

**Large Pilot CAER Heat Integrated Post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> Capture  
Technology for Reducing the Cost of Electricity**  
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# Project Overview

- 10MWe advanced post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture large pilot including two heat-pump loops, enhanced absorber and water wash design
- Designed as semi-modular system: free-standing and modular components
- Host site will be Louisville Gas and Electric Company's, Trimble County Generating Station, approximately 80 miles from UKy-CAER



# Project Goal and Objectives

## Goal

- Develop a pathway to meet the DOE post-combustion CCS targets and bridge the gap to commercialization by showcasing the unique UKy-CAER process, advancing it from TRL 5/6 to 7/8, and to provide a platform to boost public awareness and confidence in CCS technology

## Objectives

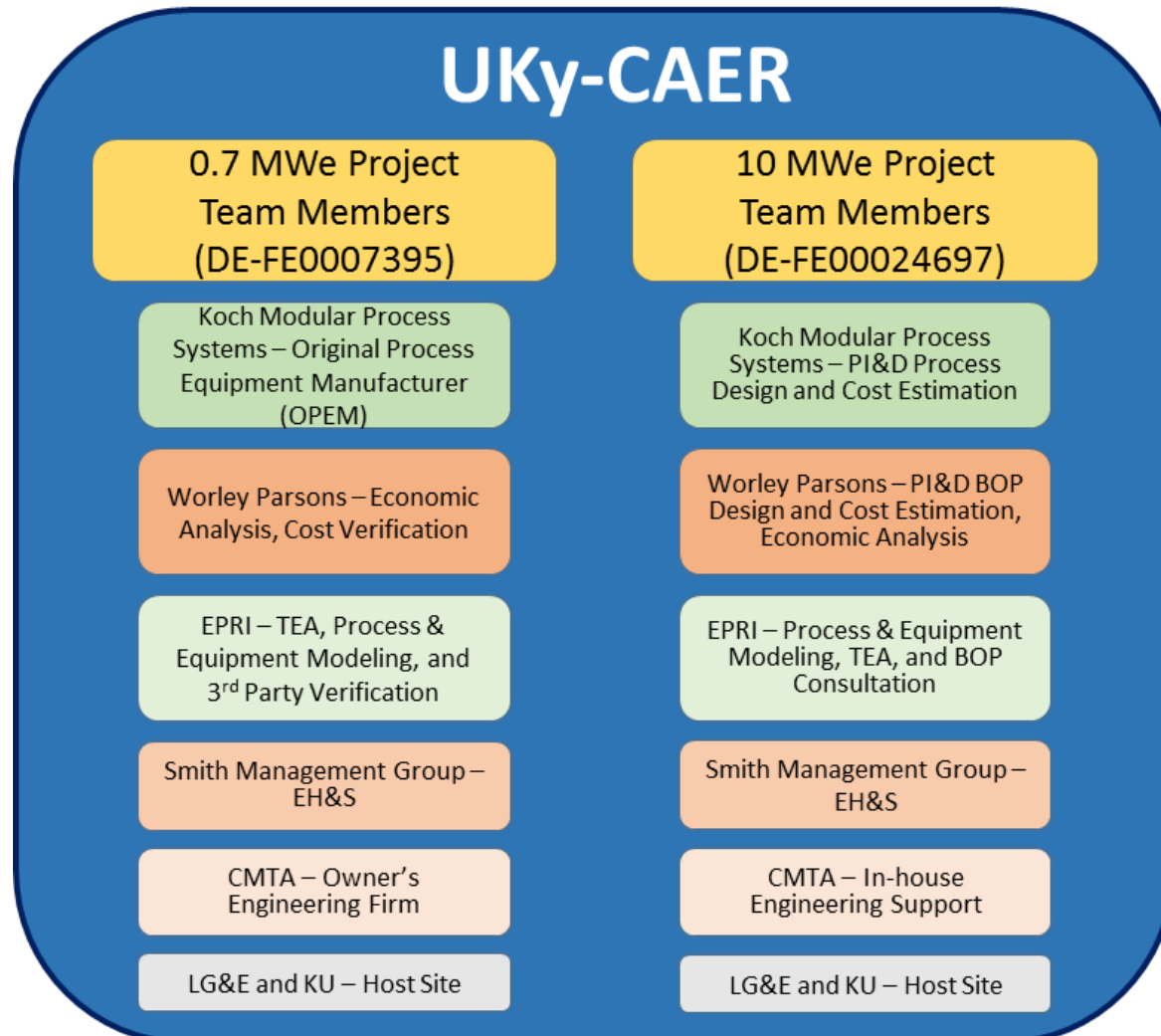
- 1) Detailed the design associated with capture facility including site preparation and utilities to validate the UKy-CAER mass transfer intensification and heat integration techniques for improved CCS performance, which can be applied to any advanced solvent
- 2) Sensitivity study on packing and solvent to select appropriate column internals and operating parameters
- 3) Identified twelve Technology Gaps that currently hinder commercial application of CCS technology

# Project Funding and Team

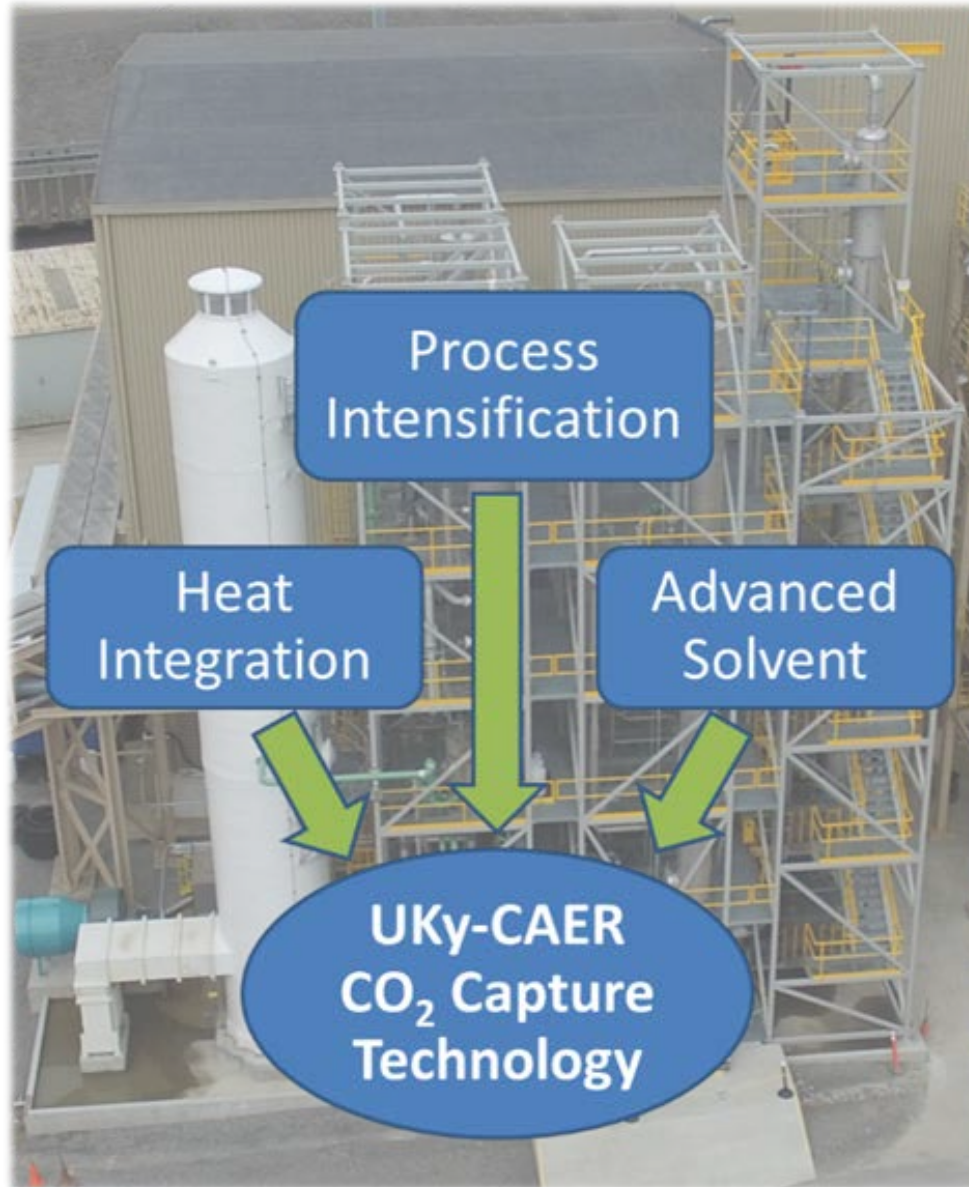
Phase 1 Project Funding: \$1,249,786 in total      Phase 1 Period of Performance:

- \$999,070 from DOE NETL
- \$250,716 cost share from the team

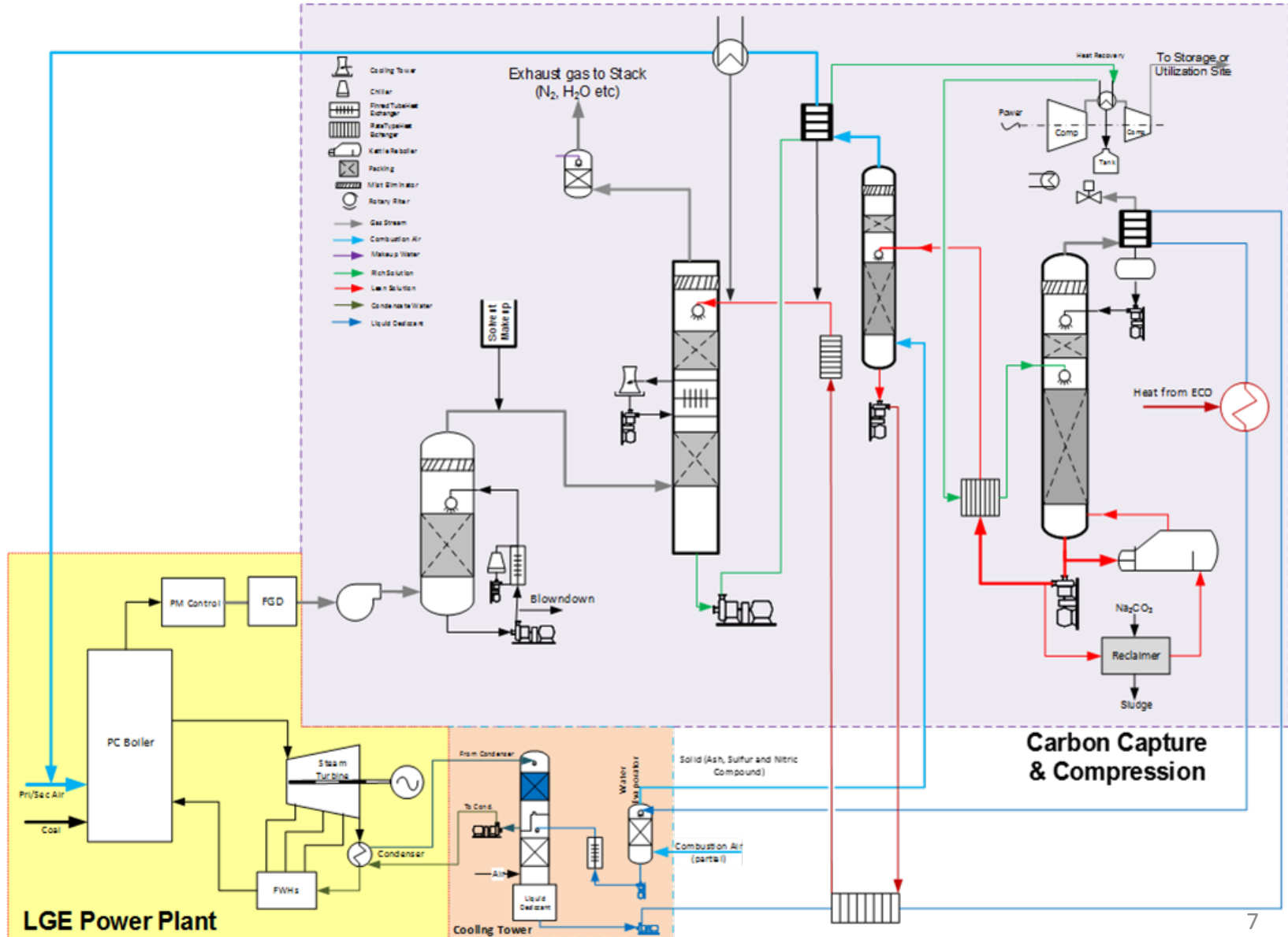
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# Process Description

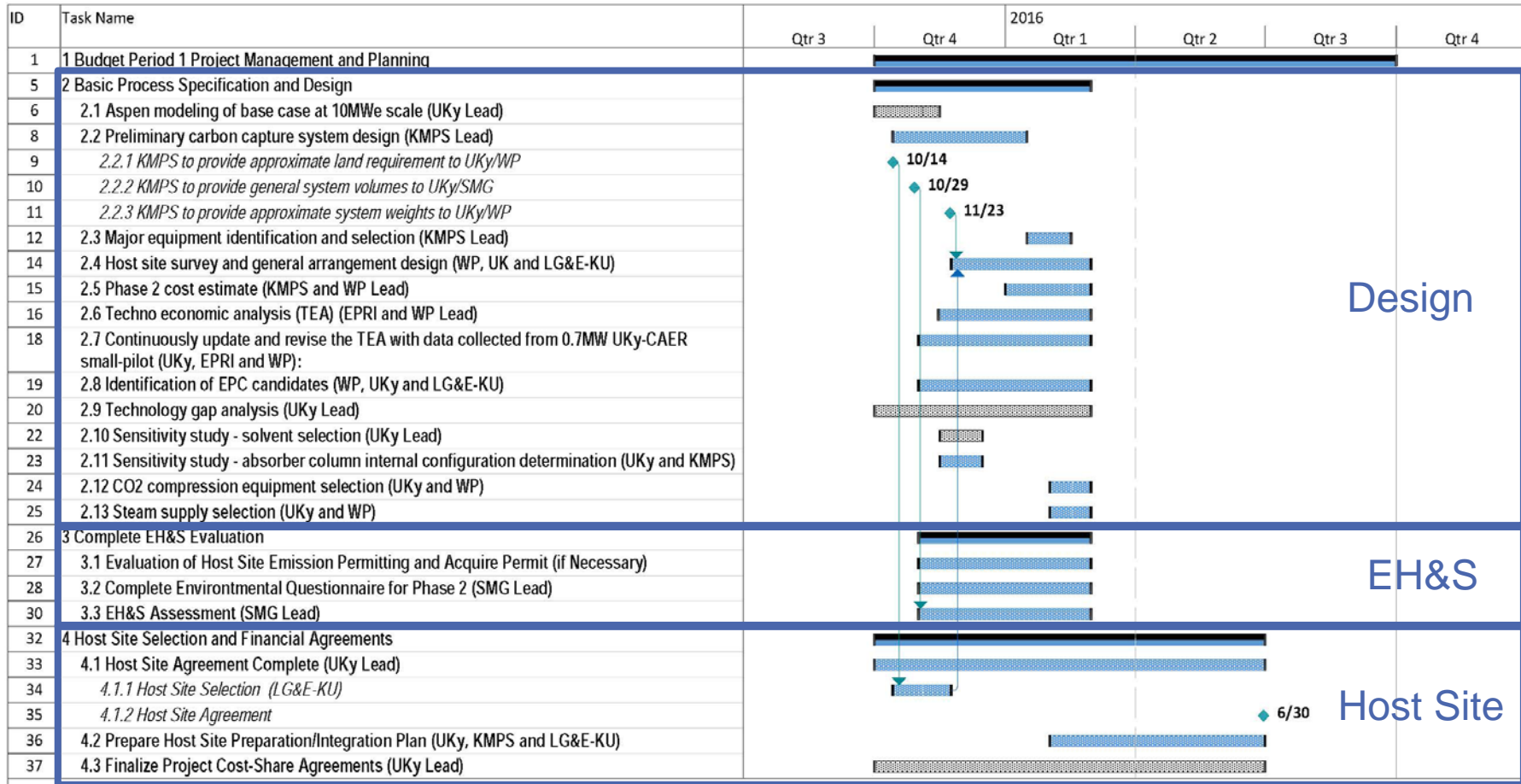


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# Phase 1: Project Schedule

NETL CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Technology Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, August 8 – 12, 2016



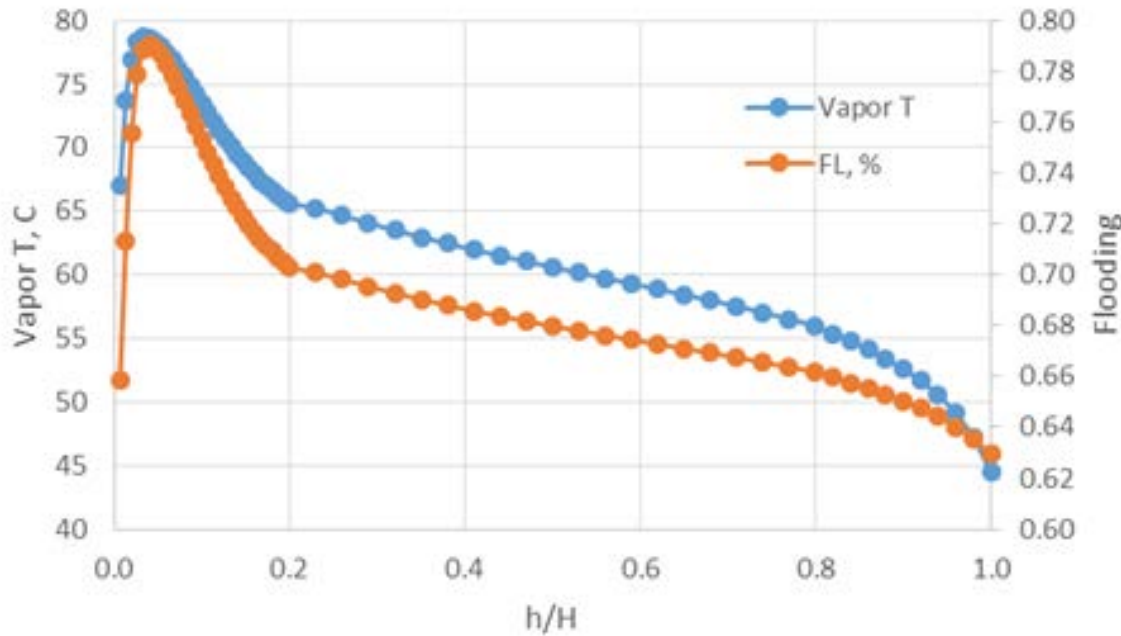
Design

EH&S

Host Site



# Absorber Internals – Sensitivity Study



- Diameter based on flooding management
  - Determined by temperature
  - Packing also affects flooding
  - Leads to under-utilization of some sections of the column

← Increasing Capacity
Increasing Efficiency →

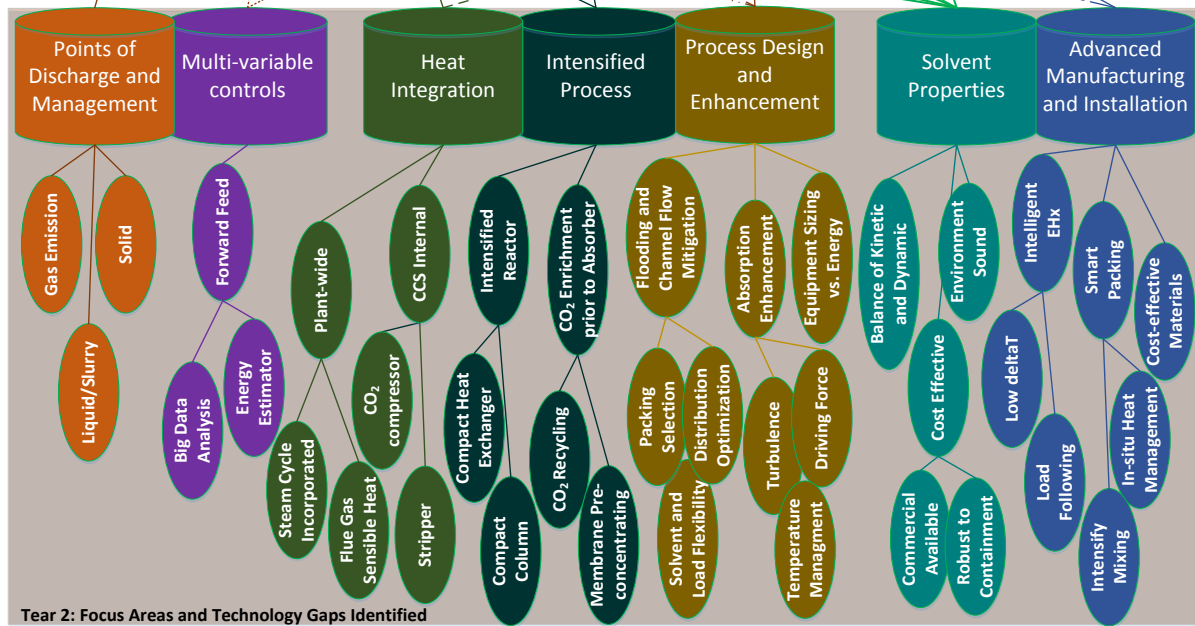
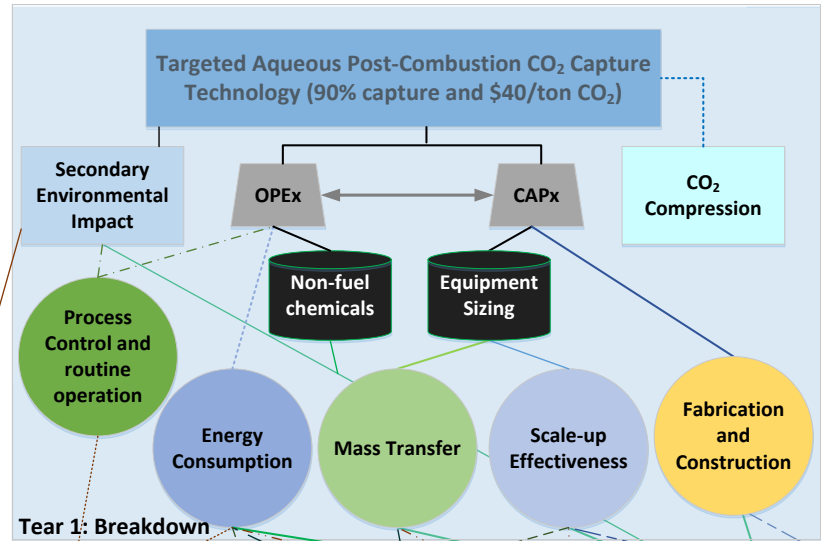
| FLEXIPAC® Structured Packing Surface Area |     |    |      |     |      |     |      |      |           |     |      |      |
|---|-----|----|------|-----|------|-----|------|------|-----------|-----|------|------|
| ft <sup>2</sup> /ft <sup>3</sup>          | 17  | 25 | 34   | 47  | 68   | 77  | 90   | 106  | 129       | 152 | 220  |      |
| m <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>3</sup>            | 55  | 80 | 110  | 155 | 225  | 250 | 295  | 350  | 420       | 500 | 725  |      |
| Inclination Angle                         | 45° | 4Y | 3.5Y | 3Y  | 2.5Y | 2Y  | 250Y | 1.6Y | 1.4Y/350Y | 1Y  | 500Y | 700Y |
|   | 60° | 4X | 3.5X | 3X  | 2.5X | 2X  | 250X | 1.6X | 1.4X/350X | 1X  | 500X | 700X |

Structured Packing. Bulletin KGMTIG-1. Rev. 3-2010. 2003-2010. Koch-Glitch, LP.

# Solvent – Sensitivity Study

| Factor  | Solvent A   | Solvent B                          | Solvent C                                    |
|---|---|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Development Status</b>   | Tests at various sites from bench and pilot-scale | Pilot tests at various sites       | Tests at CAER on lab- bench- and pilot scale |
| <b>Energy Penalty</b>   | Up to $\geq 30\%$ savings                         | ~30% savings                       | ~20 - 25% savings                            |
| <b>Solvent Circulation Rate</b>                                     | ~35-45% reduction                                 | ~40% reduction                     | ~30% reduction                               |
| <b>Cyclic Capacity</b>  | ~1.5X   | ~2X                                | ~1.5X  |
| <b>Physical Properties:</b><br>(a) Viscosity<br>(b) Surface Tension | 2.5 – 3X<br>~0.6X                                 | 3 – 3.5X<br>~1.2X                  | ~1.5X<br>similar                             |
| <b>Degradation Products/<br/>Environmental Impact</b>               | Low thermal and oxidative degradation/Medium      | Low thermal degradation/<br>Medium | Medium/Low                                   |

# Technology Gap Analysis



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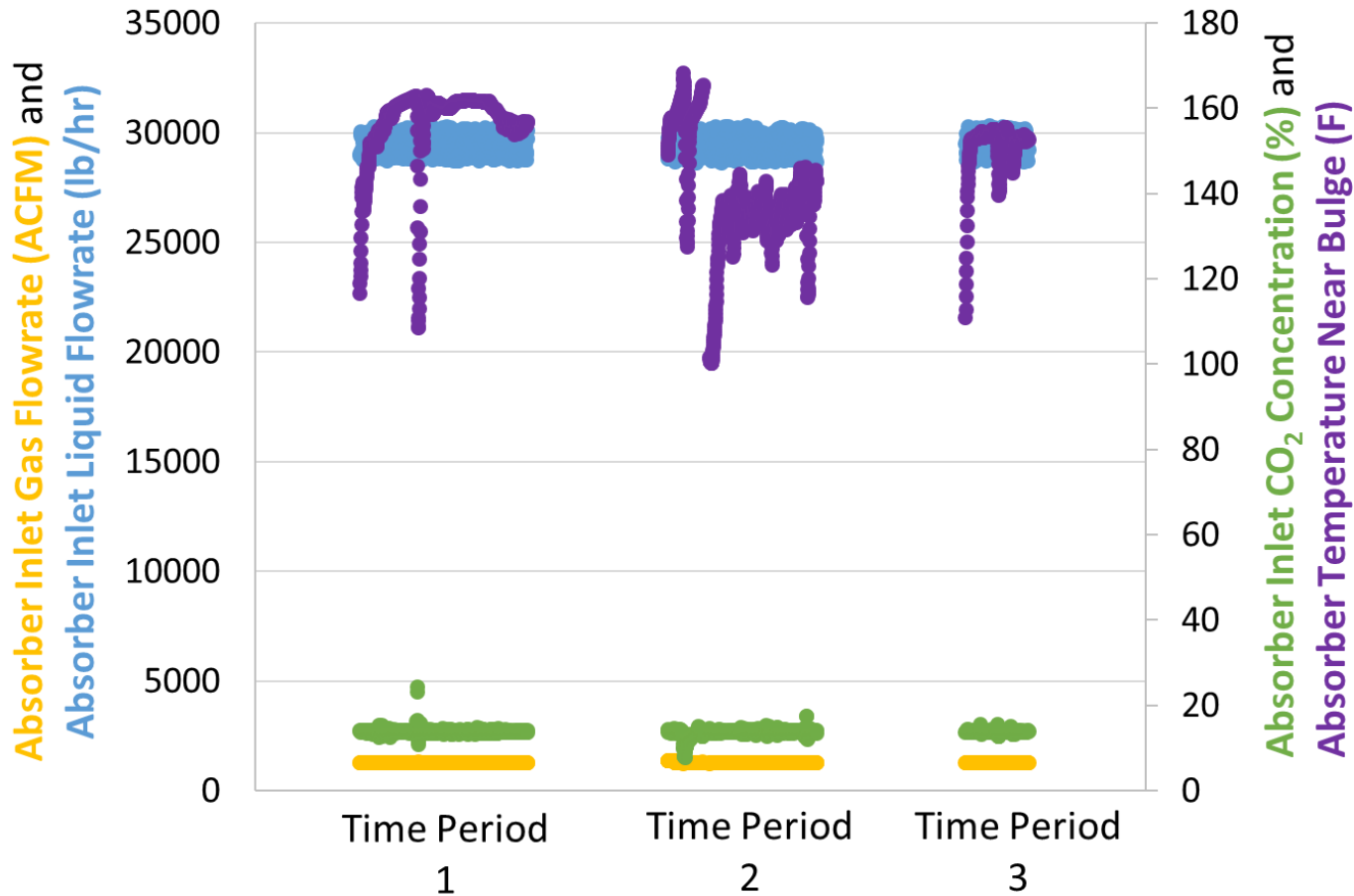
## **Near-term technical gaps:**

1. Cost effective solvent with high stability, high cyclic capacity and fast kinetics
2. Gas/liquid distribution to prevent channel flow
3. Waste management and point of discharge (gas and liquid)
4. Equipment sizing vs. operating costs
5. Material and methods of construction
6. Process intensification
7. Unit operation to maintain the performance
8. Heat integration

## **Long-term technical gaps:**

9. Smart packing
10. Appropriate absorber temperature profile
11. Heat exchange
12. Smart operations

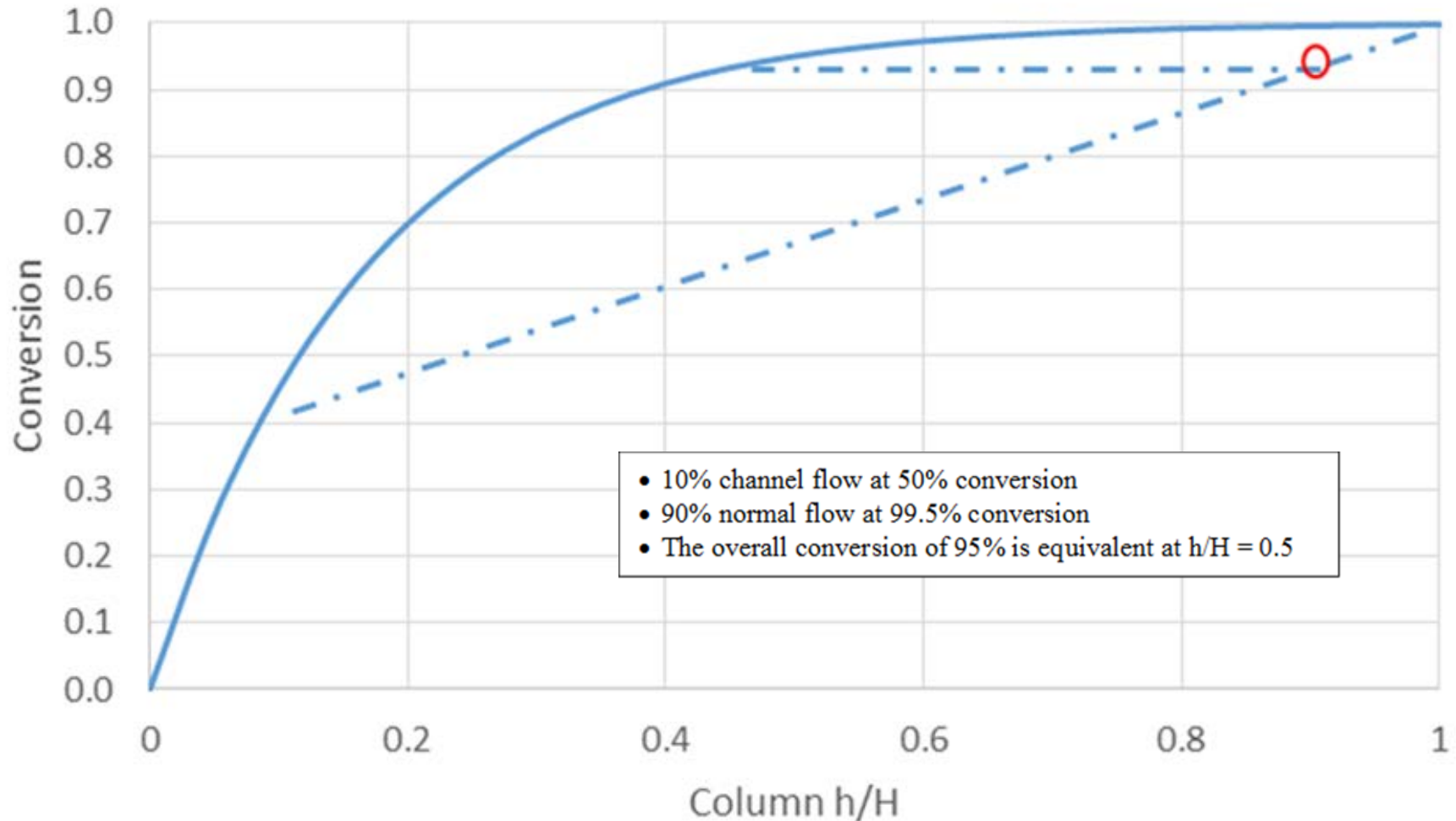
# Indication of Channel Flow



- Gas/Liquid Distribution disturbance yields channel flow
- The variation of local L/G and channel flow will lead to variation in temperature readings
- 160°F corresponds to normal operation
- The changing temperature values were caused by uneven flow or channel flow

# Impact on Absorber Performance

## Capture Efficiency vs. Height



### Effect of 10% Channel Flow:

- Equivalent to 50% reduction in height/stages

# Host Site Consideration

| Type                               | Proposed<br>10 MWe<br>Pilot             | Current<br>0.7 MWe<br>Pilot | Units  |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------|
|                                    | <b>Out of Plant</b>                     |                             |        |
| Land                               | 1-2                                     | 0.1                         | acres  |
| Electric Design Load               | 2,500                                   | 150                         | kW     |
| Flue Gas Feed                      | 100,000                                 | 6,871                       | lbs/hr |
| Plant Water                        | 25                                      | 1.5                         | gpm    |
| Superheated Steam                  | 42,000                                  | 3,000                       | lbs/hr |
| Instrument Air                     | 500                                     | 100                         | scfm   |
| Plant Air                          | Not significant during normal operation |                             |        |
|                                    | <b>Return to Plant</b>                  |                             |        |
| Flue Gas Condensate/Soda Ash Waste | 40                                      | 2.8                         | gpm    |
| Flue Gas to Stack                  | 160,000                                 | 11,000                      | lbs/hr |
| Steam Condensate Return            | 42,000                                  | 3,000                       | lbs/hr |
|                                    | <b>Miscellaneous</b>                    |                             |        |
| Solvent Supply                     | 6                                       | 0.3                         | lbs/hr |
| Solid Waste                        | 150                                     | 1                           | kg/day |
| Air Emissions (absorption reagent) | 5                                       | 0.5                         | lbs/hr |

## Daily Estimates

- Flue Gas Feed:  
1,500 tons/day
- Steam Used:  
500 tons/day
- CO<sub>2</sub> Removed:  
240 tons/day

# LG&E Trimble County Generating Station



- 2,200 acres near Bedford, Ky
- Lowest cost coal fired unit in LG&E/KU territory and provides base load power
- Pollution Controls
  - Low NOx burners
  - SCR
  - Wet FGD
  - Dry ESP
  - Lime Injection
  - Baghouse
- ***Host Site Agreement signed and submitted in June***

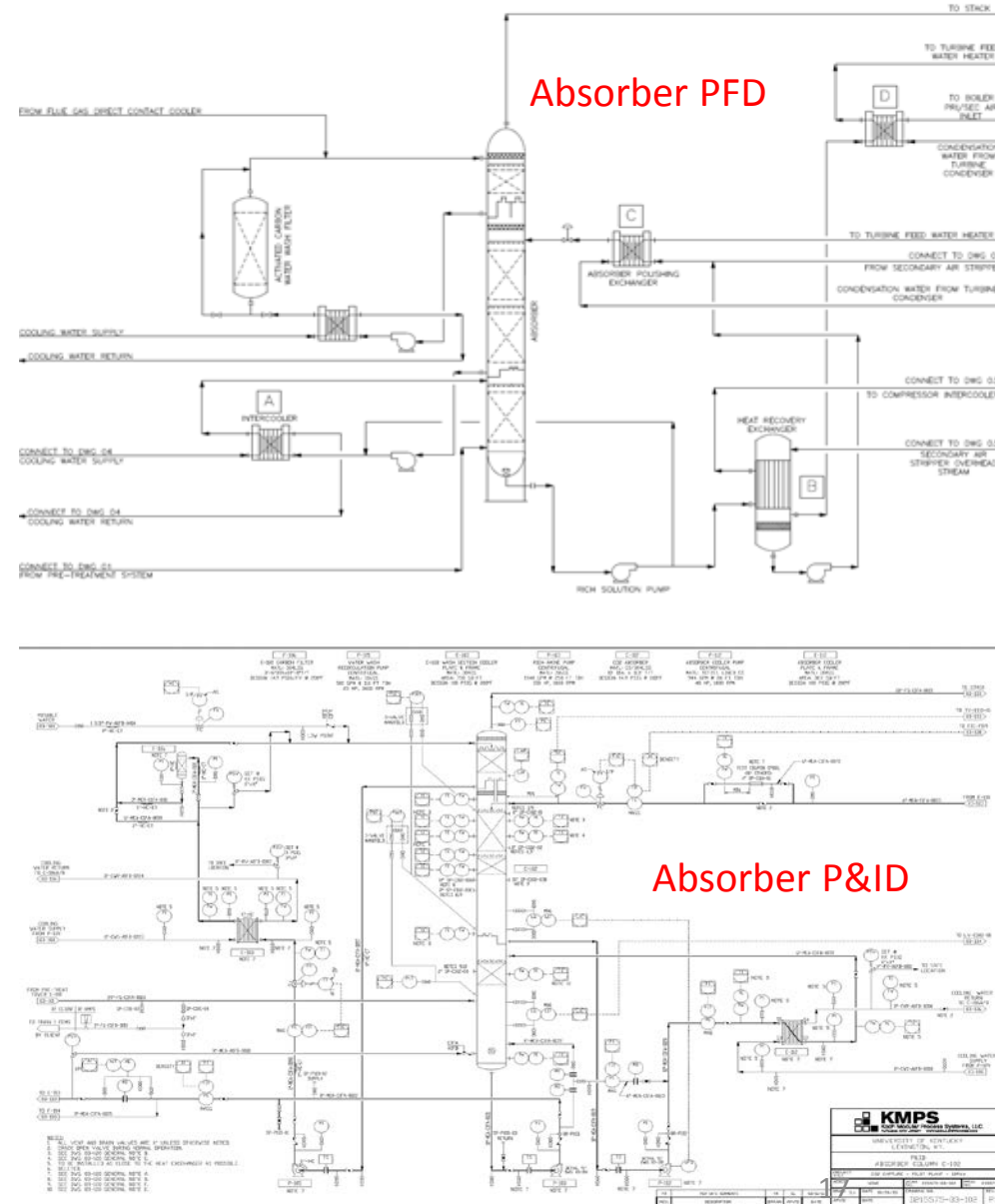
**Large Pilot 10MWe CCS  
Location**



# CCS Specification and Design

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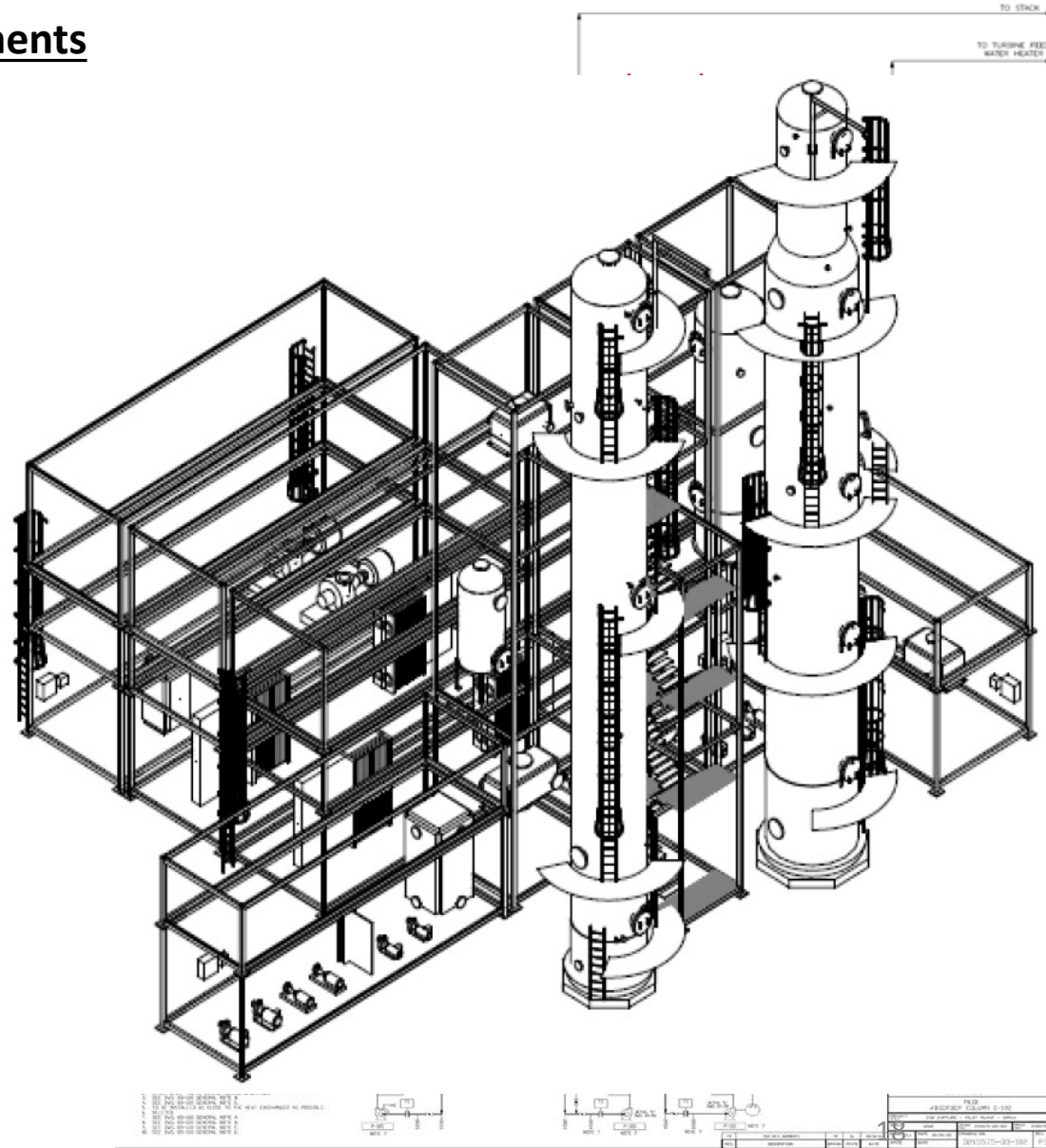
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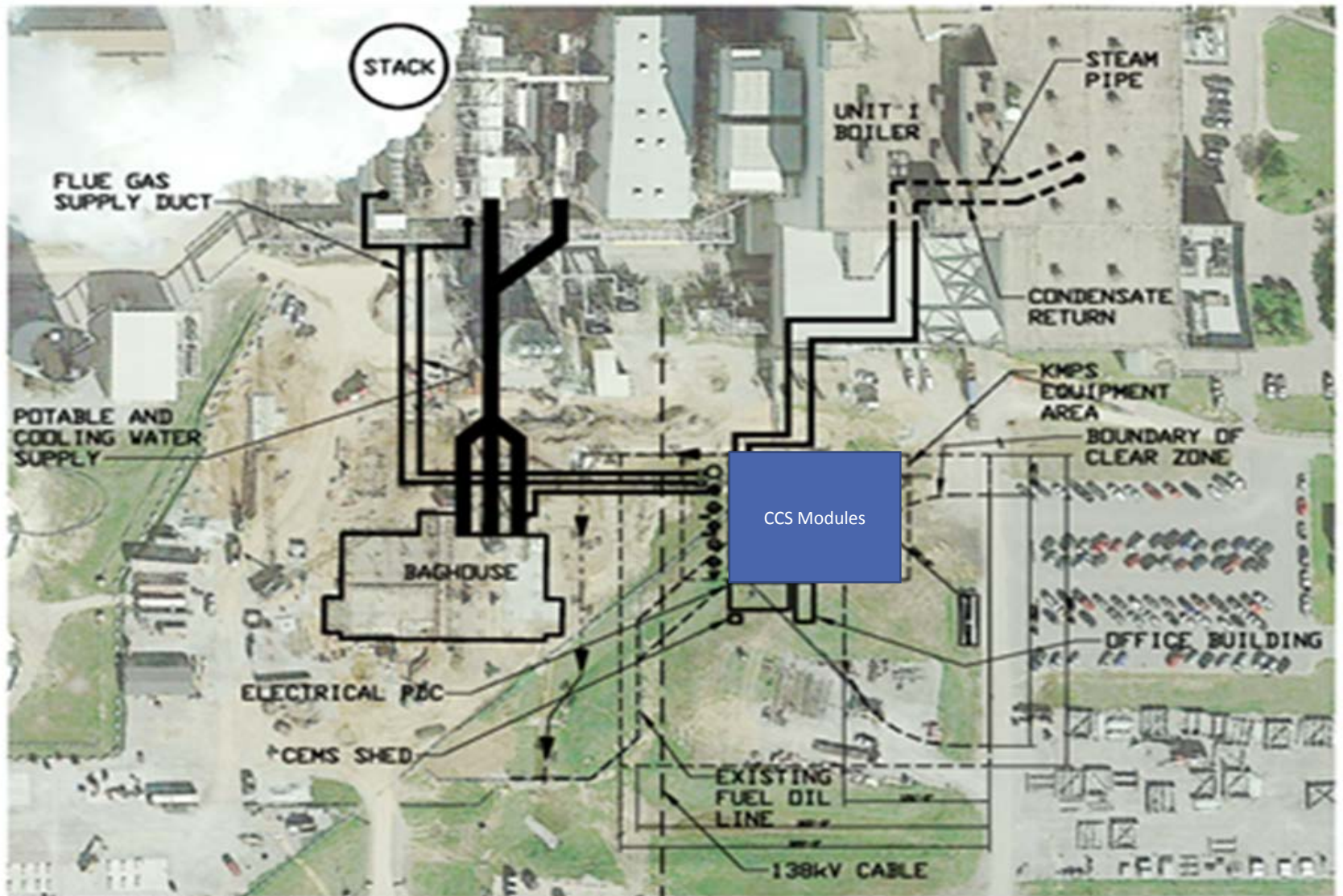
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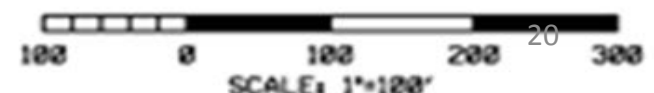
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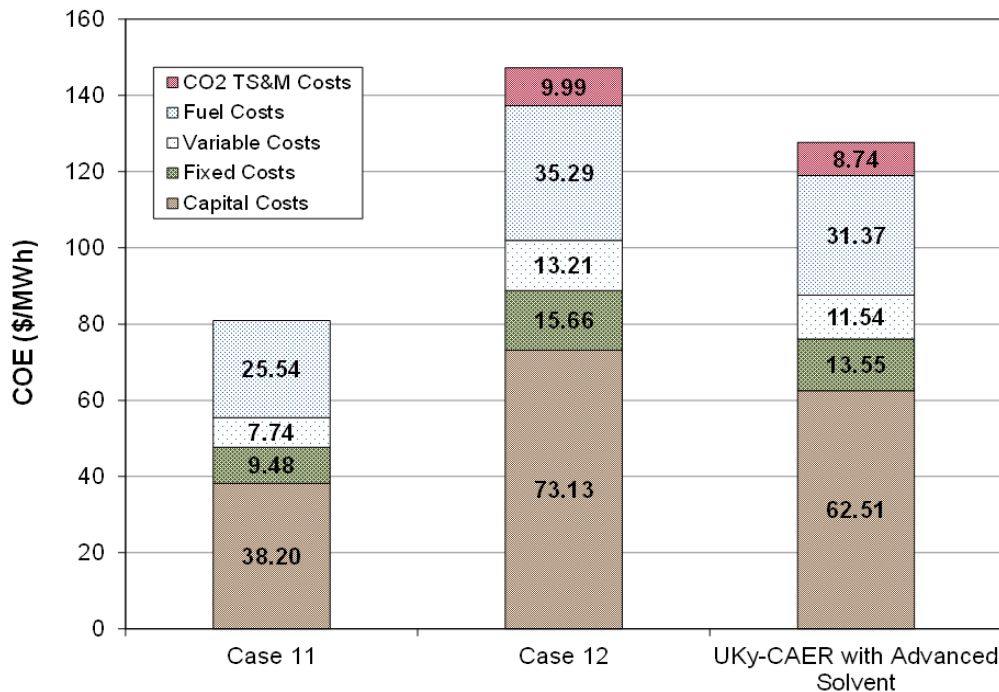


NOTE: DESIGN PROVIDED BY NIKKLE EARTH INC. DATE: 06/20/16



# TEA

## Advantage of the UKy-CAER Process using the Hitachi Advanced Solvent\*:



- A lower COE by \$19.6/MWh, a 13.3% reduction, equivalent to a 29.5% incremental reduction
- A lower LCOE by \$24.81/MWh, also a 13.3% reduction
- A lower cost of CO<sub>2</sub> captured by \$12.96/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>, a 19.5% reduction
- A lower cost of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided by \$28.10/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>, a 29.3% reduction

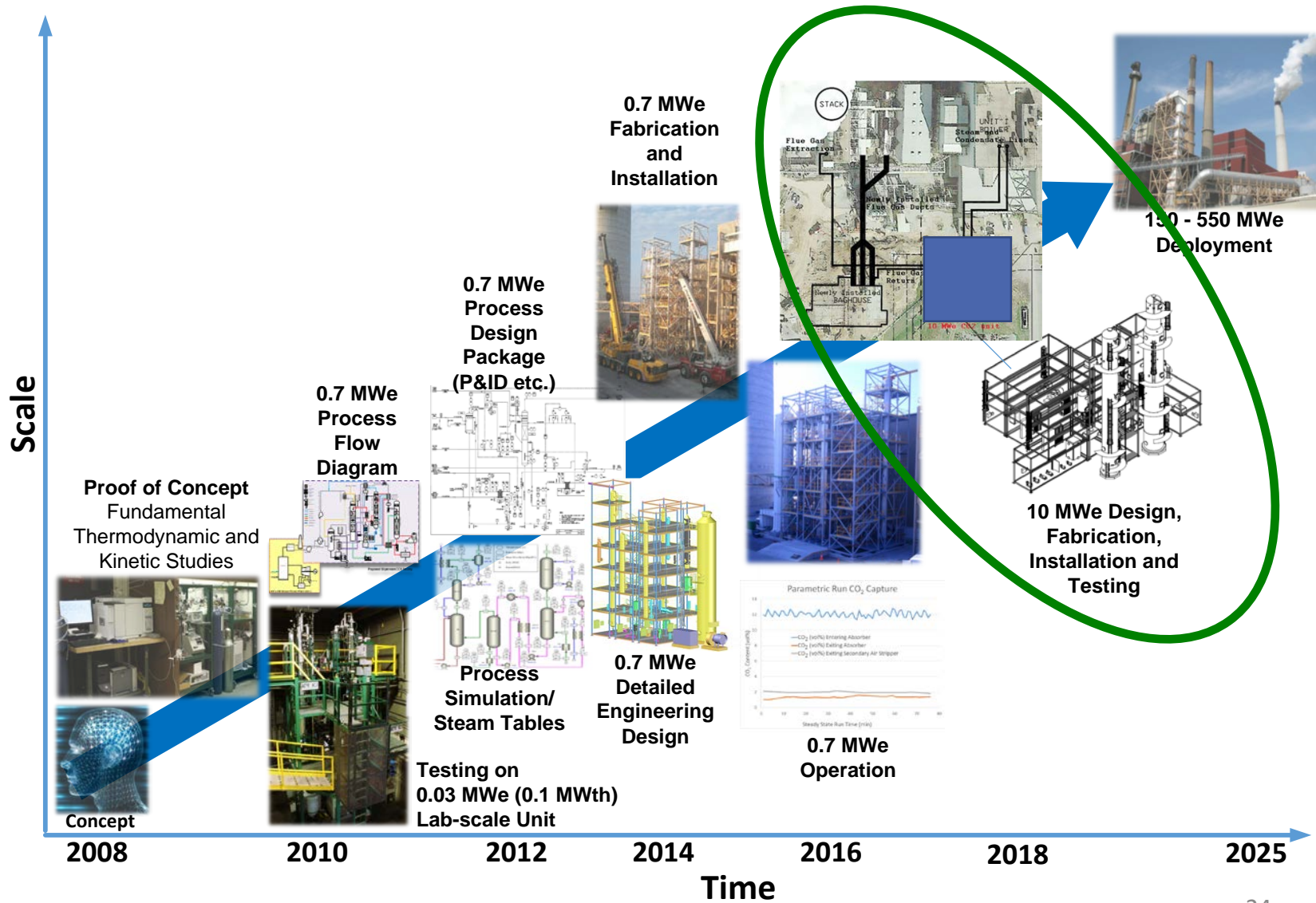
# EH&S Evaluation

- Evaluation based on UKy-CAER small pilot research, literature review and solvent suppliers
- Recommended appropriate storage measures for chemicals
- Recommended proper PPE and handling methods
- Toxicity is minor for solvents:
  - Irritation only after direct contact (no ecotoxicity)
- Continue monitoring for nitrosamines as those compounds pose significant human risk even at low concentrations
- **No significant EH&S risks identified to affect implementation of the proposed project**

# Summary

- Phase 1 Completed
  - Briefs and Reports (submitted before 3/31/16)
    - TEA
    - Technology Gap Assessment
    - EH&S Report and Environmental Questionnaires
    - Topical Report on Pilot Plant and Proposal for Phase 2
    - Design Package Topical Report
    - Solvent and Absorber Column Internals Sensitivity Analysis
    - Quarterly Reports
  - Project Cost Share agreements and Host Site agreement (submitted on 6/30/2016)
- Phase 2 begins 10/1/2016, if awarded

# Technology Development Pathway





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