



ADVANCED COAL-FIRED POWER CYCLES

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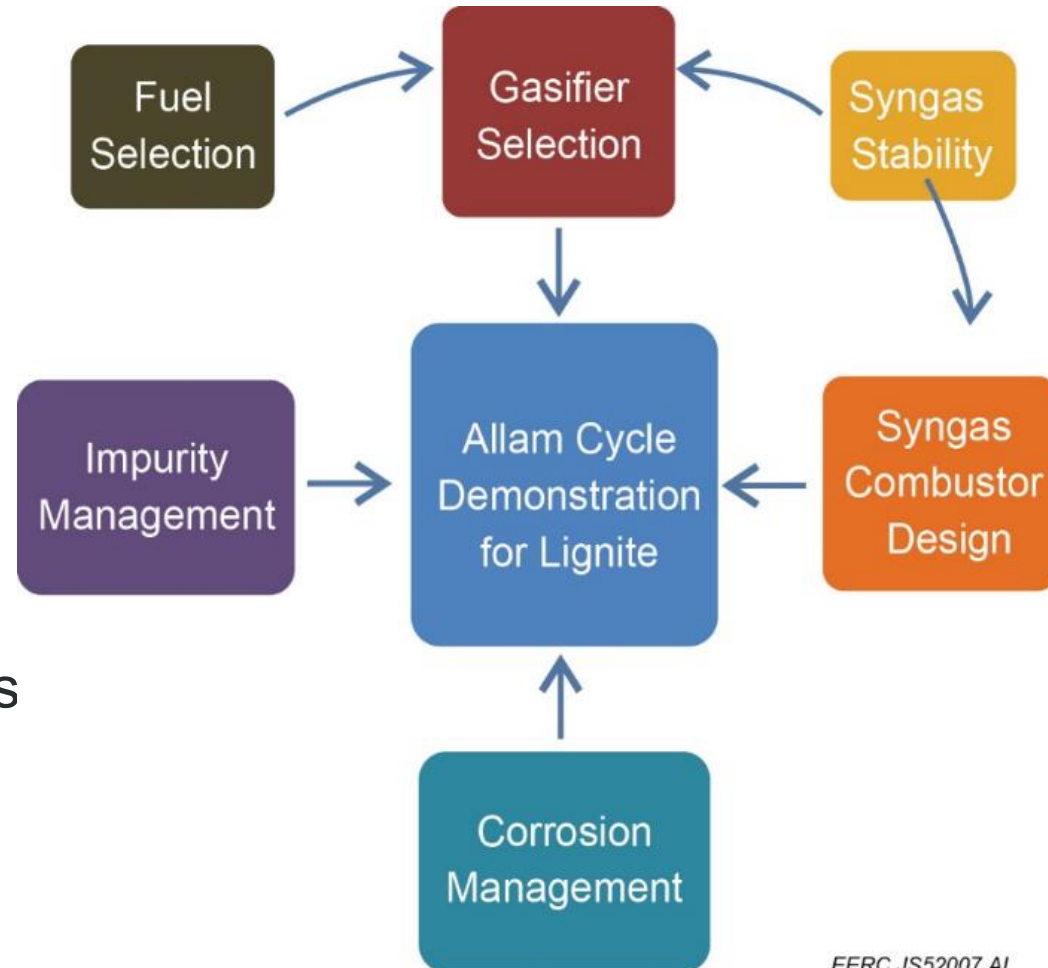
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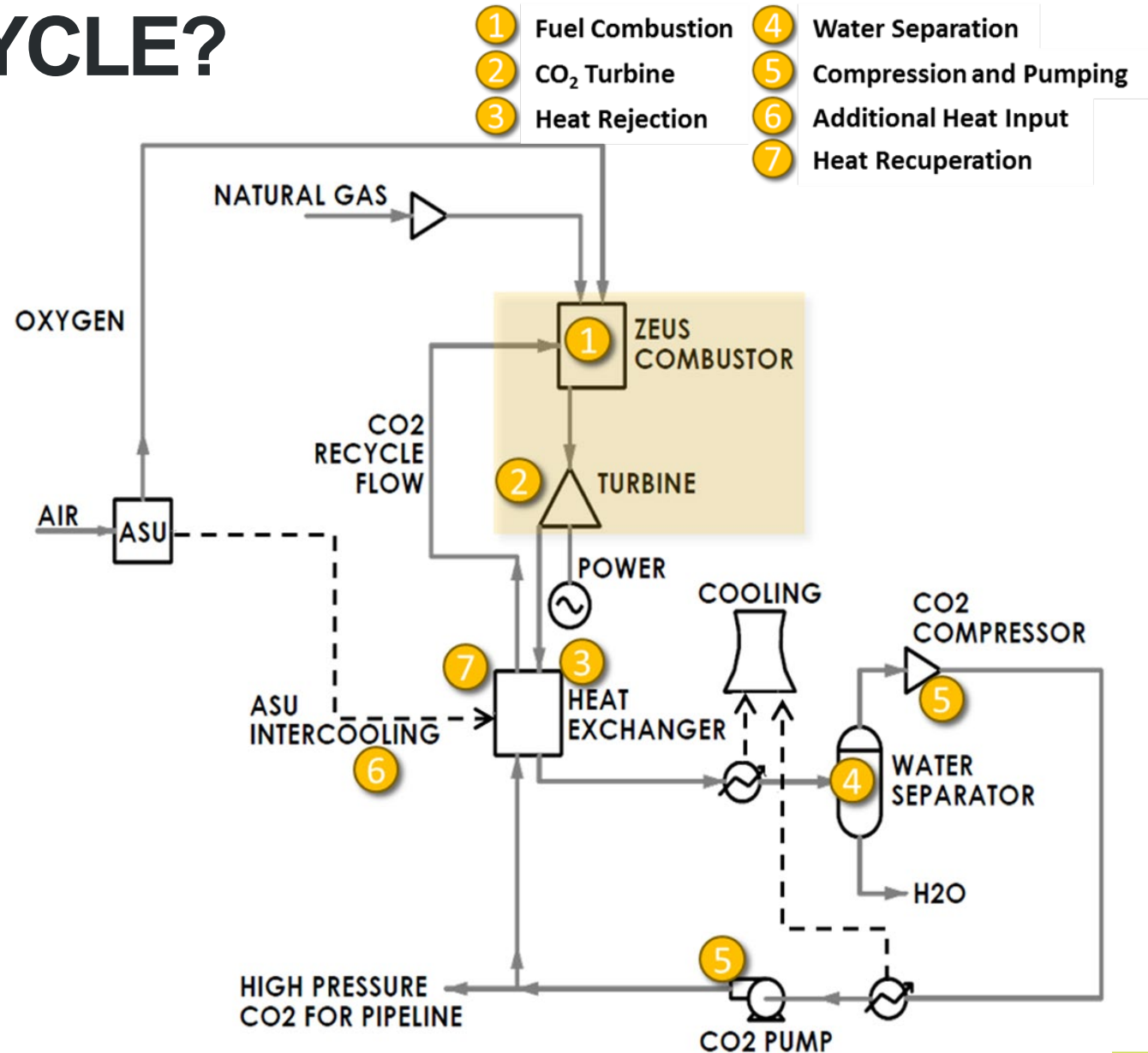


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WHAT IS THE ALLAM CYCLE?

The Allam Cycle is any supercritical CO₂ Brayton cycle that:

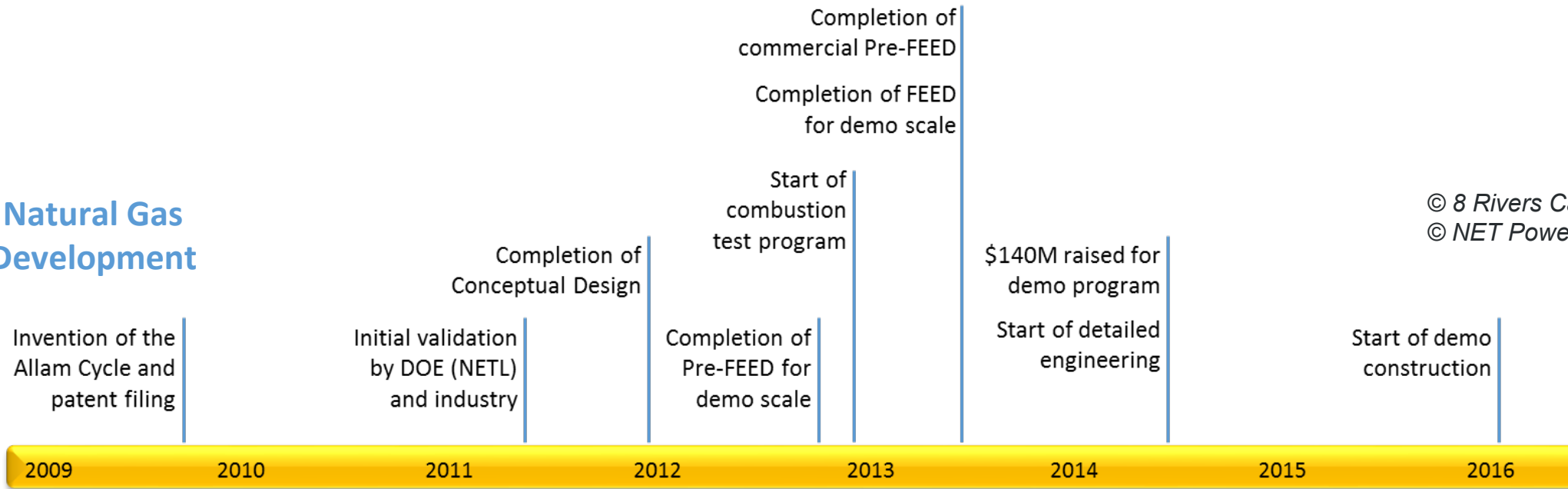
- Is oxy-fueled and direct-fired.
- Recuperates turbine exhaust.
- Uses a heat source in addition to the turbine exhaust.
- Utilizes turbine temp >800°C (1000°–1200°C optimal)
- Inlet >80 bar (200–400 bar optimal).



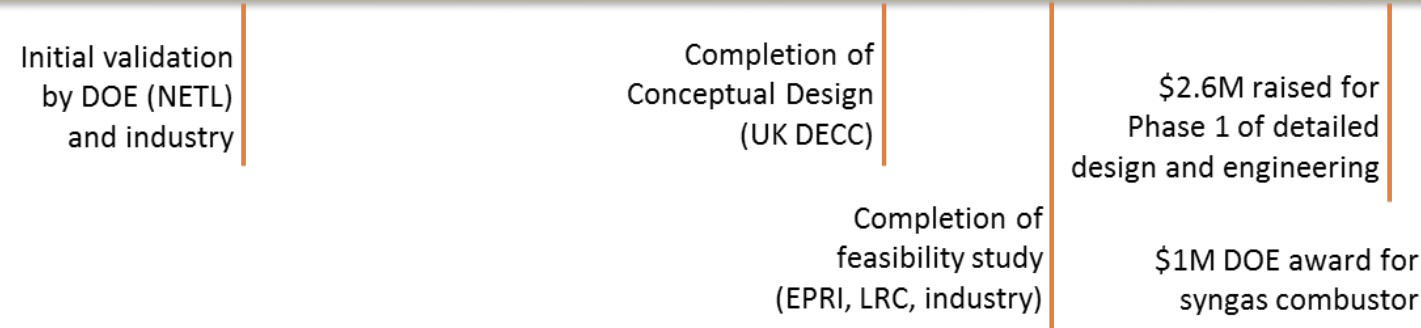
THE ALLAM CYCLE IS BEING ACTIVELY COMMERCIALIZED

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Natural Gas Development



Coal-Fired Development



CORE NATURAL GAS ALLAM CYCLE DEMONSTRATION BY NET POWER

50-MWth natural gas demonstration plant located in La Porte, Texas.

- Commissioning has begun.
- First fire in May 2018.
- Will test performance, reliability, controllability, and safety.

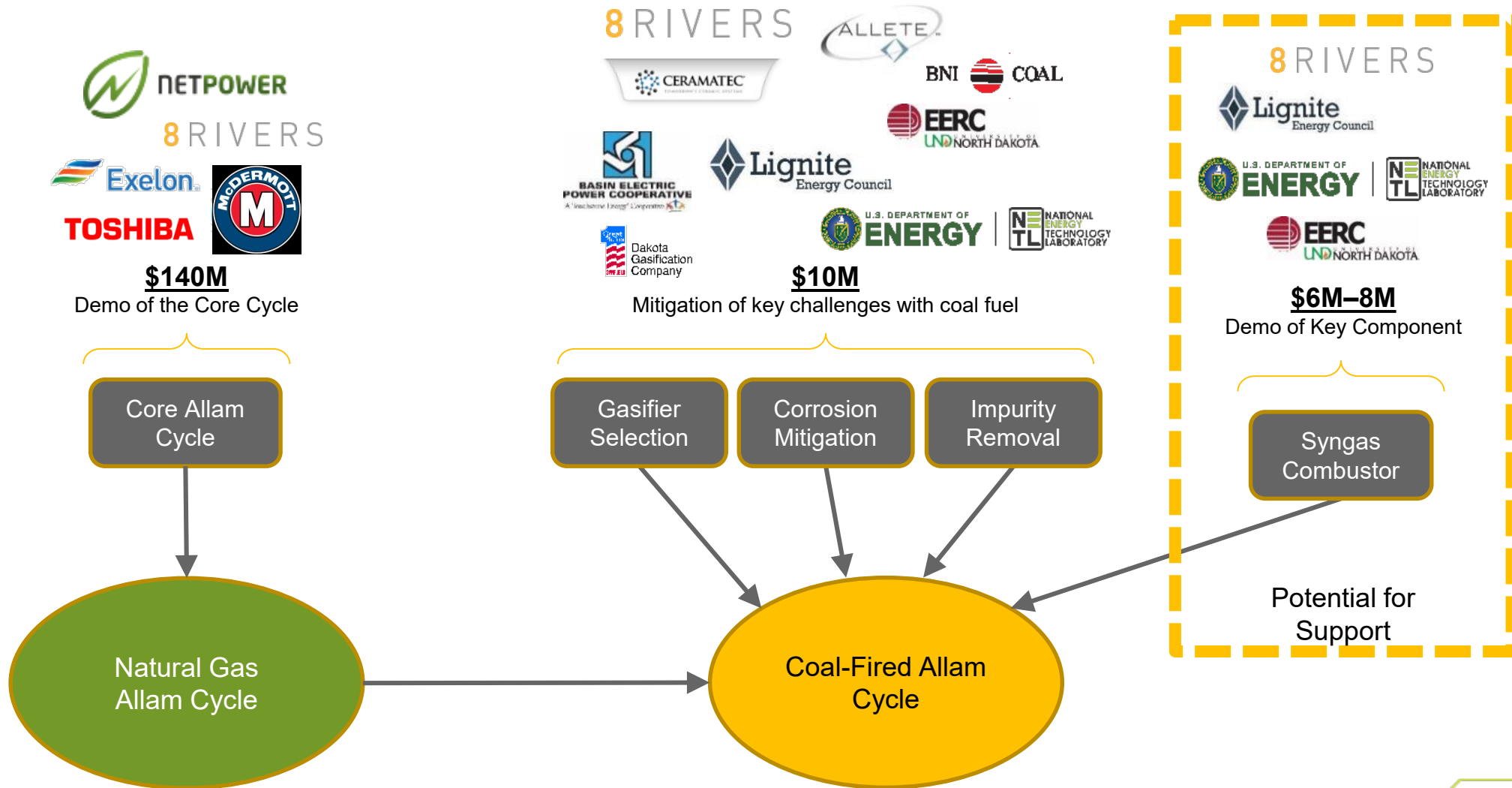
300-MWe commercial plant under development.

- Pre-FEED study completed on commercial plant.
- Beginning FEED and early development work.





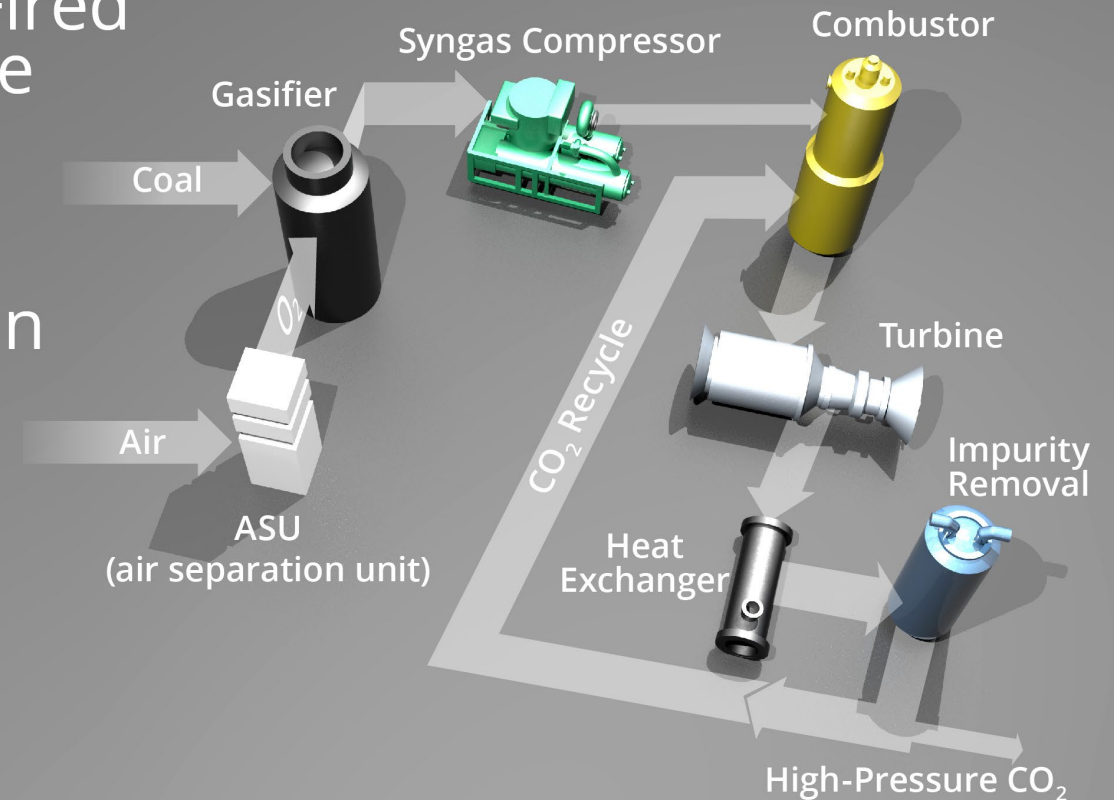
ONGOING ALLAM CYCLE DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW



KEY AREAS REQUIRED TO MITIGATE ADDITIONAL RISKS FOR COAL

- Metallurgy/corrosion
- Gasifier selection
- Gas cleanup
- Syngas combustor

The Coal-Fired
Allam Cycle
Simplifies
Power
from Coal
Gasification





CORROSION

FINAL FUEL SPECIFICATION

	Average	Maximum	Minimum
Proximate Analysis, as-received, wt%			
Moisture	37.5	40.0	35.0
Volatile Matter	26.0	31.0	21.0
Fixed Carbon	28.5	23.5	33.5
Ash	8.0	12.0	6.0
Ultimate Analysis, as-received, wt%			
Carbon	42.0	55.0	32.0
Hydrogen	7.0	8.0	6.0
Nitrogen	0.7	0.9	0.5
Sulfur	1.0	1.5	0.5
Oxygen	41.3	50.0	40.0
Ash Composition, wt% as oxides			
SiO ₂	25.0	35.0	15.0
Al ₂ O ₃	10.0	20.0	5.0
Fe ₂ O ₃	10.0	20.0	5.0
TiO ₂	0.5	1.0	0.1
P ₂ O ₅	0.5	1.0	0.1
CaO	22.0	32.0	12.0
MgO	6.0	11.0	1.0
Na ₂ O	5.0	7.0	2.0
K ₂ O	1.0	2.0	0.2
SO ₃	20.0	30.0	10.0
Higher Heating Value			
As-Received, Btu/lb	6600	7200	5800



Center Mine



Beulah Mine

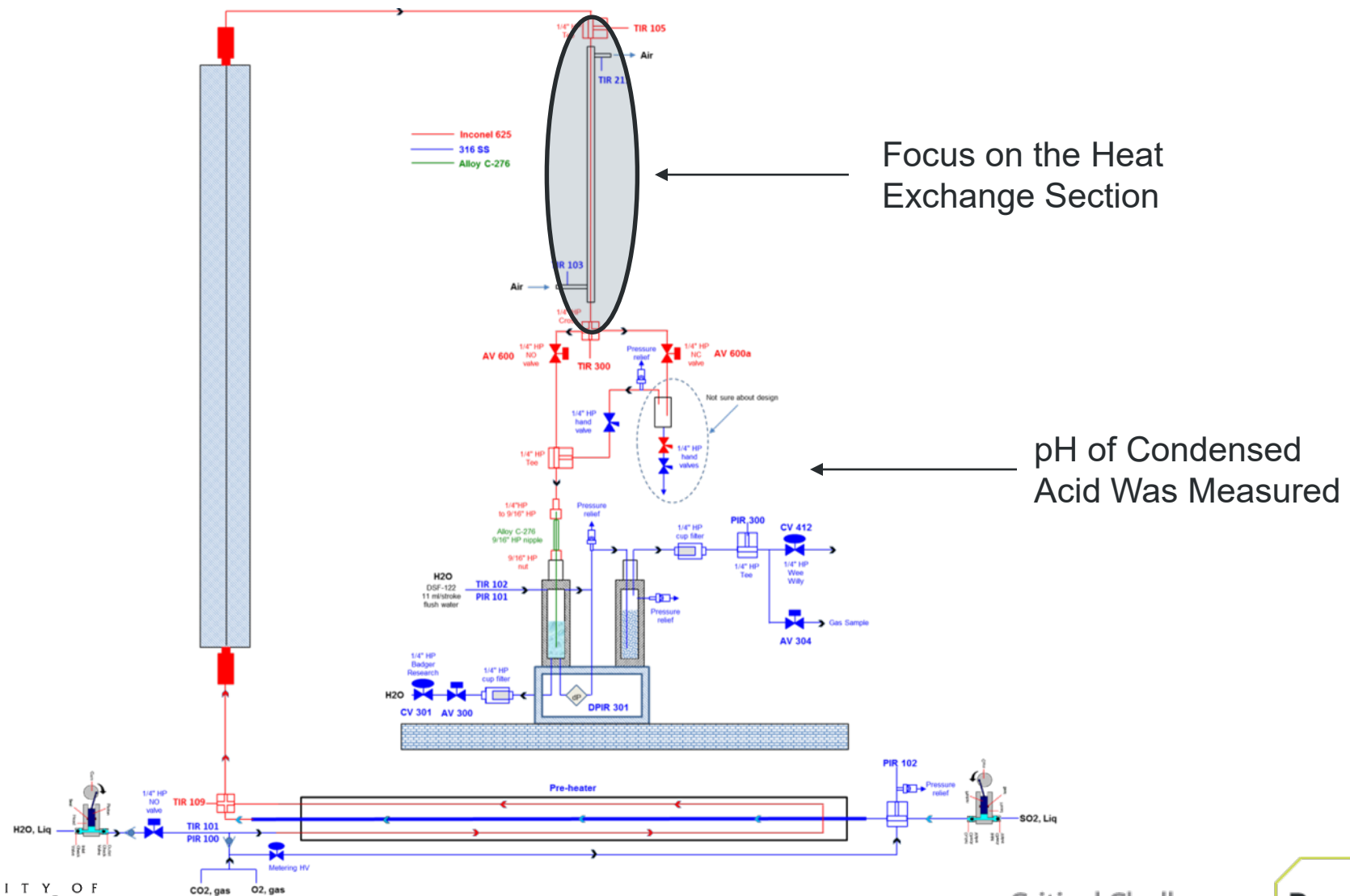


Freedom Mine



LOW PRESSURE/LOW TEMPERATURE

DYNAMIC CORROSION TESTING – LOW PRESSURE/LOW TEMPERATURE

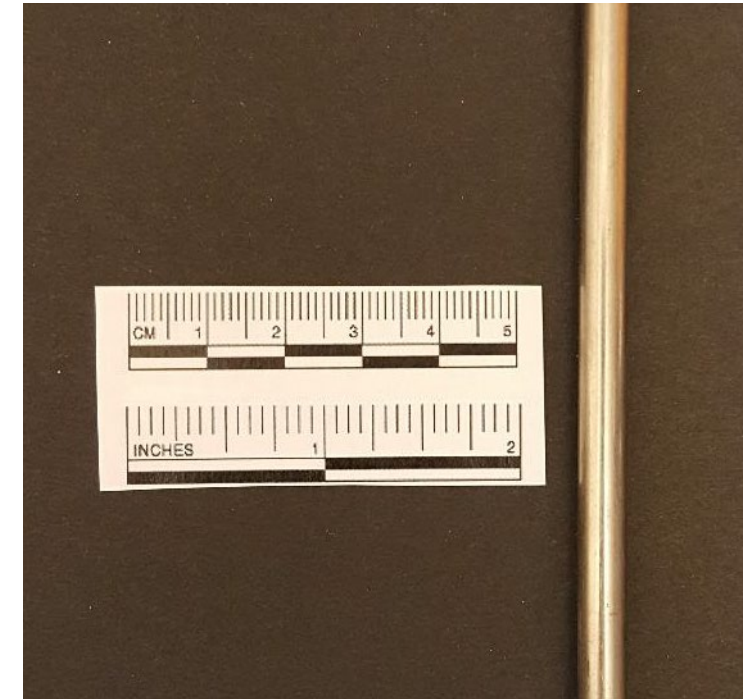
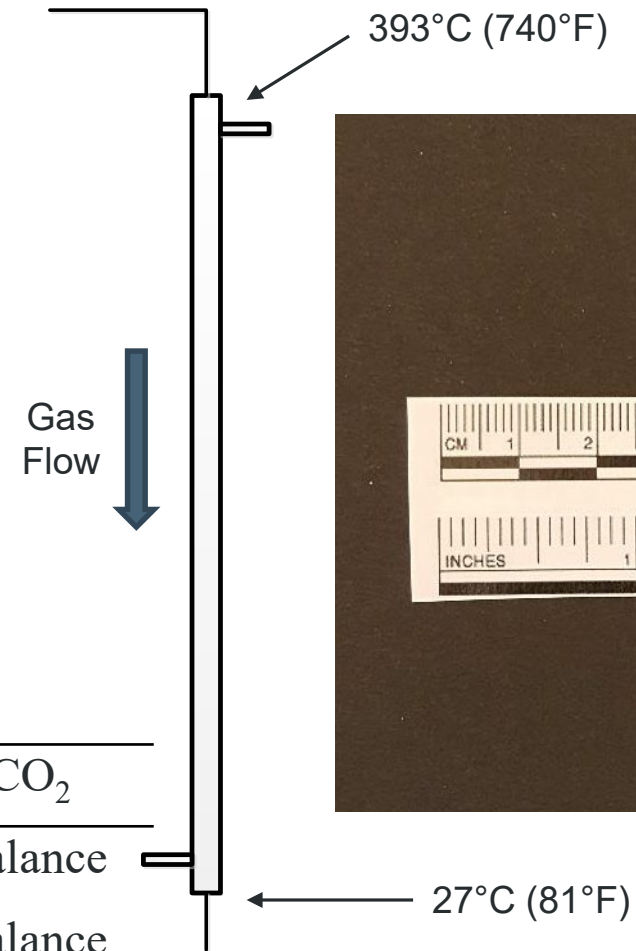


HEAT EXCHANGER

- Inconel 625 tubing.
- Two tests performed at 30 bar (435 psi) pressure.
- Both tests experienced tubing plugs in less than 50 hours.
- Physical plug occurred at the top of the heat exchanger.
- Sulfur attack seen throughout system.

Test Gas Compositions

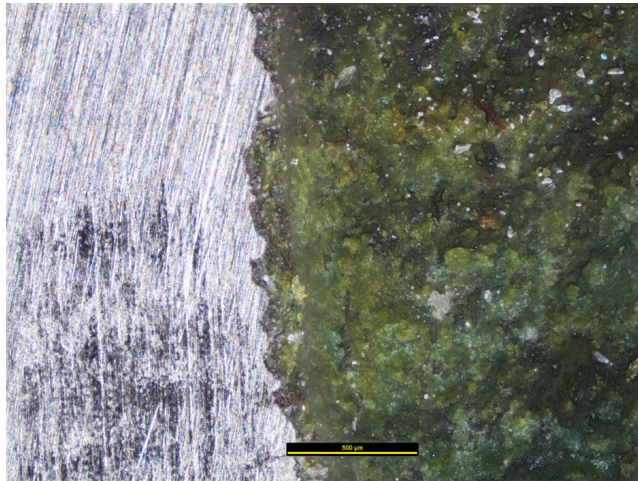
	SO ₂	H ₂ O	O ₂	NO	CO ₂
Test 1	600 ppm	2%	1%	40 ppm	Balance
Test 2	600 ppm	2%	1%	20 ppm	Balance



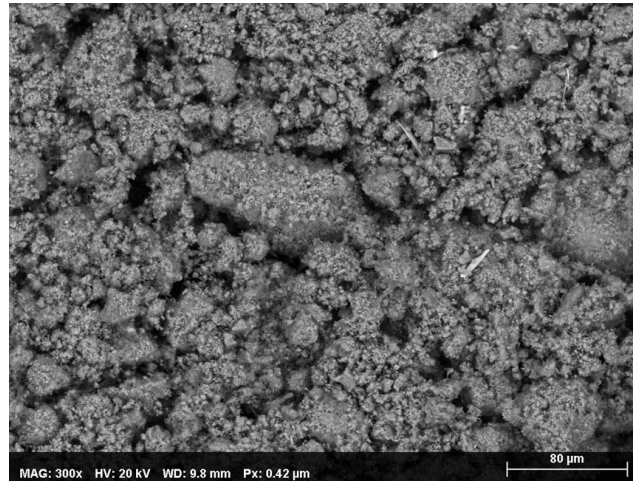
COMPOSITIONS

Average Composition (wt%) of the Plug Material and Base Alloy

	O	Al	Si	S	Ti	Cr	Fe	Ni	Ni/Cr	Cr/Fe	Ni/Fe
Plug Material	52.0	0.02	0.07	16.6	0.07	5.23	1.05	24.8	1.49	5.00	23.7
Alloy 625	—	<0.40	<0.50	<0.015	<0.40	20.0– 23.0	<5.0	>58.0	>2.52	<4.60	>11.6



Bar is 0.5 mm long (0.02 inches).



Bar is 0.08 mm long (0.003 inches).

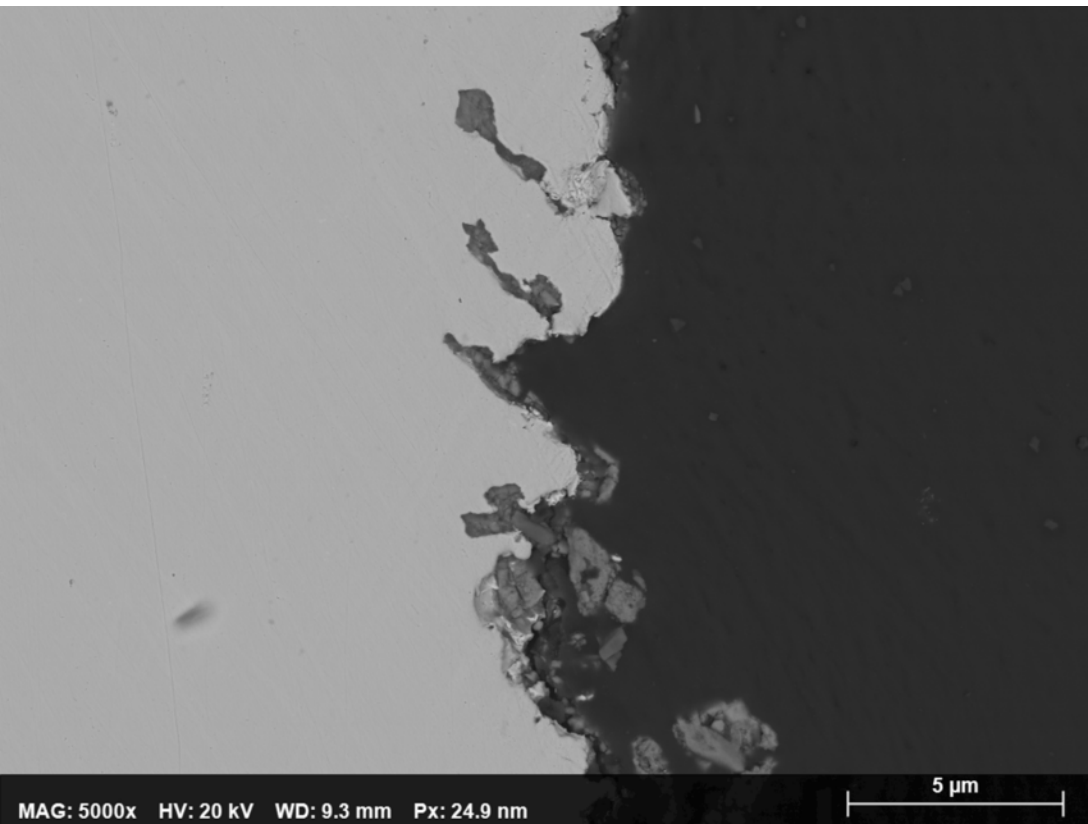
Condensed Liquid Analytical Results

Element/Compound	Concentration, mg/L
Chromium	2700
Iron	670
Nickel	7490
Nitrate	<100
Nitrite	<100
Sulfate	143,000
Nickel/Chromium Ratio	2.77
Chromium/Iron Ratio	4.03
Nickel/Iron Ratio	11.2

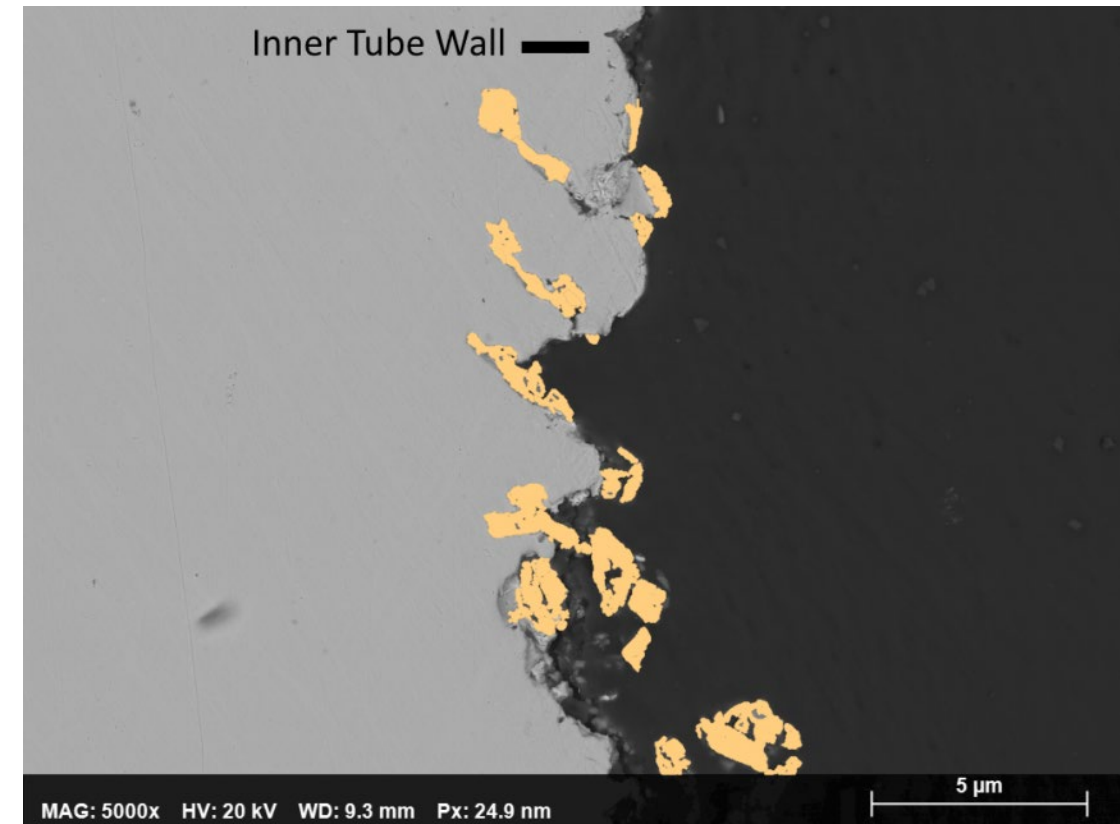
Measured pH was below 1.0.

TUBING SECTION EXPOSED TO 700°F – PLUGGED AREA

- SEM Micrograph



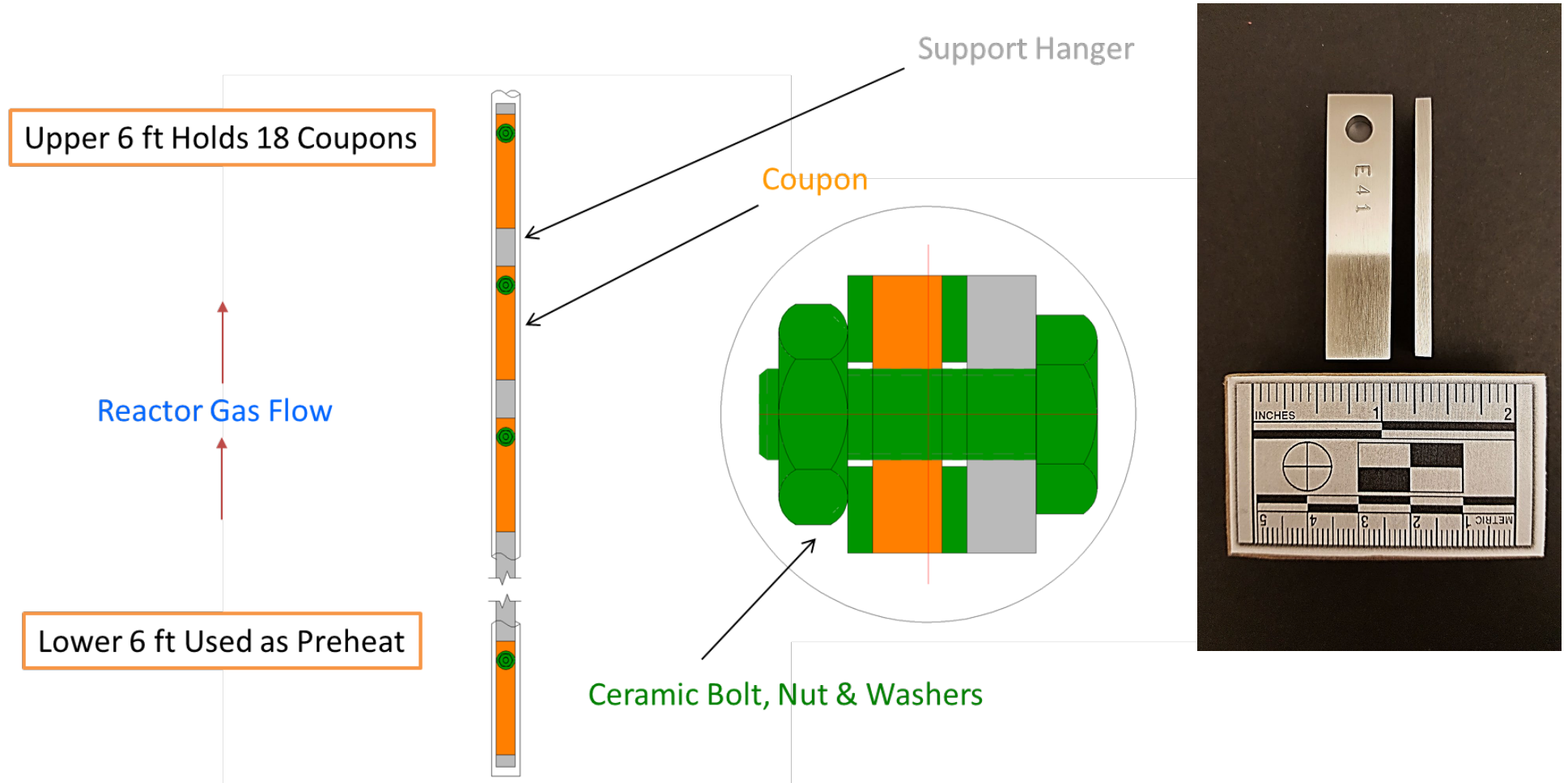
- SEM Micrograph Showing Presence of Sulfur Species – Colored Areas



HIGH-PRESSURE/HIGH-TEMPERATURE PRECOMBUSTION SULFUR REMOVAL

Critical Challenges. **Practical Solutions.**

INCONEL REACTOR

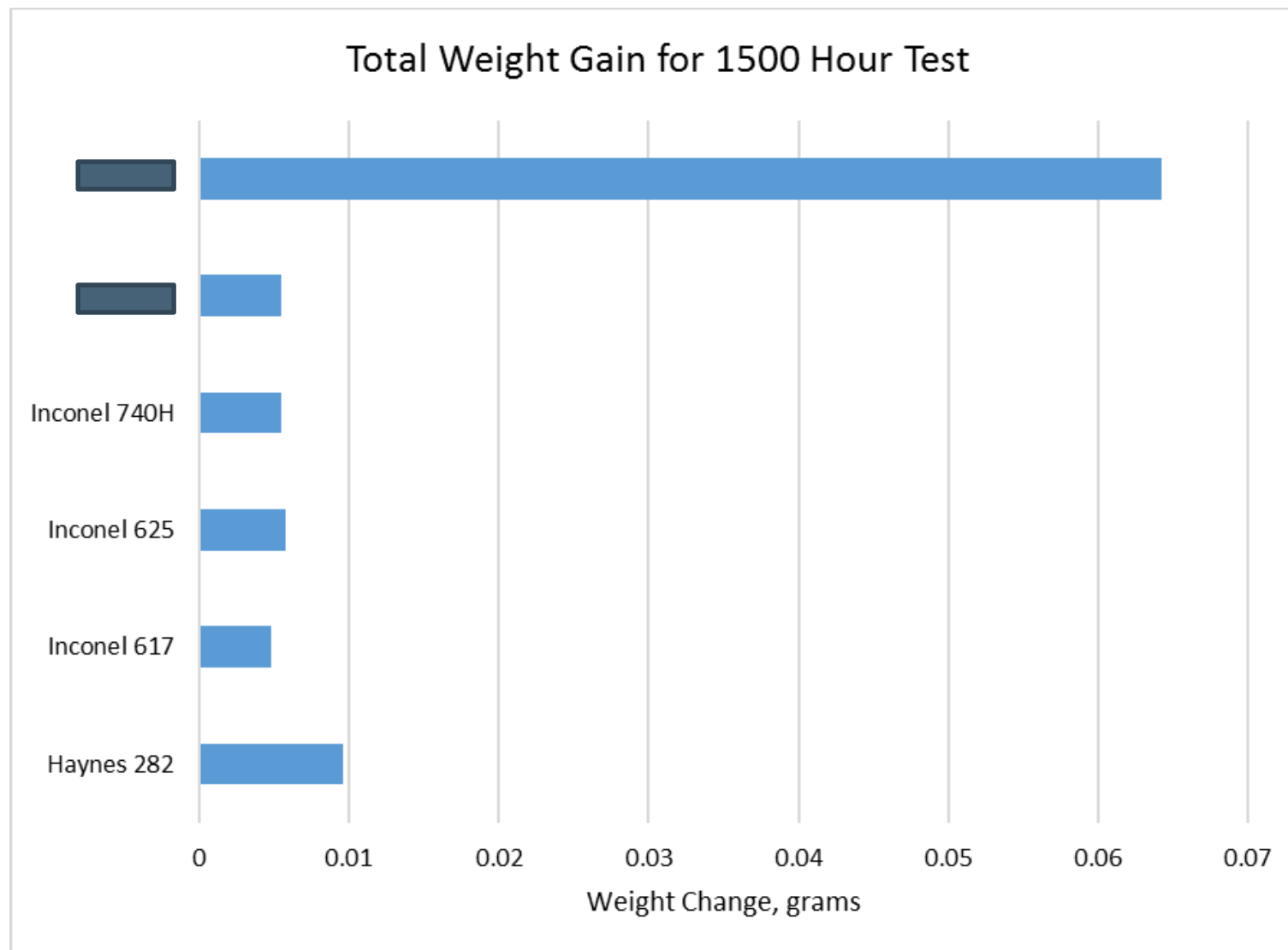


ALLOYS BEING TESTED IN REACTOR – HIGH PRESSURE/HIGH TEMPERATURE

Alloy	Cr	Ni	Fe	Mo	Co	Al	Nb+Ta
G130	24.0–26.0	Balance	1.5 max.	0.5 max.	18.0–22.0	1.0–1.6	0.75 max.
740H	23.5–25.5	Balance	3.0 max.	2.0 max.	15.0–22.0	0.2–2.0	0.5–2.5
617	20.0–24.0	Balance	3.0 max.	8.0–10.0	10.0–15.0	1.5 max.	–
230	20.0–24.0	Balance	3.0 max.	1.0–3.0	5.0 max.	0.2–0.5	–
625	20.0–23.0	Balance	5.0 max.	8.0–10.0	1.0 max.	0.4 max.	3.2–4.2
282	18.5–20.5	Balance	1.5 max.	8.0–9.0	9.0–11.0	1.38–1.65	–

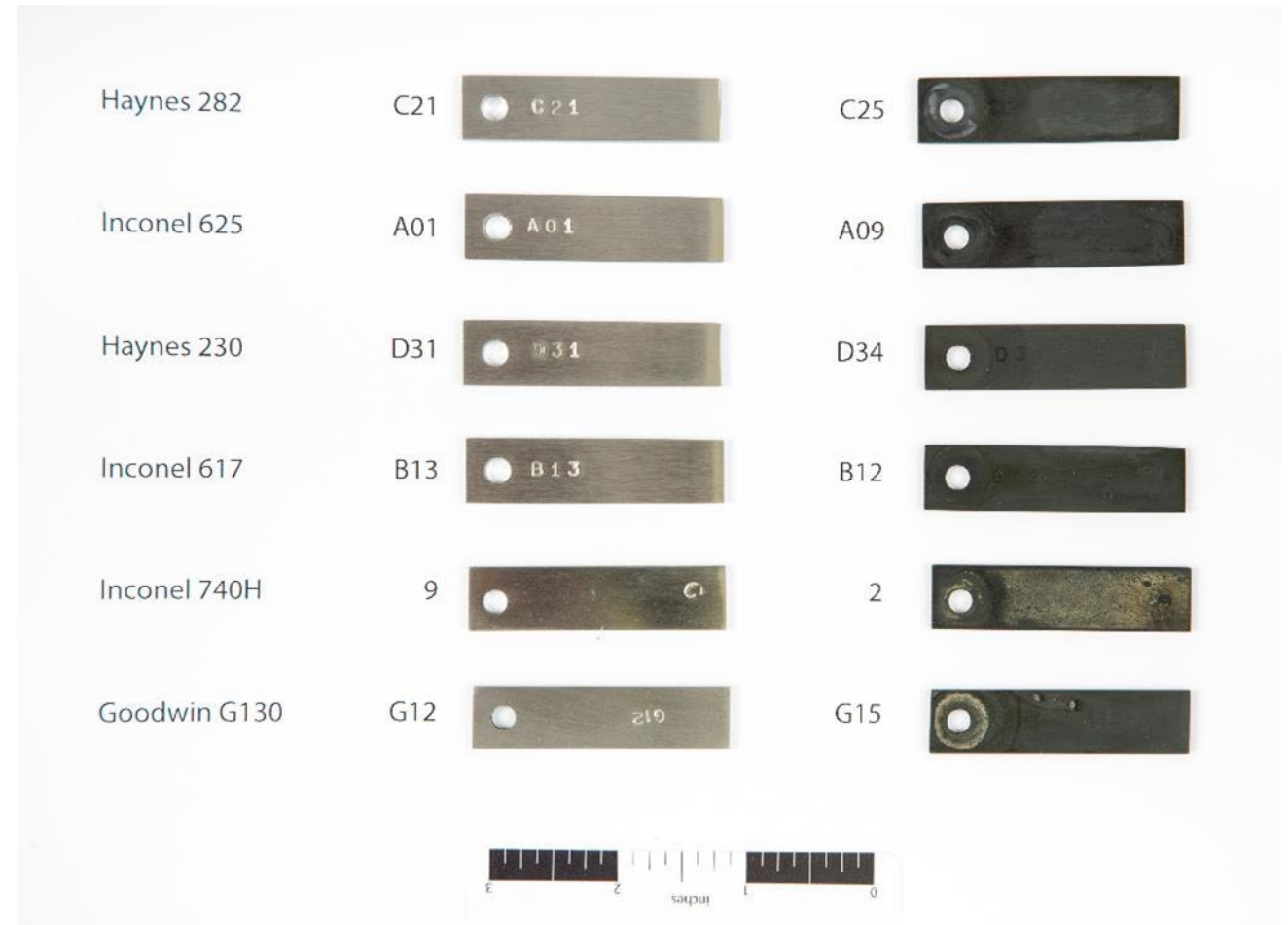
- Selection based on results of prior testing.
- 1500-hour test.
- 269 bar (3900 psi) pressure, 750°C (1383°F).

HIGH-PRESSURE/TEMPERATURE RESULTS



CORROSION SUMMARY

- Precombustion sulfur removal will be necessary.
- Materials exist that will survive nominal Allam Cycle conditions.
- Selective acid condensation will need to be monitored.





GASIFIER SELECTION

TASK 2 – GASIFIER SELECTION

- Gasifier selection will impact all areas of the Allam Cycle.
- Lignite fuel spec developed.
- Selection process.
- Systems modeled.



SELECTION CRITERIA

- Selection of a suitable gasifier is highly dependent on two key aspects:
 - Ability to gasify North Dakota lignite
 - Integration with the overall Allam Cycle
- Team ranked gasifiers based on these performance criteria.



GASIFIER SELECTION

The team ranked 22 gasification systems and narrowed the list down to four.

22 Systems Initially Considered

No.	Gasifier Name	Commercial Readiness	Operational History with Lignite	Applicability to Lignite	Notional Cost	Thermal Integration	System Reliability	Total Score	Rank
1	SCGP	4.6	1.7	3.4	1.5	4.3	3.5	18.9	10
2	SFG	4.3	1.5	3.6	1.8	4.3	3.8	19.2	8
3	OMB Slurry	4.8	1	1.3	4.8	2.8	4.3	18.9	9
4	OMB Dry	3.6	2	3.5	4.5	4	4.3	21.9	4
5	MHI	2.4	0.7	3.2	3	3.3	2	14.6	18
6	Prenflo	3.3	1.2	3	2.5	4	3.3	17.3	11
7	GE	4.7	0.8	1.3	2.8	2.3	3.4	15.2	15
8	E-GAS	4.1	0.8	1.2	3	2.5	3.5	15.1	17
9	E-STR	1.8	1.2	3.5	3	3.3	3	15.9	14
10	GTI	1.4	1	2.8	3	3.5	2	13.7	19
11	HT-L	3.7	0	1	3	2.7	2	12.3	20
12	MCSG	4	0	1	3	2	2	12	21
13	OSEG	3.3	0	1.3	3	2	2	11.7	22
14	TPRI	3	1	3.7	3.5	3.3	2	16.5	12
15	U-GAS	3.4	2.4	3.8	3.1	3.1	3.5	19.4	7
16	HTW	3.3	3.2	3.7	2.8	3.1	3.7	19.8	6
17	TRIG	3	2.6	4.6	3.4	3.1	3.7	20.3	5
18	AFB	2.3	2	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.8	16.2	13
19	KRW	1.7	1.3	3.7	3	3.5	2	15.2	16
20	BGL	3.9	3.9	4.8	3.3	3.8	3.3	23	3
21	Lurgi	4.9	5	4.9	3.8	2.1	4	24.6	1
22	SEDIN	5	4.5	4.7	5	2	3	24.2	2

Nine Systems Selected for Further Study

Gasifier Name	System Type	Ash	Vendor	Efficiency Rank	Cost Rank	Sodium Rank	Vendor Responsiveness Rank	Commercial Deployments Rank	Average Rank	New Ranking
Lurgi	Fixed Bed	Non-slugging	Air Liquide	8	2	1	7	1	3.8	4
BGL	Fixed Bed	Slagging	Envirotherm	1	3	2	8	4	3.6	3
SE	Entrained Flow	Slagging	Sinopec/ECUST	2	1	4	1	3	2.2	1
TRIG	Fluid Bed	Non-slugging	KBR/Southern	3	8	8	6	8	6.6	8
HTW	Fluid Bed	Non-slugging	ThyssenKrupp	6	4	7	4	6	5.4	6
U-GAS	Fluid Bed	Agglomerating	SES	5	5	6	3	5	4.8	5
SCGP	Entrained Flow	Slagging	Shell	4	7	3	2	2	3.6	2
Prenflo	Entrained Flow	Slagging	ThyssenKrupp	7	6	5	4	7	5.8	7

Final Four Systems

Gasifier Name	System Type	Ash	Vendor
BGL	Fixed bed	Slagging	Envirotherm
SE	Entrained flow	Slagging	Sinopec/ECUST
U-GAS	Fluid bed	Agglom.	SES
SCGP	Entrained flow	Slagging	Shell

DETAILS OF SELECTED SYSTEMS

- The team is working with vendors and partners of the gasification technology to develop pre-FEED-type data on each system with North Dakota lignite and integrated with the Allam Cycle.

Gasifier Name	System Type	Ash	Vendor	Pre-FEED Partner	Status
BGL	Fixed bed	Slagging	Envirotherm	University of Freiberg	Proposal received, working on contract
SE	Entrained flow	Slagging	Sinopec/ECUST	ECUST	Contract nearly finalized
U-GAS	Fluid bed	Agglom.	SES	Jacobs Engineering	Waiting for proposal
SCGP	Entrained flow	Slagging	Shell	Shell Global Solutions	Working on NDA

KEY PROCESS INFORMATION

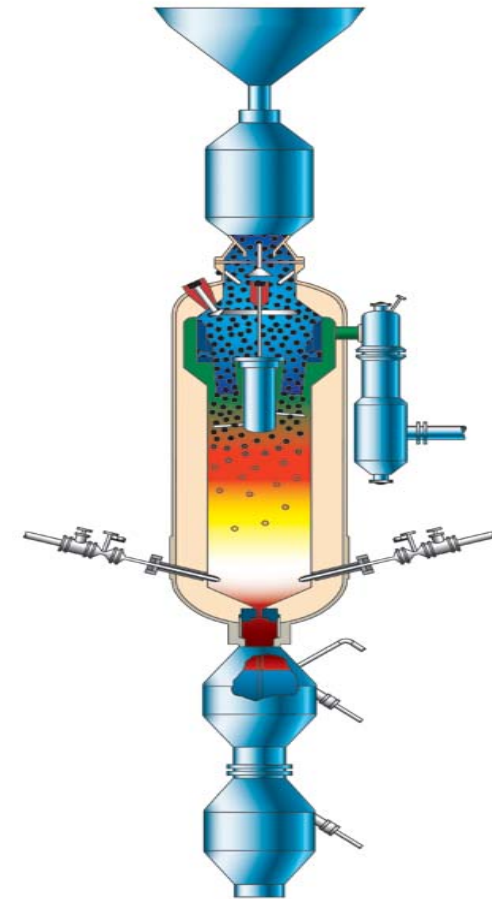
- Process block diagrams and equipment arrangement
- Auxiliary power, oxygen, and utility requirements
- Process flow diagrams (P&ID)
- Operating conditions of coal drying, gasifier, and treatment areas
- Stream data
- Start-up and partial load
- Cold-gas efficiency
- Start-up fuels
- Overall Allam Cycle integration

SUMMARY OF VENDOR DATA

Gasification Technology	SE (ECUST)	BGL	SES SGT
Overall Allam Cycle Efficiency, HHV	39.6%	39.0%	40.3%
Design Output, MW (thermal)	500	500	583
Gasifier Units, trains required	2	3	1
Gasifier type	Entrained flow, slagging	Fixed-bed, slagging	Fluid bed, agglomerated
Syngas Flow (after cleanup), kg/h	165,818	144,910	
Gasifier Operating Pressure, bar	40	43	
Gasifier Operating Temperature, °C	1300	717	
Syngas Composition at Outlet, dry basis			
H ₂	27.5%	24.9%	32.8%
CO	65.2%	58.2%	30.3%
CO ₂	6.1%	6.0%	27.2%
H ₂ S	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%
COS	0.04%	0.02%	0.01%
CH ₄	0.05%	8.5%	8.5%
N ₂ + Ar	0.5%	0.9%	0.4%

GASIFIER SELECTION – FINAL LIST

- Finalizing studies for all three vendors.
 - SE gasifier – entrained flow – study complete.
 - ◆ \$113M capital costs
 - ◆ Two gasifiers
 - BGL gasifier – fixed bed – Freiberg – study complete.
 - ◆ \$218M capital costs
 - ◆ Three gasifiers
 - ◆ Higher methane content in syngas
 - SES gasifier – fluid bed – study complete
 - ◆ \$188M capital costs
 - ◆ One gasifier



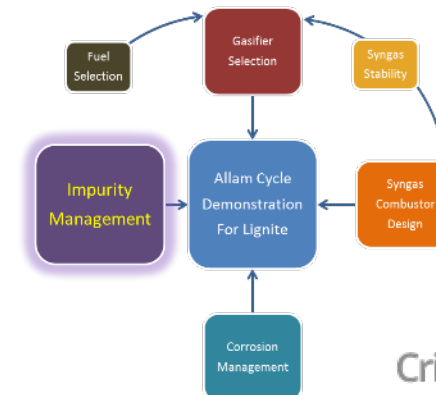


IMPURITY REMOVAL

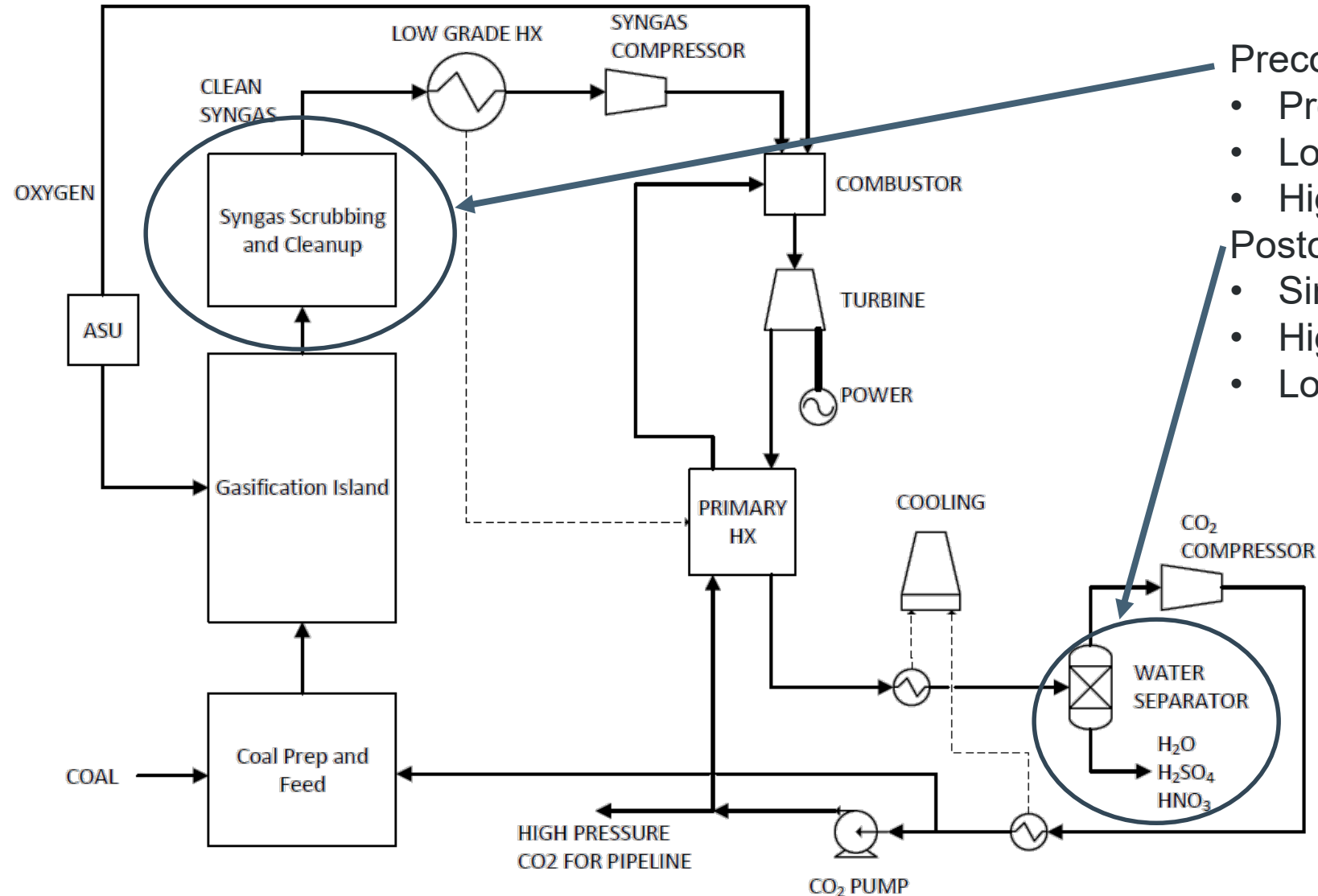
Critical Challenges. **Practical Solutions.**

IMPURITY MANAGEMENT

- Optimize and select economically viable near-commercial technologies to support the removal of impurities.
- The Allam Cycle lends itself to cost-effective postcombustion removal.
- Precombustion technologies are commercially available.
- The team reviewed options for both technical fit in the process and commercial readiness.



IMPURITY MANAGEMENT



Precombustion

- Proven technologies
- Low risk
- Higher cost

Postcombustion

- Simplified removal
- Higher risk
- Lower cost

SULFUR REMOVAL CHEMISTRY FOR DESNO_x POSTCOMBUSTION TECHNOLOGY

- DeSNO_x postcombustion removal – under pressure (>15 bar)
 - $2\text{NO} + \text{O}_2 \leftrightarrow 2\text{NO}_2$
 - $\text{NO}_2 + \text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \text{SO}_3 + \text{NO}$
 - $\text{SO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$
 - $2\text{NO}_2 \leftrightarrow \text{N}_2\text{O}_4$
 - $3\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrow 2\text{HNO}_3 + \text{NO}$
 - $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{HNO}_2 + \text{HNO}_3$
 - $2\text{HNO}_2 \leftrightarrow \text{NO} + \text{NO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$



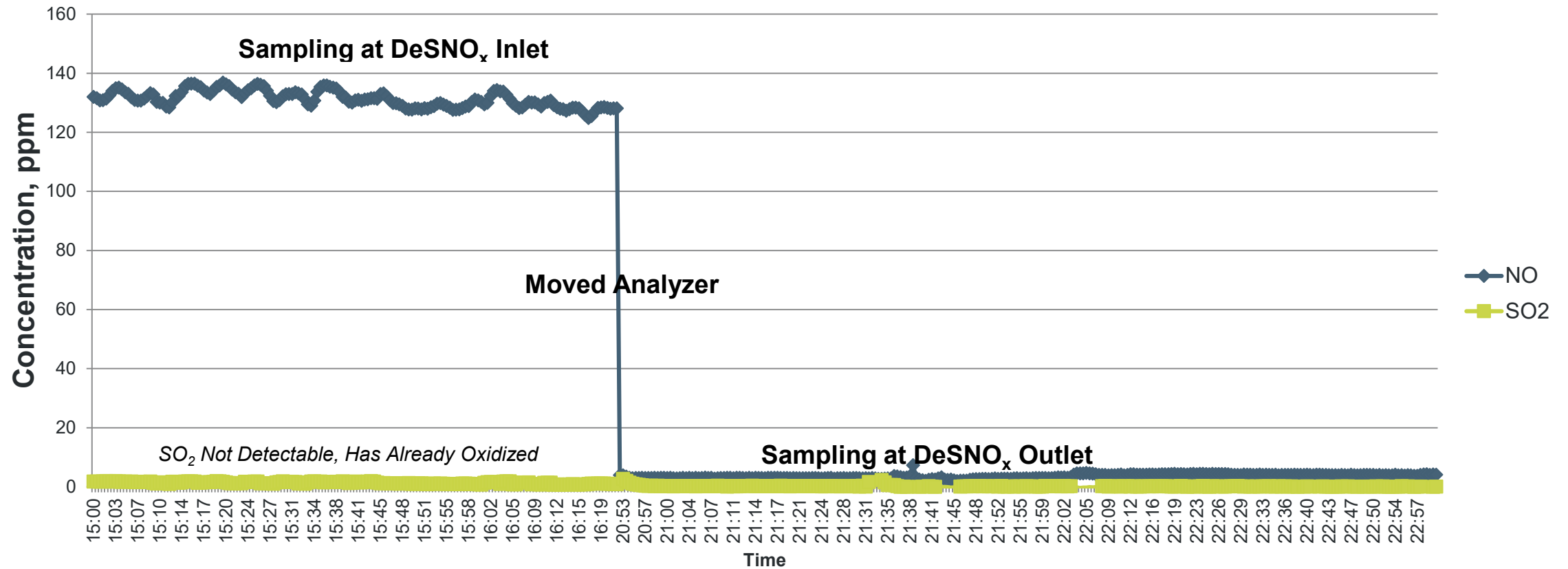
KEY FINDINGS – IMPURITY REMOVAL

- Initial testing of the 8 Rivers DeSNO_x process.
- Existing equipment at the EERC was used to generate an Allam Cycle flue gas from lignite coal and to test the process.
- The DeSNO_x process uses only water in a packed spray column to remove sulfur and nitrogen species through oxidation reactions.
- Test results show that high levels of SO_x and NO_x removal have been achieved:
 - SO_x: >99% removal
 - NO_x: ~95% removal



DESNO_x PERFORMANCE

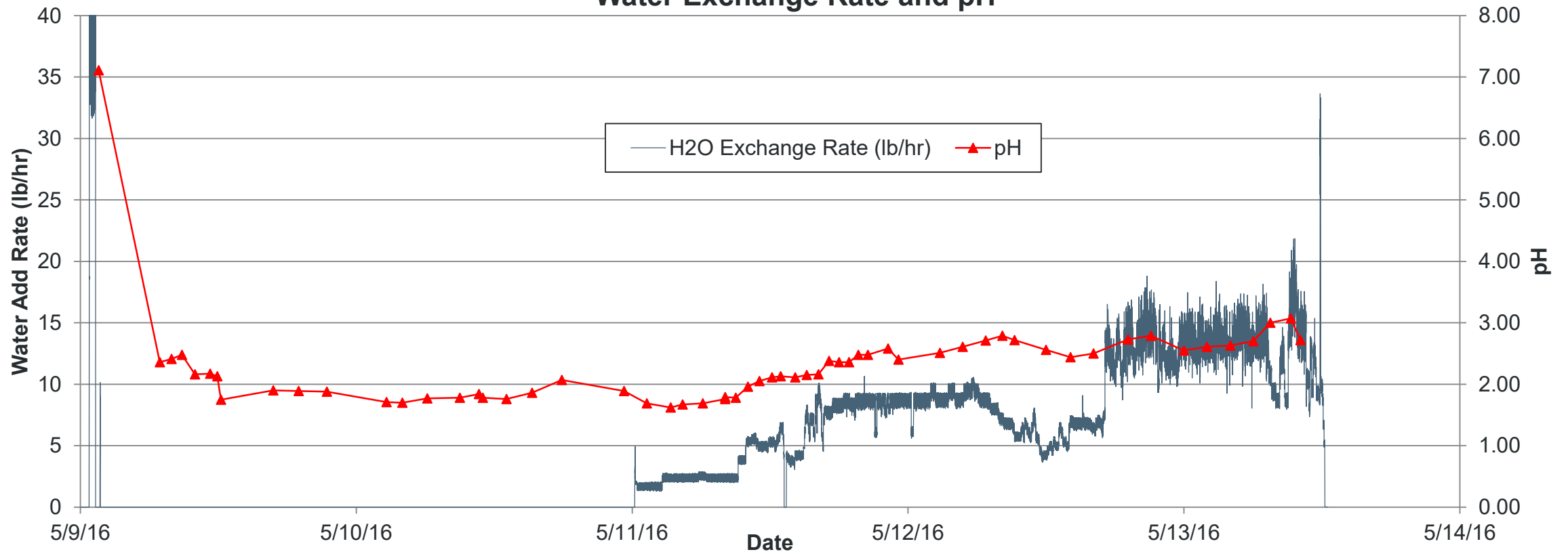
NO and SO₂ Concentration on 5/9/16



DESNO_x OPTIMIZATION

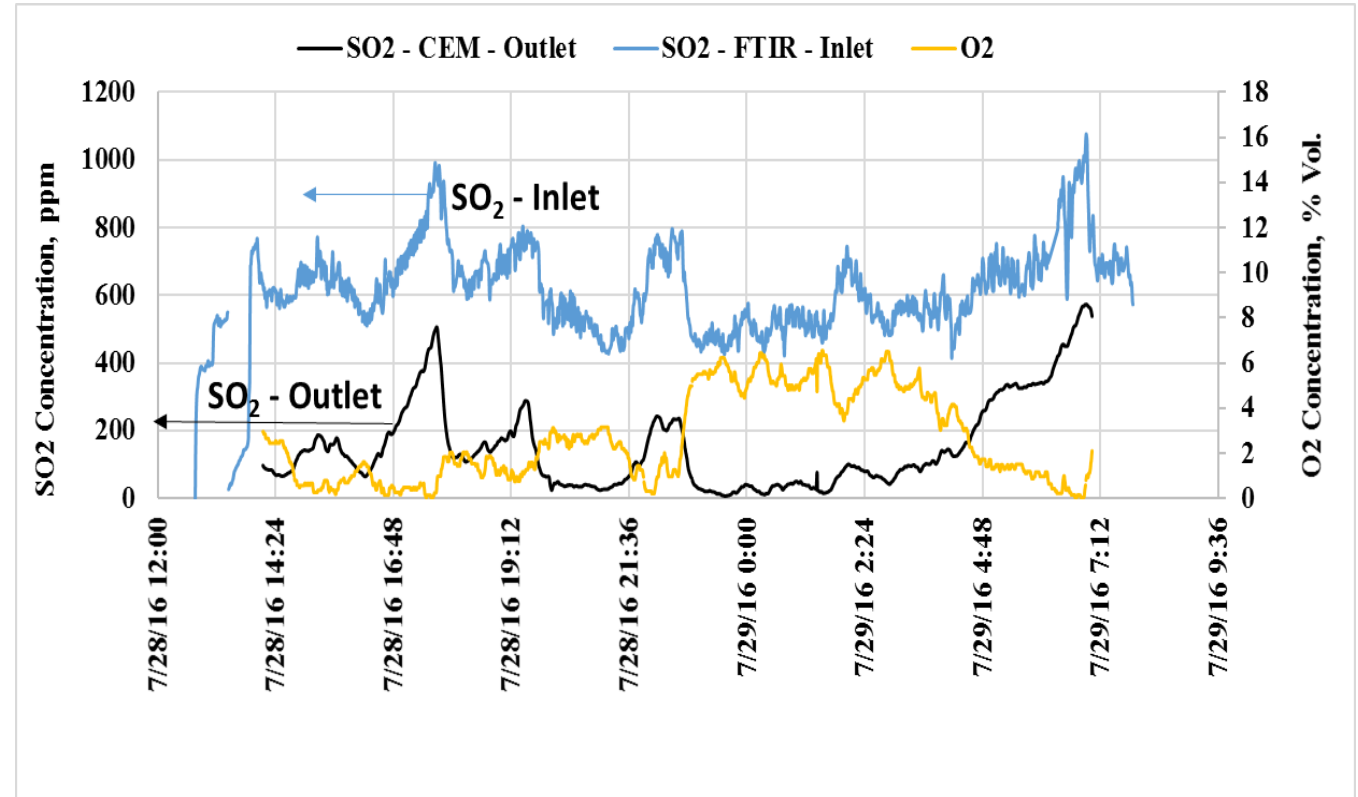
- The pH in the process drops as NO_x and SO_x form nitric and sulfuric acid.
- The EERC is developing data to maintain pH around 3, which will help to ensure consistent removal.

Water Exchange Rate and pH



DESNO_x TEST RESULTS FROM SYNGAS OXY-COMBUSTION IN EFG

- Very little NO formation in oxy-fired EFG because of limited syngas firing rate.
- SO₂ removal highly dependent on excess O₂ in flue gas.
- Need better control of SO₂ and NO concentrations in oxy-fired flue gas to better understand DeSNO_x process, especially at low excess O₂ concentrations.



FACTORIAL TEST IMPURITY MANAGEMENT

	Low	Middle	High
NO _x	15	37.5	50
O ₂	.5	2.75	5
RT	20	40	60

NO _x	O ₂	RT	Notes
Low	Low	Low	Factorial Point
High	Low	Low	Factorial Point
Low	High	Low	Factorial Point
High	High	Low	Factorial Point
Low	Low	High	Factorial Point
High	Low	High	Factorial Point
Low	High	High	Factorial Point
High	High	High	Factorial Point
Middle	Middle	Middle	Center Point
Middle	Middle	Middle	Center Point
Middle	Middle	Middle	Center Point

IMPURITY MANAGEMENT – SUMMARY

- Sulfur removal highly dependent on residence time.
 - >99% of sulfur can be removed with adequate residence time.
 - ♦ Approximately 40 seconds of residence time was sufficient.
- NO_x removal is dependent on oxygen concentration.
 - 90% of NO_x is removed if oxygen levels are 5%.
 - With low oxygen concentration, about 50% of NO_x removal is expected.
- Under nominal Allam Cycle conditions, 99% of sulfur and 50% of NO_x removal are expected.



COST ESTIMATION

INTRODUCTION

- The team of the Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) and 8 Rivers Capital (8RC) has contracted Jacobs Engineering (Jacobs) to develop a conceptual design for a commercial-scale Allam Cycle coal system.
- The focus of the study is to develop the definition of the coal gasification-specific portions of the flowsheet and to prepare overall Class IV CAPEX and levelized cost of electricity (LCOE) estimates.
 - Stage 1 – Technology Screening
 - Stage 2 – Conceptual Design
 - Stage 3 – Plant Cost Estimation

CASE STUDIES

- Case 1 – SES SGT Gasification
 - Fluid-bed gasifier technology provided by Synthesis Energy Systems (SES).
 - Commercial technology that has several deployments in China; however, 4000 tons/day single train unit has not been commercially deployed yet.
 - Technology originally developed by GTI.
 - Uses a Selexol unit for sulfur removal.
- Case 2 – ECUST SE Gasification
 - Entrained-flow gasifier technology provided by Sinopec-ECUST.
 - Hundreds of commercial deployments of the slurry-fed gasifier in China, with a few commercial deployments of the dry feed system.
 - Technology originally developed by East China University of Science and Technology (ECUST).
 - Uses an amine solvent for sulfur removal.

CAPEX METHODOLOGY

- Combination of unit capacity factoring, equipment factoring, and budget quotes from licensors/vendors.
- CAPEX accuracy commensurate with a Class IV estimate.
- Base estimate developed on a U.S. Gulf Coast (USGC) basis, fourth quarter 2017.
- USGC costs updated for a Beulah, ND, site accounting for efficiency factors, local wage rates, and winterization costs.
- Greenfield plant location but excludes owner costs.

CAPEX (MM\$)	Case 1	Case 2
North Dakota	1,485	1,373 ⁶
US Gulf Coast	1,115	1,031 ⁷

Note: The Case 2 CAPEX estimate is based on costs for the gasification island provided by the Licensor, ECUST. Jacobs was not able to verify that cost as its basis, scope, assumptions, and exclusions were not provided to Jacobs. For the purpose of the LCOE calculation the CAPEX value for Case 2 was adjusted to allow for the ECUST SE gasifier.

OPEX METHODOLOGY

- Fixed costs
 - Operating labor
 - General and administrative
 - Maintenance
 - Property taxes
 - Insurance
- Variable costs
 - Feedstock
 - Utilities
 - Catalyst and chemicals
 - Waste disposal

OPEX (MM\$/year)	Case 1	Case 2
North Dakota	58.8	53.6 ⁸
US Gulf Coast	43.7	39.8 ⁹

LEVELIZED COST OF ELECTRICITY

- CAPEX and OPEX values reported
- Income tax assumed flat rate of 20%
- Nth of a kind facility interest rate
- CO₂ sold for 10\$/t
- Project start 2018, start-up 2021

Case 1 \$/MWh	Case 2 \$/MWh
83.4	103.6

$$LCOE = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^n \frac{I_t + M_t + F_t - R_t}{(1+r)^t}}{\sum_{t=1}^n \frac{E_t}{(1+r)^t}}$$

Where:

I_t = Investment cost in year t

M_t = Maintenance and operational costs in year t

F_t = Fuel costs in year t

R_t = non-electricity revenue in year t

E_t = Energy generated in year t

r = Return on equity

n = Plant life in years

CONCEPTUAL COST

- Based on a 250-MW_e system:
 - Case 1-SES Gasifier.
 - Case 2-SE Gasifier.
- Updated CO₂ sensitivity:
 - SES
 - ◆ No CO₂ sales, LCOE = \$91.50.
 - ◆ \$50/ston CO₂ sales, LCOE = \$50.90.
 - SE
 - ◆ No CO₂ sales, LCOE = \$111.
 - ◆ \$50/ston CO₂ sales, LCOE = \$70.30.

Case 1 \$/MWh	Case 2 \$/MWh
83.4	103.6

		Case 1 \$/MWh	Case 2 \$/MWh
CO₂ net back price (Base = \$10/ST)			
1	\$8/ST	85.0	105.3
2	\$13/ST	81.0	101.1
Long term interest rate (Base = 7%pa)			
3	12%pa	96.6	120.2
CAPEX change			
4	+ 25%	102.0	127.0
5	- 25%	64.8	80.2
OPEX Change			
6	+25%	85.4	105.9
7	- 25%	81.4	101.4
Change of location basis			
8	USGC	63.5	76.5



LARGE PILOT

SITE AND SCOPE

- Team has chosen a 5-MW demonstration scale.
- Three locations currently being considered:
 - Great Plains Synfuels Plant, Dakota Gasification Company (DGC)
 - EERC
 - NETPower Allam Cycle demonstration site, La Porte, Texas



POSSIBLE DGC LOCATIONS



EERC OPTION

- A 5-MW system could be housed in the EERC's Fuels of the Future facility or TRDU tower.
- Team is currently evaluating high-level needs to determine how this could be implemented.



CURRENT NET POWER SITE



LARGE PILOT – FUTURE WORK

- Work will continue on the development of a host site for a large pilot-scale demonstration:
 - Site selection by late fall 2018
 - Detailed cost estimate for selected site
 - Completion of Environmental Information Volume
 - Development of project team
- Phase II application to be submitted by March 31, 2019.

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