# CO2 compression capabilities

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- CO<sub>2</sub> compression
- Experience



### CO<sub>2</sub> Re-injection



# Equation of State

 GE has used the BWRS EOS for the last 30 years: up to 300 bar on regular basis and up to 540 bar with CO<sub>2</sub> + HC gas mixture in specific cases .... also in the supercritical region

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P = RTD + (BoRT - Ao - Co/T^{2} + Do/T^{3} - + Eo/T^{4})D2 + (bRT - a - d/T)D^{3} + \alpha(a + d/T)D^{6} + c/T^{2})(1 + \gamma D^{2})D^{3} e^{-\gamma D^{2}}
BWRS Equation
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BWRS above 480 bar requires careful verification of literature data and is not suitable for liquid-vapour equilibrium calculations

- Many existing CO<sub>2</sub> EOS are optimized for pure CO<sub>2</sub> but not for mixtures
- To allow for regions not adequately covered by current EOS, GE is introducing a new thermodynamic model to improve predictability



### Product Lines for CO<sub>2</sub> Compression









Compression from 1.5 bar up to approx. 220 bar





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#### **Subcritical Compression + Pumping**

GE imagination at work

P [bar]

**Refrigerated Compression** 





### CO<sub>2</sub> Reciprocating Compressor Experience

- Many years of experience ... started with fertilizers plants
- 180+ machines in operation processing CO<sub>2</sub> or gases containing CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S
- Up to 750 bara disch. pressure ... 19,000 Nm3/h max requested capacity
- Most recent major experience CO<sub>2</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>S reinjenction ... 55,000 Nm3/h @ 486 bara max. discharge pressure
- From small to large compressor sizes (HG frame)







### CO<sub>2</sub> Centrifugal Compressor Experience



#### Technical design challenges

- Aerodynamics
  - Very high pressure ratio and compressibility
  - Wide range of flow coefficient stages
- Rotor Dynamics
  - Very high density and destabilizing effects
  - Predictability of compressor seal dynamic coefficients



#### References

- 200+ units installed since 1968
- Discharge pressure up to 280 bar/a
- Compressor power ... up to 18 MW
- Inlet flow ... 2,000 to 300,000 Nm3/h
- World's Largest Single Train capacity (3450 t/d QAFCO Qatar)
- 90+ Urea Plants ... 13 Million Operating hours

# CO<sub>2</sub> compression ... Rotordynamics



#### Experimental validation of seals



- Operating pressure : up to 400 bar
- Rotational speed: up to 18000 rpm
- Test gas: N<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>
- Design Pressure: 500 Bara

Extensive Experience in High Density Applications ... Record discharge press with centrifugal compressor: 915 bar... UHP Seal Test Rig to move

#### CO<sub>2</sub> Pumping Experience Brazil HP pilot project

- Custom designed mechanical seal qualification process
- Rotor dynamic stability assessment
- Physical properties of supercritical gas mixture tested by SWRI
  - Suction pressure 300 bar
  - Discharge pressure 540 bar
  - Design pressure 670 bar (API 6A 10000)
  - Flowrate 10 kg/s
  - Four pumps in series
  - Installation on FPSO
  - Triple mechanical seal configuration
  - Job delivery date: 31/12/2009



#### **First reference for this service**



# CO<sub>2</sub> Compression Summary

- Both compressor and pump technology in-house
- Compression + pumping thermodynamic optimization
- Many years of experience in CO<sub>2</sub> compression ... centrifugals and reciprocatir
- Leverage experience in HP re-injection compression
  - Rotordynamics
  - Seals
  - Low flow stage aerodynamics
- Validation activities in place ... Gas properties and UHP test rig



#### Questions

