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 - Technology Maturation Plan
- Acknowledgements

Mixed-Salt Based Transformational Solvent Technology for CO₂ Capture

- Need:
 - Reducing capture costs beyond the current values and develop a pathway to reach DOE 2030 CO₂ capture goals
- Approach:
 - New transformational technologies that provide a step reduction of the regeneration energy
 - Low regeneration energy by solvent pairing
 - Water-lean solvents to reduce sensible heat
 - Energy recovery by advanced heat integration
- Technology:
 - Advanced Mixed Salt Process
 - Development of a solvent formulation that contain ammonia, potassium carbonate, and a tertiary amine

Advanced Mixed-Salt Process (A-MSP)

 K_2CO_3 -NH₃-amine-H₂O system Absorber operation at 20° - 40 °C at 1 atm Regenerator operation at 90 ° - 120 °C at ~10 atm

Key advancement in A-MSP over MSP: Increased solvent concentration A-MSP will retain MSP advantages: Reduced Ammonia Emission Reduced Reboiler duty Reduced CO₂ Compression Energy



Improved Absorber Kinetics Improved Regenerator Performance

Project Objectives, Budget and Period of Performance (Contract No: DE-FE0031597)

- Project Objectives
 - High CO₂ loading capacity
 - Water lean solvent system
 - Potential to reach DOE cost target \$30/ton CO₂ by 2030
- Period of Performance
 - BP1: 6/1/2018 to 12/31/2020
 - BP2: 1/1/2021 to 06/30/2022
- Project budget
 - DOE Funding: \$3,105,797
 - Partner Share: \$951,897

Project Team

Mixed-Salt Based Transformational Solvent Technology for CO₂ Capture

Project Manager: Krista Hill, NETL Prime Contractor: SRI International Project Team: US and International Partners



Work Organization

- SRI International, USA
 - Project management
 - Advanced mixed-salt composition development and testing
 - Heat capacity measurements
 - Absorption and desorption kinetic measurements
 - Integrated system testing
- DTU, Denmark (Cost-share partner)
 - VLE Measurements & Thermodynamic modeling
- OLI Systems, USA
 - Flowsheet Modeling (energy and mass balance)
- Trimeric Corp., USA
 - Process Techno Economic Analysis
- SINTEF, Norway (Cost-share partner BP1)
 - Degradation studies
 - Alternative Mixed-salt composition development
- Baker Hughes (Cost share partner BP2)

Project Tasks

Task 1: Project management and Planning **BP1 & BP2** • Task 2: Vapor-Liquid-Equilibria (VLE) Measurements • Task 3. Process Kinetic Assessment • Task 4. Degradation and Emission Assessment ٠ BP1 Task 5. Rate-Based Model Development • Task 6. Preliminary TEA • Task 7. Integrated System Testing at SRI Site • BP2 Task 8. Flowsheet Development • Task 9. Techno-economic Analysis •

BP1 Project Status

Success Criteria and Decision Points

Decision Point	Basis for Decision/Success Criteria			
	Successful completion of all work proposed in Budget Period 1 ✓ Submission of a Technology Maturation Plan ✓			
A. Completion of Budget Period 1	Submission of Preliminary Techno-Economic Analysis topical report \checkmark			
	Experimentally validate at least 10 bar pressure in the regenerator ~120°C \checkmark			
	Partnering agreement finalized 🗸			
	Successful completion of the VLE model development and demonstrating th lower regeneration (less than 120°C) potential of the A-MSP solution \checkmark			
	Completion of the spread-sheet model by OLI to demonstrate the regeneration energy to be less than 2.3 GJ/tonne CO_2 \checkmark			

- The team completed the BP1 scope of work and achieved the associated milestones and success criteria on schedule (December 31, 2020) and within budget.
- The project team is continuing the project in BP2 (1/1/21-06/30/22) with no change in scope, period of performance (18-months) or budget.

Representative Data - VLE Measurements

Comparison of measured values with model predictions



Photograph of the VLE measurement setup





VLE measurements for NH₃-CO₂-H₂O mixtures at 60°C compared to the predictions of the Extended UNIQUAC model

VLE measurements (approx. 60°C) compared to the preliminary parametrization of the Extended UNIQUAC model

Representative Data - Process Kinetic Assessment



Small bench scale absorber system for AMSP testing Gas flow rate:10-40 slpm, solution composition: 20-55 wt.%, solution temperature: 20-40°C

Representative Data - Process Kinetic Assessment

Rapid Design of Experiment for the Kinetic Study

Sample parametric test performed at 20°C

Composition Label	Absorber Temperature	loading (initial)	loading (final)
522	20°C	0.35	0.65
521	20°C	0.37	0.57
423	20°C	0.38	0.56
520	20°C	0.36	0.59
521	20°C	0.34	0.57
523	20°C	0.39	0.54
622	20°C	0.40	0.55
722	20°C	0.41	0.56
422	20°C	0.40	0.54
532	20°C	0.42	0.56
502	20°C	0.36	0.51



Absorption efficiency as a Function of CO₂ loading



Effects of temperature on efficiency (left) and absorption rate (right) for a given loading.

Representative Data - Desorption Measurements

Static and Dynamic Regenerator Measurements



Static Autoclave System (Operability Limit: up to 250°C and 300 psi)



Continuous Flow, Plug Flow Reactor System (Operability Limit: up to 400°C and 4000 psi)

Static System	Continuous Flow System
Slow Heating	Rapid Heating
Long retention time	Short retention time
VLE Curve	Rate Profile

Representative Data - Desorption Measurements

Static Regenerator Measurements



Regeneration pressure as a function of temperature and CO₂ loading



Model and measured data comparison.

Representative Data - Solvent Degradation Assessment

Oxidative and Thermal Decomposition Study of Amine at SINTEF

- Test conditions
 - Oxidative decomposition performed at 55°C to get accelerated results
 - Thermal decomposition studies performed at 120, 135 and 150°C
 - Testing duration is about 6 weeks
 - Solutions were analyzed by LC-MS, TOC, and ICP-MS
- Results
 - SINTEF reported the oxidative degradation results that showed the selected amine in A-MSP solution is far more stable than MEA and other widely used amines in CO₂ capture.
 - The results for the amine thermal degradation showed it was stable at 120°C.
 - Based on the weight loss, some amine degradation at higher temperatures (>150°C) is predicted.

Model Development Progress



- Thermodynamic model to calculate vapor/liquid compositions-DTU, SRI
- Rate based model to refine the performance under dynamic conditions- OLI Systems
- Flowsheet model to predict the performance of the process and calculate heat and mass balances of process streams for TEA - OLI Systems
- Preliminary Technoeconomic analysis-Trimeric Corporation

Preliminary Technoeconomic Analysis

- Generation of stream tables with heat and mass balance data for TEA
 - Physical properties
 - Temperature, Pressure, pH, Moles(mol/hr), Mass(kg/hr), Volume (L/hr)
 - Phase Flows
 - Liquid moles (mol/hr), Vapor moles (mol/hr), Solid moles (mol/hr)
 - Phase Fraction
 - Liquid mole fraction, Vapor mole fraction, Solid mole fraction
 - Thermodynamic Properties
 - Enthalpy, Ionic strength, Density, Osmotic pressure, Viscosity
- Demonstrated regeneration energy performance consistent with the development pathway outlined for BP1.
 - Regeneration energy 2.2 GJ/tonne CO₂
- Electricity requirements for the A-MSP are ~18% lower than Case B12B.

BP2 Project Tasks (ongoing)

- Task1: Project management and Planning
- Task 4. Process Emission Assessment
 - Subtask 4.1: Emission Assessment of the Selected AMSP formulation
- Task 7. Integrated System Testing at SRI Site
 - Subtask 7.1: Development of the Test Plan
 - Subtask 7.2: Integrated Testing with A-MSP Compositions
 - Subtask 7.3: Regenerator Steam Use Measurements
 - Subtask 7.4: Test Data Analysis
- Task 8. Flowsheet Development
 - Subtask 8.1: Development of Process Flowsheet Model
 - Subtask 8.2: Evaluation of Process Heat and Mass Balances
- Task 9. Techno-economic Analysis
 - Subtask 9.1: Techno-economic Analysis
 - Subtask 9.2: Update State-Point Data Table
 - Subtask 9.3: Technology Gap Analysis
 - Subtask 9.4: Environmental Health and Safety Assessment
 - Subtask 9.5: Technology Maturation Plan

Integrated Testing in SRI Large Bench Scale System



Analytical and Control Systems

Absorbers

Regenerator

Integrated system after modification in 2020

Absorbers (0.25 t-CO₂/day capacity)

Continuous operation of the integrated system is ongoing

Flowsheet Optimization and TEA

- Model validation with integrated bench scale data
- Stream tables with heat and mass balances
- Sensitivity analysis to identify critical operating parameters
- Power plant integration
- Itemized costs of installed components



Technology Gap Analysis

- Integration of column functions, particularly for the atmospheric pressure columns.
- Detail evaluation of column designs such as flooding, packing type, mass transfer performance
- Low-cost, alternative materials for absorption column construction.
- Regenerator design consideration-Alternative reboiler designs.
- Regenerator and heat exchanger optimization to further reduce regeneration energy.

Technology Maturation Plan

• TRL 2 to TRL 4

Proof of concept, kinetic studies, and small bench testing (1 to 40 *slpm*) 2018-2020 Budget Period 1

Large bench-scale testing 200 to 400 *slpm*

> 2021-2022 Budget Period 2

SRI and SINTEF



Lab-Scale Kinetic Study



Slipstream Testing

Future Projects



V-L-E Study

Opportunities for reducing CO₂ from small and large-scale applications

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