Vattenfall's Oxyfuel Pilot Plant

First Experiences from Commissioning and Operation

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Decision process for the Oxyfuel Pilot Plant





Location of the Oxyfuel Pilot Plant





Time schedule of the project





The Oxyfuel Pilot Plant



Webcam: www.Vattenfall.de/CCS



Milestones during project realisation

- July `05 project start
- 23.11.06 notice of approval
- March `08 end of construction
- 05.06.08 first fire (ignition burner)
- 26.06.08 first coal fire (main burner)
- 20.08.08 first Oxyfuel operation
- 03.09.08 first separation of CO₂
- 09.09.08 official inauguration





Challenges

- Implementation of approx. 15 new technical concepts and specifications.
- Miscellaneous innovations where necessary to fulfill the new requirements of the Oxyfuel process in comparison to conventional power plants, e.g.:
 - Provision of Oxygen
 - Operation on both air and oxygen
 - Flue gas recirculation
 - FGD: external oxidation and high sulfur removal
 - Flue gas condensation and high aerosol precipitation
 - CO₂ processing and liquefaction under pressure





Transport concept for pilot phase



- Transport with trailers
- 7 to 9 vehicles per day
- distance: aprox. 350 km
- Storage in depleted gas field





Status of the Oxyfuel Pilot Plant

- Commissioning of all components and systems finished (Aug. 2008).
- Security and function test by technical authority (TÜV) finished (Sept. 2008).
- Permission for regular operation by technical authority granted (Sept. 2008 for air operation, Oct. 2008 for Oxyfuel operation).
- Optimization and verification of warranted characteristics finished.
- Functionality of the Oxyfuel process is verified in pilot scale.
- Until beginning of January 2009
 - 430 hours of Oxyfuel operation
 - separation and liquefaction of > 100 t CO₂
- After first measurement campaigns in November/December 2008, start of the test program in January 2009.





Outlook on test program

- Variation of coal quality (moisture, sulphur content, particle size).
- Tests of special measurement technique for flue gas composition and CO₂ monitoring.
- Material tests for demo plants and 700°C technology under Oxyfuel atmosphere.
- Testing of different burners.
- DeNO_X tests at the boiler and for the vent gas stream from the CO₂ plant.
- Test of an integrated dry lignite ignition burner.
- Tests with bituminous coal.





Vision of the next generation power unit



Concept 1Concept 2Oxyfuel boilerPost combustion capture



Lessons learned: Schwarze Pumpe to Jänschwalde

- The integration of chemical plant parts (ASU, CO2P) needs more attention regarding technical regulations, nomenclature and standards.
- New operating concepts for bigger Oxyfuel units have to be developed, considering different behavior of the whole plant in start up and shut down.
- Oxyfuel power plants will have a demand of high skilled employees for operation, engineering and maintenance of the new components (ASU, CO2P).
- For engineering and erection the time schedule of "conventional" power plants fits for Oxyfuel power plants too, but there will be more time needed for commissioning.





Summary

- Oxyfuel works in pilot scale, emission limits are kept.
- Successful integration of plant parts from chemical engineering (ASU, CO2P).
- Gained experiences from approval process and implementation of secondary clauses for CCS power plants.
- CO₂ monitoring over the whole technology chain (capture transport storage) developed for the first time world wide.
- World wide first application for participation in the emission trading market for a CCS plant.
- First steps towards full scale CCS plants is successfully done.





Thank you for your attention!

