Ongoing research about CO2 storage in StatoilHydro

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Main activities

- Storage potential
- -Seismic modeling
- Sleipner chimney
- Sand injections
- Monitoring
- $-CO_2$ storage sites:
 - Sleipner, Norway
 - Snøhvit, Norway
 - In Salah, Algeria



Storage potential on the Norwegian shelf

• Traps:

- -Abandoned fields
- Undrilled structures
- Dry structures
- Storage outside structural closures
- Areas:
 - -Utsira Fm.
 - Tampen megaclosure
 - -Trænabanken
 - Alpha structure, Haltenbanken
 - -Abandoned fields



The Utsira Formation with Sleipner



Structural closures: 0.1% of rock volume

Seismic monitoring of Sleipner CO₂ injection

1994



- 8,4 million tonnes injected in period 1996-2006
- Area of CO₂ plume: 2,8 km²
- Length of CO₂ plume: 3760 m

80





1999–1994 • 2001–1994 2004–1994 2006–1994

Vertical CO₂ distribution



2/3 of the CO₂ in layers 1 - 7: below mapped closure

CO₂ distribution – with chimney



How was the chimney created?







1994

Modified color scale

Origin of circular event?





Sleipner reservoir modelling

- Darcy flow
 - Modelled by Sleipner reservoir asset team
 - Eclipse black oil reservoir model with CO₂ as oil
- Invasion percolation modelling
 - Modelled by Permedia using Mpath
 - Mpath originally designated for modelling of secondary migration of oil



Eclipse model results year 2002 and 2006





Mpath (Permedia) model: Results year 2002 and 2006







Choice of modelling tools may influence the simulation results.

- And ultimately the CO₂ storage site choice?





Pc flow

Occurrence of sandstone intrusion systems

Sandstone intrusion networks
Blow-out/fluidization pipes





Santa Cruz - California

Sand injection





Panoche - California

• Sand injections





Gravimetry measures in-situ CO₂ density







CO2 density: $760 \pm 60 \text{ kg/m3}$

- Different temperature estimates give very different values for the density of CO₂ in situ
- Time-lapse gravimetry can tell the difference





Controlled Source ElectroMagnetic survey – September 2008

- One line along the "long" axis of the plume.
- 27 receivers at 20 locations -
 - -500m between receiver locations
 - -50m between "doubled" receivers



Snøhvit





Reinjecting up to 700,000 tons CO₂/year CO2 injection started spring 2008





The Road ahead for Underground Storage

StatoilHydro is currently involved in storing CO2:

- Offshore (Sleipner and Snøhvit) and onshore (In Salah)
- Below, above and within the producing formation

StatoilHydro will continue to reserch injection and storage issues related to these topics.

