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Low-Cost Enzyme-Based Technology for Carbon Capture

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Developed an **enzyme-based technology** (Gen 1) for carbon capture that, when compared with MEA based capture, could

- 1. Reduce CAPEX >100M **\$US** for PCCC plant
- 2. Increase net power production by >75 MWe (vs. ~550 MWe)
- Enable a novel biocatalytic process for carbon capture w/
 LCOE = 97.0 mills/kWh

(41% LCOE increase vs. 85% increase from State-of-Art MEA process)

Field demonstrated pilot-scale CO_2 capture process with industrial flue gas at the National Carbon Capture Center in May 2012





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Our Core Assets





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Our Partners & Customers





Current Capture Technology is Costly

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Current solvent capture is either too slow or energy intensive

- Increases cost of electricity >85%, reduces power output by >30%
- \Box Solvents are used in large amounts and must be heated to release CO_2

Biological catalysts are very fast, but not stable under industrial conditions

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Codexis Approach to Carbon Capture





• Carbonic anhydrase (CA) accelerates an otherwise negligible reaction.

• CA turnover rate up to 1 million CO₂ molecules/s/s ^[1].

• A 'biomimetic' approach based on millions of years of evolution.

Low-Energy Solvent ^[2]	ΔH _{Des} (kJ/gmol)	k ₂ x e ³ (M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹) @25°C	Degradation	Corrosion	P* _{solvent} (atm x 10 ³) @40°C
MEA	84	6	High	High	0.1
MDEA	60	0.005	Moderate	Moderate	0.003
AMP	60	0.6	Low	Low	≈0.03
K ₂ CO ₃	20	0.05	None	High	0

Soluble enzyme in an energy efficient solvent could enable a low-cost process for carbon capture.

^[1] Khalifah, R.; Silverman, D. N., Carbonic Anhydrase Kinetics and Molecular Function, The Carbonic Anhydrase In Plenum Press: New York, 1991; pp 49-64.

^[2] Extracted from G. Rochelle, "CO₂ Capture by Aqueous Absorption/Stripping", Presentation to MIT Carbon Sequestration Forum VII, October 31,2006.



Codexis Directed Evolution Technology



Fox & Huisman TibTech 2008

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Selecting Best CA for MDEA

Selection Criteria:

- 1. High activity in MDEA.
- 2. High thermo- and solvent-stability.
- 3. Can be produced economically.



Thermophilic CA:

- Very thermostable.
- Low activity and stability in high MDEA concentrations.

Human CAII:

Good activity, low stability.

CA-102:

- Accelerates CO₂ absorption rate at modest concentrations (<1 g/L SF powder).
- Good thermostability.
- Produced economically.



CA Evolution: Tiered Screening Approach

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CodeEvolver[™] Biocatalyst for Accelerated Carbon Capture



- Created enzymes that increased rate of CO₂ capture >25-fold under industrial conditions (NCCC)
- Created enzymes with 10⁶-10⁷ increased stability with rates of catalysis of 10⁶ fold
- Now screening at temperatures higher than boiling point of water (107°C!)



Long-Term Stability Under Absorber Condition

4.2M MDEA, 50 C Challenge (n=6)



- Top performers were tested for activity after being challenged at 4.2M MDEA for up to 14-weeks at 50°C.
- All of the variants tested were still active after the 14-weeks at 50°C.
- Some variants retained up to 70% of their initial activity.







- Evolved CA has high tolerant for flue gas contaminants SOx/NOx in 4.2 M MDEA at 50°C.
- •No observable effects from typical leachable metals from equipment/piping, etc.



Field Testing at the National Carbon Capture Center

Alabama Power Plant E.C. Gaston

Wilsonville, Alabama



Objectives:

- Demonstrate CA-accelerated process concept.
- Demonstrate enzyme performance:
 - Long-term stability with real flue gas (eg., Mercury, SOx, NOx, Heavy Metals..)

 $\hfill\square$ Quantify mass transfer enhancement

• Collect engineering data for model validation.



<u>Codexis Test Unit – 10 kWe:</u> Gas flow rate – 400 SLPM Liquid flow rate – 2 LPM CO₂ removal ~150 kg CO₂/day <u>Absorber column:</u> Diameter = 100 mm (4" ID) Packing Height = 6.3 m Packing type: 16 mm (5/8") Pall Rings Surface area: 350 m²/m³; efficiency ~10-15% Desorber tank (No packing):

Volume = 15 L Residence time = 30-60 sec





Enzyme-Assisted Desorber



Developed Aspen⁺ Model with Proprietary Enzyme Kinetics





Long-Term Stability under Industrial Flue Gas Conditions



- Stable enzyme performance after 6 days under industrial flue gas conditions (ie., Mercury, heavy metals, SOx, NOx, etc.) with ~0.2 g/L of CA.
- Stable desorber operation at T_{desorption}=87°C
- Achieved solvent capacity for CO_2 removal, $\Delta \alpha \approx 0.2$ (mol CO_2 /mol MDEA)
- No solid precipitation after 6 days of operation.
- Robust system operation with multiple start-up/shut-down cycles.



Enzyme Acceleration in Low-Energy Solvent



CA Loading (g/L)

- Increased Mass Transfer Coefficient by ~20-fold with 0.2 g/L of CA under industrial conditions.
- •Collected engineering data over wide range of conditions for Aspen⁺ model validation:
 - e.g., MDEA concentration (25-50wt%), CA loading (0-1 g/L), T_{abs} (30-50 C), T_{des}(85-95 C), L & G flow rates (to achieve 30-95% CO₂ capture).

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Predicted Impact of Enzyme on Absorber & Desorber Size



- Codexis enzyme-based technology could significant reduce CAPEX:
 - ~95% reduction in CO₂ absorber column size with low-energy solvent MDEA.

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• ~80% reduction in desorber volume without use of structure packings.

Predicted Enzyme-Assisted Desorption Energy Reduction

Enzyme-Assissted Desorption



Desorption temperature (C)

- Enzyme-assissted desorption could
 - Reduce parasitic load by 20 40% vs. MEA, i.e., lower steam extraction requirement.
 - Increase enzyme life-time and decrease solvent degradation rate, i.e., lower OPEX.



Nexant PC/Codexis PCC Plant Integration

Codexis to develop enzyme-base CO₂ capture models in Aspen⁺

• Established heat and material balance, equipment sizing, PCC operating conditions, etc.

Plant integration by Nexant

- Developed an integrated design combining a PC and PCC plant.
- Set-up a GateCycle model for the combined PC and PCC plant
- Run the model to estimate the performance of the combined system

Cost Estimate and Economic Assessment by Nexant

- Estimated CAPEX and OPEX
- Set-up a Power System Financial Model (PSFM) using financial parameters established by DOE
- Estimated incremental levelized cost of electricity (LCOE) using the PSFM.



CA Enabling Low-Cost Biocatalytic Process for Carbon Capture



¹ Escalated to 2010 dollars.

Low-cost CA-accelerated MDEA process for CO₂ capture w/LCOE = 97.0 mills/kWh



Techno-Economic Analyses (Con't)



¹ Assume Nth kind of plants w/o added process contingency, interest, or debt-to-equity penalties.

Codexis enzyme-based technology (Gen 1) for carbon capture could

- Reduce CAPEX by 146M \$US for PCCC plant
- Increase net power production by 78 MWe (vs. ~546 MWe)





- •Created enzymes that increased rate of CO_2 capture >25-fold under industrial conditions (NCCC).
- •Created enzymes with 10⁶-10⁷ increased stability with rates of catalysis of 10⁶ fold.
- Demonstrated successfully at pilot-scale of enzyme-based technology for carbon capture.
 - Highly stable enzyme performance under real industrial flue gas conditions.
 - \Box No observable impacts from flue gas contaminants on performance.



Enzyme-Based Technology Provides Cost Savings

CA Enables Energy Efficient Solvents



- Reduce CAPEX by 146M \$US for PCCC plant
 - $\hfill\square$ 90% reduction in CO_2 absorber column size
 - \square 80% reduction in desorber volume, eliminate the use of expensive packings
- Reduce energy consumption by ~30%
 - Increase net power production by 78 MWe
 - Potential to use LP steam
- Provide Low-cost biocatalytic process for carbon capture w/LCOE = 97.0 mills/kWh







• Design and scale-up process/equipment for 0.1-0.5 MWe slip-stream demonstration.

 Continue to evolve enzyme via CodeEvolver[™] for Gen 2 Biocatalyst/Technology with higher activity/stability and lower production cost.

• Engage with strategic commercialization partners.



Codexis & CO₂ Solution IP

Intellectual Property generated under Award Number DE-AR0000071

- 8 Subject Invention disclosures
- 2 US provisional patent applications
- 2 US non-provisional applications
- 2 International applications

Joint Development Agreement

CO₂ Solution and **Codexis** working exclusively together to validate enzyme catalysis for economical capture of CO₂

CO₂ Solution holds a number of issued patents for use of carbonic anhydrase (CA) for carbon capture

- Enzyme-solvent formulations
- Processes
- Sector applications

Complements Codexis IP portfolio in enzyme evolution and optimized carbonic anhydrases

Selected CO₂ Solution Patents

Patent #	Area of Carbonic Anhydrase (CA) CO ₂ Capture Application	
US 7,740,689	Amine solvents	
US 7,596,952	Power plants	
US 7,176,017	Triphasic reactor	
US 6,524,843	Packed column system	
US 6,908,507	Cement production	
US 7,521,217	Thermally stable CA variants	
US 7,514,056	Air fractionation / oxygen production	
US 61/231038	CA on micro-particles	
US 61/231037	Carbonate solvents	
US 61/231039	Amino acid solvents	











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