

Slipstream pilot plant demo of a amine-based post-combustion capture technology for CO₂ capture from coal-fired power plant flue gas

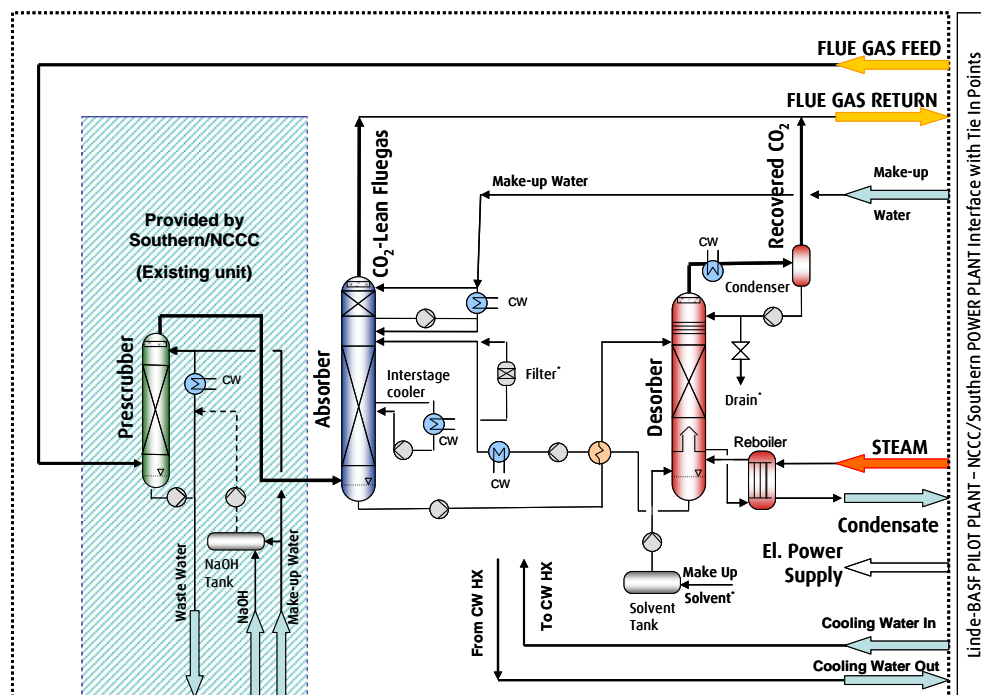
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Project Fact Sheet



Project essentials

- Location: 880 MWel Gaston Power plant (operated by Southern Co.) in Wilsonville, AL
- Site of the National Carbon Capture Center
- Capacity: Up to 6250 Nm³/h flue gas from coal fired power plant (30 t/d CO₂)
- CO₂ purity 99+ vol % (Dry basis)
- Project start: November 2011
- Project Duration: 4 years
- Partners: Linde LLC, Selas Fluid Processing Corp., Linde Engineering Dresden, BASF, DOE-NETL, EPRI, Southern Company (Host site)
- Project Cost: \$18.8 million
- DOE funding: \$15 million

Scaled-up slipstream Pilot PCC Technology Demonstration

- Selected by DOE for funding
- Contract sign-off in Nov. 2011
- Pilot plant incorporates BASF's novel amine based solvent technology and BASF & Linde process enhancements



Project Objectives

Overall Objective

- Demonstrate Linde-BASF post combustion capture technology by incorporating BASF's amine-based solvent process in a 1 MWel slipstream pilot plant and achieving at least 90% capture from a coal-derived flue gas while demonstrating significant progress toward achievement of DOE target of less than 35% increase in levelized cost of electricity (LCOE)

Specific Objectives

- Complete a techno-economic assessment of a 550 MWel power plant incorporating the Linde-BASF post-combustion CO₂ capture technology to illustrate the benefits
- Design, build and operate the 1MWel pilot plant at a coal-fired power plant host site providing the flue gas as a slipstream
- Implement parametric tests to demonstrate the achievement of target performance using data analysis
- Implement long duration tests to demonstrate solvent stability and obtain critical data for scale-up and commercial application

Post combustion CO₂ capture: Challenges compared to CO₂ removal in NG/LNG plants

	NG/LNG	Flue gas
Pressure	50 – 100 bars	1 bara
CO ₂ partial pressure	1 – 40 bars	30 – 150 mbars
Flowrate	up to 60 mio scf/hr	up to 120 mio scf/hr
Gas composition	CH ₄ , C ₂ H ₆ , ..., CO ₂ , H ₂ S, COS, C _x H _y S, H ₂ O	N ₂ , O ₂ , H ₂ O, CO ₂ , (SO _x) NO _x
Treated gas specification	50 ppm – 2 % CO ₂ S < 4 – 10 ppm	CO ₂ removal rate (90 %) low amine emissions
Energy efficiency	not a key issue	of highest priority η ↘ 7-10% points



- ❑ large volume flows @ low pressure
- ❑ solvent stability
- ❑ emissions of solvent
- ❑ overall power plant efficiency losses

Technology Development Path



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Development Path

Laboratory



solvent screening

- screening methods

Mini Plant

0.015 MW_{el}
0.01 mt CO₂ / hr

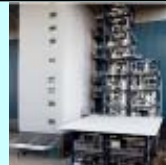


proof of concept under

- „synthetic“ conditions
- comparison of solvents
- validate simulation models

Pilot Plant (Niederaussem*)

0.45 MW_{el}
0.3 mt CO₂ / hr



litmus test for new process
under real conditions

Pilot Plant (Current)

1 - 1.5 MW_{el}
0.8 - 1.2 mt CO₂ / hr



Advanced design and new materials
aimed at emissions reduction
and capex reduction in the large scale

Demo Plant

50 - 250 MMW_{el}
34 - 170 mt CO₂ / hr



test of complete CCS-chain

capture, compression,
transport, storage/EOR

Commercial Plant

500 - 1100 MW_{el}
340 - 750 mt CO₂ / hr



Safe, reliable, and economical

operation in compliance with
regional and national regulations

BASF Gas Treatment Group

Wide range of solvents screened



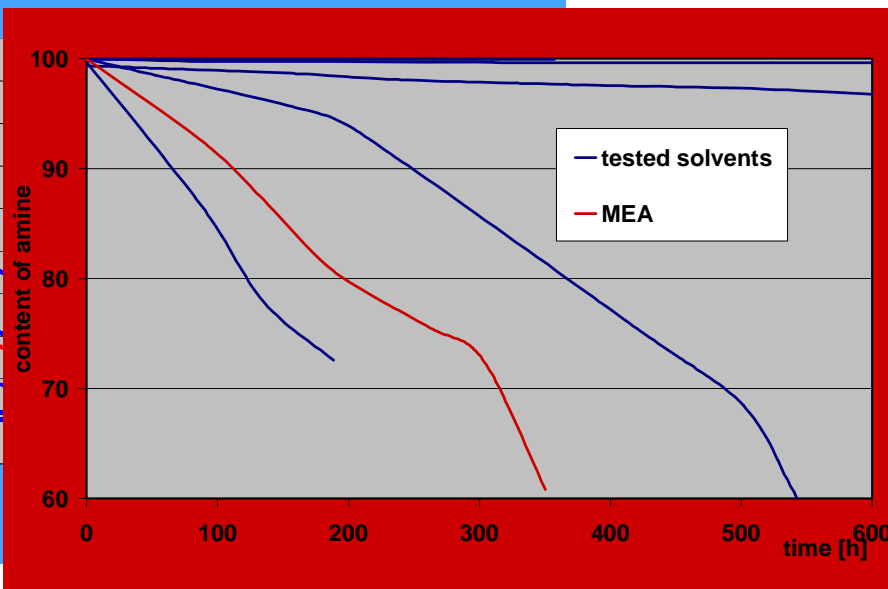
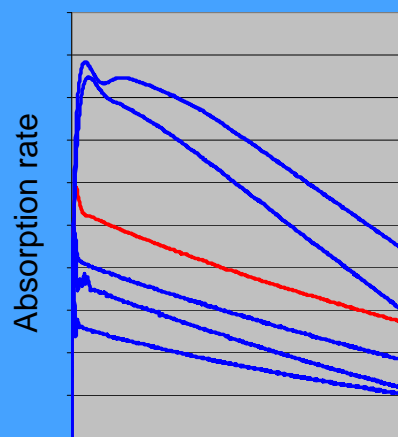
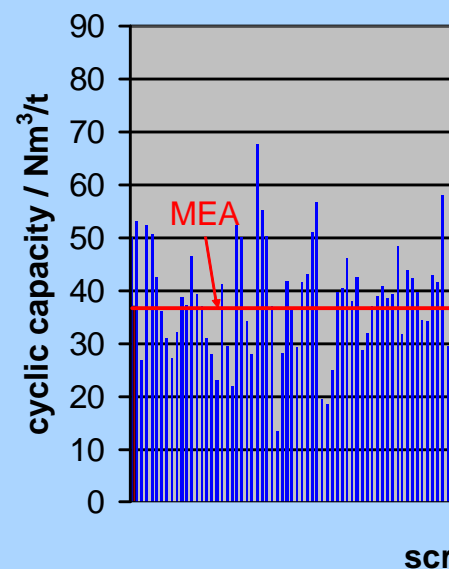
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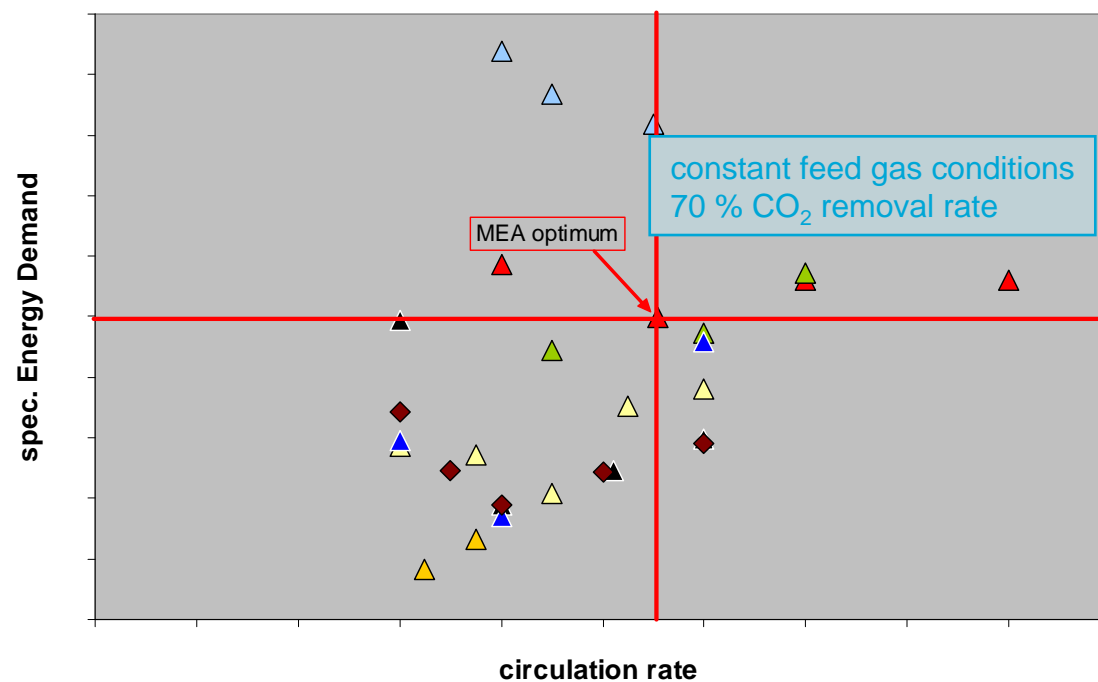
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Phase Equilibria

Kinetics

Losses/Stability





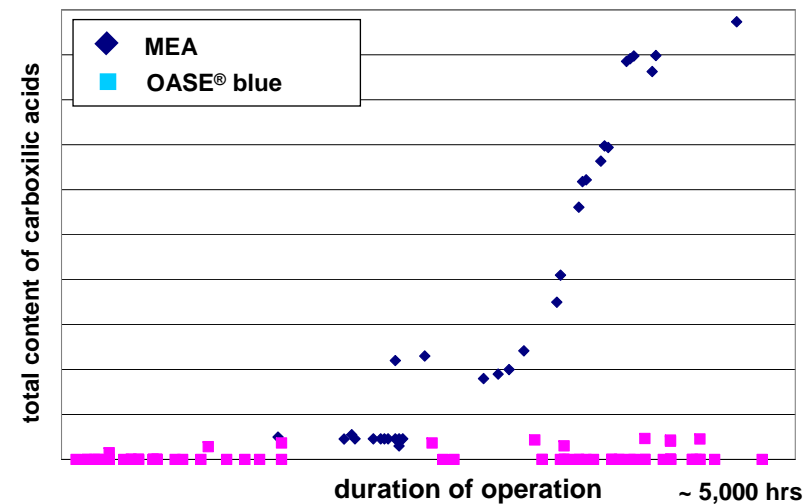
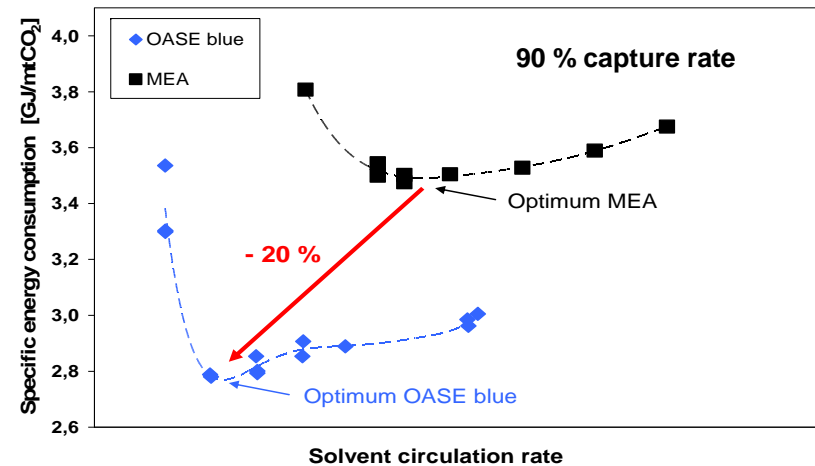
Verification of the screening results

Identification of options for an improved solvent

Niederaussem* pilot plant key results



Acknowledgement: * Pilot project partner RWE



>90% carbon capture rate achieved

>20% improvement in specific energy compared to MEA

New BASF solvent is very stable compared to MEA

Solutions for Large Scale PCC Plant (1100 Mw_{el} Power)

Design challenges

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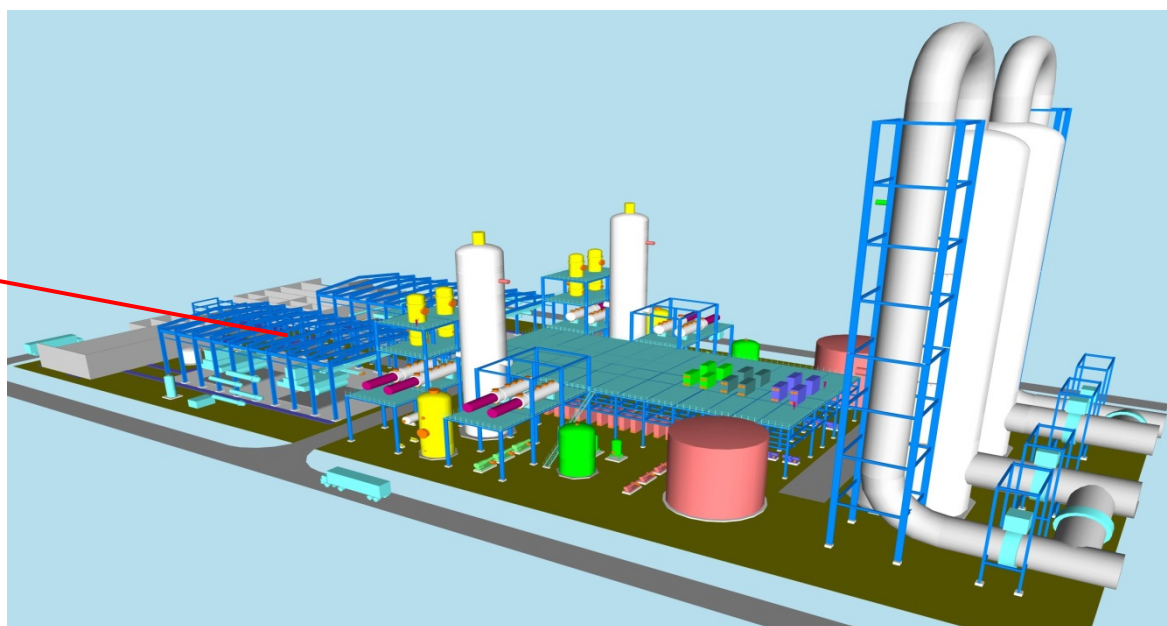
Optimizing CAPEX by reduced number of trains

- 2 process trains selected
- reduced plot space

Compressor section

two lines per train

→ flexible turn down operation



Lower number of trains results in bigger size of components, e.g.

- Absorption column: diameter ca.18 m, height ca. 75 m → on site fabrication required
- Pipes ducts and valves: diameters up to 7 meters
- Plot : ca. 100 m x 260 m

Concepts for a Large Scale PCC Plant

Key elements of plant costs

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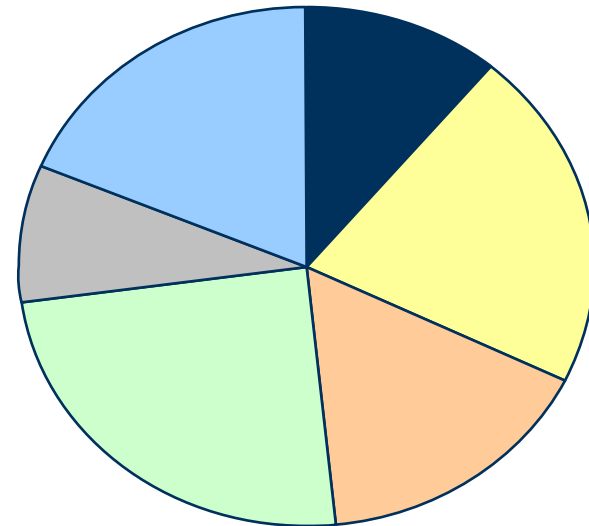
Main challenges

- Large equipment size requires new concepts
- Required plot area is very significant
- Alternative materials needs to be assessed
- New equipment arrangements needed
- Field fabrication
- Large pipe and duct

Linde studies to address challenges

- Scaling to a very large single train
- Optimize equipment arrangement (flue gas blower, pre-cooler, absorption columns sump etc)
- Develop new column construction materials
- Optimize machinery options

Total plant cost distribution



- Engineering and supervision
- Equipment incl. columns (w/o blowers & compressors)
- Blowers & compressors
- Bulk Material
- Civil
- Construction

Project Budget

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Source	Budget Period 1 Nov 2011 – Jan 2013	Budget Period 2 Feb 2013 – Jan 2014	Budget Period 3 Feb 2014 – Oct 2015	Total
DOE Funding	\$2,287,575	\$9,858,828	\$2,853,597	\$15,000,000
Cost Share	\$571,894	\$2,464,707	\$766,259	\$3,802,860
Total Project	\$2,859,468	\$12,323,536	\$3,619,856	\$18,802,860

Cost share commitments:

Linde: \$3,212,121

BASF: \$493,360

EPRI: \$97,379

Project Timeline

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Task #	TITLE		2012					2013				2014				2015			
			Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1	Program Management																		
Budget Period 1																			
2	Techno-Economic Evaluation																		
3	Pilot plant optimization and basic design																		
4	Pilot plant system design and engineering																		
5	Pilot plant cost and safety analysis																		
	Go - No Go DECISION																		
Budget Period 2																			
6	Supply of plant equipment and materials																		
7	Plant construction and commissioning																		
	Mechanical completion of pilot plant																		
Budget Period 3																			
8	Start-up and initial operation																		
9	Parametric testing																		
10	Long duration continuous operation																		
11	Final economic analysis and commercialization plan																		
	Project Closeout																		

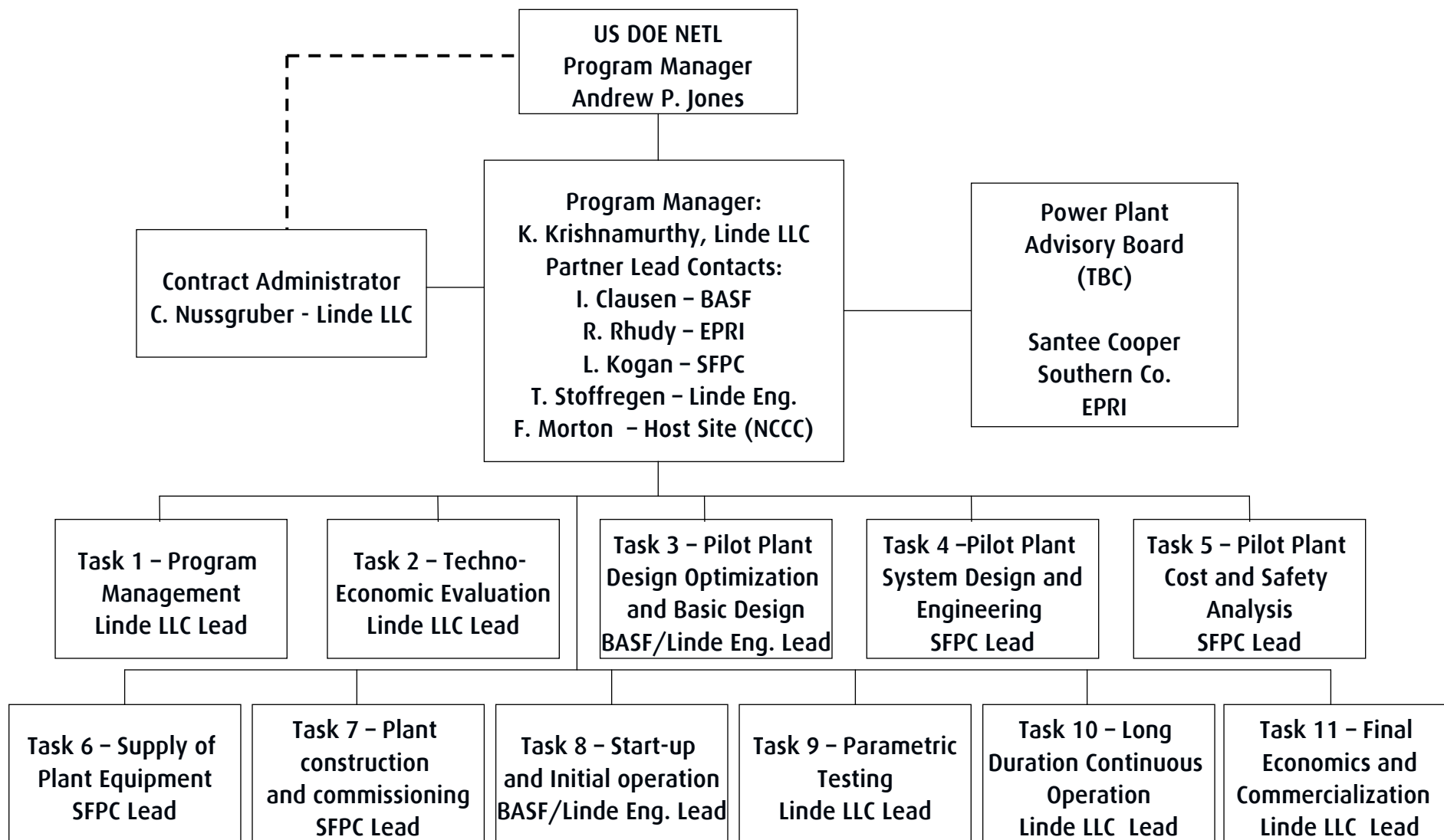
Key Project Milestones

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- **Budget Period 1 (Nov. 1, 2011 – Jan. 31, 2013)**
 - Project kick-off meeting with DOE-NETL (11/15/2011)
 - **550 MWel power plant with integrated carbon capture techno-economics report (Dec. 31, 2011)**
 - Optimal design parameters identified and pilot plant design completed (April 30, 2012)
 - Host site agreement (Sep. 30, 2012)
 - Pilot plant engineering and equipment sizing complete for cost assessment (Oct. 31, 2012)
 - Development and submission of bid packages (Nov. 30, 2012)
 - **Completed pilot plant costs based on vendor quotes (Dec. 31, 2012)**
- **Budget Period 2 (Feb. 1, 2013 – Jan. 31, 2014)**
 - Pilot plant equipment and modules shop fabrication completed (June 30, 2013)
 - Completed ES&H assessment (Dec. 31, 2013)
 - **Mechanical completion of pilot plant and start-up enabled (Jan. 31, 2014)**
- **Budget period 3 (Feb. 1, 2014 – Oct. 31, 2015)**
 - Pilot plant operations validated and ready for testing (April 30, 2014)
 - **Performance validated against targets (Oct. 31, 2014)**
 - **Long term operability and solvent stability demonstrated (July 31, 2015)**
 - **Technology advantages demonstrated/Ready for commercial (Oct. 31, 2015)**

Project Team and Organization



Success Criteria at Decision Points

Decision Point	Date	Success Criteria
Go – No Go decision to build pilot plant	12/31/2012	1. Techno-economic evaluation completed and accepted by DOE-NETL. It demonstrates benefits of the proposed development. 2. Cost estimates and schedule for the pilot plant meet targets.
Mechanical completion of pilot plant	1/31/2014	1. Pilot plant construction has been completed. 2. Process and safety checks have been performed successfully and plant ready to start up and operate.
Project Closeout	10/31/2015	1. Slipstream pilot plant testing and data analysis successfully completed. Results show the benefits of the PCC technology with the novel amine-solvent as predicted or better.

Risk Management (2)

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Description of Risk	Probability (Low, Moderate, High)	Impact (Low, Moderate, High)	Risk Management (Mitigation and Response Strategies)
Management Risks:			
Schedule impact due to conflict with other projects (e.g. MTR membranes) scheduled at the NCCC site	Medium	Medium-High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have initiated discussion with various stakeholders • Follow up and find middle ground/options to resolve impact on overall project schedule
Additional project complexity due to unforeseen requirements on safety, environment, etc. or significant cost escalation	Low-Medium	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control and simplify scope to focus on key technology validation needs • Go/No Go decision set to address significant cost escalation

Risk Management (1)

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Description of Risk	Probability (Low, Moderate, High)	Impact (Low, Moderate, High)	Risk Management (Mitigation and Response Strategies)
Technical Risks:			
Testing of new materials and new process options	Low-Medium	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leverage overall team expertise • Leverage external partners know-how
Integration with the other test units operating at NCCC	Low	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint meetings to understand issues and incorporate into design and control logic & operations
Resource Risks:			
Availability of key individuals with past experience and know-how	Medium	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment from all participant to make project successful

Technical approach to optimize performance and reduce capex and opex for future commercial offering

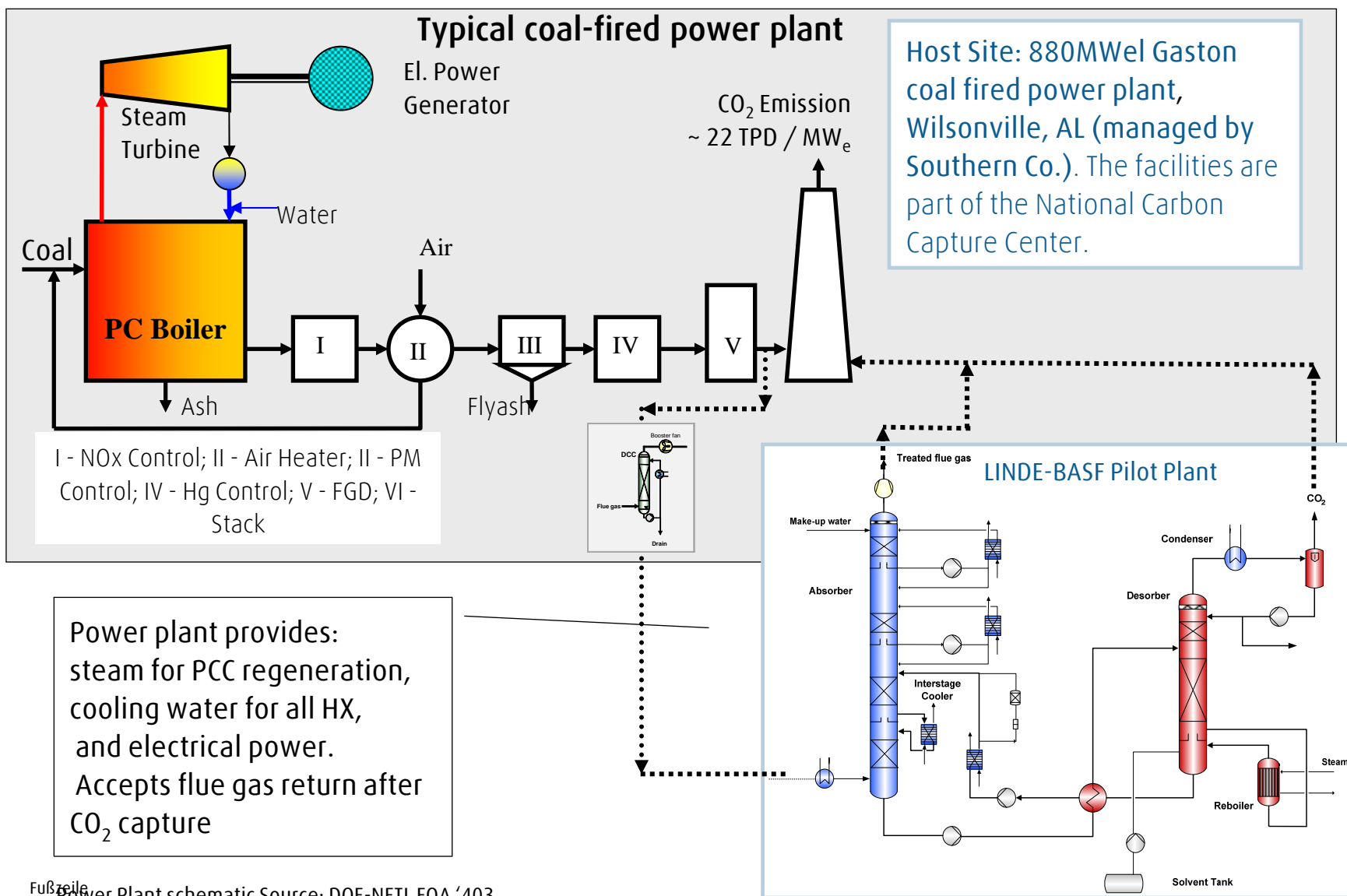
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- Select leading solvent (from development till date) for pilot plant design and planned testing. One potential additional solvent to be considered in 2014 when pilot plant in operation.
- Process testing and validation for lower capex & opex and for emission reduction:
 - New absorber construction materials (e.g. Concrete columns with in-liner)
 - Advanced absorber structured packing material
 - Absorber intercooling without forced recirculation
 - Optimized equipment arrangement (blower, sump, intercoolers)
 - Advanced stripper design
 - Optimized process parameters to reduce steam consumption (e.g. Regeneration pressure)
 - Reduced emission losses through optimized wash system

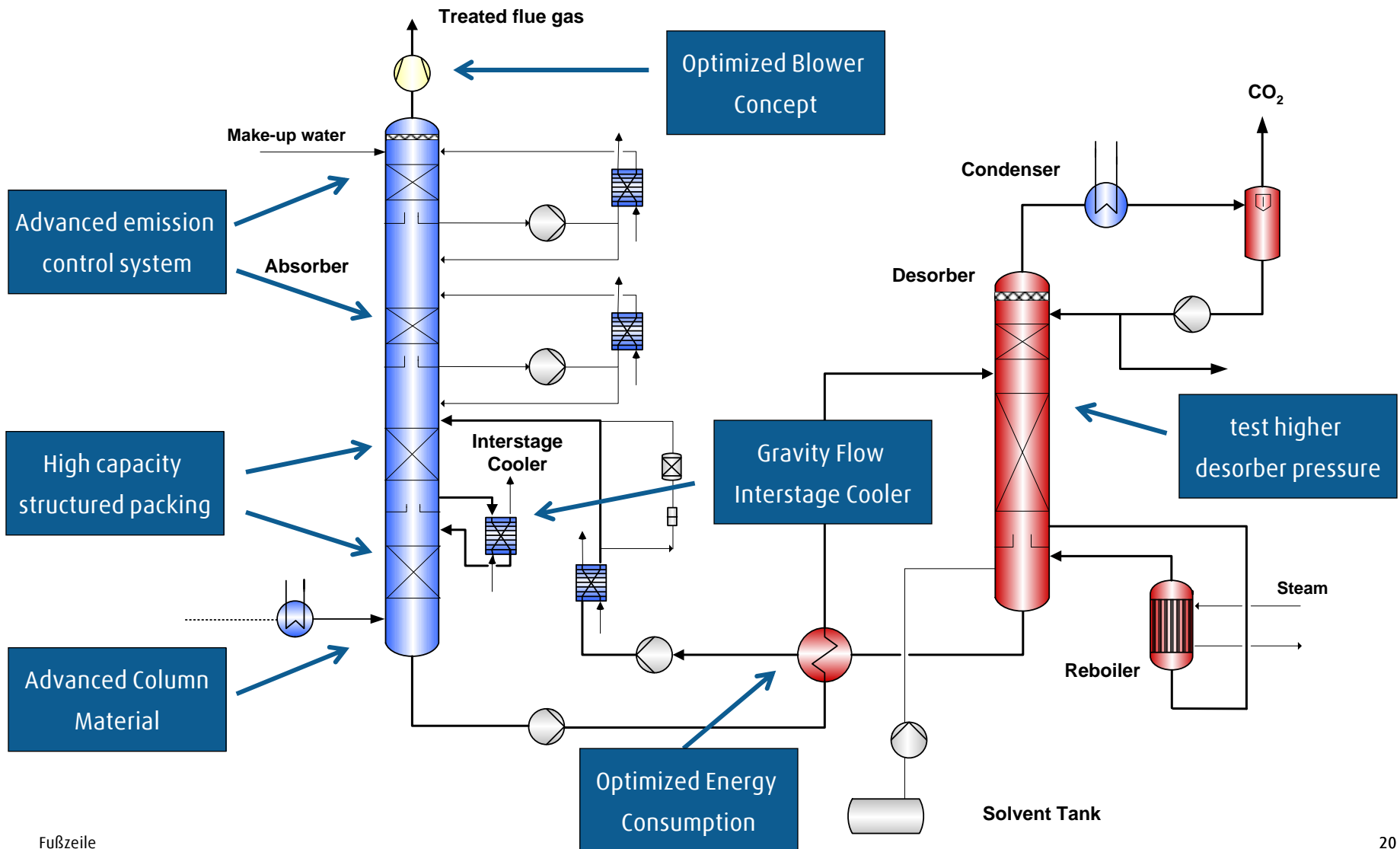
Task 3: Design Selection

Slipstream PCC Pilot Plant: Overall Process Schematic



Task 3: Design Selection

New components to be tested in the pilot plant



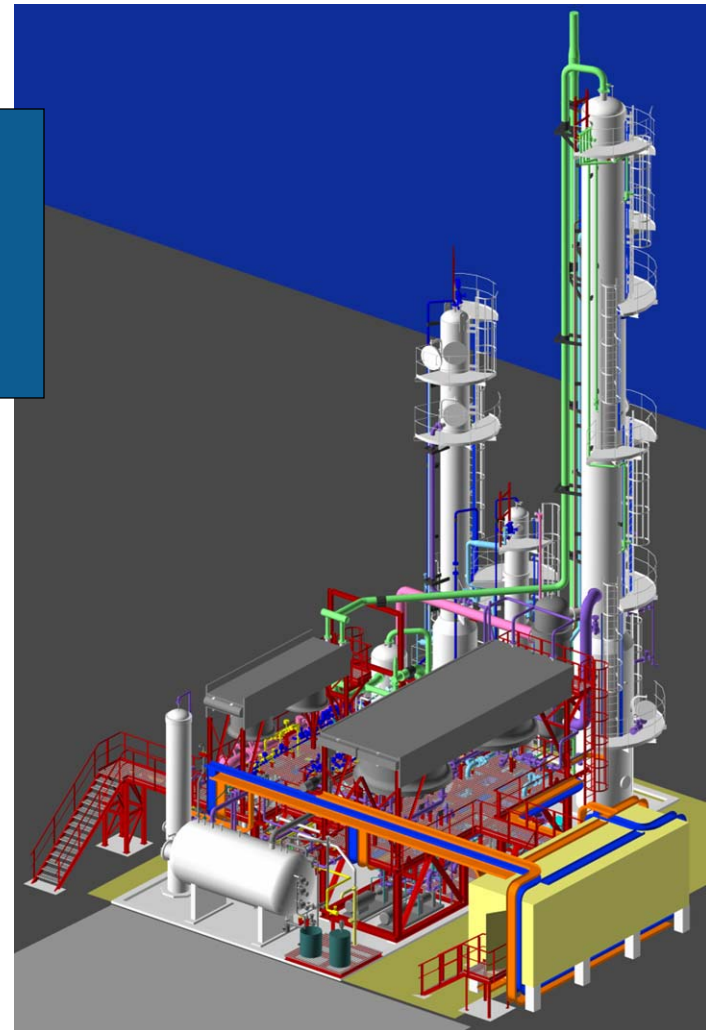
Task 3: Design Selection Pilot Plant Layout

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Optimized plant layout
to be investigated



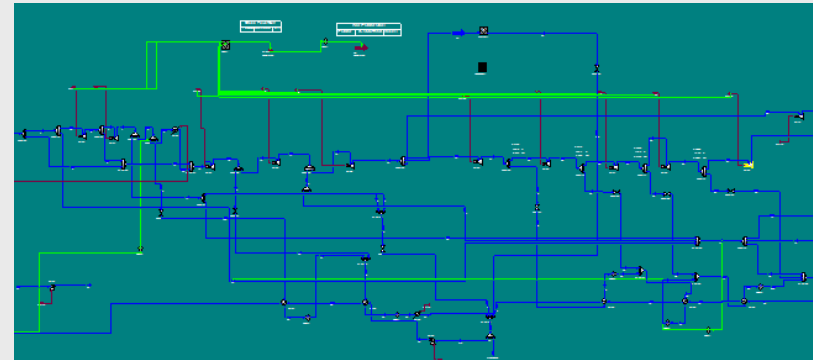
Task 2. Techno-economic assessment Specifications & Computational platform

Specifications and Design Basis

identical to DOE/NETL Report 2007/1281

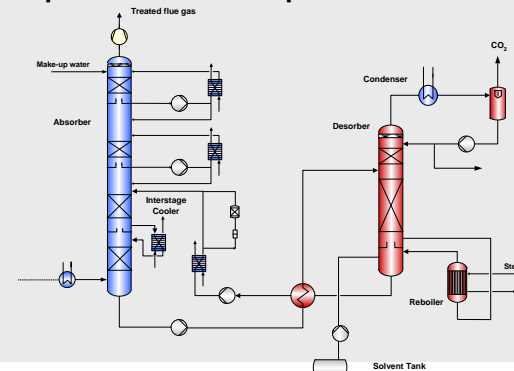
- Coal Feed Characteristics
- Site Characteristics and Ambient Conditions
- Boiler Design and Steam Turbine Design
- Steam Cycle Conditions
- Environmental Controls and Performance
- Balance of Plant
- Economic Assumptions and Methodology

Computational Platform



UniSim Design Suite R390, integrated with

- Linde's custom developed thermodynamic model for Illinois # 6 coal combustion
- BASF's proprietary package for rigorous solvent performance predictions



Task 2. Techno-economic assessment Approach

Model Calibration

- Match material and energy balances for DOE-NETL Cases # 9 & #10
- Determine adiabatic efficiencies of utilized steam turbines
- Develop reference scale factors for CAPEX assessment at the equipment level
- Verify entire methodology vs reported LCOE values for Cases 9 & 10

Model Application

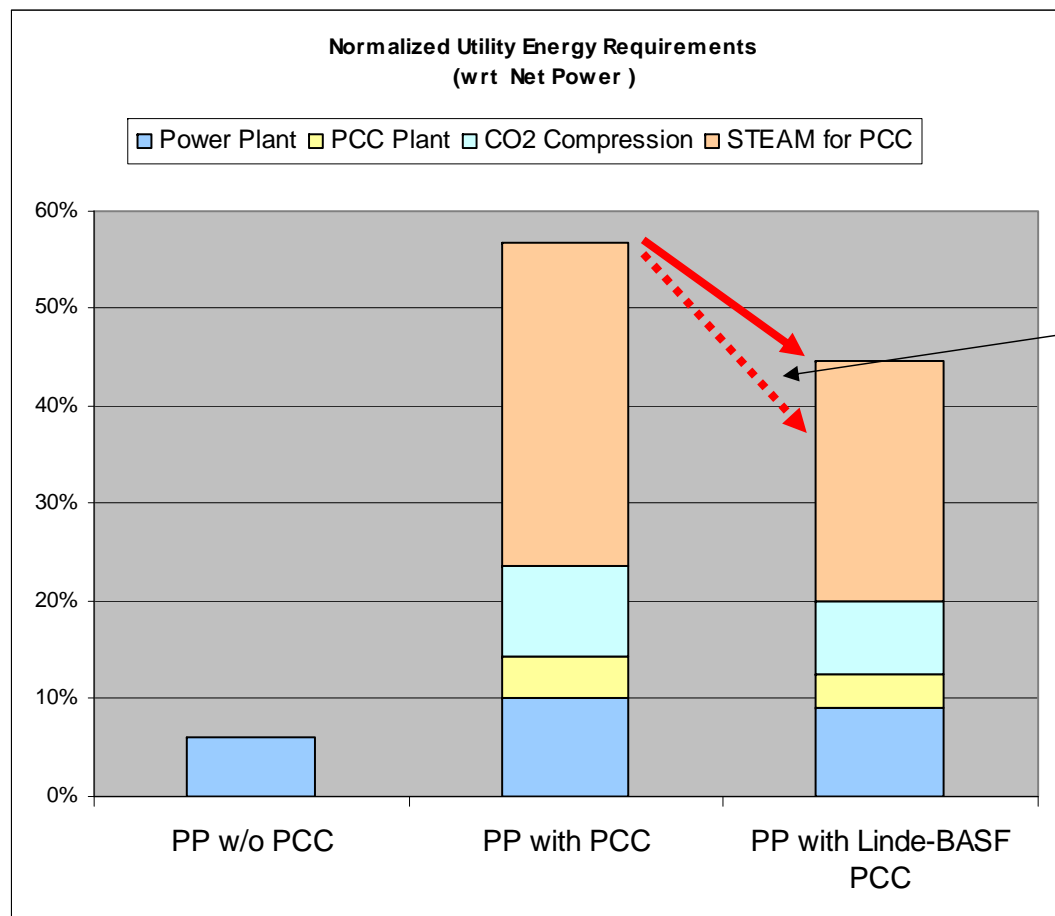
- Modify model for BASF's novel amine based solvent technology and BASF & Linde process enhancements
- Include various process integration and heat recovery options
- Perform sensitivity analyses
- Goal: Minimize LCOE

Task 2. Techno-economic assessment

Energy requirement for PCC

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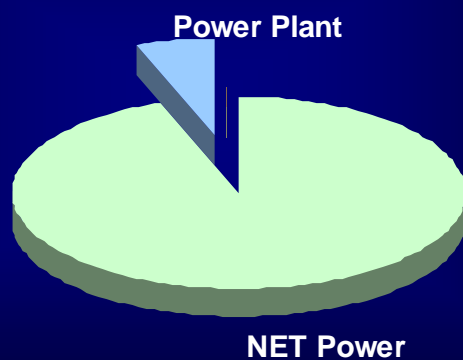
Target range for Linde-BASF
PCC Technology

Task 2. Techno-economic assessment LCOE Dependence on PCC Efficiency

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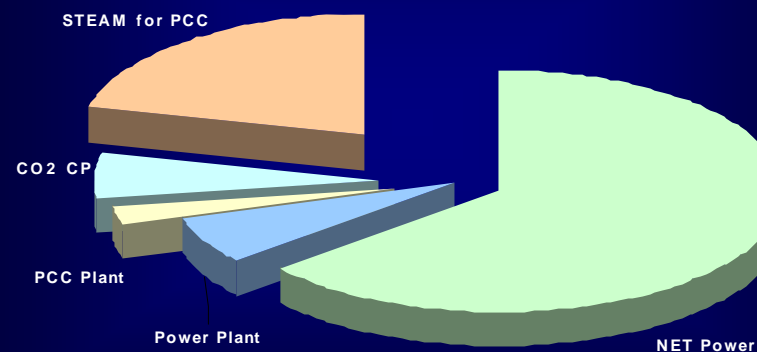
**ENERGY Requirement Breakdown
PP w/o PCC**



Incremental energy requirement
(DOE Case# 10) for PCC:

~ 50 % of PP w/o PCC (DOE Case# 9)

**ENERGY Requirement Breakdown
PP with PCC**

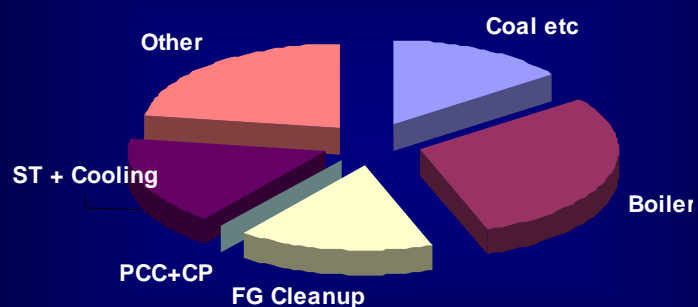


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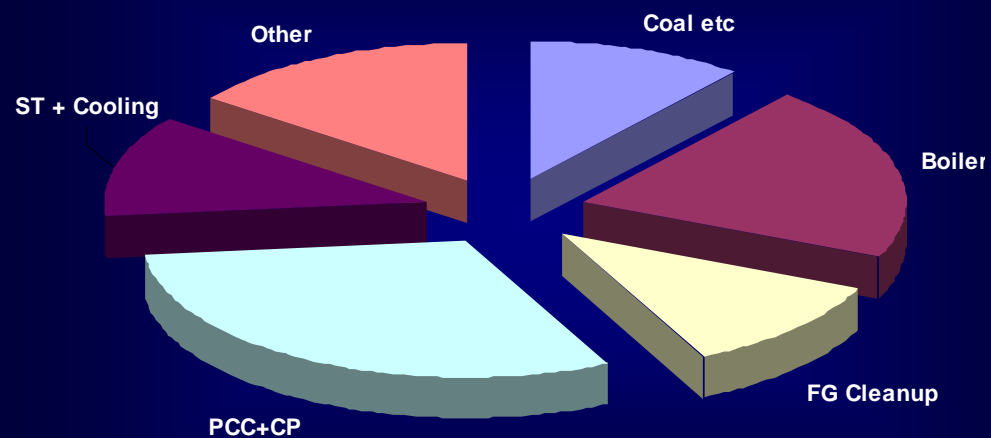
TPC Breakdown - PP w/o PCC



Total Plant Cost of PP with PCC
(DOE Case# 10)

90+% above PP w/o PCC (DOE Case#9)

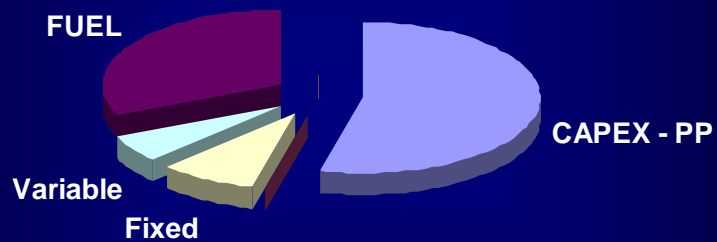
TPC Breakdown - PP with PCC



Task 2. Techno-economic assessment

LCOE Dependence on PCC Efficiency

LCOE Breakdown - PP w/o PCC



LCOE for PP with PCC (Case#10)

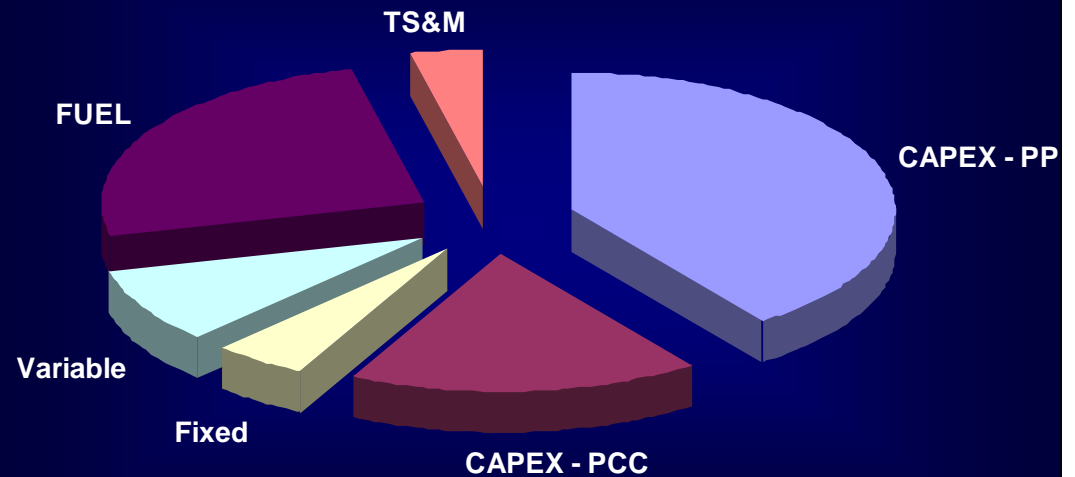
Currently: ~ 86 % above PP w/o PCC (Case#9)

Proposed: < 65 % above PP w/o PCC (Linde-BASF) with options for further reduction

Major targets for LCOE reduction:

- Reduced energy for PCC
- Reduced CAPEX for PCC
- Reduced total energy by process integration and waste heat utilization

LCOE Breakdown - PP with PCC



Task 2. Techno-economic assessment Optimization & Status

Techno-economics with Advanced PCC

- BASF's novel amine based solvent technology and BASF & Linde process enhancements
 - Significantly reduced energy requirement
 - Reduced PCC CAPEX and OPEX
- Integration options with Waste heat recovery
 - Within PCC
 - PCC & CO₂ Compression
 - PCC & Power Plant
- Optimization
 - Minimization of LCOE
 - Sensitivity analyses
 - OPEX benefits versus CAPEX cost

Status

- Developed rigorous, integrated Unisim model for 550 MWe power plant with CO₂ capture
- Model integrated with performance parameters of BASF's novel amine based solvent technology
- CAPEX and OPEX reduction options for PCC and CO₂ plants being evaluated
- Rigorous process model being used for sensitivity analyses to highlight key areas for cost improvement
- Various process integration options being analyzed

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