



Enabling a Low-Carbon Economy via Hydrogen and CCS

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Outline of presentation



- ELEGANCY
 - Aim
 - Approach
 - Some highlights

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- Accelerating CCS Technologies
- H2020
- Ten European countries and USA
- Led by The Research Council of Norway
- First call budget: 41 MEUR



ELEGANCY – context







- The low-carbon economy needs H₂
- The low-carbon economy needs CCS
- PV //// Europa Elektrolyse Reforming Natur-Olje gass **()** SINTEF
- Combining hydrogen with CCS offers an exciting opportunity for synergies and value creation
- ELEGANCY aims at contributing to fast-track the decarbonization of the European energy system





ELEGANCY – project-management team



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ELEGANCY – work packages

Case studies incl. social acceptance, environmental aspects and CCS-H₂ **market considerations:** UK (large-scale decarbonization), Netherlands (Rotterdam decarbonization), Norway (full scale CCS chain and H₂ production), Switzerland (decarbonization of transport sector), Germany (adapting gas infrastructure and processes to H₂) **WP5**

H₂-CCS chain tool and evaluation methodologies for integrated chains: (ICL, SINTEF, PSI, RUB, TNO) WP4

Business case development: (UiO,FirstClimate,SDL)

H_2 supply chain including H_2/CO_2 separation WP1

• H₂ from natural gas (ETH, PSI)

- H₂² from other sources (ECN)
- Characterization of CO₂-CO-H₂ mixtures (RUB)

CO₂ transport, injection and storage WP2

- CO₂-brine model (RUB,ICL)
- CO₂ transport-injection interface (SINTEF)
- Storage-site characterization and selection (ICL)
- Mt. Terri decametre scale experiment (ETH)
- Impact of H₂ in the CO₂ stream on storage (BGS)
- De-risking storage

ELEGANCY project management, network building and dissemination (SINTEF)

WP6

WP3





World-class research infrastructure

Description	Scale	Partner
Adsorption infrastructure (ECCSEL)	Lab-scale	ETH
Cycling adsorbent analyser	Lab-scale	ECN
Single- and multi-column reactive PSA/TSA equipment	Pre-pilot, TRL 5	ECN
Equipment for measurements of density, speed of sound and dielectric permittivity	Lab-scale	RUB
Vertical flow facility	Pilot-scale	SINTEF
Pipe and vessel depressurization (ECCSEL)	Lab-scale	SINTEF
Core-flooding laboratory	Lab-scale	ICL
Batch-reactor for mineral-dissolution kinetics	Lab-scale	ICL
Equipment for measurements of CO ₂ -brine-mineral contact angle, interfacial tension and phase behaviour	Lab-scale	ICL
Hydrothermal laboratory (ECCSEL)	Lab-scale	BGS
Geo-microbiology laboratory (ECCSEL)	Lab-scale	BGS
Rock deformation laboratory (ECCSEL)	Lab-scale	SCCER
Micro-seismic monitoring arrays	Lab-scale	SCCER
Mt. Terri research rock laboratory (EPOS)	Pilot-scale	SCCER



- Open-source framework
 - More widespread use
 - More dynamic
- 'Open' or 'closed' modules
- Stationary-design mode
- Dynamic-operation mode
- Multi-scale models for the chain components



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H₂-CCS chain tool

Design mode:

- Able to represent "real world" scenarios using past data.
- Capable of designing infrastructure for all key resources, whilst ensuring that CO₂ emissions are constrained as the total cost of the network is minimized.
- The model incorporates geographical input data relating to H₂ demands, geological storage volumes, natural gas infrastructure, to be used in the optimization.

Resource Technology Framework:





H₂ supply chain and H₂-CO₂ separation



 Optimized VPSA cycles developed for SMR syngas (ETH – presented at GHGT-14)



- Coproduction of high purity H₂ and CO₂ within a single VPSA cycle is possible
- Hydrogen purities > 99.97 % can be reached →
 PEM fuel cell purity
- Decreasing the evacuation pressure increases the separation performance
- Best energy consumption falls within range of MDEA energy consumption



CO₂ transport, injection and storage

- Construction and assembly completed for the apparatus to be used in the study of gas solubility in brines at high pressures – initial testing started (ICL – below)
- Combination of seawater EOS (Feistel) with Helmholtz EOS (EOS-CG) in progress (RUB – bottom right)
- First version of coupled well-reservoir (nearwell) model is running – presented at GHGT-14 (SINTEF – far right)



Small gas bubble on the point of dissolution.

Bottom-hole pressure in CO₂ injection well: The inclusion of a near-well model significantly impacts pressure dynamics.



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Conclusion



- ELEGANCY aims to fast-track Europe's energy system by combining CCS and H₂
 - By overcoming specific scientific, technological and economic/legal barriers
 - By undertaking five national case studies adapted to the conditions in the partner countries.



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