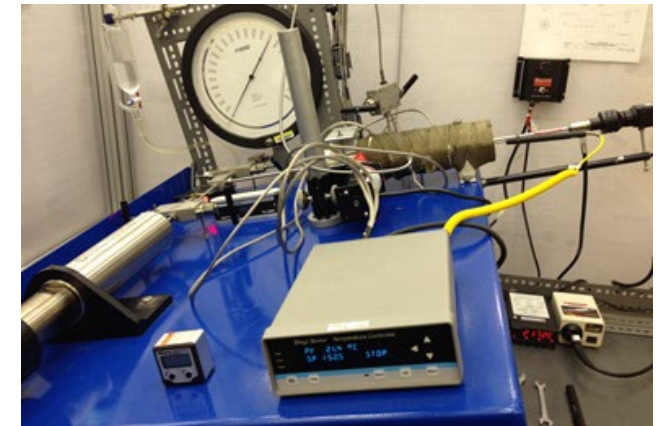


NETL's Experimental Capabilities

- **Densimeter: windowed HPHT view cell** rated to 40,000 psi (275 MPa) and 500°F (260°C).
 - System was used to generate PVT data for live crude oil
 - System can be used to generate to PVT data for CO₂ with various impurities (N₂, O₂, H₂, CH₄, SO₂, H₂S, NO_x, H₂O, etc.).
- **Viscometer: Windowed HPHT rolling-ball viscometer** rated to 40,000 psi (275 MPa) and 500°F (260°C).
 - System can be used to measure viscosity of CO₂ in presence of impurities over wide ranges of pressure and temperature conditions.
- **Solubility experimental system** to measure the solubility of scale forming mineral in simulated brine formation.
 - System can be used to study the influence of impurities on water solubility limits in dense phase/supercritical CO₂.



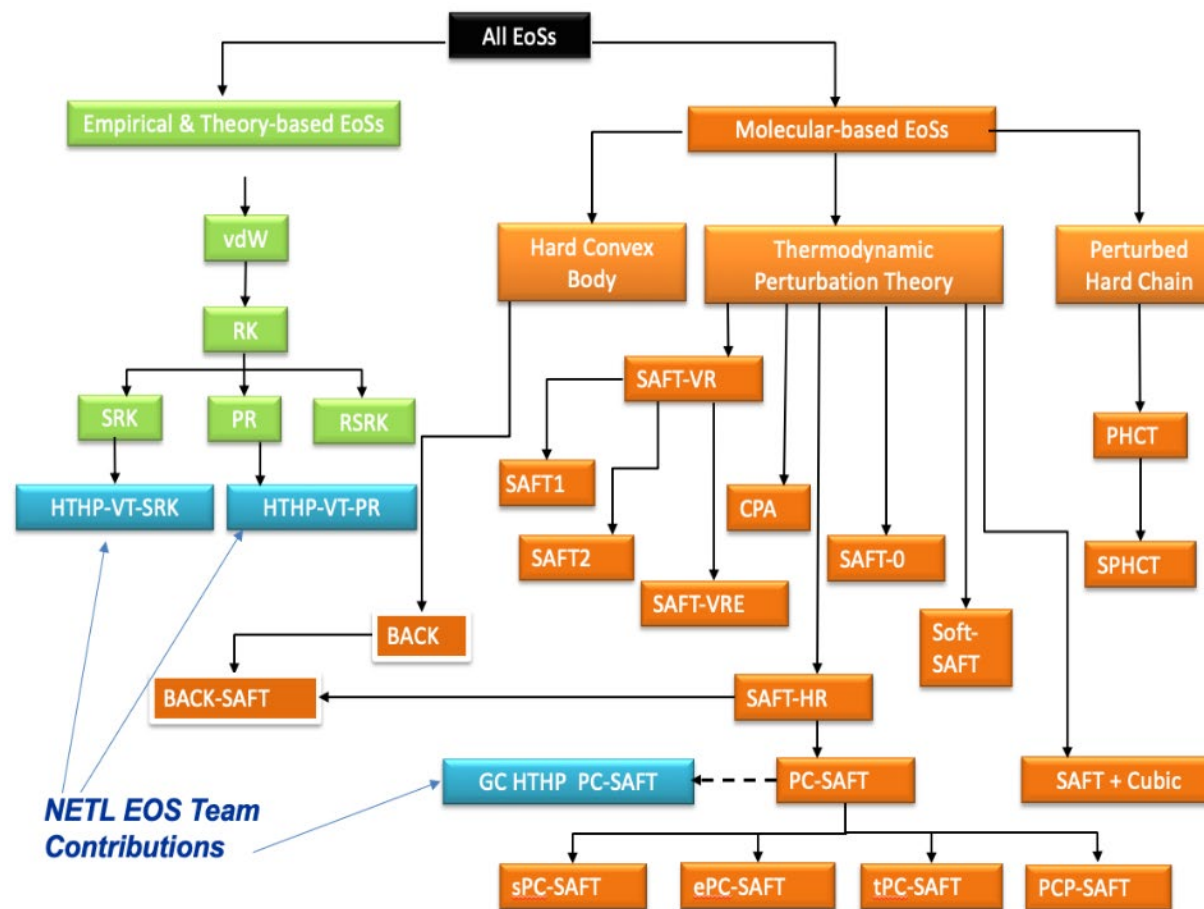
HTHP Densimeter



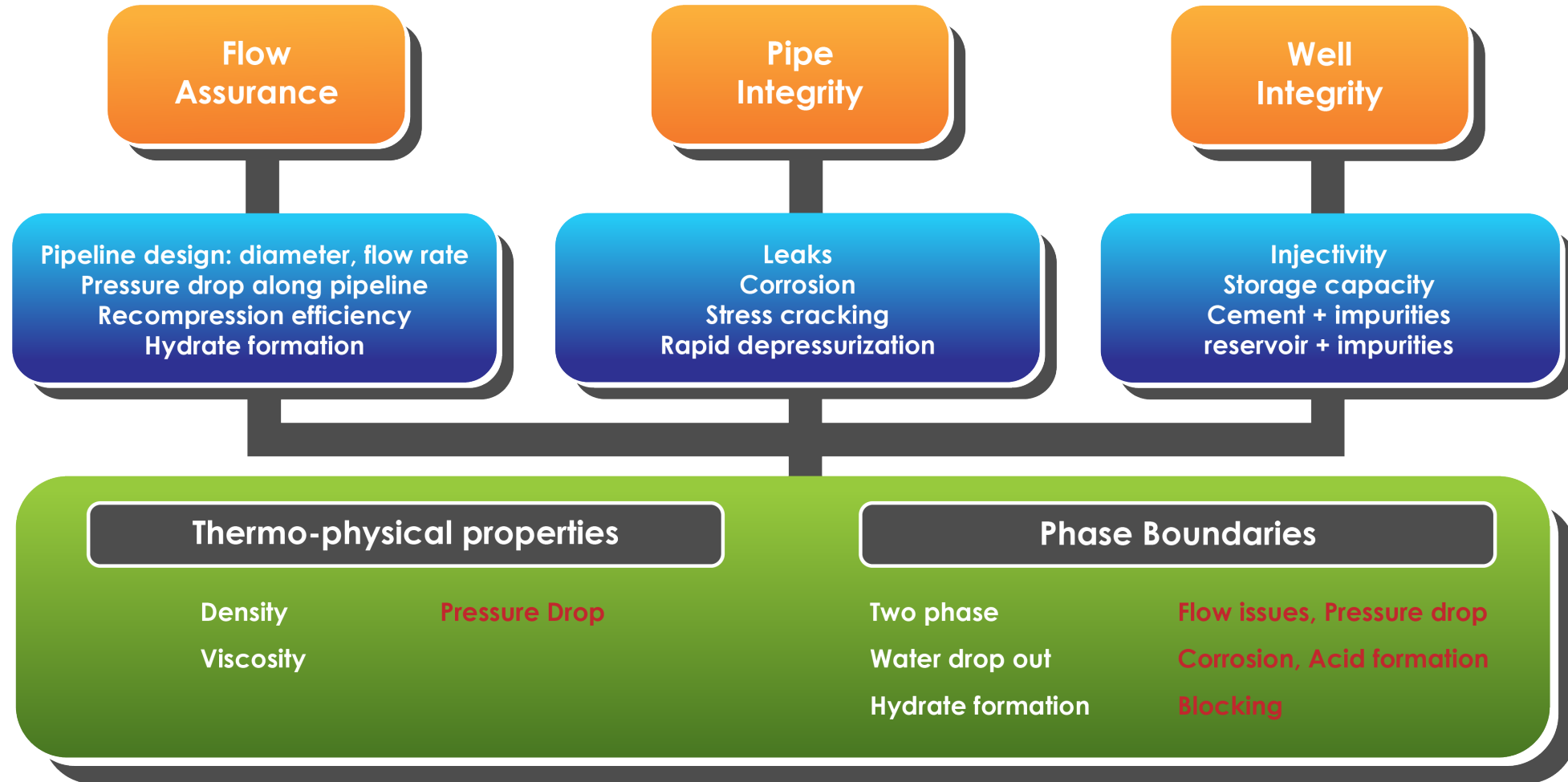
HTHP Viscometer

Equations of State Modeling Capabilities – Phase Transitions

Progression of EOS Models over 150 Years



CO2 Transport Technical challenges*



Thermodynamic and Transport challenges of CO₂ streams with impurities.

- **Goals:** accelerate understanding/implementation of impure CO₂ transport technologies enhance their efficiency, safety, and environmental sustainability.
- **Approach:**
 - Review literature- Technical challenges
 - Identify CO₂ sources & Compositions
 - Construct P-T and P-T-x diagrams
 - Design experiments and models
 - Risk mitigations: CO₂ dispersion models; addition of tracers
 - Share information with corrosion group
 - Implement findings

Examples of CO₂ sources, facilities and main components - ~78% Coal & Gas

Industry	Number of Facilities	Share of 45Q-Eligible Facility Emissions	CO ₂	Biogenic CO ₂ *	Methane	Nitrous Oxide
Coal Power Plant	308	53.80%	1,269.6	0.3	3.0	6.2
Gas Power Plant	571	23.80%	565.4	0.7	0.4	0.4
Refineries	78	6.90%	163.3		0.6	0.4
Cement	135	3.70%	88.8	0.9	0.1	0.2
Hydrogen	57	2.70%	64.3		0.1	0.1
Steel	31	2.30%	54		0.2	
Ethanol	173	1.30%	31	9.0	0.1	0.1
Ammonia	21	1.20%	25.1	0.0	0.0	4.1
Petrochemicals	30	1.10%	26	0.1	0.4	0.1
Metals, Minerals & Other	37	0.90%	19.5		0.4	
Gas Processing	40	0.90%	19.9		0.7	
Chemicals	16	0.80%	8.7		0.0	10.4
Pulp & Paper	18	0.40%	7.8	25.5	2.4	0.1
Waste	2	0.10%	0.8	1.2	0.6	
Grand Total	1,517	100%	2,344.20	29.3	9.1	22.1

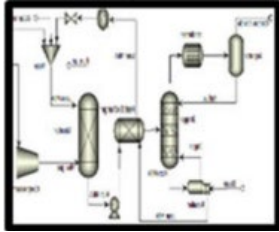
All emissions are in million metric tons ¹

- Biogenic (CO₂) is that released due to combustion or decomposition of organic material, that is biomass and its derivatives.

Expected Impurities from different CO₂ capture technologies ⁴

Impurities	Post-Combustion	Oxy-fuel Combustion	Pre-Combustion
CO ₂	> 99%	> 90%	> 95.6%
O ₂	< 0.1%	< 3%	trace
H ₂ O	0.14%	0.14%	0.14%
H ₂	trace	trace	< 3%
H ₂ S	trace	trace	< 3.4%
CH ₄	< 0.01%	-	< 0.035%
N ₂	< 0.8%	< 1.4%	balance
Ar	trace	< 5%	< 0.05%
SO _x	< 0.001%	< 0.25%	-
NO _x	< 0.001%	< 0.25%	-

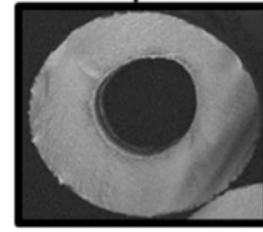
CO₂ capture technologies



Absorption

- Amine-based
- Alkaline solutions
- Ionic liquids
- Ammonia

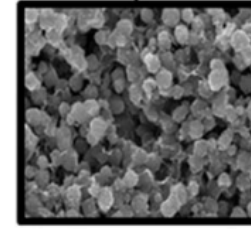
Commercial scale: Amine-based, ammonia and alkaline solutions have all been implemented at commercial level
Lab scale: ILs are implemented at lab scale so far but are close to industrial scale



Membrane

- Inorganic
- Polymeric
- Facilitated-transport
- Mixed-matrix

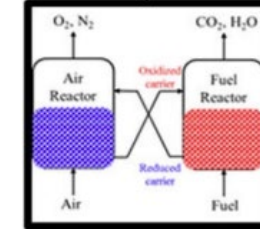
Commercial scale: Polymeric membranes have been implemented at commercial level
Lab scale: Inorganic, FTMs, and MMs have been investigated at lab scale



Adsorption

- Zeolites
- Carbon-based
- MOFs/PPNs
- Metal oxides
- Supported amines

Commercial scale: Not implemented yet
Lab scale: Most of current CO₂ adsorption have been investigated at lab scale



Chemical Looping

- Combustion
- Reforming

Commercial scale: Not implemented yet, but there are a few pilot-scale demonstrations
Lab scale: Most of current chemical looping have been investigated at lab scale

Where is CO₂ transport in the CCTS system?

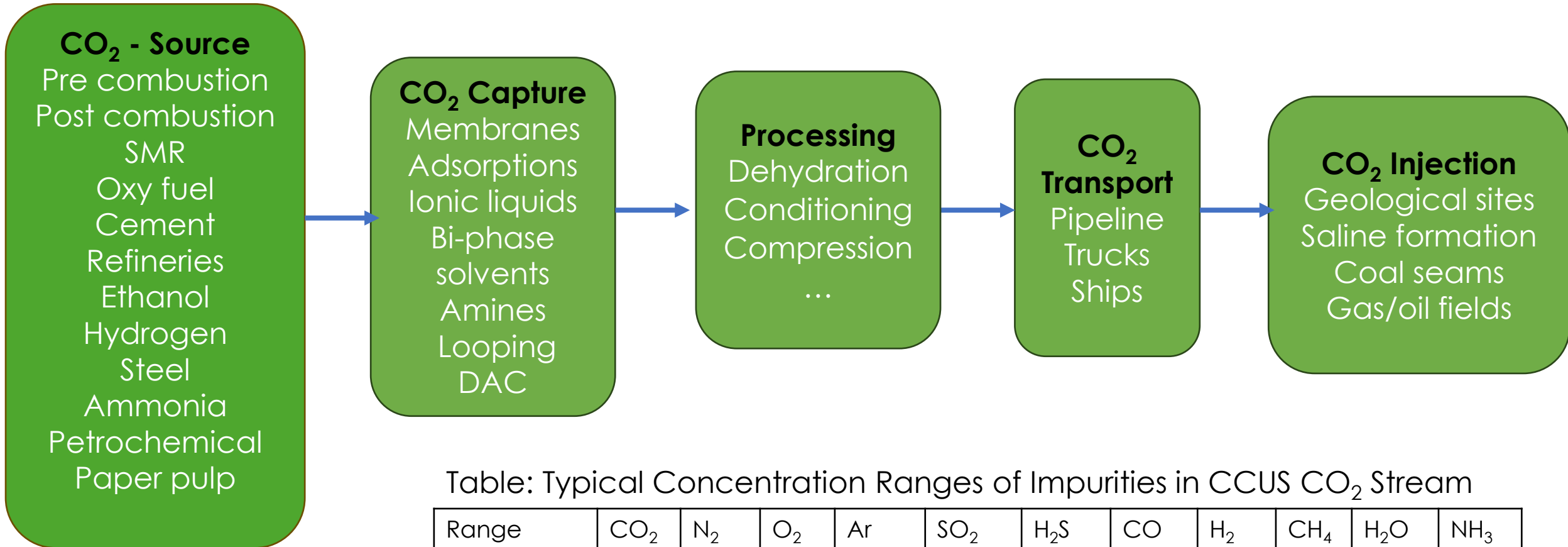


Table: Typical Concentration Ranges of Impurities in CCUS CO₂ Stream

Range	CO ₂	N ₂	O ₂	Ar	SO ₂	H ₂ S	CO	H ₂	CH ₄	H ₂ O	NH ₃
Min (mol %)	75	0.02	0.04	0.005	<10 ⁻³	<0.01	<10 ⁻³	0.06	0.7	0.005	<10 ⁻³
Max (mol %)	99.95	10	5	3.5	1.5	1.5	0.2	4	4	6.5	3

Quality specifications for CO₂ pipelines

01

Product

Contain at least 95 mol% of CO₂

02

Water

Contain no free water, and not more than thirty (30) pounds of water per MMcf in the vapor phase.

03

Hydrogen Sulfide

Contain no more than 20 ppmv of H₂S.

04

Total Sulfur

Contain no more than 35 ppm.

05

Nitrogen

Contain no more than 4 mol%..

06

Hydrocarbons

Contain no more than 5% mol% and Dew point no more than -20 °F.

07

Oxygen

Contain no more than 10 ppm.

08

Other

Contain no liquid glycol or no more than 0.3 gallons of glycol per MMcf.

09

Temperature

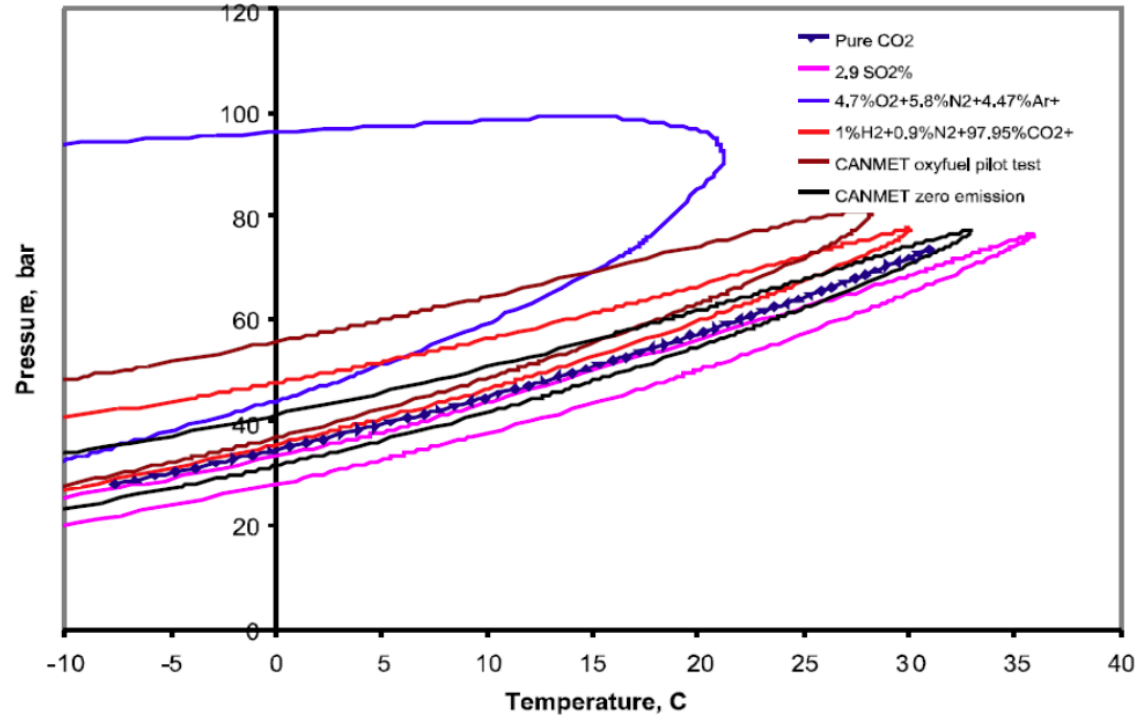
Shall not exceed 120 °F.

CO₂ pipeline conditions (Received from ExxonMobil)

Operation condition: temperature 4 - 50°C, pressure: 70 - 100 bar

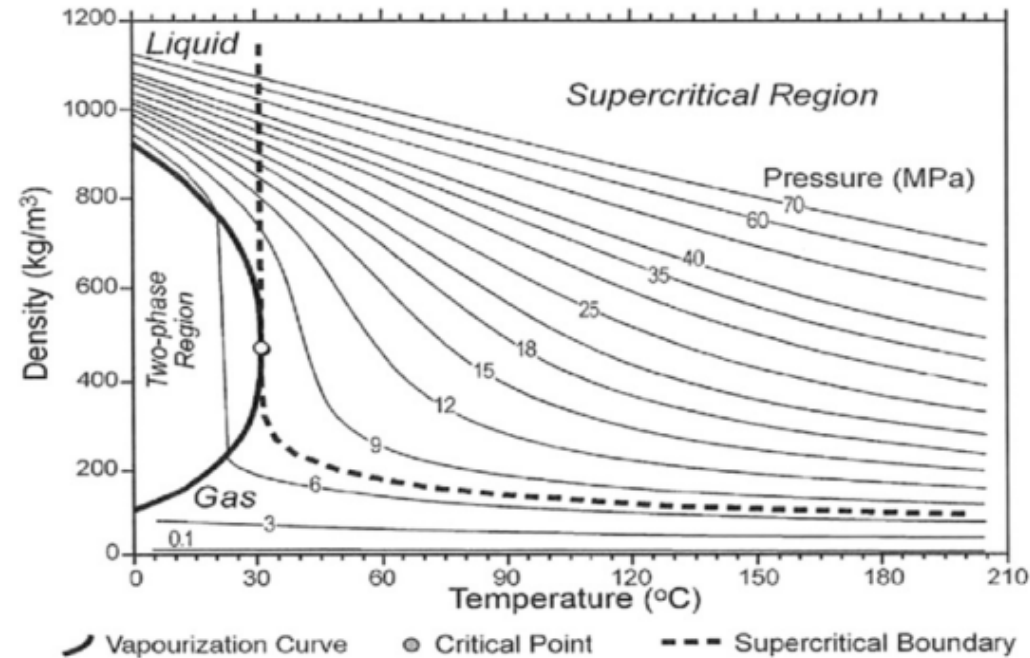
Element	Range	Note (potential reaction)
H ₂ O	10-3000 ppmv	Interaction with SO _x / NO _x / H ₂ S / O ₂ that influence phase behavior and trigger water drop out
SO _x	0 – 500 ppmv	Potential formation of strong acid H ₂ SO ₄ (sulfuric acid)
NO _x	0 – 500 ppmv	Potential formation of strong acid HNO ₃ (nitric acid)
H ₂ S	0 – 500 ppmv	Sour service cracking
CO	0 – 3000 ppmv	Stress corrosion cracking (SCC)
H ₂	0 – 3 vol.%	Embrittlement
O ₂	0 – 500 ppmv	Harmful effect with CO, SO _x , H ₂ S
Glycol	TBD	

Phase envelopes for pure CO₂ and CO₂ mixtures ⁷



The presence of impurities alters the critical pressure of the CO₂ stream due to the differences in the vapor pressure of various constituent species, and thus affects the repressurization distance along the CO₂ transport pipeline. To alleviate the impact of impurities on the possibility of two-phase flow, the operating pressure of the CO₂ transport pipeline needs to be increased and suitable points of repressurization need to be identified

Variation of CO₂ density with temperature ⁷



A small alteration in the working conditions close to the CO₂ critical point can result in a significant change in CO₂ density. For example, the density will double for a decrease of about 10 °C from the critical temperature. This has both technical and cost implications on the hydraulic system of CCS pipeline systems. To keep the CO₂ stream at the supercritical phase throughout the CO₂ transport pipeline, a pump-based system is recommended for flow repressurization

Effect of impurities and temperature on CO₂ stream viscosity at 100 bar ⁷

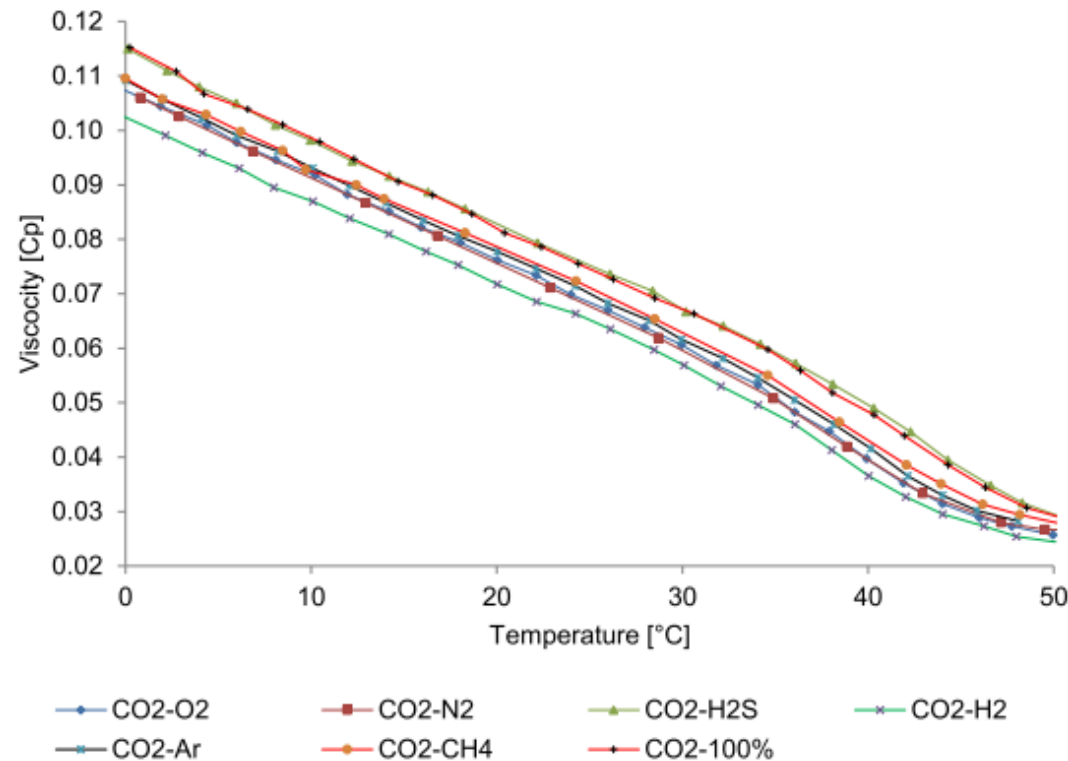


Figure shows that the viscosity of pure CO₂ decreases with increase in temperature and reduces further with the presence of impurities. Importantly, the reduction in CO₂ viscosity increases the efficiency of transport along the pipeline, as the pressure losses throughout the pipeline are reduced

Preliminary thermodynamic results: CO₂ stream from Longview post-combustion power plant

Longview power plant post-combustion CO₂ capture and sequestration

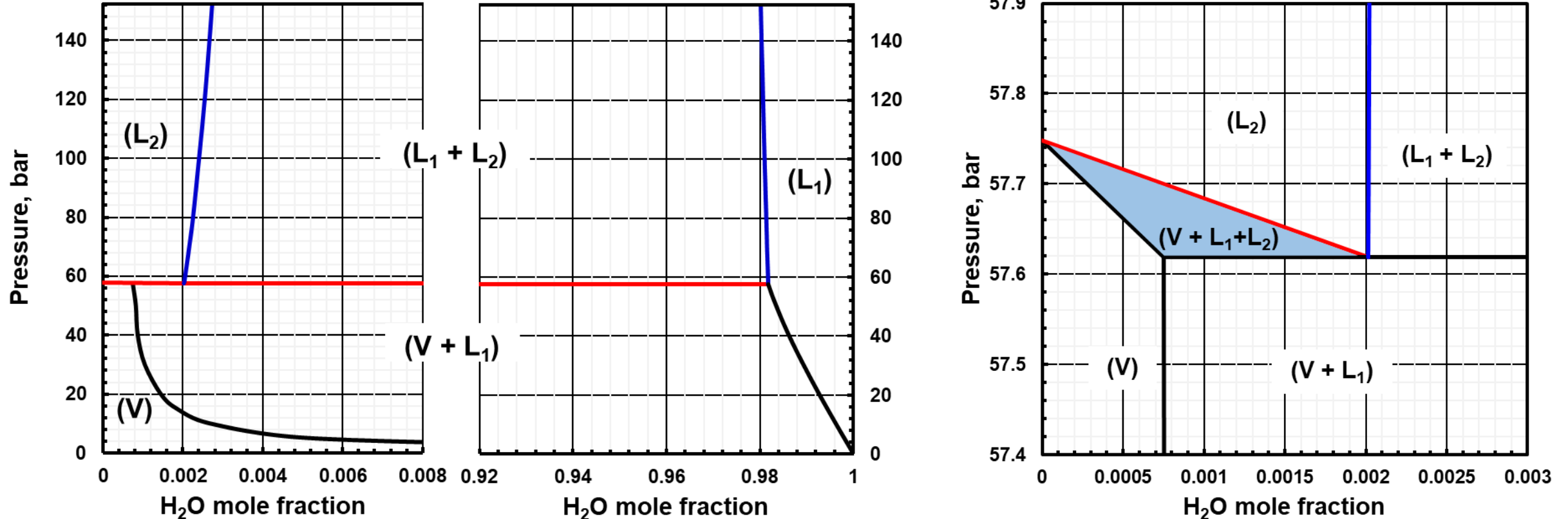
Flue gas from the Longview power plant		
Temperature, °F	125	
Pressure, bar	1	
Components	mol %	mass %
CO ₂	12.022	17.668
O ₂	4.79	5.12
N ₂	79.198	74.086
H ₂ O	3.00	1.80
Ar	0.98	1.31
CO	0.003	0.003
SO ₂	0.003	0.007
NO ₂	0.004	0.005

CO₂ stream captured from the Longview power plant contains **500 ppm H₂O**

Conditions and composition		
Temperature, °C	20	
Pressure, bar	152.7	
Components	mol%	mass%
CO ₂	99.877	99.95
H ₂ O	0.123	0.05

CO₂ stream phase diagram at 20 °C

Predicted using **PC-SAFT** Equation of State (EOS) in Aspen Plus v12.1



At H₂O mole fraction 0.0012, the pressure in the pipeline should be maintained above **57.67 bar** to avoid the formation of three-phase (V + L₁ + L₂) flow

Thermodynamic to address some of these issues

- Literature review focused on the challenges of the transport of CO₂ streams and impurities, chemical compositions of impure CO₂ streams, speciation of impure CO₂ streams, and the thermodynamic phase behavior of impure CO₂ streams.
- Identify thermodynamic experimental and modeling research challenges to accelerate the implementation of impure CO₂ transport technologies.
- Develop preliminary experimental design and modeling activities to fill literature gaps on effects of impure CO₂ transport streams.

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