

Cost Reduction Potential in CCS
Systems

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CCS CRTF Main Conclusion

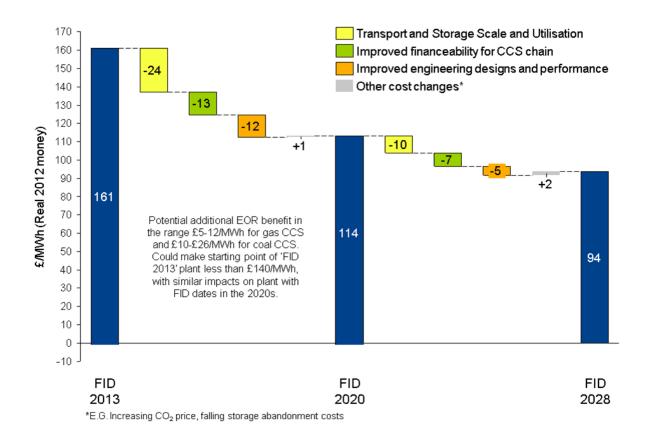
UK gas and coal power stations equipped with carbon capture, transport and storage have clear potential to be cost competitive with other forms of low-carbon power generation, delivering electricity at a levelised cost approaching £100/MWh by the early 2020s, and at a cost significantly below £100/MWh soon thereafter.



CCS Cost Reduction - no surprises

- Size matters a lot!
- Planning is a must
- Confidence is key
- Commitment will deliver and
- CCS will be cost-effective but
- Not for the feint-hearted







Cost reduction sources Generation & Capture

- Early projects modest size
- Generation & Capture technology not fully mature
- Supply chain competition

Reductions in generation & capture costs from £116/MWh to £96/MWh by early 2020s and more beyond that.



Cost reduction sources - Transport

- Infrastructure planning
- Economies of scale
- Capacity utilisation
- Reliability

Early projects £21/MWh for early pipelines at 1-2 mtpa to £5-10/MWh for well utilised pipelines carrying 5-10 mtpa



Cost reduction sources - Storage

- Reduce storage risks
- Storage hub development
- Reservoir development costs

Reductions from £25/MWh to £5-10/MWh



Cost reduction sources - Cost of capital

- Currently, no commercial scale projects exist as basis of confidence
- Storage risks
- Chain risks
- EMR FiT CfD structures
- Project structures
- Critical mass for financial sector

Reduction from <20% for early projects to ~10% by 2020s



Generation and capture

- Optimal scale of generation and capture unit size
- Optimisation of early designs and reducing engineering redundancies

Next generation capture technologies



Transport and storage

- Optimal scale in transport and storage
- Characterisation of storage



Financial and commercial

- De-risking the CCS chain
- Ensuring funding mechanisms are fit for purpose
- Continued involvement from financial and insurance sectors



Cross Cutting Issues

- Enhanced oil recovery
- Industrial applications
- Planning and consenting framework
- Location of CCS
- Wider system benefits
- Regulatory framework



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