Liquid Air Combined Cycle (LACC) for Power and Storage

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LACC can be applied to existing or new combustion turbine assets

- Advantages
 - Any CT
 - Site anywhere
 - High-TRL components
 - Valuable at large scale
 - Lower CAPEX
- DOE project objectives
 - Identify application
 - LACC conceptual design
 - Demo-scale LACC



Feasibility calculations have demonstrated preliminary performance



Discharging

- Net power
 - SC: 54 MW
 - CC: 77 MW
 - LACC: 104 MW
- Fuel heat rate
 - SC: 8,725 Btu/kWh
 - CC: 5,993 Btu/kWh
 - LACC: 4,532 Btu/kWh
- Primary (electric) energy rate
 - Charge energy = 1.04 Discharge energy
- Liquid air rate = 2.6 kg/kWh



Commercialization/market considerations

- Cryo liquefaction is capital intensive
 - Reducing liquid air consumption key cost reducer
 - Zero-cost storage medium offsets CAPEX
 - Benefits from economy of scale
- Coupling opportunities
 - Fuel security (co-liquefy natural gas)
 - H₂, Renewable fuel cost savings via low heat rate
 - Oxy combustion for carbon capture



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