

# **Recovery Act: Oxy-Combustion**

## Oxygen Transport Membrane Development

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Phase 1	05/07 – 12/09	OTM integrated coal power plant Advanced oxy-combustion cycle Process economic evaluation Membrane performance improvement
Phase 2	01/10 — 6/12	OTM integrated coal power plant Advanced oxy-combustion cycle Scale-up membrane technology Equipment design for pilot demonstration
Phase 3	10/10 — 09/15	Industrial Applications ARRA funding OTM integrated process for conversion of natural gas to syngas 160,000 scfh syngas demonstration OTM modules qualified for scale-up and larger demonstration projects

#### **Principle of Operation**





**Oxy-Combustion Without Producing Oxygen** 





### **Equipment Design**



 Basic design of pilot units and cost estimate with scaling factors completed

- 5 tpd O2 partial oxidation unit
- 7.5 MWth boiler
- Scaling factors established
- Concepts used to cost large scale equipment
- Update to power cycle economics
- Allowable membrane cost to meet DOE cost of electricity targets





#### OTM Testing with Coal Gas Fuel



Afterburner Section

OTM Section

HOB Section

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OTM Coal Gas Reactor University of Utah

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Praxair Hot Oxygen Burner for Coal Syngas

### OTM Testing with Coal Gas Fuel

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 Tests with 25/75 mixtures of Utah/PRB and 50/50 mixtures of Illinois/PRB

- No filter between HOB and OTM reactor
- Large build-up of ash on surface OTM tube
- Coatings inside tube are protected by substrate
- Significant corrosion of metal parts in furnace
- No reaction found in post-test analysis

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#### Ash on surface of OTM tube

Coal Type	LOD	Ash	С	Н	Ν	S	0	Volatile	Fixed	HHV
	(105°C)	(705°C)					(by diff)	Matter	Carbon	(BTU/lb)
Utah	3.18	8.83	70.6	5.41	1.42	0.53	13.21	38.6	49.39	12606
Illinois	9.65	7.99	64.67	5.59	1.12	3.98	16.65	36.78	45.58	11598
PRB*	23.69	4.94	53.72	6.22	0.78	0.23	34.11	33.36	38.01	9078

\*North Antelope Powder River Basin

### Applications

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#### OTM Boiler

- Steam and Power with CCS
- Process heaters
- Long term applications

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- Syngas for liquid fuels and chemicals
- Low H2O/C ratio
- Near term applications

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#### Heat transfer from OTM to process fluid is key to all applications

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## **OTM Autothermal Reformer Process**

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- Oxidize recycled syngas with OTM
- Steam and CO<sub>2</sub> reforming in separate catalyst section
- Improved coking resistance of feed stream
- Reactive fuel drives high oxygen flux without a catalyst
- Requires good thermal integration between catalyst and OTM

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#### **OTM Radiant Coupling to Load**

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- Development of robust test methodologies is critical
  - Large sample size and long times for success based testing with confidence
  - Engaged consultant with proprietary techniques
  - Initial focus on membrane, seal and identification of other high risk areas

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- Comparison of conventional process to OTM process
  - 5,000 bpd syncrude from natural gas feedstock
- Conventional process technology
  - Syngas island: SMR + H2 membrane
  - FT island: Microchannel FT reactors
- Developed detailed process models to evaluate operating performance
- Working to establish cost targets for critical components based on capital estimates of flow sheets

Parameter	Benefits of OTM Based Process Over Conventional Process				
CO2 emissions (lb CO2/bbl product)	70% lower				
Gas conversion (scf/bbl)	23% lower				

#### **Development Roadmap**

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