

Costs and Experience with CO₂ Storage Monitoring and Verification

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- Operational monitoring
 - short term, alarms
- Verification monitoring
 - keeps the project within the acceptable risk framework of stakeholders
- Environmental monitoring
 - monitoring of last resort (no news is good news)

Operational monitoring

• High frequency

- pressure
- temperature
- volume
- rate

Verification monitoring



- Plume monitoring
- Storage integrity monitoring:
 - caprock
 - wells













Verification monitoring



• Requires baseline data for comparison

- static models (original state)
- dynamic models (make predictions about future))



Verification monitoring



- Stakeholders must agree on an acceptable risk framework
- Over time, verification ensures that the project stays within the framework



Risk framework



- Collect more data to reduce uncertainty (likelihood of a negative event)
- Create an operational plan that can be adapted over time, includes:
 - which measurements (site related)
 - what resolution (level of detail)
 - when (time interval: short, medium, long)
 - where (3-D placement)

• Change plan based on new information (must history match)

Monitoring quality - resolution









Environmental monitoring

• Requires baseline data

- Looking for impacts. (no anomaly is good news yet subject to interpretation - uncertainty)
- Types:
 - soil sampling
 - water sampling
 - atmospheric monitoring
 - cement sampling



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- Operational monitoring (very small pennies per ton)
- Environmental monitoring (very small pennies per ton)
- Verification monitoring (small relative to CCS dollars per ton ?)
 - depends on site
 - driven by risk tolerance "risk informed decisions"
 - overlaps with characterization and operational costs (baselines needed)

Commercialization timeline, costs and uncertainty





* Per ton estimates and total costs (in current day \$USD) are based on 100Mton lifetime storage volume)





- The costs of monitoring and verification are small relative to the overall cost of CCS
- Monitoring and verification costs depend on the level of risk stakeholders are willing to take
- The key to keeping monitoring and verification costs low is selecting a good site