

Supersonic Post-Combustion Inertial CO₂ Extraction System

Bench Scale Project Status Update

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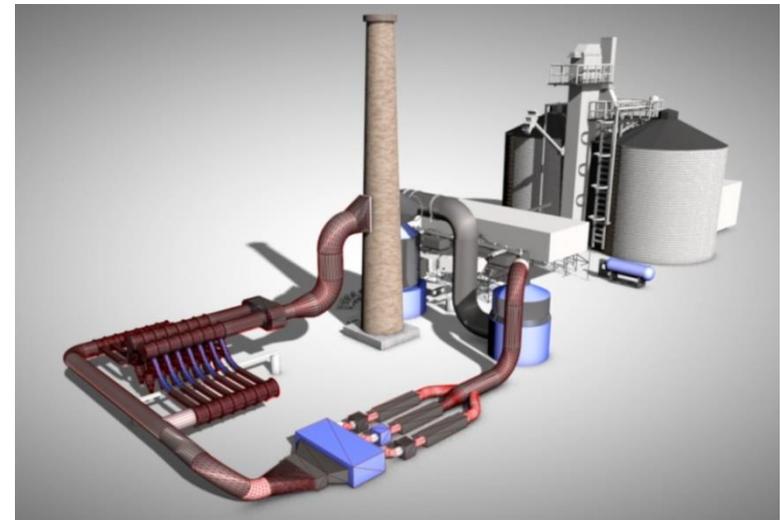
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Project Overview



- **Funding**

- NETL: \$ 2,999,673
- Cost Share: \$ 749,918
- Total: \$ 3,749,591

- **Project Performance Dates**

- 1 Oct 2014 - 30 Sep 2017

- **Project Participants**

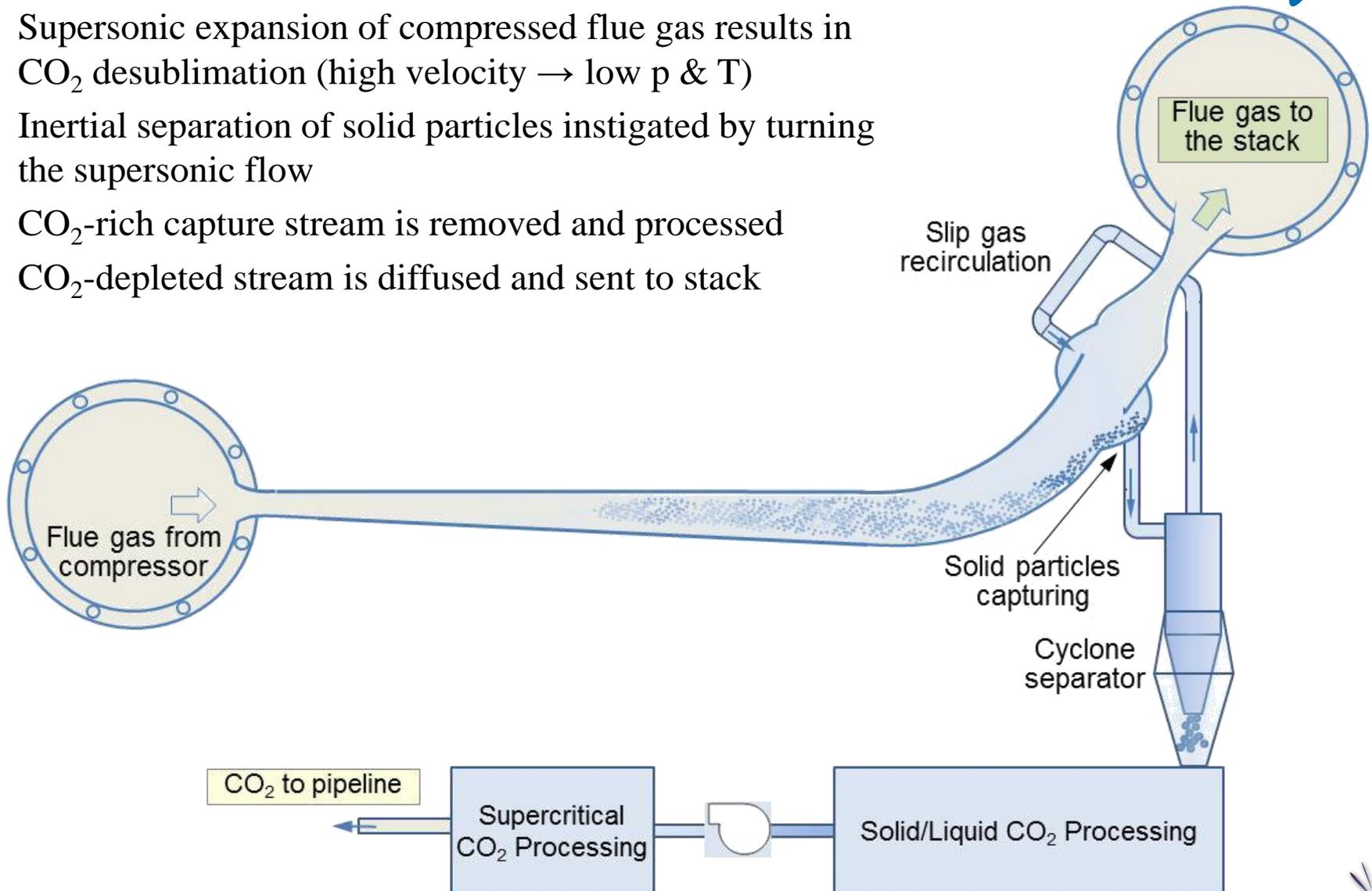
- ATK & ACENT Laboratories
- Ohio State University
- EPRI
- NYSERDA and NYS-DED

- **Project Objectives**

- Demonstrate inertial CO₂ extraction system at bench scale
- Develop approaches to obtain condensed CO₂ particle size required for migration
- Demonstrate pressure recovery efficiency of system consistent with economic goals
- Demonstrate CO₂ capture efficiency

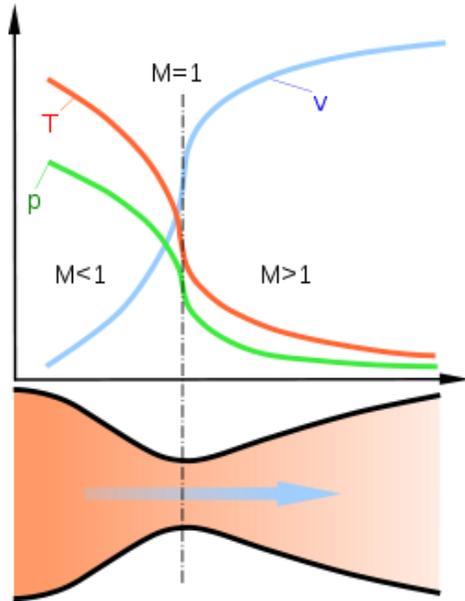
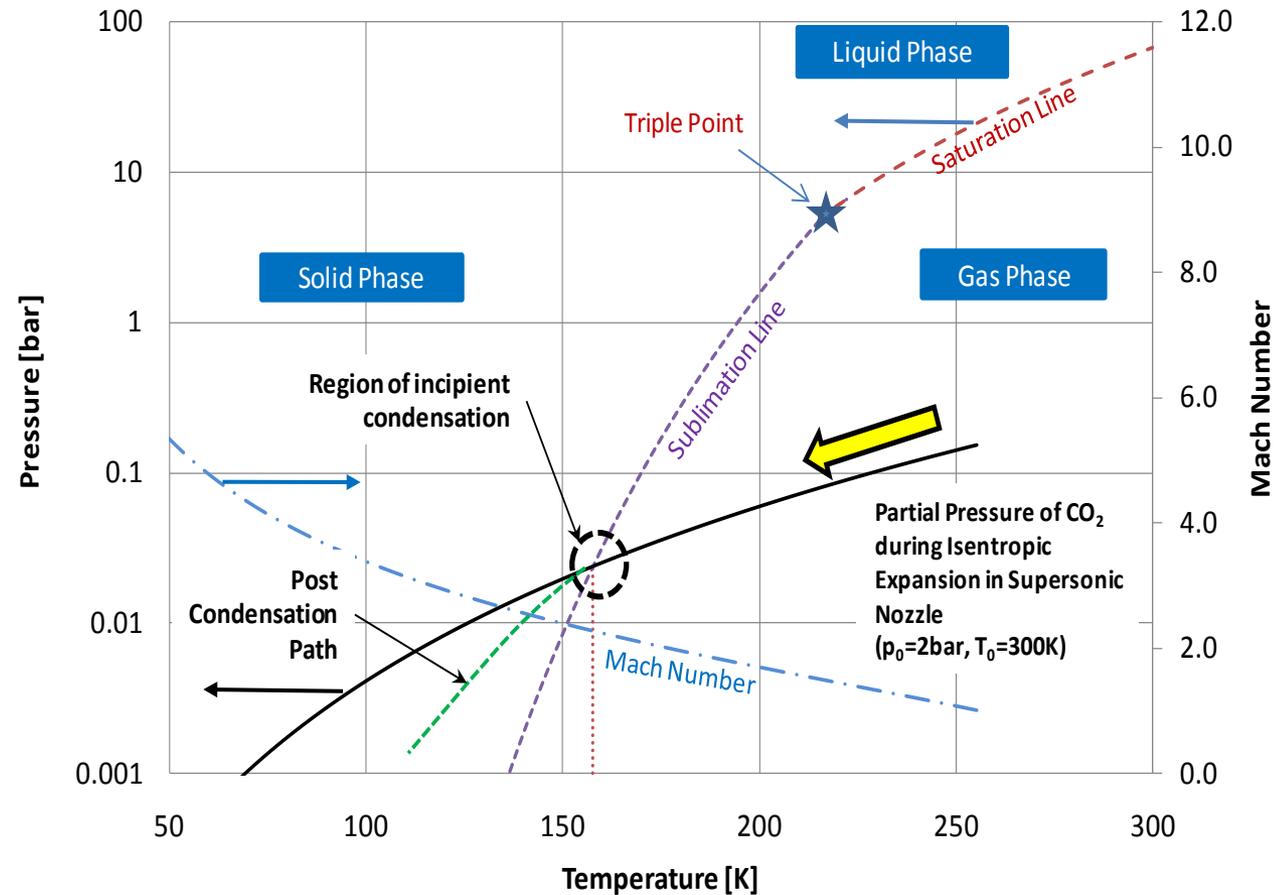
ICES Technology Background

- Supersonic expansion of compressed flue gas results in CO₂ desublimation (high velocity → low p & T)
- Inertial separation of solid particles instigated by turning the supersonic flow
- CO₂-rich capture stream is removed and processed
- CO₂-depleted stream is diffused and sent to stack



Thermodynamics of ICES

Isentropic Expansion of 14mol% CO₂ in N₂ Relative to Phase Diagram of CO₂



Static pressure (p), static temperature (T) and velocity (v) in a converging-diverging nozzle

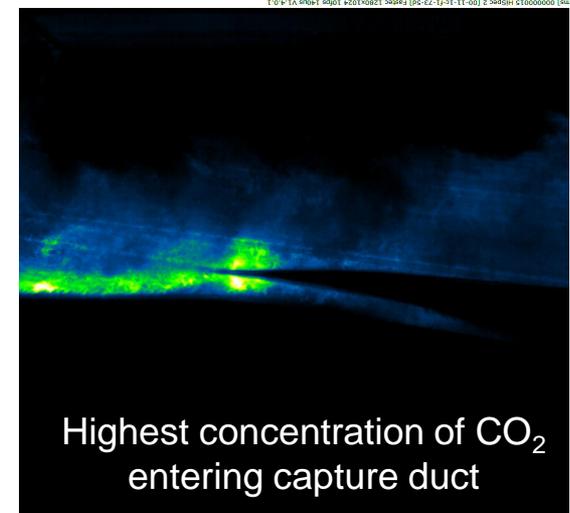
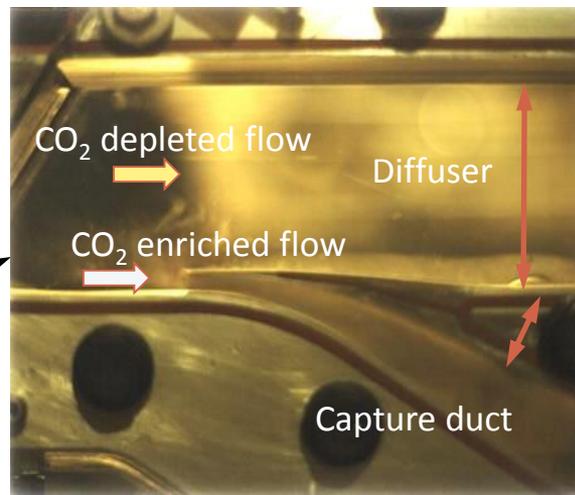
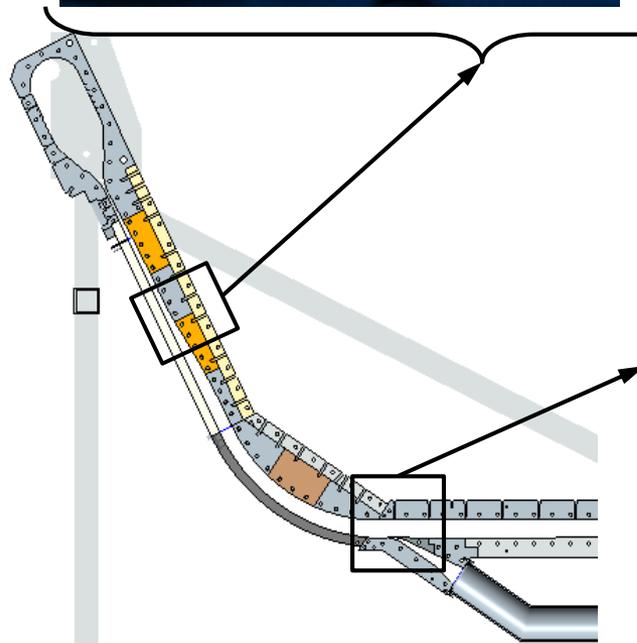
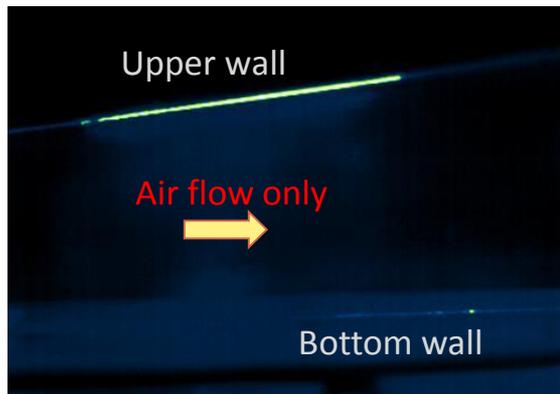
Low static pressure and temperature in supersonic nozzle causes CO₂ to precipitate as a solid – need to remove before diffusing back to low speed

Key Advantages and Challenges



Advantages	Challenges
No moving parts, chemicals/additives or consumable media	Maximization of CO ₂ particle size with limited residence time
Inexpensive construction (sheet metal, concrete)	Optimization of flowpath pressure recovery
Small footprint (current bench scale test article is 250kW, 3” x 24” x 96”)	CO ₂ purity (all condensable material will be removed with CO ₂)
“Cold sink” availability in solid CO ₂	Solid CO ₂ processing
Costs primarily driven by flue gas compression	Minimization of “slip gas” removed with solid CO ₂

Summary of Previous Results



Principal conclusion of this effort was that CO₂ particles >2.5 μ m are required for efficient operation - need to control particle size generated

Program Plan for Current Effort



• Year 1

- Lab-scale tests (OSU) to develop understanding of factors controlling particle size and methods to increase
- Bench scale tests at ATK to demonstrate capture efficiency and diffusion with surrogate CO₂ injection (liquid throttle of CO₂ to produce controlled particle size)
- Success criteria: Demonstrate 50% capture, show path to pressure recovery required

• Year 2 (as re-baselined)

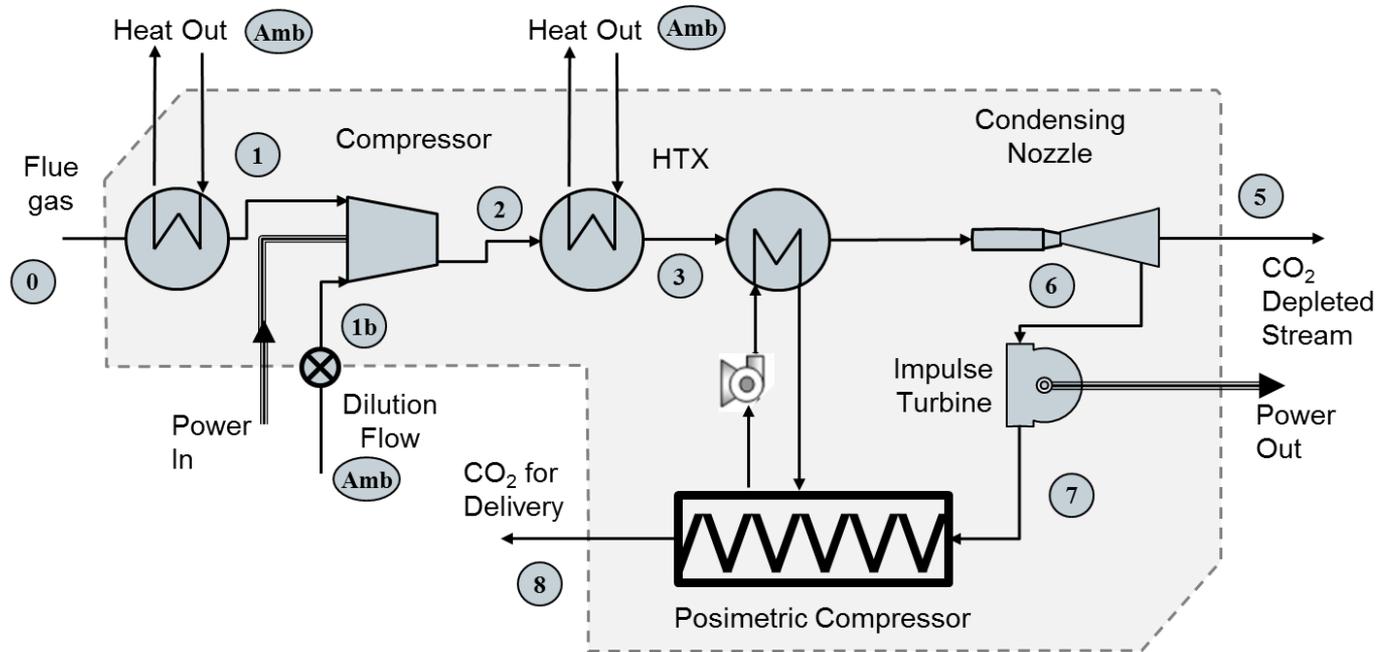
- Demonstrate capability to create ~3 μ m+ CO₂ particles in subsonic region via precooling
- Update previous techno-economic analysis to incorporate current flue gas compression and heat exchange requirements
- Success criteria: CO₂ particles can be seen at the exit of the subsonic unit, visual observations and particle measurements confirm formation of particles of migrate-able size (e.g. > 3 microns), updated ICES configuration and heat & mass balance analysis shows path to viable system performance

• Year 3 (currently TBD pending Year 2 results)

- Integrated bench-scale testing with capture + diffuser
- Success criteria: 75% capture with path to 90%, path to full scale pressure recovery

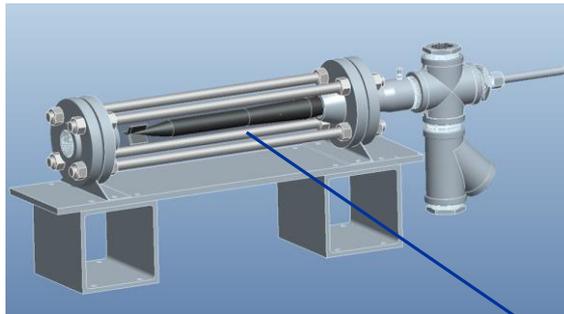
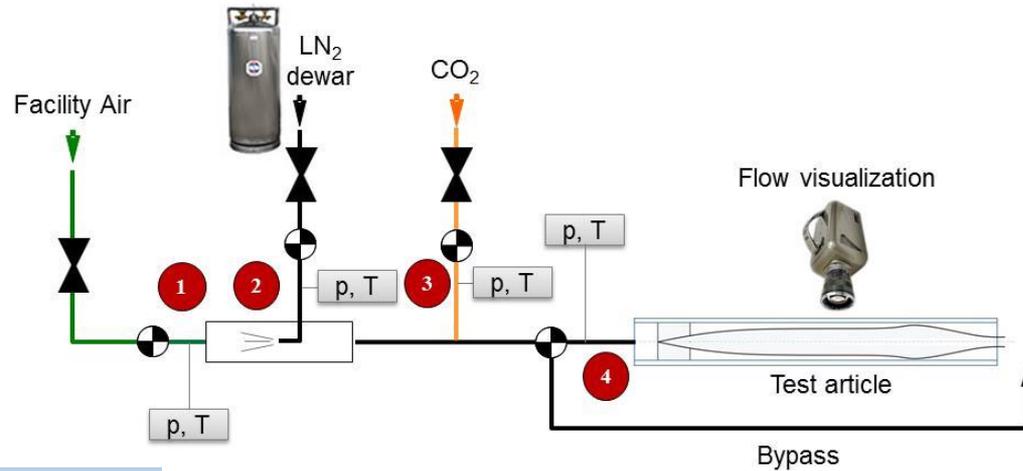
- Thermodynamics of the ICES process has been modeled using higher-fidelity tools
 - Enabled by EPRI-developed extended Peng-Robinson model for state parameters including solid phase
- Results show lower pressure recovery than previously predicted (more compression required)
- Parametric study shows that flue gas compression ratios in the range of 5-8 are required if coupled with flue gas precooling, based on heat exchange with captured CO₂
 - Previous techno-economic analysis assumed a compression ratio of 2.5
 - Lower compression ratios possible with flue gas dilution with air – looking for optimum balance of overall energy input
- Requirement for large condensed particles (~3μm+) previously drove us to investigate seeding of flow with captured CO₂ or other particles to serve as nucleation media
 - Analysis shows that additional energy required to accelerate added mass to high speed is significant (assuming kinetic energy not recovered)
- **Pre-cooling using captured CO₂ as “cold sink” is new baseline** –subsonic condensation of trace water or small quantity of CO₂ results in “in-situ” seeding
 - Subsonic/transonic condensation known to produce larger particles
 - Pre-cooling challenged by conversion of captured CO₂ kinetic energy to heat

Updated System Schematic and Trade Results



CASE		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
T ambient	C	15	15	15	15	15	15	5	-5	5	-5
KE converted to heat in CO2 stream	%	0%	50%	100%	50%	50%	100%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Dilution	%	0%	0%	0%	50%	100%	50%	50%	50%	100%	100%
Compressor pressure ratio PR		6.9	8.2	10	5.0	3.6	5.2	4.8	4.47	3.8	3.6
Compressor Power	kJ/kg_tot	251	281	316	254	254	262	236	216	235	219
Impulse Turbine Power	kJ/kg_tot	-36.1	-20.0	0.0	-12.4	-9.0	0.0	-11.7	-11.0	-8.5	-7.9
V at capture plane	m/s	597	628	669	607	597	616	589	570	578	560
Delta Tsat upstream of ICES Nozzle	C	-2	15	38	52	71	57	42	33	61	52

Current Focus on Subsonic Test Article



1.25" ID Quartz tube

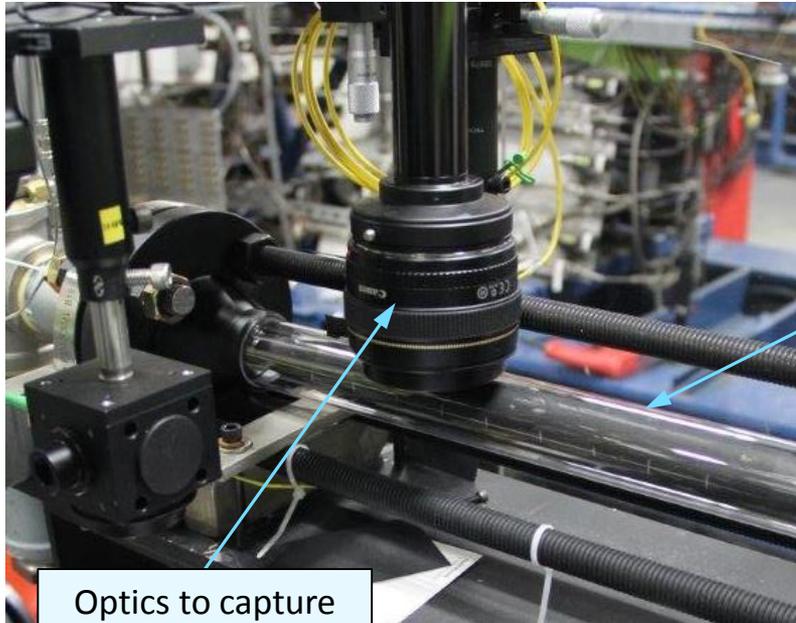
Tapers to Mach 1 at throat

Subsonic flow
~Mach 0.25

Centralizing Fins

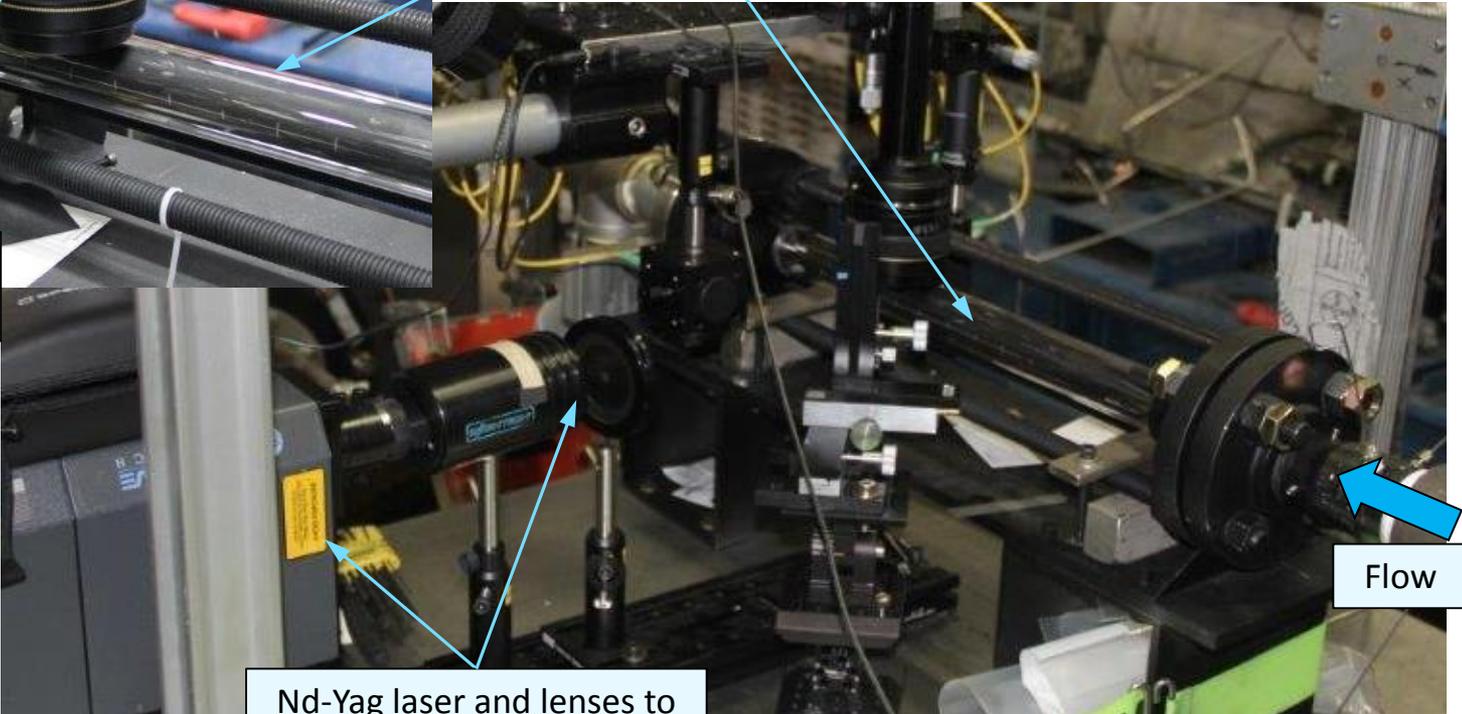
Constant Area (~Mach 0.7) – this is where condensation starts

Test Article in Orbital ATK Lab



Optics to capture laser sheet images

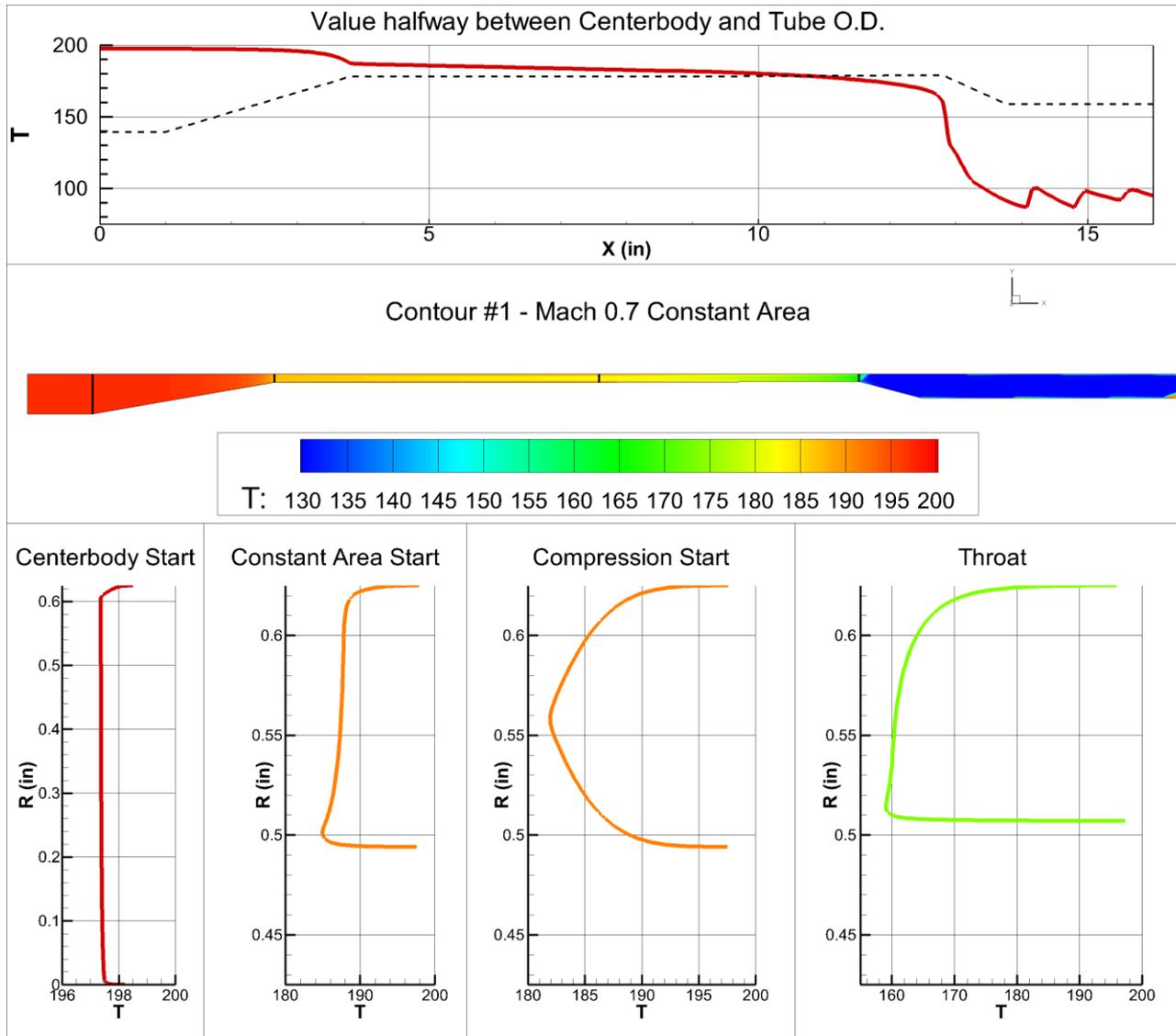
Quartz tube



Nd-Yag laser and lenses to produce laser sheet in horizontal plane

Flow

CFD Results - Temperature

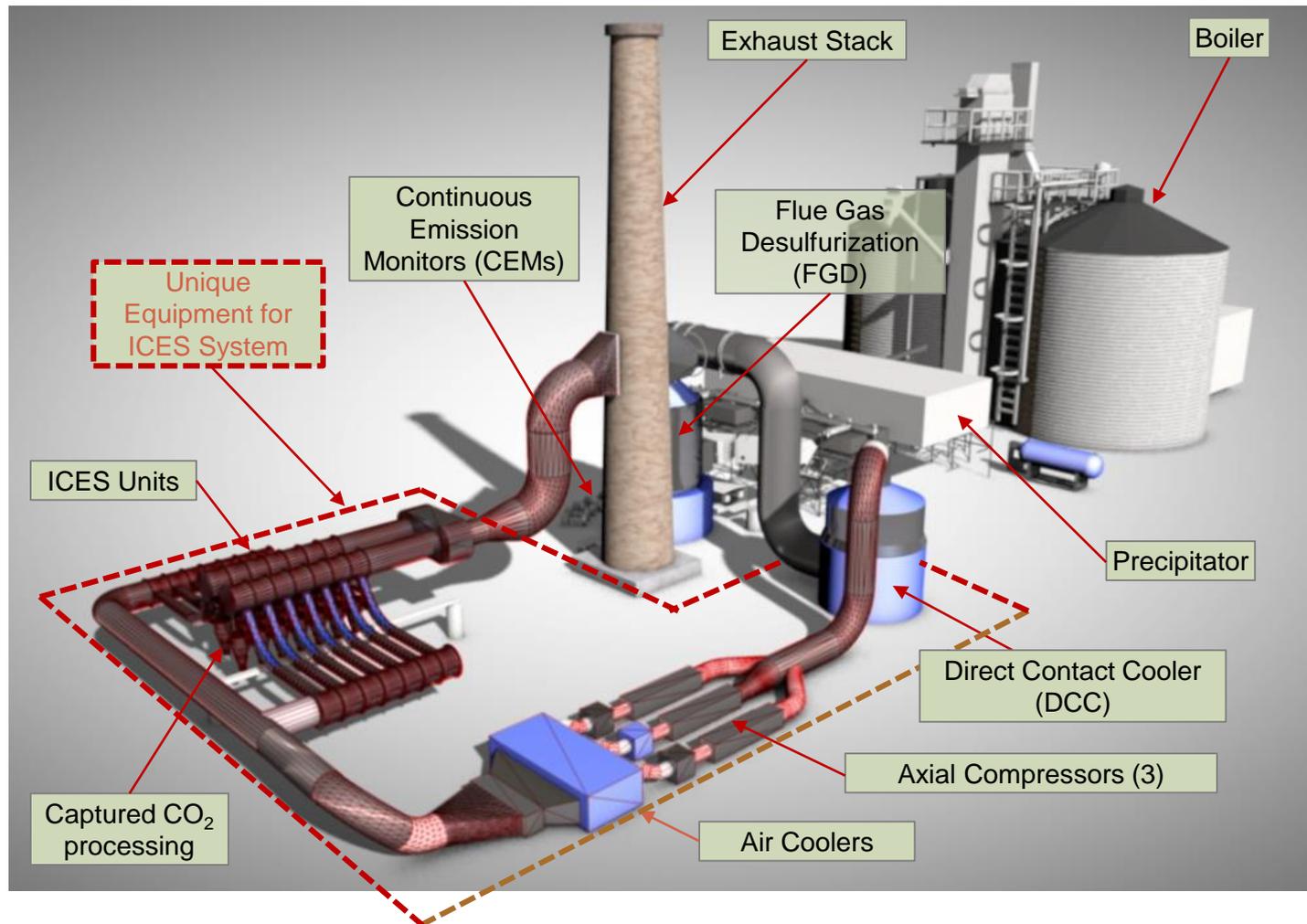


- A preliminary Techno-economic assessment by WorleyParsons (WP) was carried out in 2013. Key efficiency/economic numbers are provided in the table below:

Metric	Case 11	Case 12, Amine Plant	ICES Plant
CO ₂ capture	no	yes	yes
Net plant efficiency (HHV basis)	39.3%	28.4%	34.5%
COE % increase	base	77%	42%
Parasitic Load	5.5%	20.5%	7.3%
Cost per tonne of CO ₂ captured	NA	US\$ 62.8	US\$ 41.8
Cost per tonne of CO ₂ avoided	NA	US\$ 90.7	US\$ 48.4

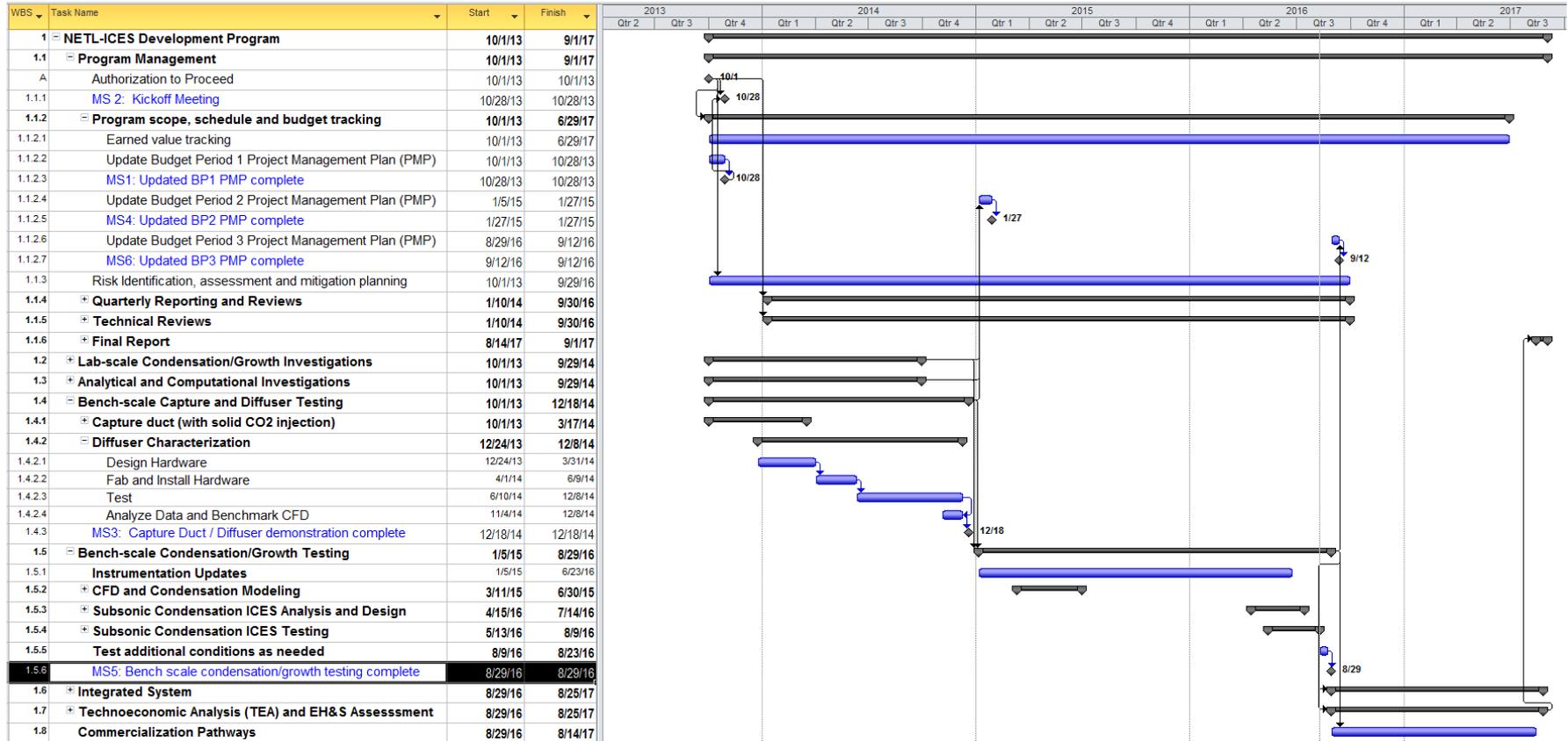
- Updated process conditions have been provided to EPRI and WP and an updated TEA is in progress
- Anticipate cost per tonne of CO₂ captured >\$50 tonne due to increased compression requirements

ICES Plant Layout and Footprint



ICES footprint of $\sim 8\text{k m}^2$ compares to 20k to 30k m^2 for an amine plant of similar capacity. ICES nozzle and compressor stacking can further reduce footprint by 30-40%.

Project Schedule



MS 1. Updated BP1 PMP – **complete**

MS 2. Kickoff meeting - **complete**

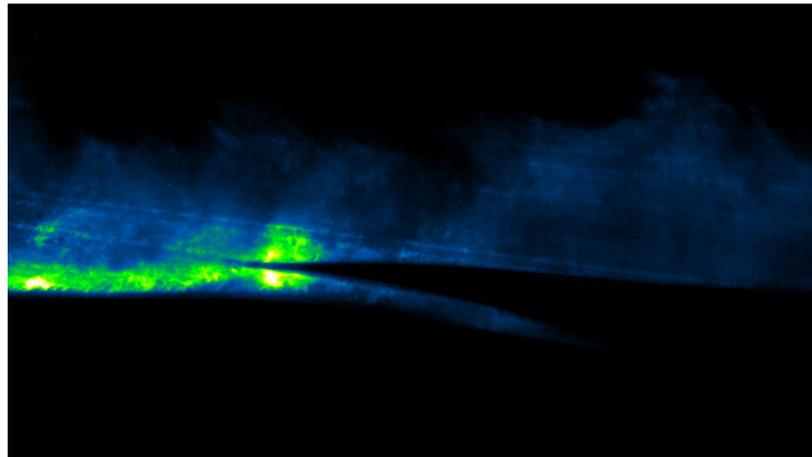
MS 3. Capture duct/diffuser demonstration – **complete**

MS 4. Updated BP2 PMP – **complete**

MS 5: Bench scale condensation/growth testing – **planned 8/29/2016**

Summary

- ICES Technology continues to prove challenging but still holds promise as an alternative to adsorbents and membranes
- Current NETL effort focused on solving key technical challenge of particle size
 - Re-baselined program plan includes pre-cooling of flue gas using captured CO₂ “cold sink” to enable some subsonic condensation
 - Update to techno-economic analysis in progress



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