

Development of Mixed-Salt Technology for CO₂ Capture from Coal Power Plants

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Project Goals

Overall Project Goal is to demonstrate that Mixed-Salt technology can capture CO₂ at a 90% efficiency and regenerate at 95% CO₂ purity at a cost of \$40/tonne or less of CO₂ captured by 2025.

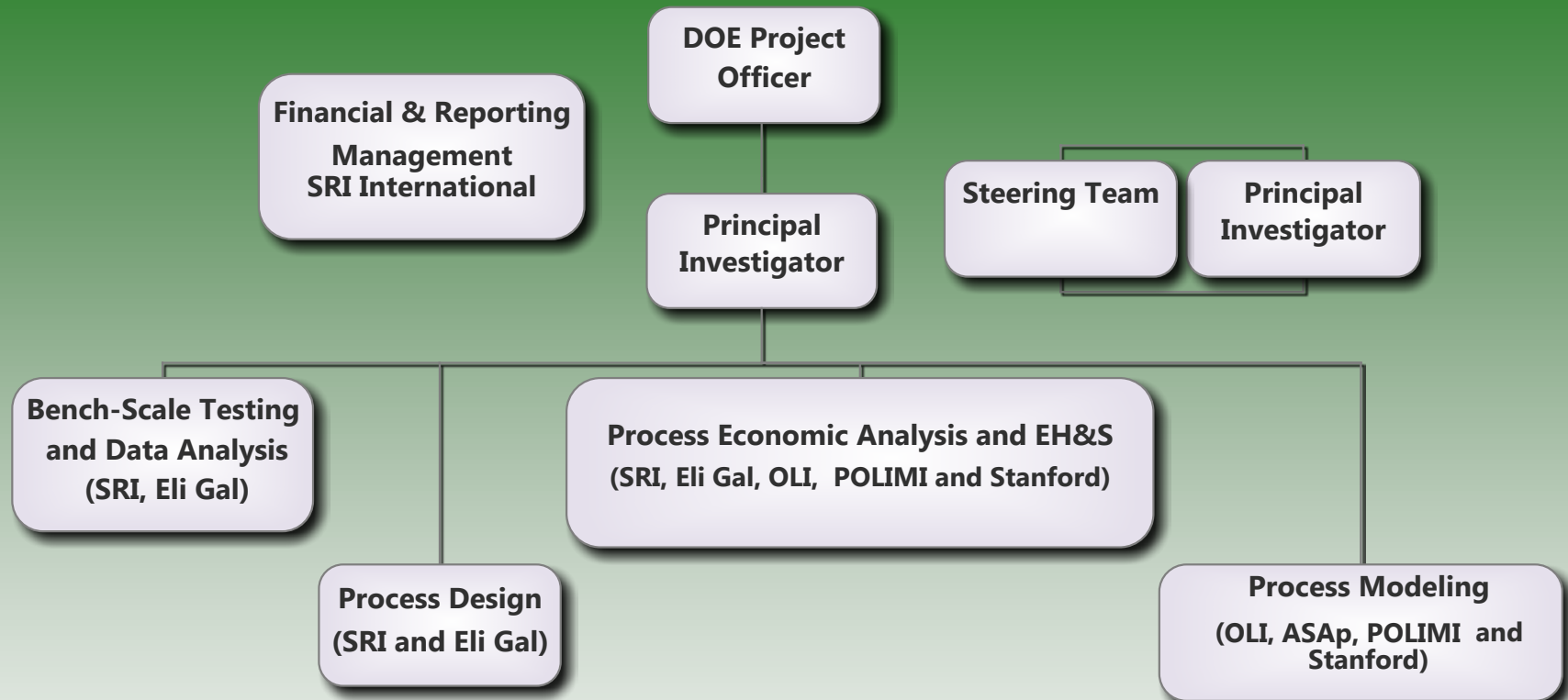
Budget Period 1:

- Demonstrate the absorber and regenerator processes individually with high efficiency and low NH₃ emission and reduced water use compared to the state-of-the-art ammonia-based technologies.

Budget Period 2:

- Demonstrate the high-pressure regeneration and integration of the absorber and the regenerator
- Demonstrate the complete CO₂ capture system with low cost production of CO₂ stream, optimize the system operation, and collect data to perform the detailed Techno-Economic analysis of CO₂ capture process integration to a full-scale power plant.

Project Team and Organization



NETL Project Manager : Steven Mascaro

Project Team and Technical Leaders

SRI- Indira Jayaweera; **OLI Systems** (OLI)- Andre Anderko; **Stanford University** - Adam Brant; **Aqueous Systems Aps** (ASAp)- Kaj Thomsen; **Politechnico De Milano** (POLIMI)- Gianluca Valenti; and Eli Gal

Project Budget

	Budget Period 1	Budget Period 2	Total
	10/1/13 - 12/30/14	1/1/15 - 3/31/16	10/1/13-3/31/16
Total Project Cost	\$1,019,650	\$1,102,092	\$2,121,742
DOE Share	\$819,534	\$878,113	\$1,697,647
Cost-Share	\$200,116	\$223,979	\$424,095

Cost Share by SRI, OLI Systems, POLIMI, Aqueous Solutions Aps, Stanford University
IHI Corporation

Mixed-Salt Technology Facts and Benefits

Technology uses potassium and ammonium salts

- Uses inexpensive, industrially available material
- Requires no feed stream polishing
- No hazardous waste generation
- Has a potential for easy permitting from many localities
- Uses known processes engineering

Compound	MW (g)	Moles in kg of 30 wt.% solvent
MDEA	119	2.5
MEA	61	4.9
NH3 (20 wt.%)	17	8.8
K2CO3	138	2.2
Piperazine	86	3.5

NO SOLIDS

Enhanced capture rates

High CO₂ loading capacity

Produces clean CO₂ stream at high pressure → reduced compression costs

Reduced energy consumption compared to MEA

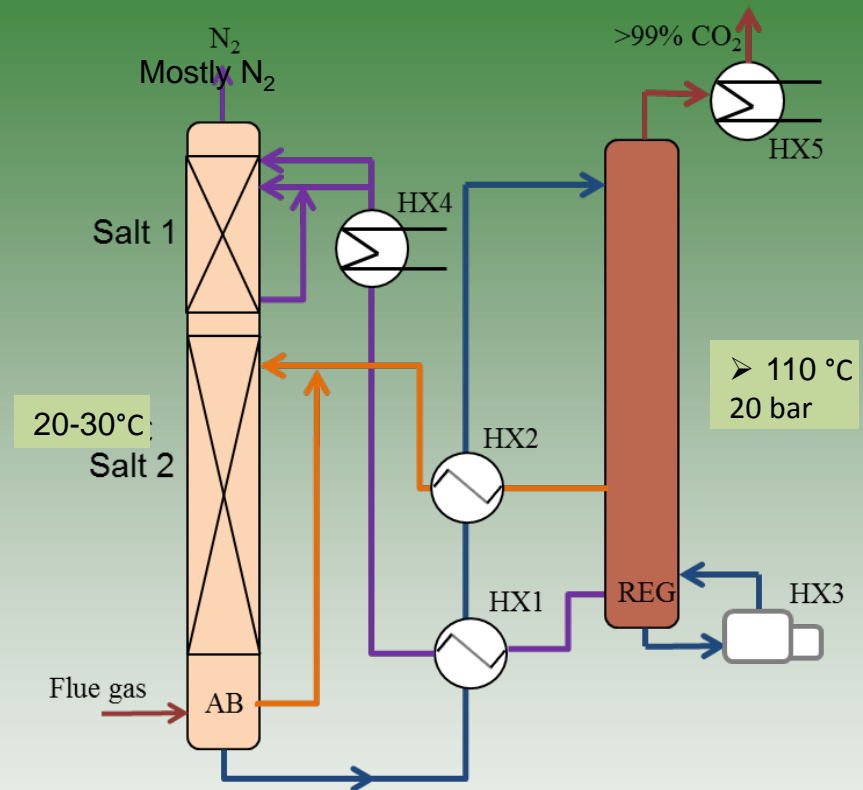
Reduced auxiliary electricity loads

Challenge:

Reduction of ammonia evaporation at higher reaction rates

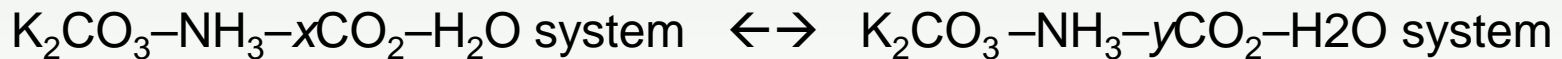
Mixed-Salt Technology Process Conditions

- Process uses mixtures of potassium carbonate and ammonium salts
 - Dual absorber, and a selective regenerator
 - Heat of reaction 35 to 55 kJ/mol
- Absorber operation at 20° – 30°C at 1 atm with 20-30 wt.% mixture of salts
- Regenerator operation at >110°C at 20-40 atm
 - Produce high pressure CO₂



CO₂ Lean

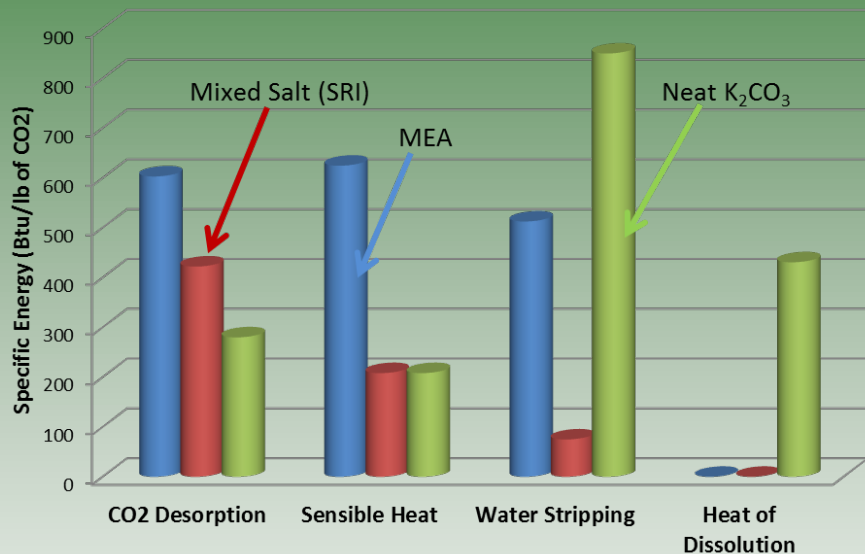
CO₂ Rich



Where $y > x$

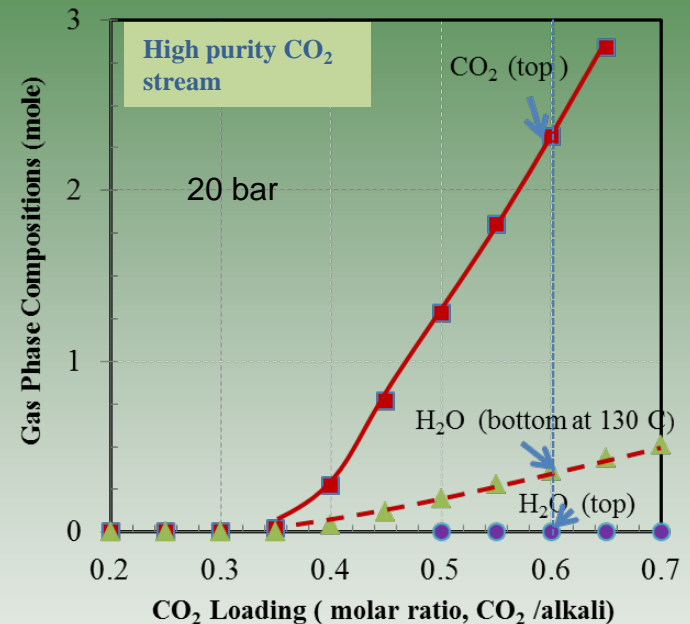
E.g., $y = 6$ and $x = 3$

Mixed-Salt: Reduced Energy Requirement for Solvent Regeneration



Estimated regenerator heat requirement for Mixed-Salt system with 0.2 to 0.6 cyclic CO₂ loading. Comparison with neat K₂CO₃ and MEA is shown

Sources: MEA Data: CSIRO Report (2012). EP116217
 K₂CO₃ Data: GHGT-11; Schoon and Van Straelen (2011). TCCS-6
 Mixed-Salt Data; SRI Modeling



Mixed-Salt process requires a minimal energy for water stripping

Mixed-Salt Development Time Line

Proof of
Concept
(6 *slph*)

2012

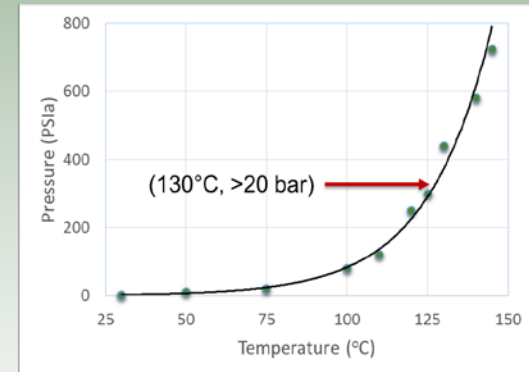
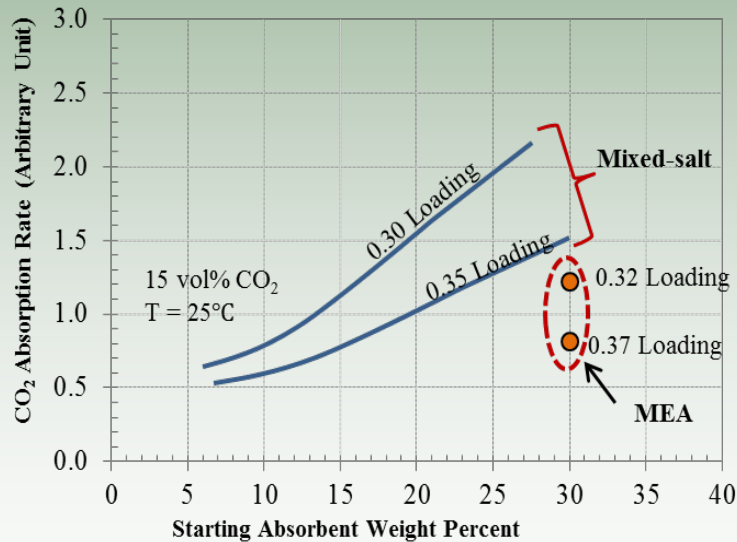
Small Bench-Scale
Testing
(50 *slpm* or 1.7 *acfm*)

2013

Current DOE Project
Large Bench-Scale Testing
(>500 *slpm*)
10/2013 – 3/2016



Results from small bench-scale testing



Attainable CO₂ pressure during solvent regeneration: Mixed-salt with CO₂ loading value of 0.6 CO₂/salt

No thermal or oxidative degradation of mixed-salts in the regenerator.

DOE Project Schedule

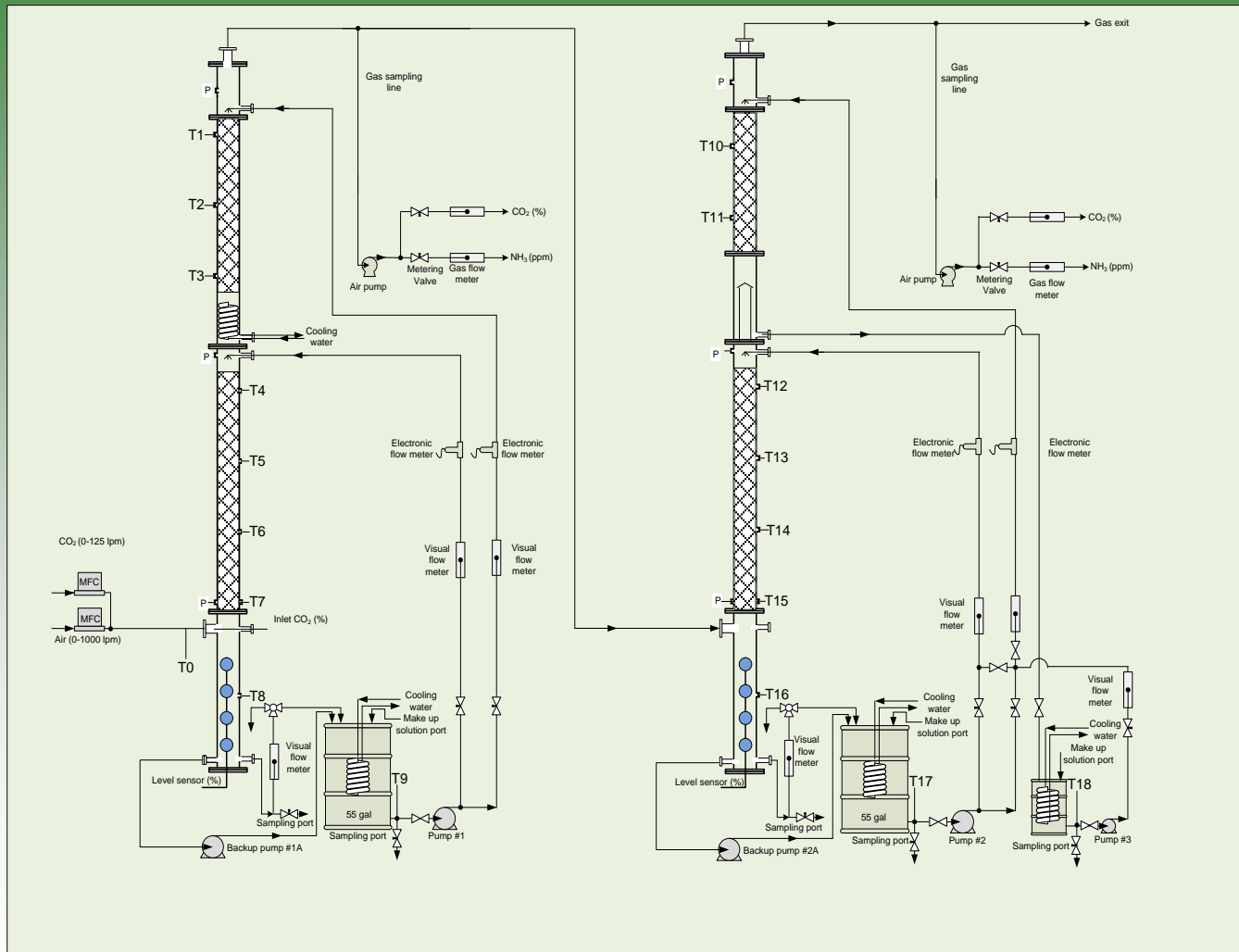
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Mixed-Salt BP1 and BP2	10/1/2013	3/31/2016	[Blue bar spanning from Q4 2013 to Q3 2016]												
Task 1.0 - Project Management and Planning	10/1/2013	3/31/2016	[Blue bar spanning from Q4 2013 to Q3 2016]												
Task 2-0: Individual Absorber and Regenerator Testing in Semi-Continuous mode	10/1/2013	11/30/2014	[Blue bar spanning from Q4 2013 to Q3 2014]												
Subtask 2.1 - Test Systems Design and Installation	10/1/2013	4/28/2014	[Orange bar spanning from Q4 2013 to Q1 2014]												
Subtask 2.2 - Test Plans	2/1/2013	2/30/2014	[Orange square in Q1 2014]												
Subtask 2.3 - Absorber Tests	4/30/2014	11/30/2014	[Orange bar spanning from Q2 2014 to Q3 2014]												
Subtask 2.4 - Regenerator Tests	7/1/2014	11/3/2014	[Orange bar spanning from Q3 2014 to Q4 2014]												
Subtask 2.5 - Bench-Scale Test Data Analysis	2/28/2014	11/30/2014	[Orange bar spanning from Q1 2014 to Q3 2014]												
Task 3.0 - Preliminary Process Modeling and Techno-Economic Analysis	3/1/2014	12/15/2014	[Blue bar spanning from Q1 2014 to Q4 2014]												
Subtask 3.1 - Process Modeling	3/1/2014	11/30/2014	[Orange bar spanning from Q1 2014 to Q3 2014]												
Subtask 3.2 - Preliminary Economic Analysis	8/1/2014	12/15/2014	[Orange bar spanning from Q3 2014 to Q4 2014]												
Task 4.0 - Budget Period 2 Continuation Application	12/1/2014	12/30/2014	[Orange square in Q4 2014]												
Continuation Report Submission	12/30/2014	12/30/2014	[Black square in Q4 2014]												
Task 5.0 - Bench-Scale Integrated System Testing	1/15/2015	3/31/2016	[Blue bar spanning from Q1 2015 to Q3 2016]												
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Subtask 5.4 - Bench-Scale Tests and Data Analysis	4/1/2015	3/31/2016	[Orange bar spanning from Q2 2015 to Q3 2016]												
Task 6.0 - Process Modeling and Techno-Economic Analysis	5/1/2015	3/31/2016	[Blue bar spanning from Q2 2015 to Q3 2016]												
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Subtask 6.3- Technology EH&S Risk Assesment	9/1/2015	3/30/2016	[Orange bar spanning from Q3 2015 to Q3 2016]												
Final Report Submission	4/30/2016	5/30/2016	[Black square in Q2 2016]												

Regenerator System



Schematic of the Absorber System

April, 2014



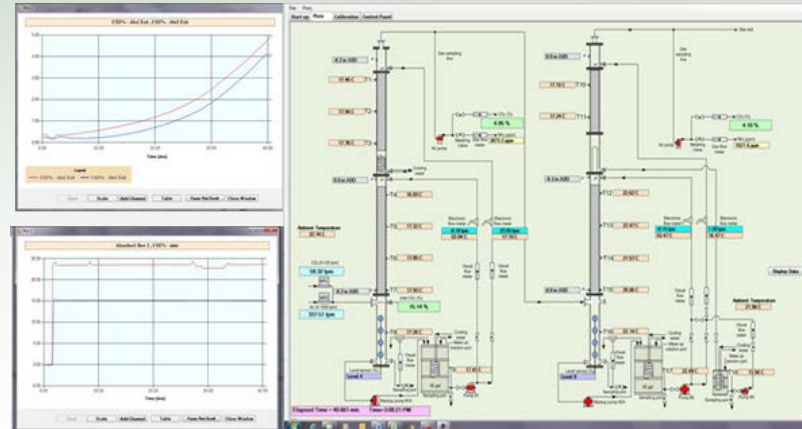
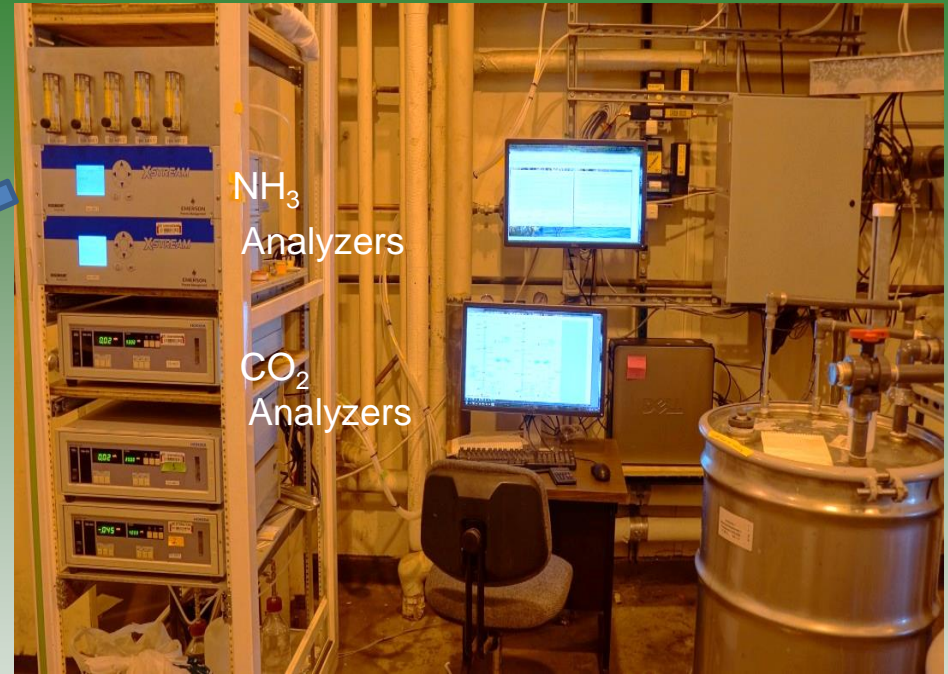
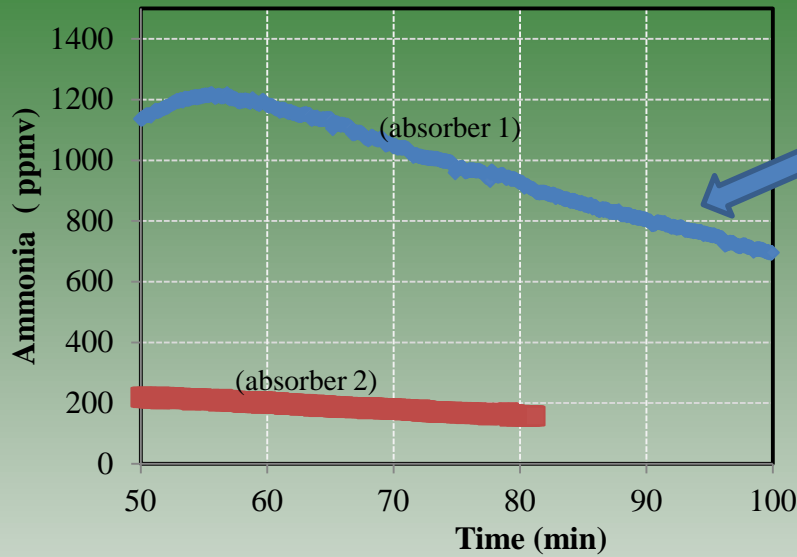
Photographs of the Completed System



Mixed-Salt System
Commissioned on
May 29, 2014



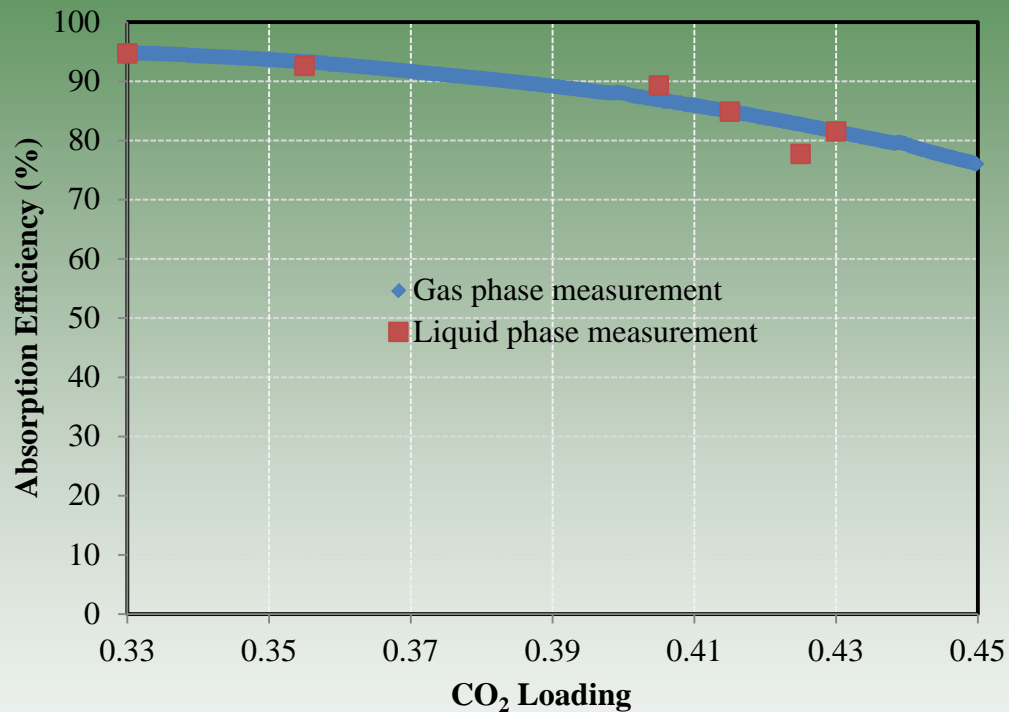
Process Control And Monitoring



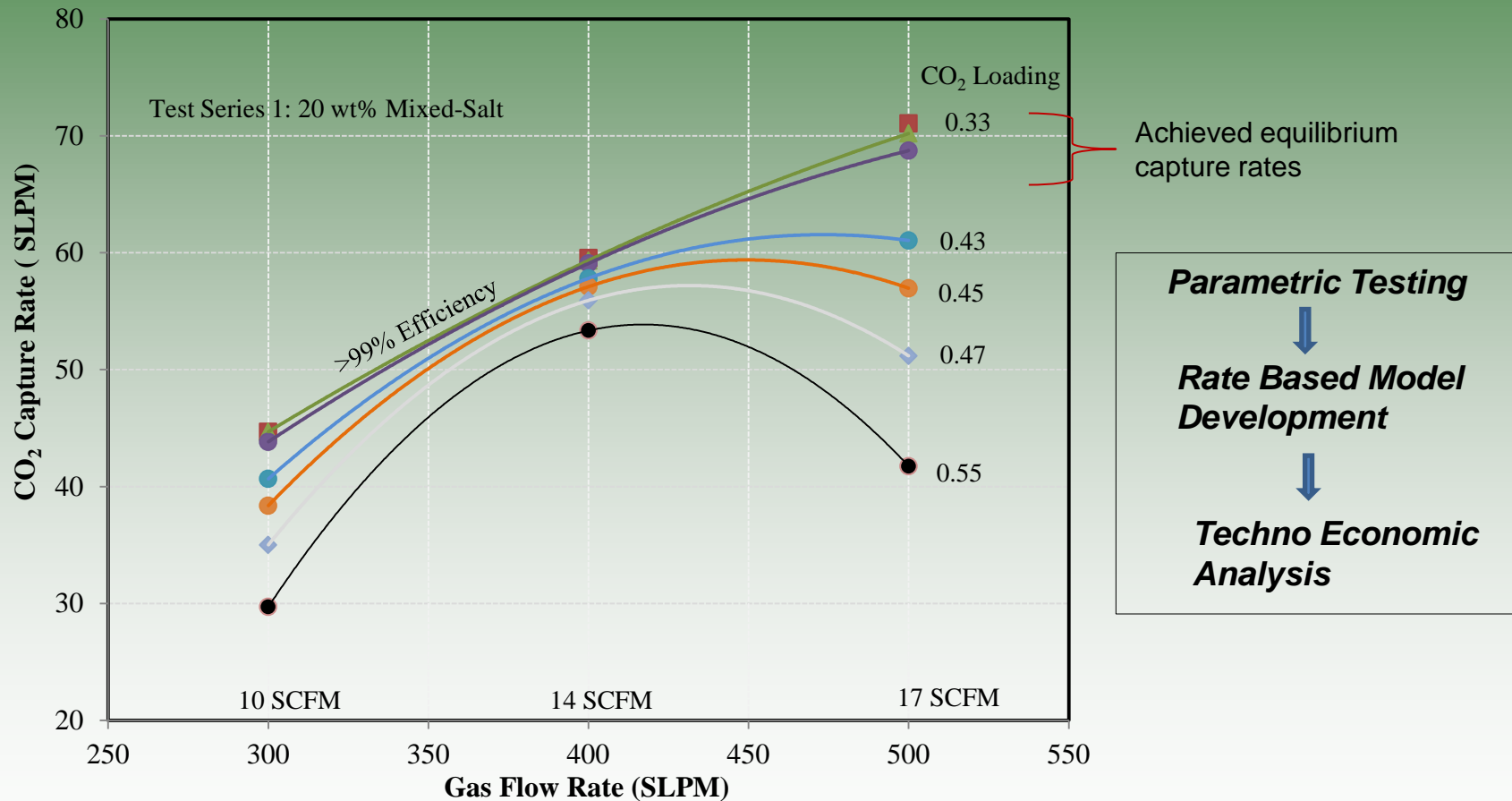
Data acquisition and control hardware interface

Online data monitoring

Absorber Data with 20 wt% Mixed-salt at 20°C: Mass Balance



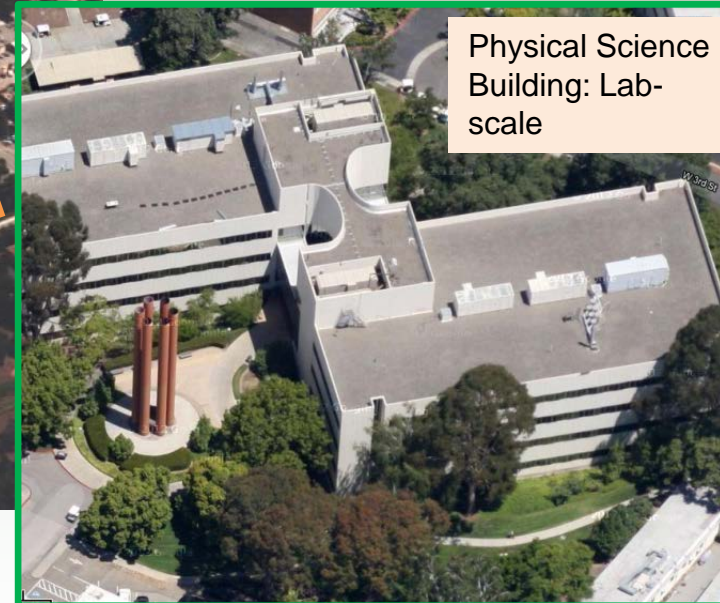
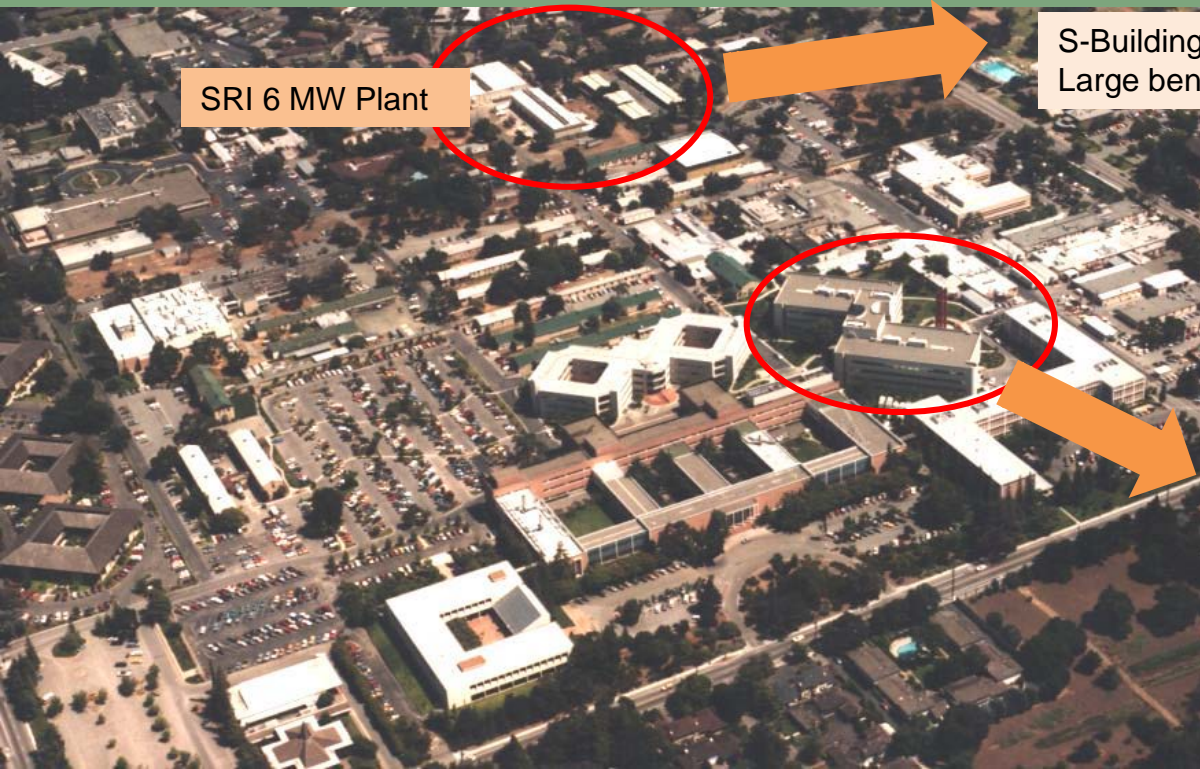
Absorber Data with 20 wt% Mixed-salt at 20°C: CO₂ Capture Rate



Project Status as of July 15, 3014

- Program Management Plan Updated
- Design and Installation of Absorber Completed
- Regenerator modification and Installation Completed
- Absorber Testing in progress
- Modeling:
 - VLE model update for $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3\text{-NH}_3\text{-CO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$ completed
 - Power cycle integration for reference plant completed (good agreement with NETL model)

Project Location



SRI's site in Menlo Park, CA (~ 65 acres)
SRI also has a test site near Livermore, CA (480 acres)

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