### Scale-Up of High-Temperature Syngas Cleanup Technology



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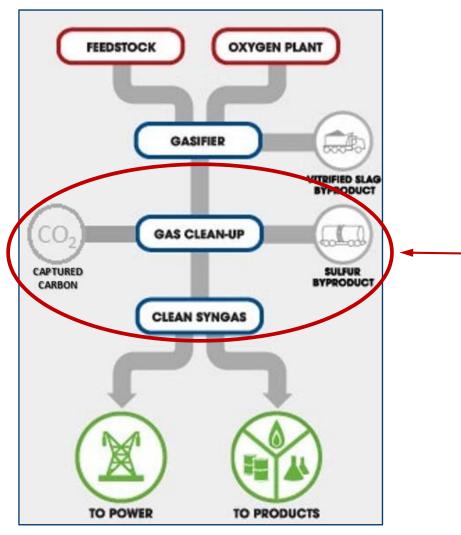
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### Syngas Cleanup Is a Critical Step in the Gasilication Process



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#### RTI Warm Gas Cleanup Technology

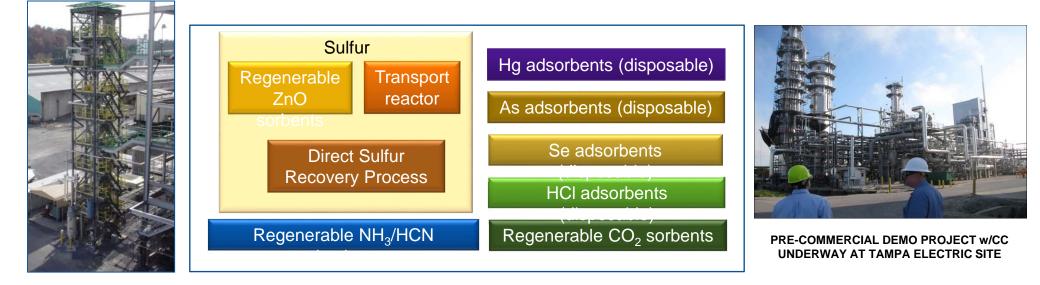
An advanced enabling technology for other downstream technologies, such as novel hydrogen enrichment, syngas conversion, WGS, warm  $CO_2$  capture.





## **RTI Warm Syngas Cleanup Technology Platform**

#### RTI PILOT PLANT TEST UNITS AT EASTMAN COAL GASIFICATION PLANT



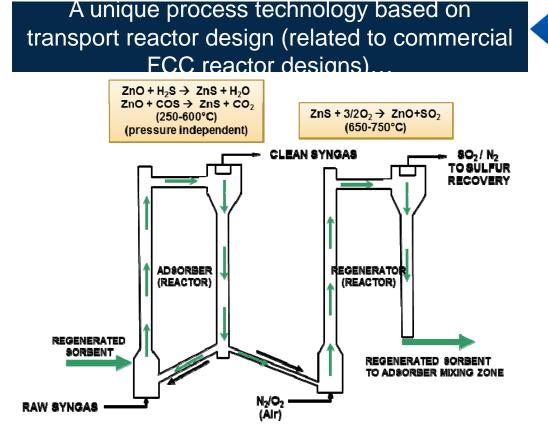
RTI has developed a platform of warm syngas cleanup technologies:

- Increase efficiency <u>and</u> lower costs
- Operate at 250-600°C
- Pressure independent
- Effective for all forms of sulfur
- Fully compatible with all CO<sub>2</sub> capture

- Flexible modular approach enables specific syngas purity needs to be met
- Systems tested on actual coal-based syngas
- Warm desulfurization process (WDP) now tested through pre-commercial demo scale



## **RTI** Warm Syngas Desulfurization Process (WDP)





#### **RTI Proprietary Desulfurization Sorbent**

R&D 100 Award

... and on the development of a

highly active, attrition-resistant

- Unique highly-dispersed nanostructures
- Developed in long-term cooperation with Clariant (~100 tons to date)
- Covered by extensive US & International patents, including several recent improvements

Part of comprehensive high temperature contaminant removal platform.



# From Lab to Large Scale Demonstration

Invention (2001) • Proprietary RTI sorbent • R&D 100 Award (2004)	Lab/bench testing (2001- 2003) • RTI, NC • Concept proven & modeled	Pilot testing (2006- 2008) • Eastman Chemical Co., TN • 3000 hr, coal-derived syngas	Demonstration (2010-2015): Syngas cleanup / carbon capture • Tampa Electric Co., Polk 1 IGCC Plant, FL • 50 MW <sub>e</sub> equivalent scale, coal/petcoke-derived syngas



# Installed Pilot Plant Systems (2006-2008)

### Eastman's Kingsport, TN, Coal Gasification Facility Warm Desulfurization Process (WDP)

Multi-contaminant Control Test System (MCC)

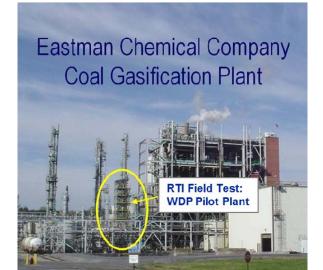
Direct Sulfur Recovery Process (DSRP)



### RTI Warm Desulfurization Process (WDP) Pilot Plant Testing at Eastman Chemical Company Coal Gasification Plant (2006-2008)

#### More than 3,000 hours of total syngas operation. Consistent high performance across a wide pressure range.

Pressure	20 bar	30 bar	40 bar *
Inlet Sulfur Concentration (avg.)	8,700 ppmv	7,000 ppmv	8,400 ppmv
Effluent Sulfur Concentration (avg.)	5.9 ppmv	10.7 ppmv	5.7 ppmv
% Total Sulfur Removal (avg.)	99.9%	99.8%	99.9%



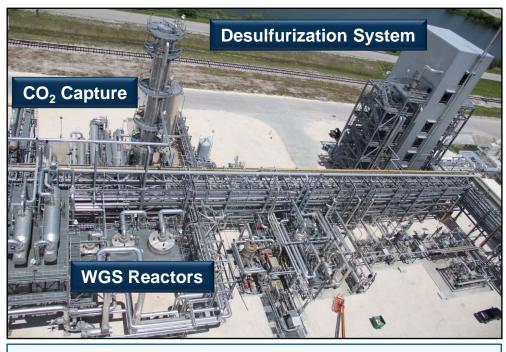
Picture Source: Eastman Chemical Company

Observed attrition rate was lower than commercial FCC catalysts.

\* Same pilot unit was tested to 80 bar at ChevronTexaco R&D site with similar (~99.9%) S removal.



## **RTI** Warm Syngas Desulfurization Demonstration Project



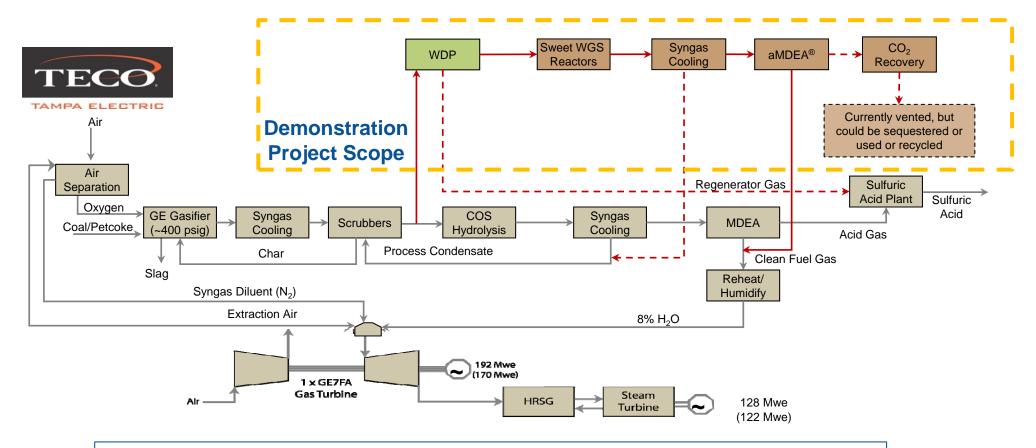
Project Detail: Combined syngas cleanup / water-gas-shift / carbon capture demonstration

- \$168.8M DOE ARRA funding to design, construct, operate
- 50 MW<sub>e</sub> equivalent scale; captures > 90% of  $CO_2$

Demonstration Project Team	Role		
RTI	Project management; technology developer		
Tampa Electric (TEC)	Host site and operations support		
Shaw Group, AMEC	Engineering (Shaw - FEED, AMEC EPC)		
CH2M Hill	Owner's engineer		
BASF	Technology (aMDEA <sup>®</sup> ) for $CO_2$ capture		
Clariant	Produces sulfur sorbent & WGS		
Project Objective: Demonstrate RTI's warm syngas cleanup technology with integrated carbon capture at pre-commercial scale at an operating gasification			
plant. Eastman Chemical	Development partner; technical support		



# Integration of Syngas Cleaning and Carbon Capture Systems at



20% slipstream test (~50 MW<sub>e</sub>) enables direct commercial scale-up from this demonstration scale. The demonstration plant cleans ~2MMscfh of raw syngas from the TECO gasifier.



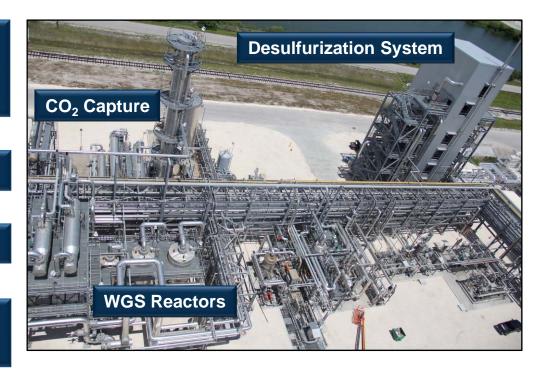
### **RTI WDP Demonstration Project Objectives**

Demonstrate RTI WDP technology's ability to reduce capital costs, improve efficiency, and lower carbon footprint for gasification

Mitigate design and scale-up risks

Verify capital and operating costs

Integrate RTI warm syngas cleanup technology with carbon dioxide capture





	EMN Pilot Plant	Demonstration	Commercial
Size (MWe)	0.3	50*	600**
Gas Flow (KSCFH)	8	2,000	24,000
Footprint (ft <sup>2</sup> )	260	1,100	3,000
<b>Adsorber</b> Mixing Zone Riser	15'H x 2.5"ID 40'H x 1.5"ID	16'H x 54"ID 50'H x 28"ID	16'H x 15'ID 50'H x 8'ID
<b>Regenerator</b> Mixing Zone Riser	10'H x 1.5"ID 20'H x 1"ID	21'H x 14"ID 44'H x 8"ID	21'H x 4'ID 44'H x 2.5'ID

\* About half the size of commercial industrial gasification systems which are typically ~100 MWe.
\*\* Approximately the size of current state-of-the-art IGCC reference plants (~600 MWe)

Demo to Full Commercial Scale is Straight-forward Scale-up



## **Demonstration Plant Site Location Pre-Construction**



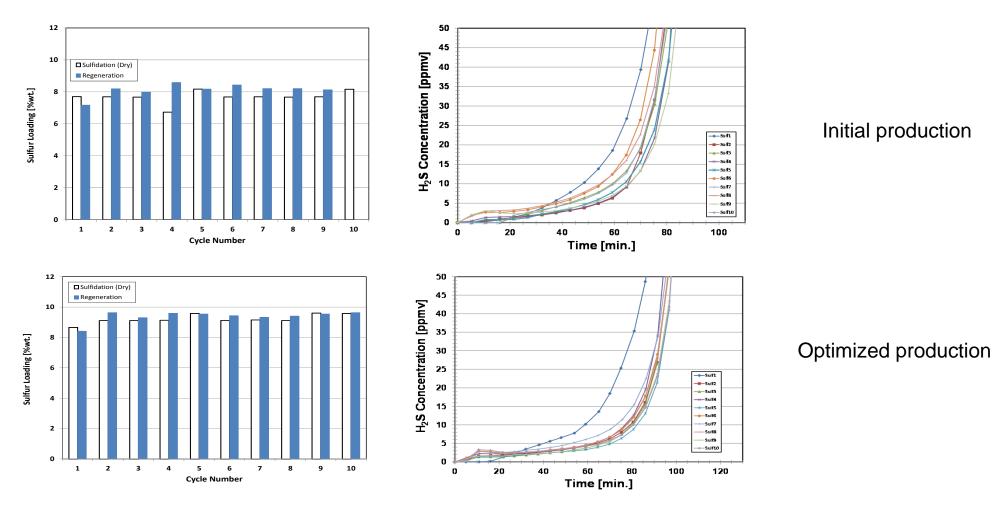


### RTI 50-MWe Warm Syngas Cleanup Demonstration Project - Construction



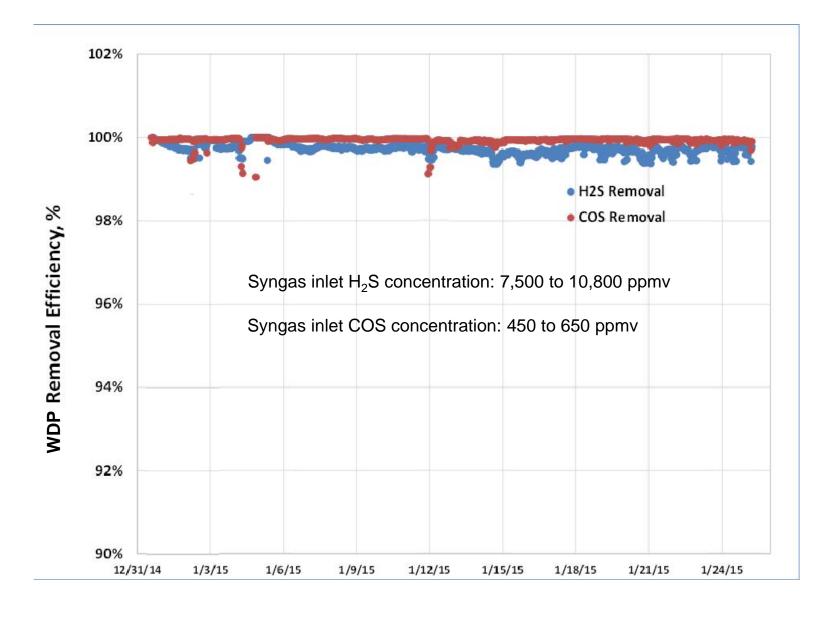


## Bench-scale Testing of RTI-3 Shows Good Performance



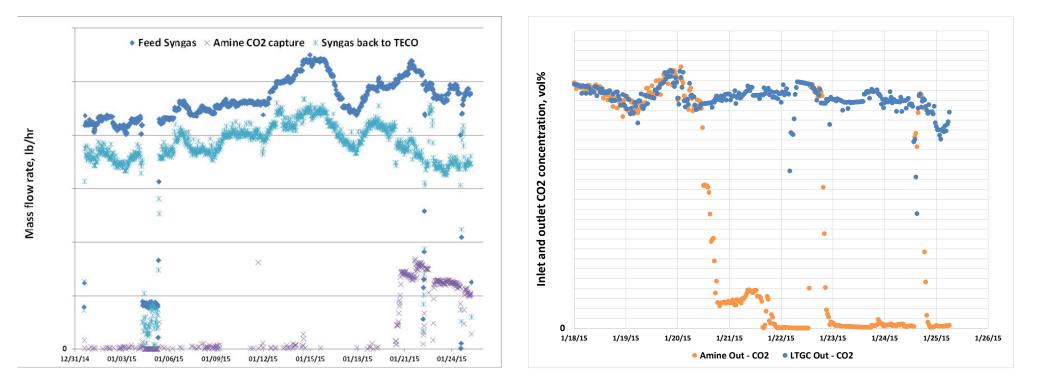


## **Demonstration Plant Results: High Total S Removal**



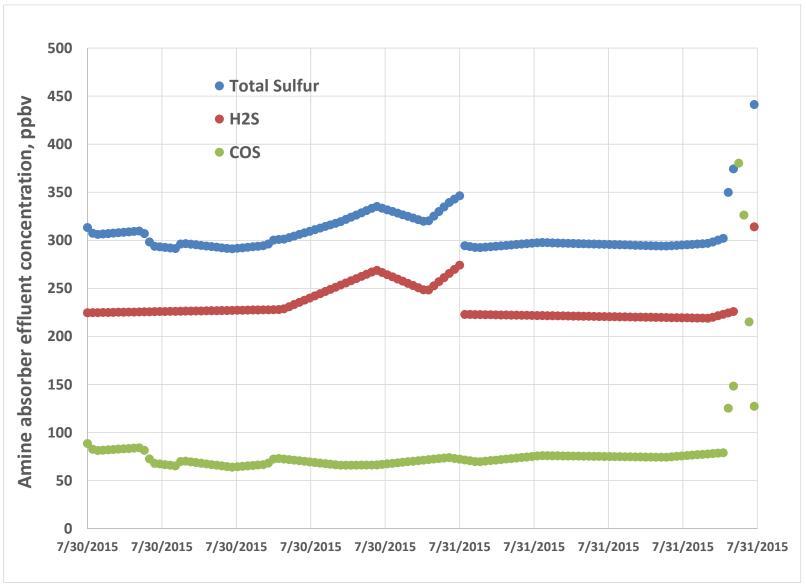


### Demonstration Plant: Gas Mass Flow Rates for Syndas



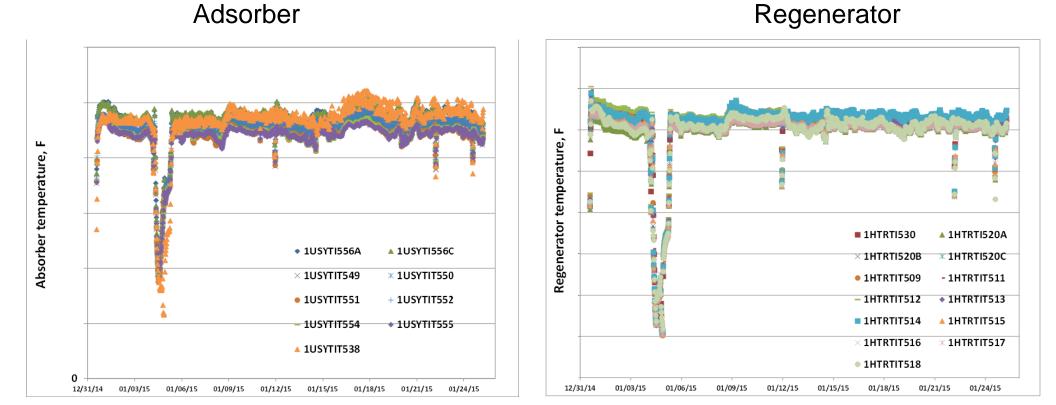


# Sulfur Concentration Downstream of the aMDEA



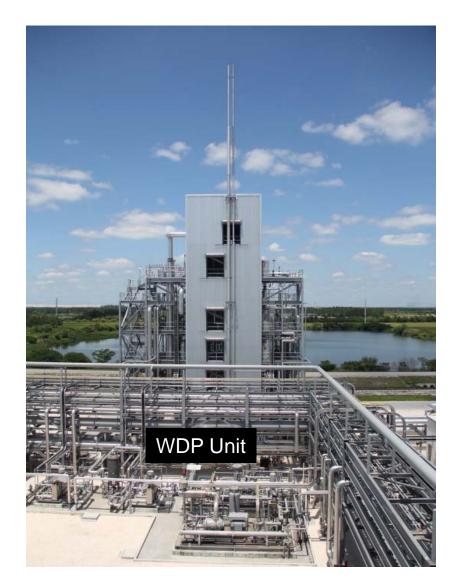


# Demonstration Plant: Temperature Profile



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### **RTI Warm Gas Cleanup (WDP) Demonstration Project Performance**



- Construction achieved <u>on</u> schedule and <u>under</u> budget
- > 500,000 total labor hours with <u>no</u> significant injury (other than minor first aid)
- Unit performing as expected with >1,200 syngas operation hours to date
- 99.7-99.9% total sulfur removal from RTI WDP step
- >99.99% total sulfur removal achieved WDP + aMDEA<sup>®</sup> (sub-ppmv levels of total sulfur in cleaned syngas)



### RTI Warm Gas Cleanup (WDP) Demonstration Project Performance



- Sorbent attrition rate significantly lower compared to the design value
- Sorbent sulfur capacity steady no sign of deactivation
- Successful operation both below and above design syngas flow rate
- Demonstration testing continuing with goal to achieve at least 5,000 total syngas operation hours
- Now seeking suitable partner(s) to help RTI commercially deploy the technology



### Competitive Position of RTI Warm Syngas Cleanup Technology

A previous 2007 study by Nexant\* indicated significant (10-15% or more) advantages of RTI's warm syngas cleanup technology for IGCC applications without carbon capture. This study was based upon data from the 3000+ hrs of pilot testing at Eastman Chemical Company. The Nexant studies were also independently verified by a separate study commissioned by DOE-NETL with Noblis.

### RTI Technology Benefits – IGCC w/o CC

- Increases overall IGCC efficiency ~10%
- Dispatches ~10% more power
- Reduces IGCC capex/KW ~15%
- Reduces LCOE ~10%
- Reduces water consumption ~25%
- Reduces wastewater ~60%
- Reduces high-pressure N<sub>2</sub> used by ~40%

Actual cost data from the demo plant indicate that these previously estimated cost benefits are conservative. A new Nexant study is now underway (including CC) based upon results from our demonstration testing at Tampa Electric Company.

<sup>\*</sup> http://www.netl.doe.gov/File%20Library/Research/Coal/energy%20systems/gasification/pubs/090520-Nexant-RTI-Rpt-\_Public\_.pdf



Ongoing RTI techno-economic 3<sup>rd</sup>-party validated studies also show potential for significant advantages of RTI's warm syngas cleanup technology for chemicals/fuels applications

#### RTI Technology Benefits – Chemicals

- Substantially reduces capex for AGR/SRU
- Decouples S and CO<sub>2</sub> removal, with benefits
- Integrates with most CO<sub>2</sub> capture processes to achieve S reductions adequate for use in chemicals/fuels applications at lower costs & higher overall process efficiencies
- Reduces overall water footprint
- Increases efficiency in coal usage same product volumes with less feedstock



## RTI WDP Technology Can Expand Markets for Conventional Acid Gas Removal (AGR)

Typical/Suitable Applications	Amines	Selexol®	<b>Rectisol</b> ®	RTI WDP + CC (e.g., aMDEA®)
IGCC (without CC)	*		(too expensive)	V
IGCC (with CC)			(too expensive)	<b>V</b>
H <sub>2</sub> or NH <sub>3</sub> /Urea	(not capable)		*	V
Chemicals (e.g., MeOH, F-T, SNG)	(not capable)	(not capable)	<b>V</b>	V

RTI WDP + aMDEA<sup>®</sup> works economically across the whole spectrum of applications

\* CC = Carbon dioxide capture



# Techno-Economic Analyses: Gasifier Design Basis

- Shell solids-fed type gasifier
- Coal PRB or Shenhua Mix\* coal (~0.6-0.7% sulfur in coal) (~2,000-3,000 ppmv total sulfur in raw syngas)
- Syngas flow-rate equivalent to two large gasifiers (each ~300 MW<sub>e</sub>) (combined ~33,000 lbmoles/hr of CO + H<sub>2</sub>)
- Raw syngas pressure ~ 600 psia, Temperature ~ 600°F

\* Representative of the most common type of coal in China



# Techno-Economic Analyses: Syngas Cleanup Design Cases

Base Case for Chemicals (e.g., Methanol): Sour WGS + Syngas Cooling + Rectisol<sup>®</sup> AGR + Claus/SCOT<sup>®</sup> SRU

<u>Base Case for IGCC Power Generation with CC</u>: Sour WGS + Syngas Cooling + Selexol<sup>®</sup> AGR + Claus/SCOT<sup>®</sup> SRU (dual-stage Selexol<sup>®</sup> for IGCC with CC)

### RTI WDP Cases:

WDP + Sweet WGS + Syngas Cooling + CC\* + Modified Claus/DYNAWAVE<sup>®</sup> SRU

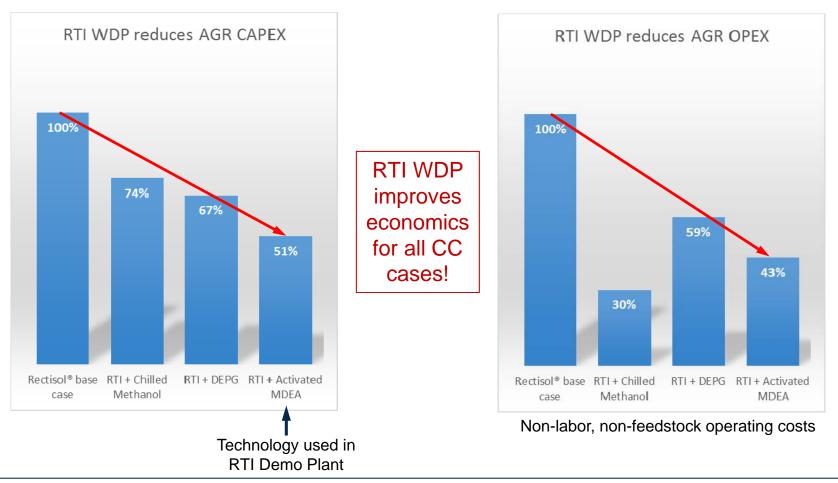
- \*  $CO_2$  capture (CC) options for WDP Cases:
  - Rectisol<sup>®</sup> (chilled methanol; Linde/Lurgi)
  - Selexol<sup>®</sup> (DEPG solvent; UOP)
  - Activated amines (e.g., BASF aMDEA<sup>®</sup>)

Acronyms:

AGR = acid gas removal CC = carbon capture WGS = water gas shift SRU = sulfur recovery unit



# **TEA: Coal to Methanol Comparisons**

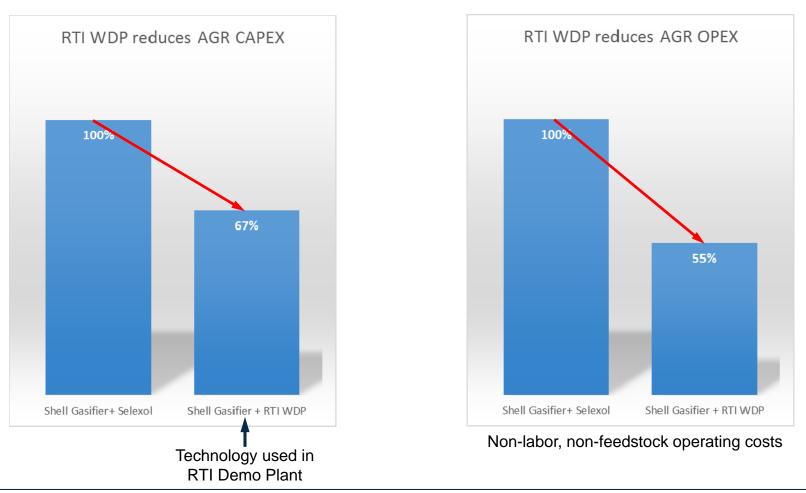


#### NOTES:

- Cost savings indicated are across the entire block from raw warm syngas exiting the gasifier block through cleaned syngas feed to the methanol conversion step, including the SRU.
- These analyses do not include additional benefits to the entire plant that might occur from overall efficiency savings. Nexant is currently performing a detailed analysis to determine these overall system benefits.



# TEA: IGCC (power gen) with CO<sub>2</sub> Capture



#### NOTES:

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- These analyses do not include additional benefits to the entire IGCC plant that might occur from overall efficiency savings, such as higher net power generation per ton of coal. A new Nexant study is providing an indication of these additional overall system benefits, which are substantial.



## Benefits of RTI WDP Technology

- Rectisol<sup>®</sup> and Selexol<sup>®</sup> (solvent-based sorbent systems that operate at sub-ambient temperatures) dominate the current coal to chemicals market.
- RTI WDP is a unique differentiated warm-temperature, solid-sorbent based syngas cleanup system that simultaneously offers:
  - Lower capital costs (20-50% less),
  - Lower non-labor, non-feedstock operating costs (up to 30-50+% less),
  - Improved overall process efficiency (up to 10+% better),
  - Improved process flexibility by decoupling sulfur removal and carbon dioxide capture, and
  - A capable and economic syngas cleanup option for all applications.



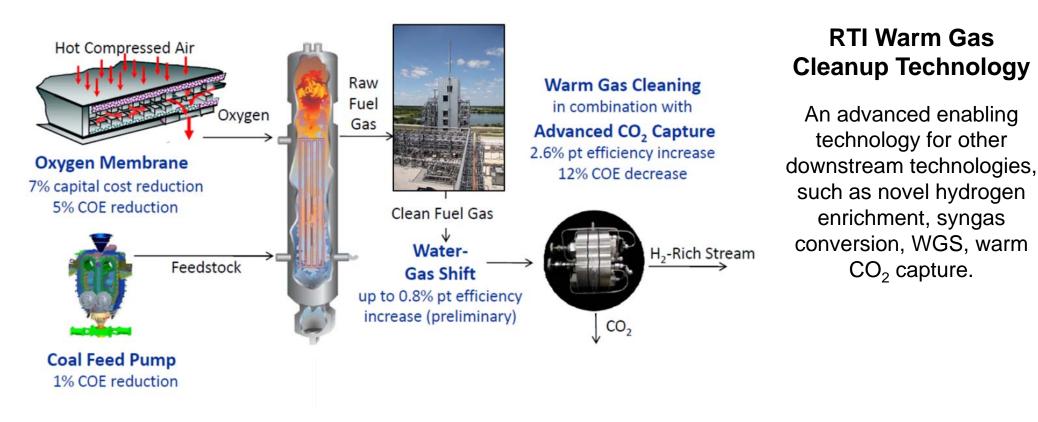
# Ancillary R&D to Support this Project

- Trace Contaminant Removal Process (TCRP) Technology: warmtemperature (250-600°C) sorbents for other trace contaminants in syngas such as Hg, As, Se, HCN, NH<sub>3</sub>, HCI.
- Direct Sulfur Recovery Process (DSRP) Technology: alternative to Claus/SCOT for elemental sulfur recovery
- Advanced Water-Gas-Shift (WGS) Technology: improves efficiency and reduces the cost of WGS
- Warm-temperature CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Technology: enables full efficiency potential of WDP by avoiding downstream syngas cooldown for carbon capture
- Micro-reactor Testing: testing of syngas from RTI's WDP demonstration facility to determine its suitability for chemicals and fuels conversion



## Key DOE-NETL Gasification Systems R&D Program Areas

### Mature R&D Anticipated Benefits





# Integration with Other DOE Supported Projects

RTI WDP technology is a key enabler and a complement for a number of other DOE-supported technologies including:

- Advanced gasification technology such as the Aerojet Rocketdyne (now GTI) compact gasifier and dry solids pump:
  - New Nexant studies (soon to be released) show that integration of this advanced gasifier technology with RTI WDP provides significant reductions in overall capital cost, operating cost, and cost of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided and a significant improvement in overall efficiency for both power generation and chemicals production.
- Warm-temperature CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Technology:
  - Enables full efficiency potential by avoiding substantial syngas cooldown
- Advanced WGS:
  - Enables advanced WGS for either sweet or sour WGS systems to help optimize overall process design, cost, and efficiency
- RTI WDP is viable across a wide spectrum of sulfur concentrations and species in syngas, across a wide range of pressures (pressure-independent), and can couple with almost any downstream carbon capture technology, making it suitable and beneficiary for integration with almost any advanced gasification process design, including hybrid coal-biomass and coal-NG systems.



# Summary

- RTI has developed and is now demonstrating at near-commercial scale an advanced warm syngas desulfurization process (WDP) at temperatures as high as 600°C.
- WDP technology alone can achieve up to 99.9% total sulfur (S) removal from syngas and when coupled with a carbon capture technology, such as activated amines, can achieve >99.99% total S removal (sub-ppmv levels, suitable for most chemicals/fuels).
- Key to the technology is a proprietary regenerable sorbent that can be used in a very rapid, small footprint transport reactor system with excellent attrition resistance.
- RTI WDP is a unique differentiated syngas cleanup technology system that can:
  - Improve process flexibility by decoupling sulfur removal and carbon dioxide capture,
  - Integrate synergistically with most CO<sub>2</sub> removal technologies to enable them to meet syngas purity requirements for ultra-clean power and chemicals/fuels applications,
  - Provide reduced capital costs for syngas cleanup (20-50% lower than conventional technologies) in either a standalone or integrated approach,
  - Provide reduced overall non-labor, non-feedstock operating costs (30-50+% less), and
  - Provide higher overall process efficiencies (up to 10+% better).
- The WDP technology will be ready for commercial deployment in 2016 and RTI has launched a significant effort to identify and engage the best commercial partner(s).



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# **QUESTIONS?**

