Techno-Economic Modeling of Dual-Purpose LNG LCO₂ Shipping

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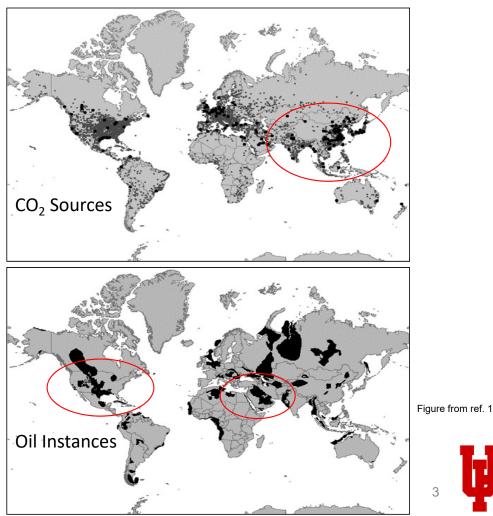
Outline

- Motivation
- Proposed Model to exploit CO₂ as a commodity feedstock & optimize shipping
- Techno-Economic Analysis
- Results & Opportunities
- Conclusions



Motivation

- ~ 37 Gt CO₂ emitted globally per year
- Decarbonization is a necessity; however CO_2 is viewed as a waste product and not a commodity
- In the absence of utilization, CO_2 removal will be a cost center
- Transportation is a significant part of the current cost structure; source-use matching is not optimized

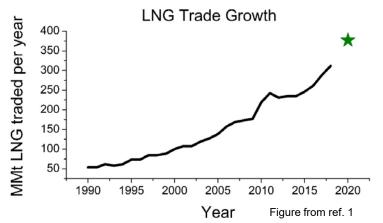


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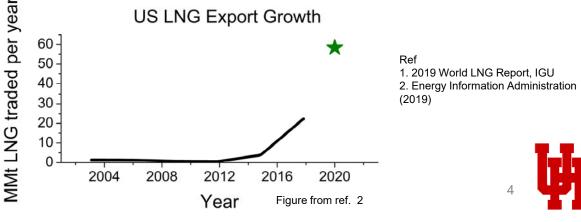
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Global LNG Trade

- 317 MM t of LNG traded globally in 2018
- 525 LNG carriers; ~ 5,100 voyages in 2018
- Substantial and continued growth ~10% in LNG trade & carriers
- Matching with EOR:
 - -North Sea and US have suitable oil fields -Japan and South Korea have carbon credits
- US 45Q is incentive for use or storage of CO₂

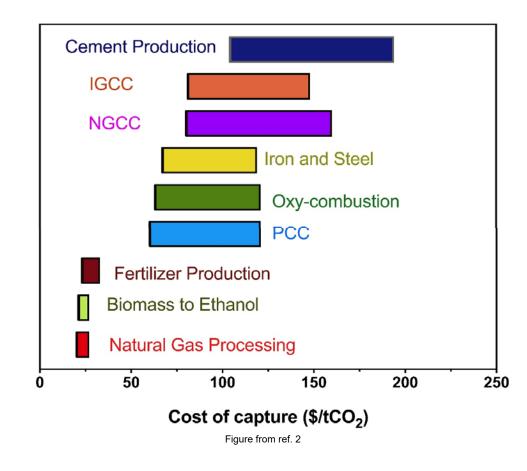






CO₂ Value Addition

- CO₂ capture costs range from \$20-200 /tCO₂
- Additional cost for transport, conversion & sequestration
- Potential Value Addition: CO₂ for EOR
 - ~1 4 Barrels of oil per tCO_2 ~\$65 - \$260/ tCO_2
- CO₂ to Chemicals/Fuels
 - Economically feasible if energy is free or hydrogen is readily available



Ref.

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Transport Costs

- Pipelines are advantageous for short distances; not for long distance source to use matching
- Extrapolation of exclusive transport costs to 17,000km is ~\$62/tCO₂
- LNG ships returning empty present opportunity to cut CO₂ transport costs
- Combined with CO₂ based EOR, a potentially compelling economic argument can be made

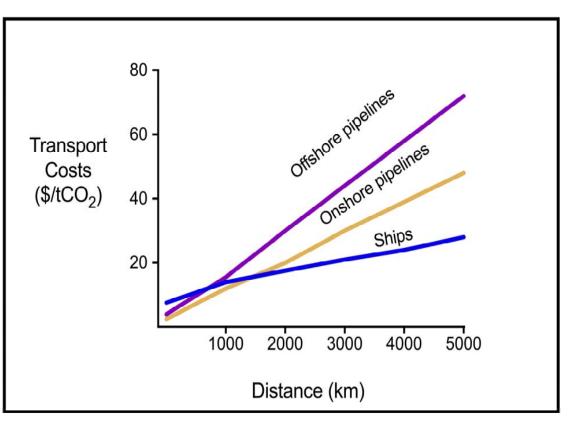


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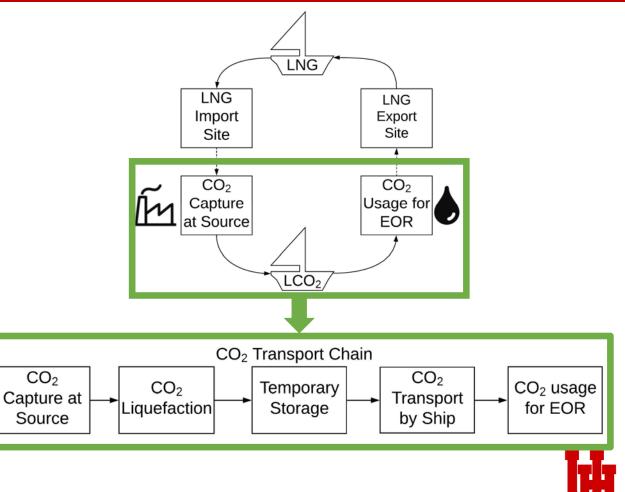
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Proposed Process

- LNG ship w/o cargo on return journey
- Empty ship travels from South Korea to Gulf of Mexico (Texas)
- Capture of CO₂ in South Korea
- Transport to GoM
- Use CO₂ in GoM for EOR
- Utilize US and Korean incentives
- Technoeconomic model to quantify ROI
- Existing CO₂ tanker ships -Anthony Veder (Dutch): 1 Ship 1250m³

-IM Skaugen (Norwegian): six 10,000m³

-Normal cargo is LPG (-48°C, 1 bar)



Material Comparison

- Refrigeration requirements
- Pressurization
- Density
- Flammability
- Contaminant Challenges:

 CO_2 - Hydrate formation @ -50 °C and 7 bar with water<100 ppm

Corrosiveness of water contamination

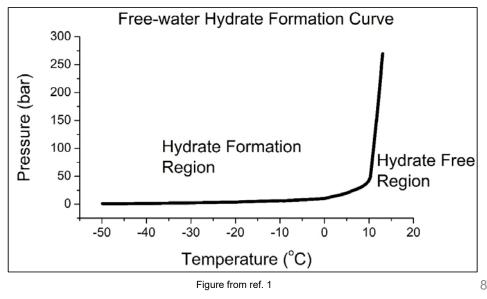
 LNG
 CO2

 Temperature (°C)
 -163
 -50

 Pressure (bar)
 1
 7

 Viscosity (cp)
 0.2
 0.19

 Density (kg/m³)
 470
 1152



1. Onyebuchi, V.E., et al., A systematic review of key challenges of CO2 transport via pipelines. 2017.

Techno Economic Modeling

- TEA of dual shipping scenario
- LCO₂:
 - 1. Capture,
 - 2. Liquefaction,
 - 3. Temporary storage,
 - 4. Shipping,
 - 5. Regasification + EOR
- Analysis of Additional CAPEX
- Modeling of OPEX

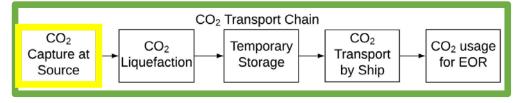


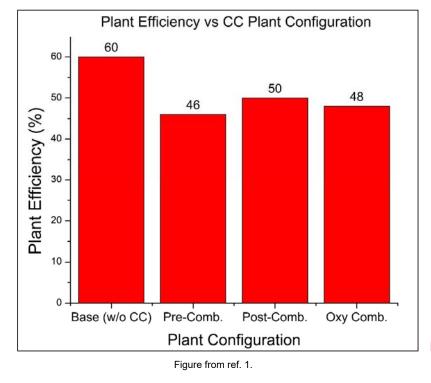
Carbon Capture

- Assuming 5,000 tCO₂ captured each day (~2 MM tCO₂ per year)
- ~500 MW Natural gas power plant
- Technological maturity
 - Solvents
 - Sorbents
 - Membranes
- Cost and flexibility of CC plant types
- Retrofit investment costs: Post vs Oxy, 870\$/kWh vs 1530 \$/kWh

Carbon capture costs are due to energy intensity of capture process; Costs are largely recovered through tax credits in Korea

Ref.







^{1.} Kanniche, M., et al., *Pre-combustion, post-combustion and oxy-combustion in thermal power plant for CO2 capture.* Applied Thermal Engineering, 2010. **30**(1): p. 53-62.

Liquefaction

- Types of systems
 Open systems
 Closed systems
- Comparable costs
- Open compression cycle
- Four stage compressor, two process heat exchangers, and two multistream exchangers
- Removal of volatiles and water
- Direct costs and electricity account for ~70% of costs

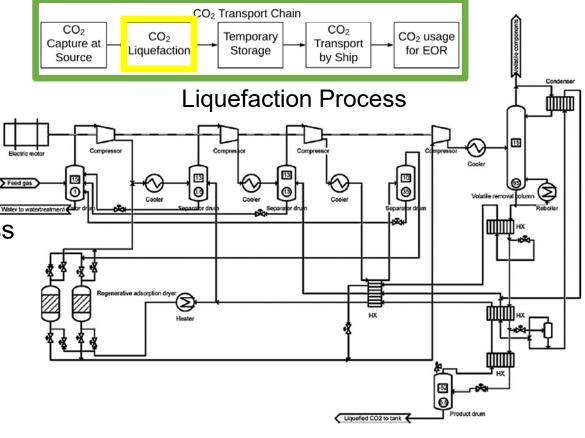


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Temporary Storage & Vessel

- Needed to store accumulating CO₂ at CC plant
- Should be 1.5 times the size of the vessel
- Material steel, thickness based on pressure¹
- Cost capacity equation
- Complexity factor to account for carrying LNG and LCO₂
- Sprayers, reinforced tankers, and associated piping
- Conventional LNG vessel cost ~\$330MM
- Dual-Purpose cost: \$409MM

Ref.



Vessel Operation Characteristics

| Vessel Speed | 14 knots |
|---|---------------------------|
| Voyage Distance | 17,000 km |
| Trip time (includes 1 day each for unloading and loading) | 30.4 days |
| Number of Vessels | 4 vessels |
| DWT per vessel | 80,000 tons per vessel |

$$I_n = I_r \left[\frac{S_n}{S_r}\right]^{S_f} C_f$$

Ref. 2



2. Aspelund, A. and T. Gundersen, A liquefied energy chain for transport and utilization of natural gas for power production with CO2 capture and storage – Part 1. Applied Energy, 2009. 86(6): p. 781-792.

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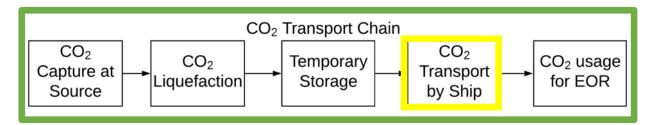
Dual-Purpose Vessel: OPEX

- Increasing costs

 Fuel cost: laden vs
 empty
 - -Port costs
 - -Canal fees
- Fuel: \$3/tCO₂
- Port: \$1/tCO₂
- Canal: \$0.59/tCO₂
- Reduced transport costs: -\$62/tCO₂ vs \$26/tCO₂
 ~60% decrease



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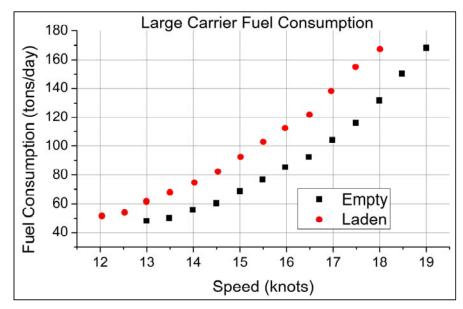
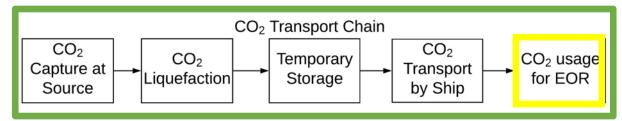


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CO₂-EOR

- Based on miscibility of CO₂ with oil
- Function of temperature and pressure
- Screening criteria include: depth, permeability, and viscosity
- Southeast Texas well used for reference
- Major costs include: equipment for wells, CO₂ recycle plant CAPEX, and CO₂ recycle plant OPEX



| Well Characteristics | | |
|--|------|--|
| Depth (ft) | 6000 | |
| Total Oil Production (million barrels) | 82 | |
| Produced Oil (bbls/ton of stored CO ₂) | 1.5 | |

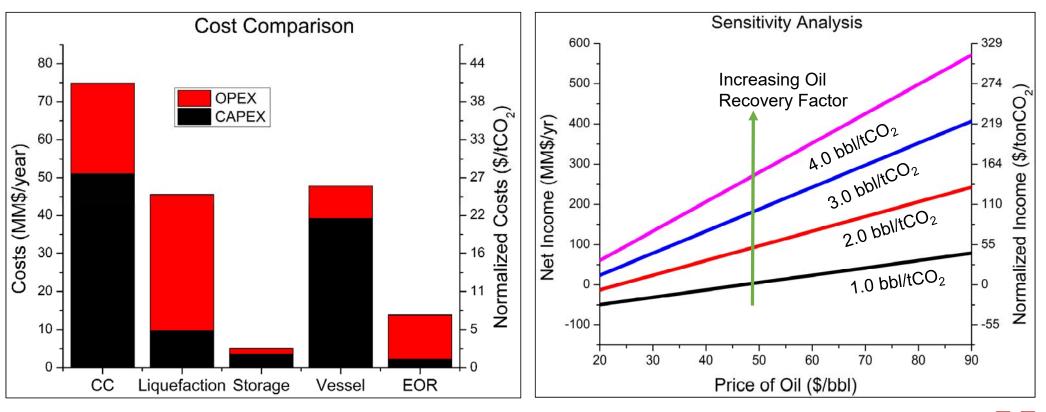


Results

| | Total (MM US\$/yr) | US\$ per ton CO ₂ | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Revenue | | | |
| South Korean Tax Credit | 38 | 21 | |
| US 45Q for EOR | 64 | 35 | |
| Sale of Crude Oil | 172 | 97 | |
| Total Revenue | 274 | 153 | |
| | | | |
| | Costs | | |
| CO ₂ Capture | 75 | 41 | |
| CO ₂ Liquefaction | 46 | 25 | |
| Temporary Storage | 5 | 3 | |
| Vessel Costs | 48 | 26 | |
| EOR Costs | 14 | 8 | |
| Total Costs | 187 | 103 | |
| | | | |
| Net Income | 87 | 50 | |



Results



Oil Recovery Factor = barrels of oil recovered/tCO₂ stored

Limitations and Future Scope

- TEA and the valorization of CO₂ are highly sensitive to policy incentives, which may not be stable over time
- Analysis is focused on US and South Korea; however, economic gains may be greater in other countries if
 - There is an incentive to capture and utilize CO₂
 - Fields are mature and amenable to CO₂-based tertiary recovery
- Regulatory framework for sharing profits and environmental credits between countries needs to be addressed



Conclusions

- Eliminated the cost of operating an empty LNG ship on its return journey and cut transport costs from \$62/tCO₂ to \$26/tCO₂
- Process provides a market for CO₂ mitigation with a net income of \$50/tCO₂
- Provides a compelling economic argument for dual-shipping of LNG and LCO₂ paired with CO₂ based EOR

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Thank you



Appendix: Carbon Capture Cost Tables

| | Year: 2012 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Capital Cost, \$/kW | 525 |
| O&M, mills/kWh | 2.4 |
| Heat Rate (LHV), Btu/kWh | 5677 |
| Incremental Capital Cost, | 829 |
| \$/(kg/h) | |
| Incremental O&M, mills/kg | 4.68 |
| Energy Requirements, kWh/kg | 0.297 |
| Yearly Operating Hours, hrs/yr | 6570 |
| Capital Charge Rate, %/yr | 15 |
| Fuel Cost (LHV), \$/MMBtu | 2.93 |
| Capture Efficiency, % | 90 |
| Reference Plant | |
| CO ₂ Emitted, kg/kWh | 0.337 |
| coe: CAPITAL, mills/kWh | 12 |
| coe: FUEL, mills/kWh | 16.6 |
| coe: O&M, mills/kWh | 2.4 |
| Cost of Electricity, ¢/kWh | 3.1 |
| Thermal Efficiency (LHV), % | 60.1 |

| Capture Plant | |
|---|-------|
| Relative Power Output, % | 90 |
| Heat Rate (LHV), Btu/kWh | 6308 |
| Capital Cost, \$/kW | 894 |
| CO ₂ Emitted, kg/kWh | 0.037 |
| coe: CAPITAL, mills/kWh | 20.4 |
| coe: FUEL, mills/kWh | 18.5 |
| coe: O&M, mills/kWh | 4.4 |
| Cost of Electricity, ¢/kWh | 4.33 |
| Thermal Efficiency (LHV), % | 54.1 |
| Comparison | |
| Incremental coe, ¢/kWh | 1.23 |
| Energy Penalty, % | 10 |
| Mitigation Cost, Capture vs. Ref., \$/t of CO ₂ avoided | 41 |



Appendix: Liquefaction CAPEX

| | Cost (MM\$) |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Direct Costs | |
| Purchased Equipment | 22 |
| Purchased equipment installation | 4 |
| Instrumentation and control | 1 |
| Piping | 4 |
| Electrical | 1 |
| Building and building services | 4 |
| Yard improvements | 1 |
| Services facilities | 5 |
| Land | 1 |
| Total direct Costs | 45 |
| Indirect Costs | |
| Engineering | 3 |
| Construction expenses | 3 |
| Contractor's fees | 1 |
| Contingency | 3 |
| Total Indirect Costs | 11 |
| Total Capital Investment (CAPEX) | 66 P4 |



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| R4 | round up to MM \$ Ramanan, 7/15/2019 |
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| R12 | done, thanks |

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Appendix: Liquefaction OPEX

| | Cost (MM\$/year) |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Fixed charges | |
| Local taxes | 0 |
| Insurance | 0 |
| Direct production costs | |
| Cooling water | 2 |
| Electricity | 23 |
| Maintenance | 1 |
| Operating Labor | 1 |
| Supervision and support labor | 0 |
| Operating supplies | 0 |
| Laboratory charges | 0 |
| Overhead costs | 1 |
| General Expenses | |
| Administrative cost | 0 |
| Distribution and marketing | 1 |
| R&D costs | 1 |
| Total production cost (OPEX) | 30 |



Appendix: Temporary Storage

| Storage Size | 103,693 | m ³ |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---|
| | Cost (MM\$) | Normalized cost (\$/tCO ₂) |
| Annualized CAPEX of the tank | 4 | 2 |
| OPEX of the tank | 1 | 1 |
| Total cost of the tank | 5 | 3 |



Appendix: Vessel Costs OPEX

| | Cost (MM\$) | Normalized cost (\$/tCO ₂) |
|------------|----------------|---|
| Canal Fees | 1 | 1 |
| Port Cost | 2 | 1 |
| Fuel Cost | 5 | 3 |
| Total | 8 | 5 |



Appendix: Vessel Costs CAPEX

$$I_n = I_r \left[\frac{S_n}{S_r}\right]^{S_f} C_f$$

| Parameter | Value | Unit |
|----------------|--------|----------------|
| I _r | 45 | MMUSD |
| S _n | 161791 | m ³ |
| S _r | 12000 | m ³ |
| S_f | 0.85 | unitless |
| C_f | 1.35 | unitless |

| | Additional CAPEX | |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| one ship | 79 | MM\$/year |
| 4 ships | 315 | MM\$/year |
| | | |
| Annualized Cost | 39 | MM\$/year |



Appendix: EOR Costs

| | MM\$/yr | \$/tCO ₂ |
|---|---------|---------------------|
| Capital costs | | |
| well cost | 0 | 0 |
| recycle plant | 1 | 1 |
| CO ₂ distribution | 1 | 1 |
| compressor | 0 | 0 |
| Lease Equipment for Fluid Management | 0 | 0 |
| Lease Equipment Costs for New Injection Wells | 0 | 0 |
| Operating costs | | |
| recycle plant | 8 | 4 |
| Compressor | 1 | 1 |
| Annual O&M Costs, Including Periodic Well Workovers | 0 | 0 |
| Fluid lifting costs | 1 | 0 |
| Regas cost | 2 | 1 |
| Injection Energy Costs | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 14 | 8 |

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