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WEBINAR

**Research for safe and
efficient CO₂
transport and
injection**

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SPEAKERS

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Q&A session chaired by **Lynn Hunter** - TÜV SÜD

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

In order to limit the global temperature to 1.5 – 2 °C, as agreed in the Paris Agreement, virtually all scenarios developed by the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) include CO₂ capture and storage (CCS). At a smaller scale, it is frequently argued that **captured CO₂ could be utilized (CCU) as feedstock for useful products, which otherwise would rely on extraction of fossil fuels** and/or have a long-term CO₂ storage potential. Only in exceptional cases will the CO₂ source be collocated with the storage or utilization site. Hence, massive amounts of CO₂, comparable to that of natural gas production today, will have to be transported over longer distances.

The thermophysical properties of CO₂ are substantially different from natural gas. For instance, both vapor, liquid, dry ice, and, with some water present, hydrates occur at conditions that can occur during CO₂ transport, and the fluid properties typically change substantially as a function of temperature, pressure, and impurity level. In other words, **in most cases, transport technologies used for natural gas cannot be directly applied for CO₂.**

In this webinar two experienced SINTEF scientists will introduce the audience to **CO₂ current and future CO₂ transport concepts and associated processes**, some of the challenges that are seen, and how these are addressed with help from relevant ECCSEL infrastructure. Developing robust models for flow phenomena and thermophysical fluid properties are key for safe and efficient CO₂ transport, but such models are also useful for optimization of other processes along the CCUS chain, such as CO₂ capture and conditioning, as well as injection and storage reservoir management.

Topics that will be addressed in the webinar include:

- Fracture-propagation control;
- Pipeline and ship operation: Cooling, dry-ice formation;
- Transient flow of CO₂ in injection wells; well integrity;
- Thermophysical properties of CO₂ with impurities
- Flow metering

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ECCSEL ERIC (European Research Infrastructure Consortium) was established in June 2017 as a permanent pan-European distributed research infrastructure, with the main objective of enhancing European science, technology development, innovation and education in the field of CCUS, in order to combat climate change.

ECCSELERATE project is aimed at increasing the accessibility to the excellent network of facilities already established in ECCSEL ERIC for a wider user group, part of the research and industrial community.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Svend Tollak Munkejord

is chief scientist in multiphase flow modelling at SINTEF Energy Research, where he has been employed since 1998. He holds a master's degree in mechanical engineering and a PhD in applied mechanics, thermo- and fluid dynamics, both from NTNU. The research interests include mathematical modelling, scientific software development and experiments. He has worked on operational and safety aspects of CO₂ transportation for more than a decade. This includes leading the CO₂ transport activity in the NCCS Centre, and in its predecessor, BIGCCS.

Sigurd Weidemann Løvseth

is senior research scientist in SINTEF Energy Research, where he has been working on CCS-related research since 2009, especially on thermophysical properties of fluids. He has managed the design and construction of a number of advanced experimental facilities, four of which are included in ECCSEL, and led a number of research projects within CCS. Among other tasks, he is currently managing the R&D activity within thermo-physical properties and fiscal metering in the Norwegian CCS Research Centre (NCCS). He holds a master's degree in technical physics, a doctoral degree in fiber optic sensor technology, as well as four patents.

WHAT IS CCUS?

Carbon capture, utilisation and storage, or CCUS, is an important emissions reduction approach that can be applied across the energy system, in both power generation and industrial sectors.

CCUS encompasses **methods and technologies** to remove CO₂ from the flue gas and from the atmosphere, followed by recycling the CO₂ for utilization and determining safe and permanent storage options:

- **Capture** technologies allow the separation of CO₂ from gases produced in electricity generation and industrial processes.
- After capture, carbon dioxide must be **transported** to the storage or utilization site. CO₂ is an inert gas and can be easily handled and transported in high-pressure pipelines. Alternatively, it can be transported in industrial tanks by ship, rail and truck.
- There are several possibilities for long-term CO₂ **storage** in safe conditions. Generally, CO₂ is stored in carefully selected geological rock formations that are typically located several kilometres below the earth's surface.
- **Utilization** technologies allow to use CO₂ to make valuable products, such as clean fuels, building materials or consumer goods. A clear example of circular economy, where the CO₂ becomes a raw material rather than a waste by-product.