

**Cryogenic Carbon Capture** Development **NETL FE-0028697** August 24, 2017 Larry Baxter<sup>1,2</sup>, Kyler Stitt<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Sustainable Energy Solutions <sup>2</sup>Brigham Young University

## **CCC Value Proposition**

- Energy efficient CO<sub>2</sub> capture (about ½ amine)
- Cost effective CO<sub>2</sub> capture (about ½ amine)
- Grid-scale, efficient, rapid, inexpensive energy storage
- Bolt-on technology (retrofit or greenfield)
- Widely deployable (NG, biomass, coal, waste)
- Multipollutant process (Hg, SO<sub>x</sub>, HC, NO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, ...)
- Water conservation



# **Cryogenic Carbon Capture**

- General separation technology applicable to
  - Post-combustion systems (this presentation)
  - Pre-combustion systems (active development)
  - Natural gas processing (active development)
  - LNG production
- Retrofit or greenfield process
- Described in over 80 patent applications



# Simplified Flow Diagram (ECL)







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## **Energy Penalty**

Energy Consumption by Technology



### **CCC Greenfield Incremental Cost**



CCC nearly eliminates emissions while increasing the cost of electricity by 2-3 ¢/kWh



#### **Completed Skid-scale Demonstrations**

- Fuels
  - Coals (subbituminous and bituminous)
  - Natural gas
  - Biomass
  - Municipal waste, tires

- Technologies
  - Utility power plants
  - Industrial heat plants
  - Cement plant kilns
  - Large pilot-scale reactor
- Pre-combustion/NG
  Processing (lab scale)



## **Utility Power Plant**

4-unit, 817 MW<sub>e</sub> power plant in Wyoming

Slip stream on unit 4, which has a baghouse and a wet scrubber (on subbituminous coal).



### **Utility Power Plant Skid Test**





#### **ECL Skid Photos**





## **Utility Power plant**





#### **Cement Kiln**



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# Objective

- Improve reliability and efficiency of unit operations based on field test experience.
- Implement improvements in skid system.
- Retest skid system (budget period 2) in field on power plant flue gas over 3-month period with minimum continuous operation of 500 hours.
- Project Partners: SES, Tri-state, Pacificorp, EPRI



## Tasks

- 1. Management
- 2. Flue gas drying
- 3. CO<sub>2</sub> in contact liquid
- 4. Solid-liquid separations
- 5. Desublimating heat exchanger
- 6. Instrumentation and controls
- 7. Light gas dispersal
- 8. Multipollutant capture
- 9. Techno-economic analysis



## Task 2. Drying



# Task 5. Heat Exchanger Testing

#### **Major Activities**

Spray Tower

- Initial droplet size testing done for spray nozzles and parallel spray device
- Designed new skid-scale hybrid spray tower HX
- Design incorporates the latest knowledge of slurry handling, desublimating heat exchangers, and maximizing heat exchange, from thousands of hours of experimental work
- Spray tower constructed in Q3 and testing began





#### Task 6. Instrumentation and Controls

#### **Major Activities**

- New instrumentation includes thermocouples, pressure transducers, level transmitters, flowmeters, and control valves
- I/O channels will increase by 23% (i.e., 104 to 128)

| Channel          | Existing | New or modified | Planned |
|------------------|----------|-----------------|---------|
| Analog outputs   | 12       | 14              | 16      |
| Analog inputs    | 33       | 32              | 40      |
| Discrete outputs | 19       | 9               | 22      |
| Discrete inputs  | 4        | 9               | 11      |
| Thermocouples    | 36       | 26              | 39      |
| Total            | 104      | 90              | 128     |

- Of the existing channels, 63% (i.e., 66) will be modified in some way, such as by repurposing for a different instrument, re-routing to a new process location, or rebranding tag
- All changes require some programming time



## Task 8. Pollutant Removal

• NO - Captured at very high rates, likely reacted to NO<sub>2</sub>



Hours



### Task 8. Pollutant Capture Data



### Task 8. Particulate Capture

Particulate Capture





# Task 8. Mercury Testing

- Field test at utility power plant
- Inlet 735 ppt, or 5.77 μg/m<sup>3</sup> (after wet scrubber)
- Outlet below detection limit, which is 1 ppt, or 0.01 μg/m<sup>3</sup> for 99.9%+ capture.
- Actual concentrations predicted to be far below atmospheric levels (1-2 ng/m<sup>3</sup>).





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