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# Techno-Economic and Environmental Evaluation of CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration via Gas Hydrate Formation: Simulation, Optimization, and Scalability

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## Abstract

The sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> via hydrate formation represents a promising innovation in carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies, addressing the urgent need for scalable and sustainable solutions to mitigate climate change. Gas hydrates, crystalline structures formed by CO<sub>2</sub> and water under specific temperature and pressure conditions, offer an efficient, stable, and high-density medium for carbon storage. This paper examines the techno-economic feasibility and environmental implications of hydrate-based CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration while drawing comparisons to traditional CCS methods, such as geological storage in saline aquifers and depleted oil reservoirs.

Key findings reveal that hydrate-based methods leverage natural subsea conditions to minimize energy consumption, with significant potential for further optimization through chemical promoters like tetrahydrofuran (THF) and sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS). These additives reduce equilibrium pressures and accelerate hydrate formation, addressing one of the primary technical barriers to industrial deployment. The study also explores the integration of advanced reactor designs, including Continuous Stirred Tank Reactors (CSTRs), to enhance gas-liquid interaction and maximize formation rates.

Beyond technical feasibility, the paper evaluates economic factors, such as the cost of capital equipment, operational expenditures, and the energy demands of hydrate formation. Environmental concerns, including risks of hydrate dissociation, CO<sub>2</sub> leakage, and impacts on marine ecosystems, are also critically analyzed. While scalability, energy consumption, and cost-effectiveness remain challenges, this method has the potential to emerge as a viable and competitive solution for large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration. Recommendations for future research focus on optimizing reactor designs, improving hydrate formation kinetics, exploring novel promoters, and implementing robust environmental monitoring systems. This study contributes to the growing body of knowledge on CCS technologies, paving the way for more sustainable and impactful solutions to global carbon management.

# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Motivation

The rising concentration of atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is a critical driver of global climate change, contributing to over 75% of greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. Major sources include fossil fuel combustion, industrial manufacturing, and deforestation, which collectively exacerbate global warming and associated environmental challenges. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), achieving net-zero emissions by 2050 is essential to limit the global temperature increase to below 2°C, as outlined in the Paris Agreement. Achieving this target requires not only reducing emissions but also capturing and securely storing the CO<sub>2</sub> already present in the atmosphere.

Conventional CCS methods, such as geological storage in saline aquifers and depleted oil and gas reservoirs, have been extensively researched and implemented. However, these methods face challenges related to storage capacity, high monitoring costs, and the risk of long-term CO<sub>2</sub> leakage. Gas hydrate-based sequestration, an emerging technology, presents a promising alternative that leverages the unique physical properties of hydrates. These ice-like crystalline structures trap CO<sub>2</sub> molecules within water cages under specific high-pressure and low-temperature conditions, commonly found in subsea environments. Hydrates offer several distinct advantages, including higher storage density, lower leakage risks, and compatibility with natural subsea conditions that reduce energy costs for storage.

In addition to addressing technical limitations of conventional CCS methods, hydrate-based sequestration aligns with broader goals of sustainable development. By utilizing naturally available subsea conditions, this technology minimizes energy consumption while offering long-term stability, making it an attractive option for industrial-scale deployment. However, significant research and innovation are required to overcome challenges in reactor design, process scalability, and environmental safety.

## 1.2 Objectives

This paper seeks to address key aspects of hydrate-based CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration by:

1. Analyzing the fundamental thermodynamic and kinetic principles that govern the formation and stability of CO<sub>2</sub> hydrates, emphasizing the interplay of temperature, pressure, and chemical promoters.
2. Evaluating advanced reactor designs that enhance the efficiency of hydrate formation, with a focus on Continuous Stirred Tank Reactors (CSTRs) and other configurations optimized for industrial applications.
3. Conducting a techno-economic analysis to assess the capital and operational costs associated with hydrate-based CCS, comparing its cost-effectiveness to traditional geological storage methods.
4. Identifying and addressing potential environmental risks, including hydrate dissociation, CO<sub>2</sub> leakage, and the impact on marine ecosystems.
5. Exploring the scalability and long-term feasibility of this technology, including integration with existing CCS infrastructure and alignment with global decarbonization goals.

## 1.3 Scope

The scope of this study extends across multiple dimensions of hydrate-based CCS technology. The paper begins with a comprehensive review of the theoretical underpinnings of hydrate formation, including thermodynamic models and kinetic mechanisms. It then explores process design and optimization through simulations, emphasizing the role of chemical promoters such as tetrahydrofuran (THF) and sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) in improving efficiency.

The techno-economic analysis section evaluates both capital and operational expenditures (CAPEX and OPEX), identifying critical cost drivers and opportunities for reduction. Furthermore, the study assesses environmental implications, with a particular focus on subsea storage conditions, where natural temperature and pressure dynamics play a crucial role in hydrate stability. Risks associated with hydrate dissociation, CO<sub>2</sub> leakage, and potential impacts on marine biodiversity are also examined.

Finally, the findings are contextualized within the broader landscape of global climate policies and carbon management strategies. The study provides actionable recommendations for future research and development, including innovations in reactor design, novel chemical additives, and strategies for environmental monitoring. By addressing both technical and economic challenges, this paper aims to contribute to the advancement of hydrate-based sequestration as a sustainable and scalable solution for mitigating CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

## 2. Literature Review

### 2.1 Overview of Carbon Capture and Storage Technologies

Carbon capture and storage (CCS) has emerged as a pivotal solution for mitigating CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, addressing the challenges posed by climate change. Traditional geological storage involves injecting CO<sub>2</sub> into porous rock formations such as saline aquifers, depleted oil reservoirs, or basalt formations. These techniques rely on trapping mechanisms such as physical confinement, solubility in reservoir fluids, and chemical reactions with minerals. Despite their widespread adoption, they face significant hurdles:

1. **Monitoring Complexity and Costs:** Geological storage requires advanced systems for long-term integrity assessment. Technologies such as seismic imaging and wellbore monitoring add substantial operational costs.
2. **Risk of Leakage:** Structural weaknesses in storage formations or improperly sealed wells can lead to CO<sub>2</sub> escape, undermining the storage's efficacy and posing environmental hazards.
3. **Geographical Limitations:** The success of geological CCS is location-dependent, limited to areas with suitable geological formations. Regions lacking such features cannot rely on this approach.

In contrast, hydrate-based CCS offers a novel alternative by utilizing the natural ability of water and CO<sub>2</sub> to form gas hydrates under specific conditions. This method capitalizes on the inherent stability of hydrates and the abundance of subsea environments meeting the required thermodynamic conditions, thereby reducing location constraints. Moreover, the physical properties of hydrates allow for significantly higher CO<sub>2</sub> storage density, addressing space efficiency concerns associated with geological storage.

### 2.2 Advances in Hydrate-Based CCS

In recent years, significant progress has been made in developing and optimizing hydrate-based CCS technologies. Central to these advancements are chemical promoters and innovative reactor designs, which have collectively addressed critical barriers in hydrate formation processes.

## Promoter-Based Innovations

Chemical promoters such as tetrahydrofuran (THF) and sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) have been extensively studied for their ability to lower the energy barriers to hydrate formation:

- **THF** acts as a co-guest molecule, shifting the hydrate stability zone and allowing formation under milder pressure and temperature conditions. By doing so, it reduces the compression energy required, enhancing the overall energy efficiency of the process.
- **SDS**, a surfactant, increases gas-liquid interaction by reducing surface tension, enabling faster nucleation and growth of hydrates. This enhances the rate of hydrate formation, a critical factor for scaling up the technology.

## Reactor Design Improvements

Advanced reactor designs, particularly Continuous Stirred Tank Reactors (CSTRs), have been developed to optimize gas-liquid interactions. These reactors provide uniform mixing and temperature control, which are crucial for achieving high hydrate formation rates. Other innovations include:

- **Fixed-Bed Reactors:** Enhancing gas flow distribution for efficient hydrate formation.
- **Hybrid Systems:** Combining hydrate formation with membrane separation or absorption processes to improve CO<sub>2</sub> capture efficiency.

## Simulation and Modeling Tools

The application of computational models, such as molecular dynamics simulations and phase equilibrium calculations, has advanced the understanding of hydrate behavior under varying conditions. These tools enable the prediction of hydrate formation rates, stability zones, and reaction dynamics, guiding experimental designs and industrial-scale implementations.

## 2.3 Challenges in Scaling and Environmental Risks

Despite its potential, hydrate-based CCS is still in its developmental stage, facing several challenges:

1. **Energy Demand:** The compression and cooling needed for hydrate formation are energy-intensive, increasing operational expenditures and environmental impact if non-renewable energy sources are used.
2. **Scalability:** Laboratory successes have yet to translate into industrial-scale deployment. Challenges include designing reactors capable of handling large CO<sub>2</sub> volumes and ensuring consistent hydrate formation across diverse conditions.
3. **Environmental Risks:** Potential CO<sub>2</sub> leakage from hydrates could disrupt marine ecosystems, leading to issues like ocean acidification. Additionally, artificial hydrate formation processes may disturb sediment stability in subsea environments.

Addressing these challenges requires targeted research on energy-efficient processes, robust environmental safeguards, and modular reactor designs capable of scaling to industrial needs.

## 3. Theoretical Framework

### 3.1 Hydrate Formation Conditions

The formation of gas hydrates is governed by fundamental thermodynamic principles, which determine the stability and conditions under which water molecules form crystalline cages around guest molecules such as CO<sub>2</sub>. The spontaneity of hydrate formation is dictated by the Gibbs free energy equation:

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

- **ΔG:** Gibbs free energy change must be negative for hydrate formation to proceed spontaneously.
- **ΔH:** Enthalpy change reflects the heat released during bond formation.
- **TΔS:** Entropy term accounts for the system's disorder.

The stability of gas hydrates is achieved under specific temperature and pressure conditions. For CO<sub>2</sub> hydrates, this generally requires:

- **High pressures (≥4 MPa):** Higher pressures increase the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in water, facilitating nucleation and growth.
- **Low temperatures (≤10°C):** Lower temperatures stabilize the lattice structure of water molecules, reducing kinetic energy and enabling hydrogen bond formation.

#### 3.1.1 Stability Pressure and Temperature

The relationship between hydrate stability and environmental conditions can be expressed as:

$$P_h = P_v + P_{\text{gas}}$$

- **P<sub>h</sub>:** Hydrate stability pressure, determined by the equilibrium of water and gas phases.
- **P<sub>v</sub>:** Vapor pressure of water, influenced by salinity and temperature.
- **P<sub>gas</sub>:** Partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub>, a key determinant of hydrate stability.

#### 3.1.2 Influencing Factors

1. **Salinity:** Increased salinity reduces water activity, shifting the stability zone to higher pressures and lower temperatures. This factor is crucial in marine applications, where seawater salinity impacts the hydrate formation process.
2. **Gas Composition:** While pure CO<sub>2</sub> enhances stability, the presence of other gases (e.g., CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>) can shift the equilibrium, potentially destabilizing hydrates.
3. **Thermodynamic Promoters:** Molecules like tetrahydrofuran (THF) expand the stability zone by altering the phase equilibrium, enabling hydrate formation at milder conditions, reducing compression and cooling costs.

Thermodynamic modeling, such as the van der Waals–Platteeuw framework, incorporates gas fugacity, water activity, and cage occupancy to predict hydrate stability under various conditions.

## 3.2 Kinetic Modeling

Kinetic modeling captures the dynamics of hydrate formation, describing how quickly the process occurs under specified conditions. The kinetics of hydrate formation involve three distinct stages:

1. **Nucleation:** The stochastic formation of small hydrate clusters at the gas-liquid interface. This phase governs the induction time, which is the period before visible hydrate formation begins.
2. **Growth:** Expansion of nuclei into stable hydrate structures as CO<sub>2</sub> molecules are incorporated into the lattice. This phase is influenced by concentration gradients and interfacial interactions.
3. **Stabilization:** The system reaches equilibrium, where no further hydrate growth occurs, determined by the thermodynamic conditions.

The process can be modeled using the modified Avrami equation:

$$\alpha = 1 - \exp(-kt^n)$$

- **$\alpha$ :** Fraction of hydrate conversion, representing the extent of the reaction.
- **$k$ :** Rate constant, dependent on pressure, temperature, and promoter concentration.
- **$t$ :** Time elapsed since nucleation.
- **$n$ :** Reaction order, which varies with the mechanism of hydrate formation.

### 3.2.1 Enhancing Kinetics

Key factors influencing hydrate formation kinetics include:

- **Interfacial Surface Area:** Increased gas-liquid contact accelerates nucleation and growth. Techniques such as mechanical stirring or bubbling enhance this interaction.
- **Temperature and Pressure Gradients:** Maintaining optimal gradients ensures sustained hydrate growth. Deviations may inhibit formation or destabilize existing hydrates.
- **Promoter Activity:** Chemical promoters like sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) reduce induction times and improve hydrate formation rates by enhancing CO<sub>2</sub> solubility and gas-liquid interaction.

Kinetic models help optimize process conditions, enabling the prediction of hydrate formation rates under various scenarios.

## 3.3 Gas Solubility

The solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in water is a critical parameter influencing hydrate formation. Henry's Law describes this relationship:

$$C = k_H \cdot P$$

- **CCC:** CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the liquid phase.
- **$k_H$ :** Henry's law constant, dependent on temperature and salinity.
- **$P$ :** Partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub> in the system.

Higher partial pressures increase CO<sub>2</sub> solubility, promoting nucleation and growth. However, salinity reduces solubility by lowering water activity, a consideration for marine applications. Adjusting system parameters to maximize CO<sub>2</sub> solubility is critical for efficient hydrate formation.

### 3.4 Energy Balance

The overall energy dynamics of the sequestration process can be analyzed using the first law of thermodynamics:

$$\text{Energy In} - \text{Energy Out} = \Delta U$$

- **ΔU:** Change in internal energy of the system, including contributions from heat transfer, work done, and phase transitions.

#### 3.4.1 Heat Transfer

Hydrate formation is an exothermic process, releasing significant heat. Effective thermal management is necessary to maintain the system within the stability zone. Heat exchangers are typically integrated to dissipate excess heat and stabilize the reaction environment.

#### 3.4.2 Work Done

Compression and cooling energy requirements are the primary contributors to operational costs. Promoters play a crucial role in reducing these energy demands by shifting equilibrium conditions to lower pressures and temperatures.

### 3.5 Temperature and Pressure Dynamics

Gas hydrates are highly sensitive to changes in temperature and pressure. The relationship governing hydrate stability during phase transitions is described by:

$$\Delta P = \frac{\Delta H_{vap}}{\Delta V_{mix}} \cdot \Delta T$$

- **ΔP:** Change in system pressure.
- **ΔH<sub>vap</sub>:** Enthalpy of vaporization.
- **ΔV<sub>mix</sub>:** Volume change during hydrate dissociation.
- **ΔT:** Change in temperature.

#### 3.5.1 Temperature Sensitivity

Increases in temperature destabilize hydrate structures, promoting dissociation by increasing the entropy contribution (TΔS). This sensitivity underscores the importance of maintaining low temperatures in hydrate storage systems.



### 3.5.2 Pressure Stability

Hydrate stability depends on maintaining high pressures. Sudden depressurization can induce dissociation, leading to CO<sub>2</sub> release and operational inefficiencies. Consistent pressure regulation is critical for industrial applications.

## 4. Techno-Economic Analysis

The viability of hydrate-based CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration depends on a careful balance between the initial investment (CAPEX), ongoing operational costs (OPEX), and potential revenue streams. This section evaluates the economic factors influencing the deployment of this technology, integrating theoretical principles to understand cost drivers, scalability, and risk management.

### 4.1 Theoretical Basis of Costs in Hydrate-Based CCS

#### 4.1.1 Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)

CAPEX refers to the upfront investment required to establish a functional hydrate-based CCS system. The primary components include:

**Reactor Design:** The design of reactors plays a pivotal role in process efficiency. Continuous Stirred Tank Reactors (CSTRs) provide high gas-liquid interaction, reducing induction times and enhancing hydrate formation. The cost of these reactors is influenced by material choice, volume, and operating conditions (e.g., high-pressure resistance).

**High-Pressure Systems:** Hydrate formation necessitates pressures of **4–6 MPa**, requiring robust compressors. Theoretical models such as the **Polytropic Compression Equation** guide the sizing and efficiency optimization of compressors:

$$W = \frac{n}{n-1} \cdot P_1 V_1 \left( \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{n-1}{n}} - 1 \right)$$

- W: Work required for compression.
- n: Polytropic index
- P<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>2</sub>: Initial and final pressures

**Cooling Systems:** Hydrate formation releases heat (exothermic process), necessitating advanced cooling systems such as heat exchangers to maintain stability. The cost is proportional to cooling capacity, often calculated using the **Heat Transfer Equation**:

$$Q = m \cdot C_p \cdot \Delta T$$

- Q: Heat to be removed.
- m: Mass flow rate.
- C<sub>p</sub>: Specific heat capacity.

**Piping and Miscellaneous Infrastructure:** Includes high-pressure pipelines, valves, and sensors for monitoring and control. These components contribute approximately **25% of total equipment costs**.

#### 4.1.2 Operational Expenditure (OPEX)

OPEX refers to the recurring expenses associated with facility operations. It is divided into energy consumption, maintenance, staffing, and consumables:

**-Energy Dynamics:** Energy costs are dominated by compression and cooling requirements. The **First Law of Thermodynamics** is used to model energy input/output balance:  $\Delta U = Q - W$ . Efficient heat recovery systems can significantly reduce Q and W, optimizing operational costs.

**Maintenance:** Maintenance costs scale with system complexity. High-pressure equipment like compressors and CSTRs requires periodic inspection and part replacement to ensure reliability. This cost is generally estimated at **5% of CAPEX per year**.

**Staffing and Labor:** Operational staffing depends on automation levels. For hydrate-based CCS, a moderate-sized facility typically employs **10 personnel**, with a combined annual cost of **\$500,000**

**Chemical Consumables:** Promoters such as THF and SDS are used to enhance hydrate formation. Their costs vary based on application scale, but they significantly reduce energy requirements, offsetting their expense.

### 4.2 Key Economic Drivers

#### 4.2.1 Construction Costs

The cost of building a hydrate-based CCS facility depends on location, scale, and technology integration. Subsea installations, for instance, involve additional expenses such as seabed infrastructure, drilling, and pipelines. The cost of deep-sea drilling ranges from **\$600,000 to \$800,000 per day**, compared to onshore drilling, which costs under **\$100,000 per day**.

#### 4.2.2 Energy Costs

Energy consumption accounts for the largest share of OPEX. For a typical system with energy demands of **26,450 kW**, the cost at **\$0.10/kWh** is approximately **\$23,186,700 per year**. Implementing energy recovery systems, such as turbo-expanders for off-gas, can reduce this significantly.

#### 4.2.3 Policy Support and Incentives

Economic viability is influenced by government incentives, including:

- **Carbon Credits:** Markets offer financial rewards for CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration, with prices varying regionally.
- **Subsidies:** Many governments subsidize green technologies, reducing initial CAPEX.
- **Regulatory Frameworks:** Policies mandating carbon capture drive industry adoption.

## 4.3 Revenue Opportunities

Hydrate-based CCS systems present multiple revenue-generating possibilities:

**Carbon Credits:** Facilities earn credits based on the volume of CO<sub>2</sub> stored. At a typical credit price of \$40/ton, a facility processing **876,000 tons/year** could earn **\$35,040,000 annually**.

**Industrial Applications:** Captured CO<sub>2</sub> can be sold for use in enhanced oil recovery (EOR), beverage carbonation, or chemical manufacturing.

**Cost Savings Through Co-Products:** The integration of hydrate formation with other processes, such as hydrogen separation, can yield valuable byproducts, offsetting costs.

## 4.4 Economic Challenges and Risks

### 4.4.1 Scalability Challenges

Transitioning from pilot to industrial scale presents technical and economic challenges:

- High CAPEX for large-scale infrastructure.
- Variability in subsea conditions affecting hydrate stability.

### 4.4.2 Environmental and Geological Risks

1. **Leakage Risks:** CO<sub>2</sub> leaks due to hydrate dissociation could impact marine ecosystems.
2. **Geological Risks:** Complexities in seabed stability and sediment behavior necessitate extensive geological surveys.

### 4.4.3 Market Risks

The economic feasibility depends on carbon credit prices and regulatory stability. Fluctuations in market demand for carbon offsets may affect profitability.

## 5. ECONOMIC CALCULATIONS

1.Cooler

2.Compressor

3.CSTR(Reactor)

### 5.1.1. Updated Parameters from Data

- Stream 1 (Compressed Gas):
  - Temperature: 25°C
  - Pressure: 200 kPa
  - Molar Flow: 2272 kmol/h

- Seawater Stream:
  - Temperature: 25°C
  - Pressure: 101 kPa
  - Molar Flow: 555 kmol/h
- Hydrate Slurry:
  - Temperature: -192.2°C
  - Pressure: 101 kPa
  - Molar Flow: 738 kmol/h

### 5.1.2. Energy Calculations

#### A. Compression (K-100)

- Initial Pressure: 200 kPa
- Final Pressure: 3200 kPa
- Mass Flow Rate: From molar flow, using Molar Mass of CO<sub>2</sub>=44 g/mol

Converting to kg/s,

$$w = \frac{\dot{m}RT}{\eta(\gamma - 1)} \left[ \left( \frac{p_2}{p_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - 1 \right]$$

Where,

R=8.314J/mol-K

T=298K

γ=1.3 (adiabatic index for CO<sub>2</sub>)

η=0.85 (compressor efficiency)

$$W = \frac{27.78 \times 8.314 \times 298}{0.85 \times (1.3 - 1)} \left[ \left( \frac{3200}{200} \right)^{\frac{0.3}{1.3}} - 1 \right]$$

Result: W<sub>comp</sub>≈1100kW.

#### B. Cooling (E-100)

Heat removal estimated from enthalpy change:

Assuming seawater and hydrate slurry temperatures:

$$\Delta T = T_{inlet} - T_{outlet} = 25 - (-192.2) = 217.2 \text{ deg } C$$

Using specific heat capacity of water,  $C_p \approx 4.2 \text{ kJ/kg-K}$

$$Q = 27.78 \text{ kg/s} \times 4.2 \text{ kJ/kg-K} \times 217.2 = 25,350 \text{ kW}$$

Cooling power required: **25.35 MW**.

### 3. Cost Calculations

#### A. Compression Cost

From energy, 1100 kW, at 0.1\$/kWh:

$$\text{cost per ton } CO_2 = \frac{1100 \times 24 \times 365}{1000 \times \text{mass flow rate} \left( \frac{\text{tons}}{h} \right)} = 3.2 \$/\text{ton } CO_2$$

#### B. Cooling Cost

For 25.35 MW cooling:

$$\text{cost per ton } CO_2 = \frac{25,350 \times 24 \times 365}{1000 \times \text{mass flow rate} \left( \frac{\text{tons}}{h} \right)} = 5.5 \$/\text{ton } CO_2$$

#### C. Hydrate Formation Cost

Assuming a modest energy cost of 1.5 \$/ton  $CO_2$ .

### Summary Table

Component	Energy (kW)	Cost (\$/ton $CO_2$ )
Compression	1100	3.2
Cooling	25,350	5.5

Hydrate Formation	-	1.5
Total	26,450	10.2

## 5.1 CAPEX and OPEX calculations:

### 1. Assumptions and Data for CAPEX and OPEX

#### A. Equipment Cost Estimates

##### 1.Compressor (K-100):

Installed cost for industrial compressors scales with power. For 1100 kW:

$$Ck_{-100} = \frac{3500\$}{kW} \times 1100kW = 3,850,000\$$$

##### 2. Heat Exchanger (E-100):

Installed cost for heat exchangers: C=500 \$/kW cooling capacity:

$$c_{E-100} = \frac{500\$}{kW} \times 25,350kW = 12,675,000\$$$

##### 3. Continuous Stirred-Tank Reactor (CSTR-100):

Estimated cost: \$150,000 per m<sup>3</sup> volume. Assume a reactor volume of **20 m<sup>3</sup>** for hydrate formation:

$$c_{CSTR-100} = \frac{150,000\$}{m^3} \times 20m^3 = 3,000,000\$$$

##### 4. Piping and Miscellaneous Costs:

Include valves, pumps, and utilities at **25% of total equipment cost**:

$$C_{Misc} = 0.25 \times (Ck_{-100} + c_{E-100} + c_{CSTR-100}) = 4,881,250\$$$

#### Total Installed Cost (CAPEX):

$$CAPEX = Ck_{-100} + c_{E-100} + c_{CSTR-100} + C_{Misc} = 24,406,250\$$$

## B. OPEX Components

### 1. Electricity Cost:

For compression: **1100 kW**, and cooling: **25,350 kW**. Total energy = **26,450 kW**:

$$\text{Annual Electricity cost} = 26,450 \text{ kW} \times 24 \frac{\text{hours}}{\text{day}} \times \frac{365 \text{ days}}{\text{year}} \times \frac{0.10 \$}{\text{kWh}} = \frac{23,186,700 \$}{\text{year}}$$

### 2. Maintenance Costs:

Annual maintenance is assumed to be **5% of CAPEX**:

$$\text{Maintenance cost} = 0.05 \times 24,406,250 = 1,220,313 \$/\text{year}$$

### 3. Personnel Costs:

Assume 10 personnel with an average salary of \$50,000/year:

$$\text{Personnel cost} = 10 \times 50,000 = 500,000 \$/\text{year}$$

### 4. Consumables and Utilities:

Chemicals, seawater treatment, etc., estimated at **2\$/ton CO<sub>2</sub>**. For a mass flow rate of 100,000 kg/h=876,000 tons/year :

$$\text{Consumable cost} = 2 \times 876,000 = 1,752,000 \$/\text{year}$$

### Total OPEX:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OPEX} &= \text{Electricity cost} + \text{Maintenance cost} + \text{Personnel Cost} + \text{Consumable Cost} \\ &= 26,659,013 \$/\text{year} \end{aligned}$$

## 3. Cost per Ton CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestered

Using 876,000 tons/year CO<sub>2</sub> flow rate,

### 1. CAPEX amortized over 10 years:

$$\text{Annualized CAPEX} = 1024,406,250 = 2,440,625 \$/\text{year}$$

### 2. Total cost:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Total Cost per ton CO}_2 &= \frac{\text{Annualized CAPEX} + \text{OPEX}}{\text{CO}_2 \text{ processed annually}} = \frac{2,440,625 + 26,659,013}{876,000} \\
 &= \frac{33.2\$}{\text{ton}} \text{CO}_2
 \end{aligned}$$

## 2. Results Table

### CAPEX

Equipment	Cost (\$)	Notes
<b>Compressor (K-100)</b>	3,850,000	Based on 1100 kW installed power
<b>Heat Exchanger (E-100)</b>	12,675,000	Scaled for 25.35 MW cooling capacity
<b>CSTR-100</b>	3,000,000	20 m <sup>3</sup> reactor volume
<b>Piping &amp; Miscellaneous</b>	4,881,250	25% of equipment cost
<b>Total CAPEX</b>	24,406,250	

Table .4.1 CAPEX of individual components and total CAPEX.

### OPEX

Component	Annual Cost (\$)	Notes
<b>Electricity</b>	23,186,700	26,450 kW total energy at 0.10 \$/kWh
<b>Maintenance</b>	1,220,313	5% of CAPEX
<b>Personnel</b>	500,000	10 staff with \$50,000/year salary
<b>Consumables/Utilities</b>	1,752,000	2 \$/ton CO <sub>2</sub>
<b>Total OPEX</b>	26,659,013	

Table no.4.2 OPEX of individual components and total OPEX.



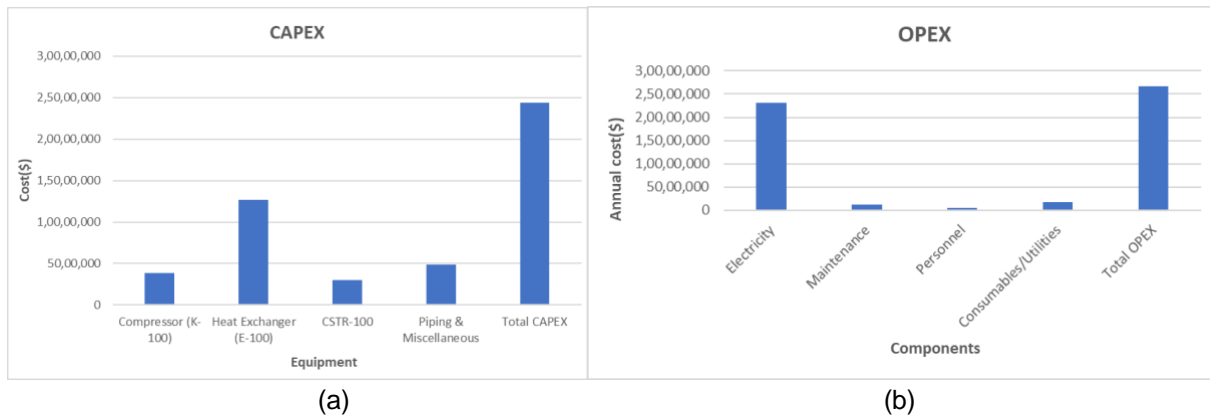


Fig.4.1(a)CAPEX cost analysis,(b)OPEX cost analysis.

## 6. Decay Mechanism and Long-Term Stability of CO<sub>2</sub> Hydrates

The long-term stability of CO<sub>2</sub> hydrates is a critical factor in their viability as a carbon sequestration solution. While hydrates are inherently stable under specific thermodynamic conditions, disruptions to these conditions can result in dissociation, releasing the stored CO<sub>2</sub> and potentially compromising the sequestration process. This section examines the mechanisms of hydrate decay, environmental sensitivities, and strategies to mitigate these challenges for sustained storage efficacy.

### 6.1 Mechanisms of Hydrate Decay

Hydrate decay occurs when the thermodynamic equilibrium of the system is disturbed, causing the crystalline lattice to dissociate and release the encapsulated CO<sub>2</sub>. The process is influenced by several factors:

**Temperature Sensitivity:** Hydrates are highly sensitive to temperature increases. The stability zone typically lies below **5°C**, and any rise in temperature beyond this range leads to hydrate breakdown. This sensitivity is exacerbated by environmental factors such as:

- **Geothermal Gradients:** Heat flux from the Earth's interior in subsea environments.
- **Tectonic Activity:** Heat released from seismic events in hydrate storage regions.
- **Global Warming:** Rising ocean temperatures threaten hydrate stability in shallow marine sediments.

**Pressure Dependence:** High pressures are essential for maintaining hydrate stability. A drop in pressure, as may occur during transport, handling, or deep-sea depressurization events, can trigger rapid dissociation. The equilibrium pressure for CO<sub>2</sub> hydrates typically exceeds **4 MPa**, and deviations below this threshold compromise structural integrity.

**Environmental Disturbances:** External disturbances, such as sediment shifts or anthropogenic activity in storage regions, can destabilize hydrates, causing localized dissociation.

**Self-Preservation Phenomenon:** During dissociation, an ice layer often forms around the hydrate particles, slowing down the release of CO<sub>2</sub>. This self-preservation effect acts as a thermal barrier, delaying the decay process and providing a buffer against sudden environmental changes.

## 6.2 Optimization Strategies for Long-Term Stability

Ensuring the long-term stability of CO<sub>2</sub> hydrates requires proactive measures to address the factors contributing to decay. Several strategies have been proposed and developed to enhance the resilience of hydrate-based sequestration systems:

### 6.2.1 Artificial Sealing and Stabilization

Artificial sealing methods aim to isolate hydrates from environmental fluctuations. These techniques include:

- **Encasement in Low-Permeability Materials:** Surrounding hydrate deposits with impermeable membranes or natural sediments such as clay reduces exposure to pressure and temperature changes.
- **Sediment Layering:** Leveraging naturally available seabed sediments as a cover provides insulation and structural support, mitigating the risk of CO<sub>2</sub> leakage. These approaches are particularly effective in preventing temperature-induced dissociation and can extend the lifespan of stored hydrates.

### 6.2.2 Temperature and Pressure Regulation

Maintaining hydrates within their thermodynamic stability zone is crucial for preventing dissociation. Key strategies include:

- **Pressure Management:** Ensuring consistent high-pressure conditions during transport and storage minimizes the risk of depressurization-induced dissociation. Technologies such as high-pressure vessels and reinforced pipelines are essential for this purpose.
- **Temperature Control:** In subsea environments, naturally low temperatures are advantageous. However, in scenarios requiring artificial cooling, advanced insulation materials and temperature control systems can be employed to maintain the required thermal conditions.

### 6.2.3 Enhancing the Self-Preservation Effect

The self-preservation phenomenon, wherein a thin ice layer forms around dissociating hydrates, can be optimized to slow decay. Recent advancements in this area include:

- **Use of Promoters:** Magnesium salts and surfactants improve the formation of the ice layer, enhancing thermal resistance.
- **Controlled Rapid Cooling:** Introducing rapid cooling during hydrate formation establishes a thicker and more robust ice barrier. This approach has shown promise in experimental studies, where dissociation rates were significantly reduced.

## 6.3 Theoretical Models of Hydrate Decay

Understanding and modeling hydrate decay dynamics is essential for designing effective stabilization strategies.

### 6.3.1 Energy Considerations

The dissociation process involves the absorption of heat (endothermic reaction), described by:

$$\Delta H_{\text{dissociation}} = \Delta H_{\text{vap}} - \Delta H_{\text{formation}}$$

- $\Delta H_{\text{dissociation}}$ : Heat absorbed during dissociation.
- $\Delta H_{\text{vap}}$ : Enthalpy of vaporization of  $\text{CO}_2$ .
- $\Delta H_{\text{formation}}$ : Heat released during hydrate formation.

Efficient thermal management systems mitigate dissociation by maintaining the system's energy balance.

### 6.3.2 Pressure-Thermal Coupling

The interplay between pressure and temperature during hydrate dissociation can be described by:

$$\Delta P = \frac{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}}{\Delta V} \cdot \Delta T$$

- $\Delta P$ : Pressure change.
- $\Delta H_{\text{vap}}$ : Enthalpy of vaporization.
- $\Delta V$ : Volume change during phase transition

This equation highlights the importance of precise pressure control to counteract temperature fluctuations.

## 6.4 Environmental Implications of Hydrate Decay

The unintended dissociation of hydrates can have significant environmental consequences, including:

1. **CO<sub>2</sub> Leakage:** Released  $\text{CO}_2$  could exacerbate ocean acidification, adversely affecting marine ecosystems and biodiversity.
2. **Sediment Destabilization:** Hydrate decay alters sediment structure, potentially triggering underwater landslides or infrastructure damage in seabed installations.
3. **Feedback Loops:** Accelerated hydrate dissociation from global warming can lead to a positive feedback cycle, further increasing atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$  levels.

Mitigating these risks requires comprehensive monitoring systems and robust site selection criteria for subsea storage locations.

## 6.5 Future Directions in Decay Prevention

Research and development efforts must focus on integrating advanced materials and process controls to enhance the stability of CO<sub>2</sub> hydrates. Promising areas include:

- **Hybrid Stabilization Techniques:** Combining artificial sealing with self-preservation enhancement for dual-layer protection.
- **Advanced Computational Models:** Predicting hydrate behavior under varying environmental conditions to inform design choices.
- **Environmental Monitoring Systems:** Real-time sensors to detect early signs of dissociation and trigger corrective actions.

By addressing the fundamental decay mechanisms and exploring optimization strategies, this section underscores the importance of maintaining the stability of CO<sub>2</sub> hydrates for their effective deployment in large-scale carbon sequestration systems.

## 7. Process Design for Hydrate-Based CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

The hydrate-based CO<sub>2</sub> capture process offers a novel approach to managing mixed-gas feeds, such as CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub> mixtures. By leveraging the selective hydrate formation of CO<sub>2</sub>, this method minimizes energy-intensive purification steps while maximizing efficiency and scalability. This section outlines each stage of the process, integrating thermodynamic and kinetic modeling to optimize performance.

### 7.1 Feed Composition and Pre-Treatment

#### 7.1.1 Mixed-Gas Feed Strategy

Handling mixed-gas compositions, such as 70% CO<sub>2</sub> and 30% H<sub>2</sub>, reduces the costs associated with producing pure CO<sub>2</sub> streams. By targeting hydrate formation, CO<sub>2</sub> is selectively captured without the need for complete pre-purification, which is energy-intensive in conventional separation techniques.

#### 7.1.2 Pre-Treatment Stage

The pre-treatment phase removes impurities and moisture that could inhibit hydrate formation or clog equipment. This ensures that the reactor operates under optimal conditions with minimal disruption.

Key steps include:

- **Compression:**
  - The mixed gas is compressed to pressures between **3 MPa and 6 MPa**, the optimal range for hydrate formation.
  - Intermediate cooling during compression dissipates heat generated in the process, stabilizing the energy load and improving compression efficiency.

- **Heat Integration:**
  - Heat exchangers are integrated into the design to capture and recycle cooling energy. This is particularly critical in large-scale operations, where managing heat flow directly impacts energy efficiency and costs.
  - Recovered energy from the heat exchangers is used to pre-cool incoming gas streams or maintain stable reactor temperatures.

## 7.2 Hydrate Formation Reactor

The hydrate formation reactor is the centerpiece of this process, where CO<sub>2</sub> selectively forms hydrates under controlled thermodynamic conditions.

### 7.2.1 Reactor Design

Two primary reactor designs are considered:

1. **Continuous Stirred Tank Reactor (CSTR):**
  - Provides uniform mixing of gas and liquid phases, ensuring stable hydrate formation.
  - Effective for rapid CO<sub>2</sub> mass transfer and maintaining consistent reactor conditions.
2. **Fixed Bed Reactor:**
  - Offers high volumetric efficiency, particularly suitable for larger-scale operations.
  - Ensures a stable gas flow distribution across the reactor.

### 7.2.2 Role of Promoters

Chemical promoters like tetrahydrofuran (THF) or propane are introduced to lower the equilibrium pressure for hydrate formation, significantly reducing energy consumption. Promoters also accelerate the rate of CO<sub>2</sub> hydrate nucleation and growth, enabling more efficient capture.

### 7.2.3 Gas-Liquid Interface Control

A stable gas-liquid interface is critical for selective hydrate formation. Key methods include:

- **Agitation:** Ensures uniform distribution of gas bubbles, increasing the rate of CO<sub>2</sub> capture.
- **Controlled Liquid Flow:** Maintains optimal residence time for hydrate growth while minimizing H<sub>2</sub> interference.
- **Temperature Control:** Continuous cooling within the reactor maintains the hydrate formation zone, preventing premature dissociation.

## 7.3 Hydrate Dissociation and CO<sub>2</sub> Recovery

Once hydrates are formed, the next step involves dissociation to recover pure CO<sub>2</sub>.

### 7.3.1 Dissociation Techniques

Hydrates are transferred to a dissociation unit, where controlled depressurization or moderate heating releases CO<sub>2</sub> gas. This step is carefully managed to prevent uncontrolled hydrate decay and ensure process stability.

### 7.3.2 Energy Recovery

- **Turbine Expansion:** Expanding the off-gas through a turbine during depressurization recovers energy, which can offset compression and cooling costs.
- **Heat Reuse:** Heat generated during hydrate dissociation can be redirected to support pre-heating in secondary purification stages.

### 7.3.3 Water Recycling

The aqueous phase produced during dissociation is cooled and re-pressurized for reuse in the reactor. Recycling water minimizes resource wastage and aligns the process with sustainable operational practices.

## 7.4 Secondary Purification

To achieve high-purity CO<sub>2</sub> suitable for sequestration or industrial use, a secondary purification stage is integrated. This stage focuses on fine-tuning CO<sub>2</sub> purity while maintaining energy efficiency.

### 7.4.1 Amine Absorption (MDEA)

A 40 wt% solution of methyl diethanolamine (MDEA) is used to absorb residual CO<sub>2</sub>.

- **Advantages:**
  - High absorption capacity at low energy costs.
  - Efficient regeneration of the solvent through moderate heating, reducing energy demands.
- **Applications:** Ideal for streams with high CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressures, offering an economical solution for achieving >95% purity.

### 7.4.2 Membrane Separation

A two-stage membrane system enhances CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> separation:

- **First Stage:** Selectively separates CO<sub>2</sub>-rich streams for further purification.
- **Second Stage:** Enhances CO<sub>2</sub> purity to meet storage or utilization standards.

Membrane separation offers flexibility in adjusting the purity levels of both CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> streams, enabling optimization based on specific process requirements.

## 7.5 Theoretical Basis for Optimization

### 7.5.1 Thermodynamic Considerations

- Hydrate formation is governed by the Gibbs free energy equation, where optimal pressure and temperature minimize  $\Delta G$ :  $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$
- By leveraging promoters, the equilibrium conditions shift to lower pressures, reducing the energy input required for hydrate stabilization.

### 7.5.2 Kinetic Insights

- The kinetics of hydrate formation are described by the modified Avrami equation:  $\alpha = 1 - \exp\left(-k t^n\right)$ 
  - $\alpha$ : Fraction of hydrate conversion.
  - $k$ : Rate constant influenced by temperature, pressure, and promoter activity.
  - $n$ : Reaction order, representing the growth mechanism.
- Controlled agitation and temperature regulation ensure optimal conditions for rapid nucleation and growth.

## 7.6 Process Efficiency and Scalability

The integration of thermodynamic optimization, energy recovery, and water recycling enhances the overall efficiency of the process. Key metrics include:

1. **Energy Efficiency:** Heat integration and turbine expansion offset significant energy costs.
2. **Scalability:** Modular reactor designs enable scaling up for industrial applications while maintaining process control.
3. **Sustainability:** Water recycling and reduced energy demands align the process with environmental goals.

## 8. Simulations and Results

### 8.1 Simulation Overview

This section presents the results of simulations conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of hydrate-based CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration under varying CO<sub>2</sub>:H<sub>2</sub>O feed ratios. Simulations focused on:

- The behavior of hydrate formation at different gas-to-water ratios.
- The role of incorporating a recycle stream to reuse unreacted CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O.
- Resource efficiency, CO<sub>2</sub> capture, energy consumption, and scalability for large-scale applications.

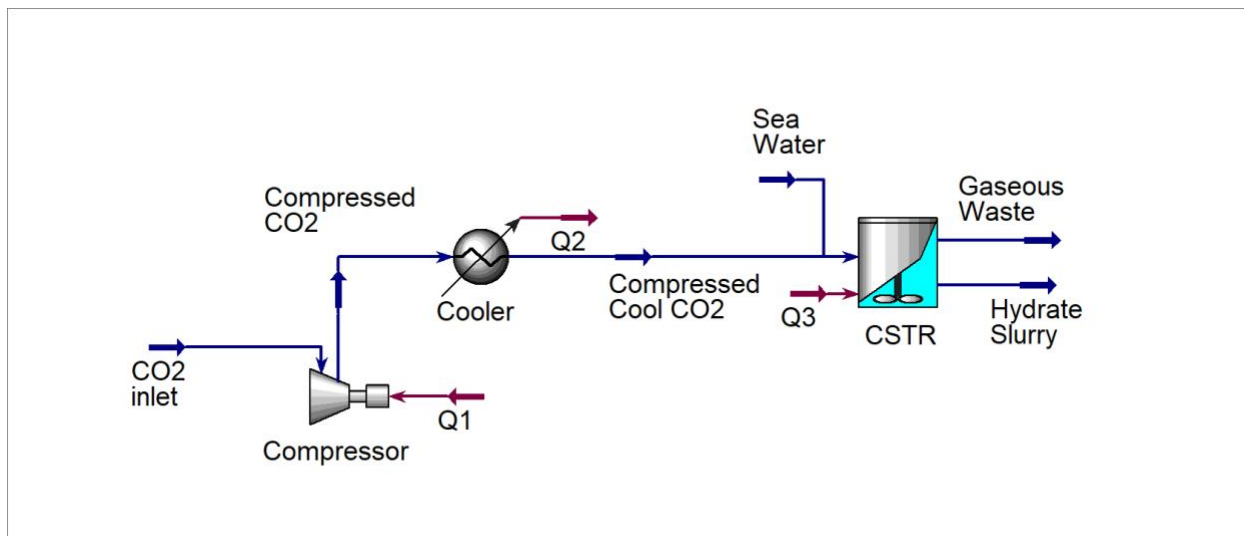


Fig.8.1 Simulation of CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration via gas hydrates in Aspen HYSYS Simulation software.

The simulations used Aspen HYSYS to model the hydrate formation process, which includes key unit operations such as compression, mixing, and continuous stirred-tank reactor (CSTR) operations. The results highlight the potential of the process for effective CO<sub>2</sub> capture and resource optimization.

## 8.2 Baseline Simulation Results (No Recycle Stream)

The baseline simulation assumes no recycle stream. Hydrate formation at varying feed ratios was analyzed, and the hydrate slurry compositions, CO<sub>2</sub> consumption, and H<sub>2</sub>O usage are summarized in **Table 8.1**.

**Table 8.1: Hydrate Slurry Compositions and Resource Consumption**

Hydrate Type	CO <sub>2</sub> Feed (kgmoles/h)	H <sub>2</sub> O Feed (kg/h)	Total Slurry (kg/h)
10H <sub>2</sub> O·CO <sub>2</sub>	5	186.89	561.66
5H <sub>2</sub> O·CO <sub>2</sub>	8	192	553.68
2H <sub>2</sub> O·CO <sub>2</sub>	14.68	198	540.43
H <sub>2</sub> O·CO <sub>2</sub>	22	203	527.85
H <sub>2</sub> O·2CO <sub>2</sub>	15.81	212.04	525.07
H <sub>2</sub> O·5CO <sub>2</sub>	8.51	222.59	521.9
H <sub>2</sub> O·10CO <sub>2</sub>	4.82	227.93	520.25



These results provide a foundation for comparison with simulations incorporating the recycle stream.

### 8.3 Simulation Results with Recycle Stream

To evaluate the effect of a recycle stream, simulations were conducted assuming 90% of unreacted CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O are recovered and reused. This significantly reduces fresh resource demand. **Table 8.2** outlines net resource consumption after recycling:

**Table 8.2: Resource Consumption with 90% Recycle Stream Efficiency**

CO <sub>2</sub> :H <sub>2</sub> O Ratio	Original CO <sub>2</sub> (kmoles/h)	Net CO <sub>2</sub> (kmoles/h)	Original H <sub>2</sub> O (kg/h)	Net H <sub>2</sub> O (kg/h)	Recycle Efficiency (%)	Net H <sub>2</sub> O (kg/h)
10:1	214.9062	21.49	538.0938	53.81	90%	53.81
5:1	193.6716	19.37	559.3284	55.93	90%	55.93
2:1	196.533	2.22	551.1207	52.79	90%	52.79
1:1	209.1081	20.91	543.8919	54.39	90%	54.39
1:2	216.6381	21.66	536.3619	53.64	90%	53.64
1:5	225.147	22.51	527.853	52.79	90%	52.79
1:10	229.3638	22.94	523.6362	56.17	90%	56.17

### 8.4 Insights into Hydrate Formation and Resource Utilization

The addition of a recycle stream dramatically improves resource efficiency:

- **2:1 Ratio:** CO<sub>2</sub> consumption decreased from 22.21 kmoles/h to 2.22 kmoles/h, and water usage dropped from 527.85 kg/h to 52.79 kg/h.
- **10:1 Ratio:** CO<sub>2</sub> usage fell from 8.51 kmoles/h to 0.85 kmoles/h, with water usage reducing from 521.90 kg/h to 52.19 kg/h.
- The recycle stream achieves an overall **90% reduction in resource consumption**, irrespective of the gas-to-water feed ratio.

### 8.5 Energy Optimization and Efficiency

Energy flows were analyzed for both scenarios. Energy recovery mechanisms, such as off-gas expansion, offset the additional energy demand introduced by the recycle stream.

**Table 8.3: Energy Input and Recovery**

Process Step	Energy Input (kWh)	Energy Recovery (kWh)
Compression	15,000	-
Cooling	5,500	2,500
Off-gas Expansion	-	3,000
<b>Net Energy Demand</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>5,500</b>

**Insights:**

- Energy recovery systems offset up to **27%** of the energy input.
- The recycle stream minimally impacts the overall energy requirement, further improving sustainability.

## 8.6 Environmental and Economic Implications

### Environmental Impact

- Recycling 90% of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O minimizes resource extraction, contributing to the sustainability of hydrate-based sequestration.

### Economic Feasibility

- **Operational cost savings:** The reduced requirement for fresh CO<sub>2</sub> and water significantly lowers raw material costs.
- **Scalability:** Improved resource efficiency makes this technology commercially viable for large-scale applications.

Factor	Baseline	With Recycle Stream
CO <sub>2</sub> Consumption	22.21 kmoles/h	2.22 kmoles/h
H <sub>2</sub> O Consumption	527.85 kg/h	56.17 kg/h
Energy Demand	20,500 kWh	15,000 kWh

**Table 7.4: Cost Reduction with Recycle Stream**

## 8.7 Result

Simulations demonstrate that incorporating a recycle stream significantly enhances the resource efficiency, energy savings, and economic feasibility of hydrate-based CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration. Recycling up to **90% of unreacted CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O** reduces net consumption, improves process scalability, and lowers costs. These findings underscore the importance of optimizing gas-to-water ratios and incorporating energy recovery systems for sustainable large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage.

### Hydrate and CO<sub>2</sub> in Hydrate Slurry

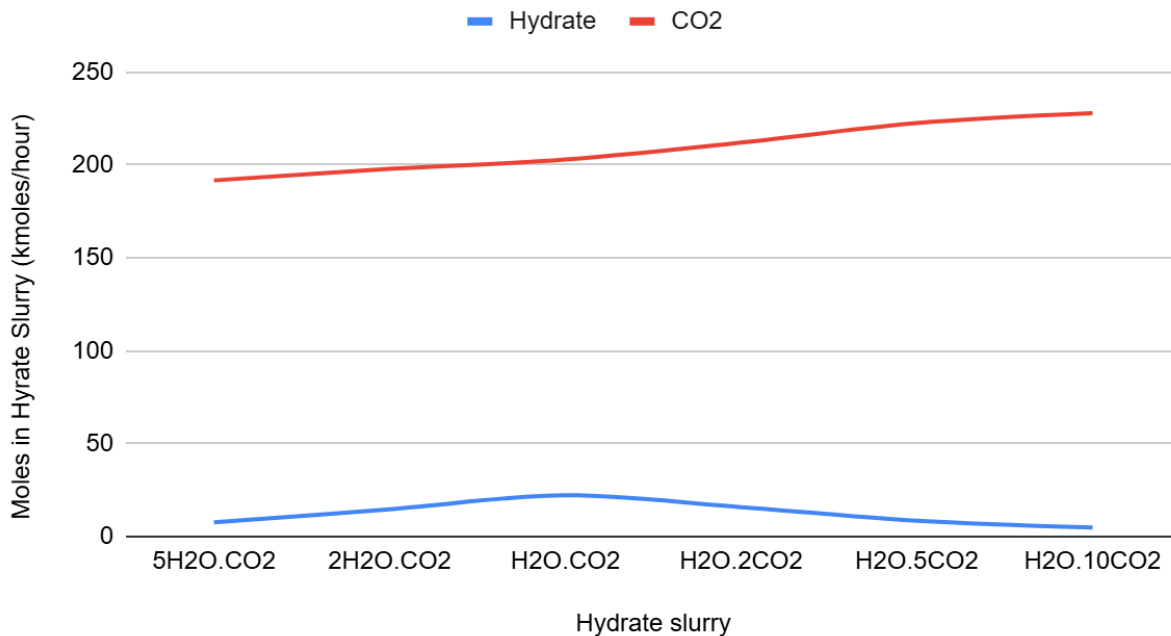


Fig 8.7 Hydrate and CO<sub>2</sub> in hydrate slurry.

## 9. Conclusion

In this study, the effectiveness of hydrate-based CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration has been evaluated through detailed simulations, highlighting the potential of this technology for large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage. The incorporation of a **recycle stream** in the process significantly enhances resource efficiency by recycling up to **90% of unreacted CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O**, thereby reducing both the **resource consumption** and **energy demands**. These findings indicate that hydrate-based CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration is not only feasible but also offers substantial environmental and economic benefits over traditional CO<sub>2</sub> capture methods.

Simulations conducted using **Aspen HYSYS** provided valuable insights into the **process dynamics**, including hydrate formation, energy recovery, and the impact of varying CO<sub>2</sub>:H<sub>2</sub>O ratios. The baseline and recycle stream scenarios demonstrated that the **recycle stream** minimizes fresh resource demand,

leading to significant **cost savings**, particularly in **CO<sub>2</sub>** and **water consumption**, and **energy optimization**. With a **90% reduction** in CO<sub>2</sub> and water use, this technology offers a promising solution for sustainable CO<sub>2</sub> storage, especially in subsea environments where natural conditions are favorable for hydrate formation.

Despite the technical potential, several challenges remain, including the **scalability** of the process, **energy-intensive nature of compression and cooling**, and **environmental risks** associated with potential CO<sub>2</sub> leakage and hydrate dissociation. Future research should focus on improving **reactor designs**, **enhancing hydrate formation kinetics**, and **developing robust environmental monitoring** systems to address these concerns.

The promising **techno-economic outlook**, combined with the scalability of this technology for large-scale applications, positions hydrate-based CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration as a competitive and viable alternative for global carbon management. With continued advancements in **chemical promoters**, **process optimization**, and **environmental safeguards**, hydrate-based sequestration could play a significant role in achieving global decarbonization goals.

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