

Chevron natural gas carbon capture technology testing project

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Project overview

Award Period

- 10/01/2020 through 08/30/2024

Project Funding

- Total Funding: \$23,417,307
- Federal Funding: \$13,000,000.00
- Cost Share Funding: \$10,417,307 (Cash Contribution by Chevron)

Project Participants

- Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Prime Contractor, host site and cost share provider
 - Principal Investigator: Scott McLemore
 - Project Manager: Stan Cross
- Technology Provider: Svante, Inc.
- ISBL Engineering, Procurement and Construction: Kiewit Engineering Group Inc (KEGI) and Kiewit Power Constructors (KPC)
- Program Administrator: Electricore, Inc.
- Plant Operation and Maintenance: Offshore Technology Services (OTS)

DOE-NETL Team

- Grants Officer: Lisa Kuzniar, Project Manager: Nicole Shamitko-Klingensmith, Contracting Specialist: Kelly Haught



Project objectives

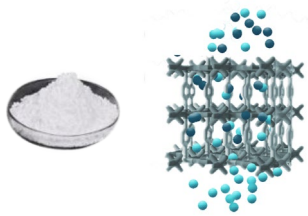
The project validated Svante's transformational solid sorbent-based carbon capture technology at an engineering scale under indicative natural gas flue gas conditions and continuous long-term operation at Chevron's Kern River oil field.

- Successfully completed the design, construction, commissioning, and long-term testing of an engineering-scale capture plant of approximately 25 tonnes per day (TPD) under steady-state conditions at varying flue gas carbon dioxide (CO₂) concentrations (~4–14%);
- Conducted a techno-economic analysis (TEA) on Svante's VeloxoTherm™ capture cycle as integrated into a nominal 550 MW (net) natural gas combined cycle (NGCC) power plant;
- Conducted a comprehensive gap analysis addressing the current stage of VeloxoTherm™ technology development for NGCC applications; and
- Summarize the research, development, and demonstration requirements to close identified gaps and approach the achievement of DOE's carbon capture performance goal of CO₂ capture with 95% CO₂ purity at a cost of \$30/tonne of CO₂ captured by 2030.



The Svante Carbon Capture Ecosystem

Scalable and Flexible

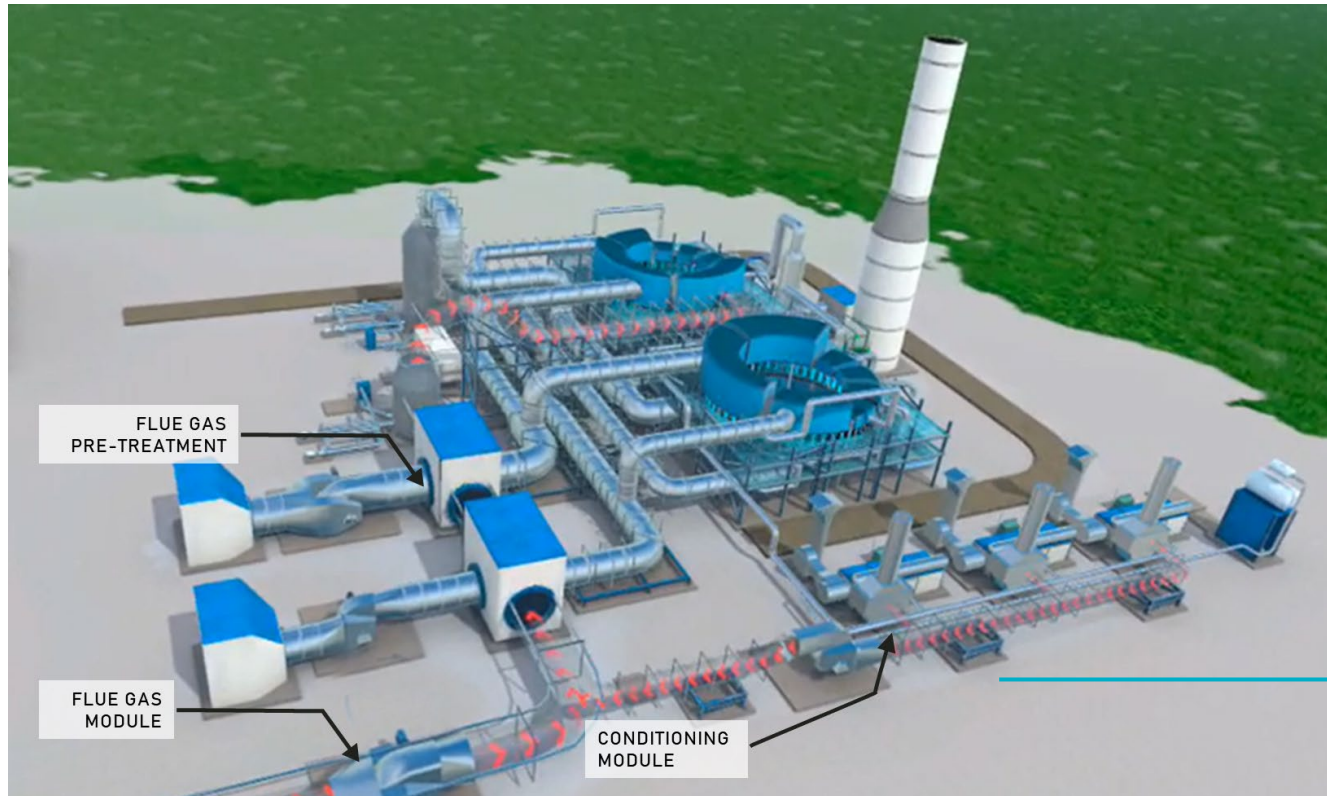


1. Solid Sorbents (MOFs)

Engineered to have high selectivity over water and N₂ and a high capacity for CO₂.

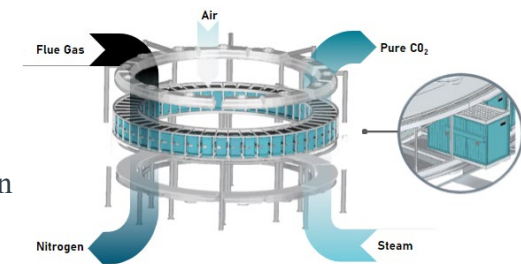
Nanoengineered Carbon Capture Filters

Solid sorbents are laid onto thin sheets of film and stacked to create a filter.



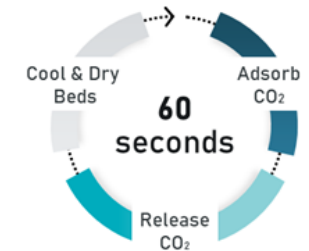
2. Contactor with Filters Inside

Robust machine design, Full-size prototype “Buck” in-house validation tests ongoing.



3. Performance and Lifetime

VeloXoTherm™ Rapid Temperature Swing Adsorption (RTSA) Cycle boasts and validated KPIs at demo units.



4. Carbon Capture Plant

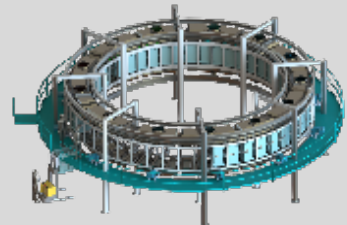
The overall design, integration, and optimization of the entire CO₂ capture plant that goes around the machine and process cycle.

Svante Technology Comparison

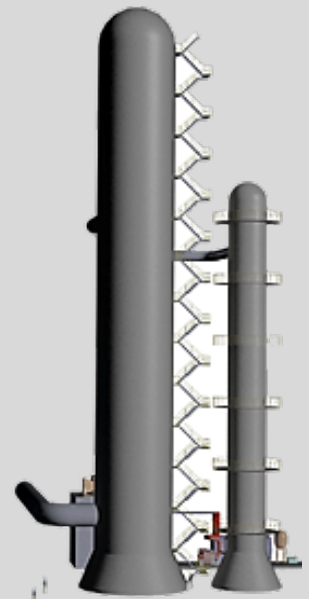
Novel Benefits Compared to Conventional

	Svante's Solid Adsorbent
Technology Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Separation relies on adsorption of CO₂ onto a solid surface – Regenerated using direct steam in an intensified temperature/concentration swing process that enables very rapid cycles
Modularization and Scalability	Adaptable and cost efficient at all scales due to the repeatability of the modular design
Ability to Deal with Intermittency of Emitters	High – rapid cycle speed
Toxic Fugitive Emissions	None – solid sorbent
Capital Intensity	Low – modular construction
Potential for Further Cost Reduction	New solid-state technology poised for significant cost reduction learning curve

System comparison



Svante's Solid Adsorbent Technology



Conventional Carbon Capture Technology Using Liquid Solvents

Kern River carbon capture plant

facility overview and objectives

San Joaquin Valley, CA USA

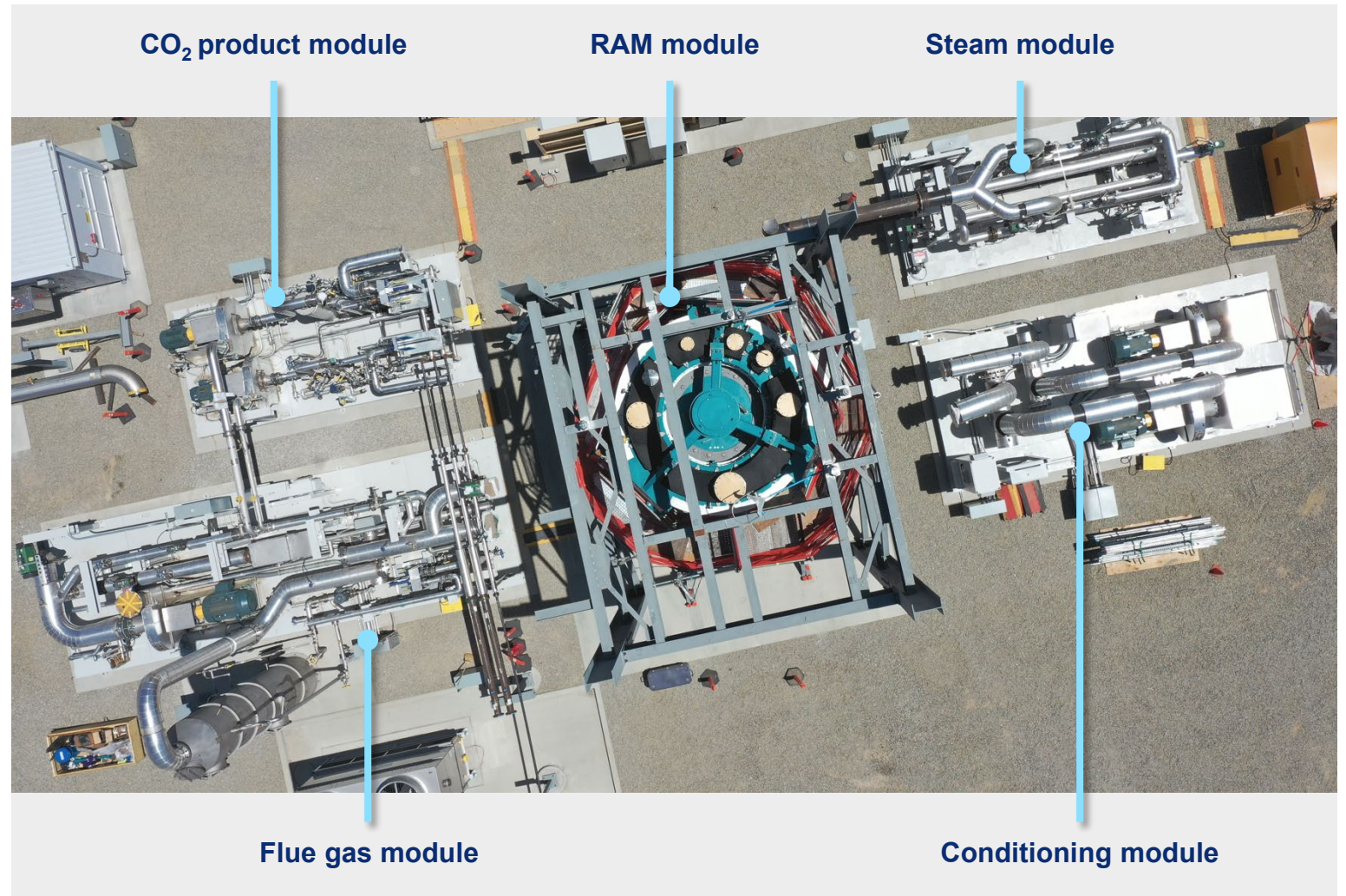
Natural gas-based flue gas testing

Understand and measure capture plant performance on boiler, NGCC and SMR feed flue gas

Skid-mounted modular design
carbon capture plant

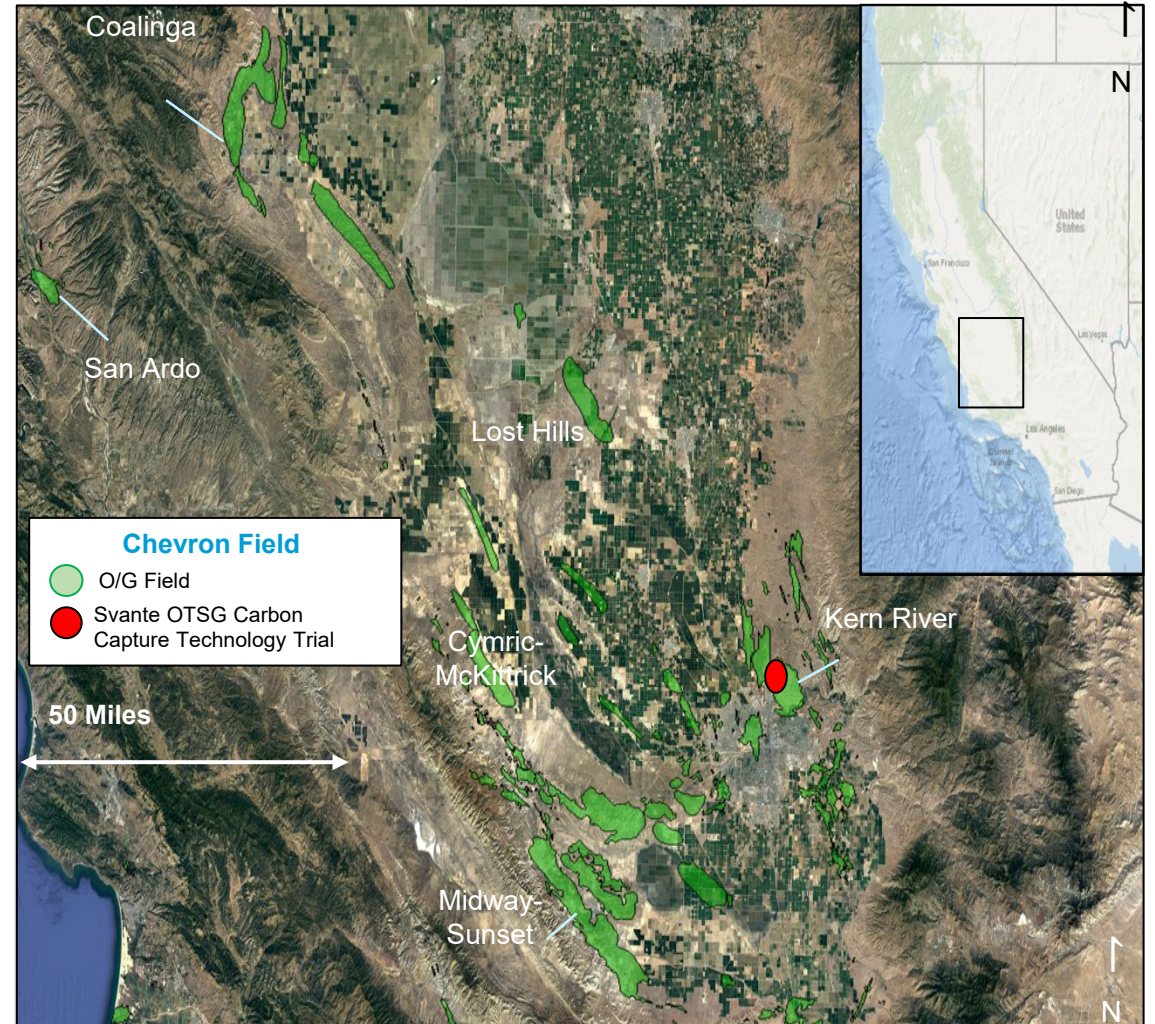
New metallic organic framework
(MOF) sorbent beds

95% CO₂ product purity and lower
steam ratio compared to conventional
solvent technology



Project location — Kern River Oilfield

Reducing the carbon intensity of our operations through scalable demonstration projects



Technical approach

This project is conducted over three (3) budget periods

Budget Period 1

- Process Engineering
- Design Criteria
- Sorbent Certification

Budget Period 2

- Detailed Engineering
- Procurement, Fabrication and Installation
- Pre-Startup Safety Review, Commissioning and Test Planning

Budget Period 3

- Engineering Scale Testing and Analysis
- Technology Assessment **(In Progress)**

Success criteria



Successful completion
of all work proposed



Completion of engineering scale VeloxoTherm™ testing
with natural gas flue gas



State-point data table

EH&S report

Techno-economic analysis



Submission of a final report

that details pathway to achieve DOE's performance goals
(CO₂ capture with 95% CO₂ purity at a cost of \$30/tonne of CO₂ captured by 2030)



Progress and Current Status

List of testing completed

1. 14% Indicative Coal Flue Gas Feed Testing
2. 4% Indicative NGCC Flue Gas Feed Testing
3. Base Performance and Steady State Testing
4. Load Following & Intermittence Testing

Key Summary of Tests

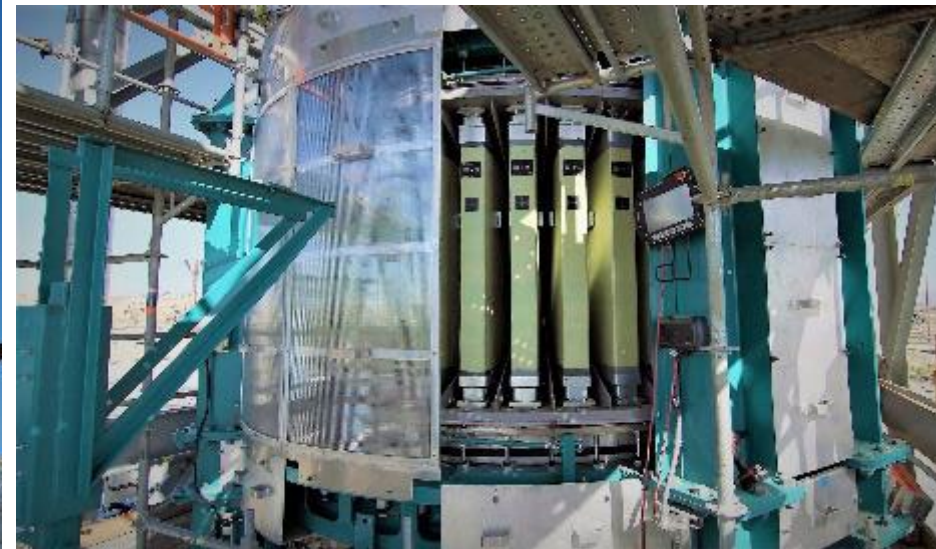
Stable operation over the duration of each test case; KPIs remain flat, no significant change

BOP limitation impacted data gathering & achievement of project set KPIs; reverified after modification

Load following responded as anticipated – 60 sec. cycle for Adsorption/Desorption/Conditioning



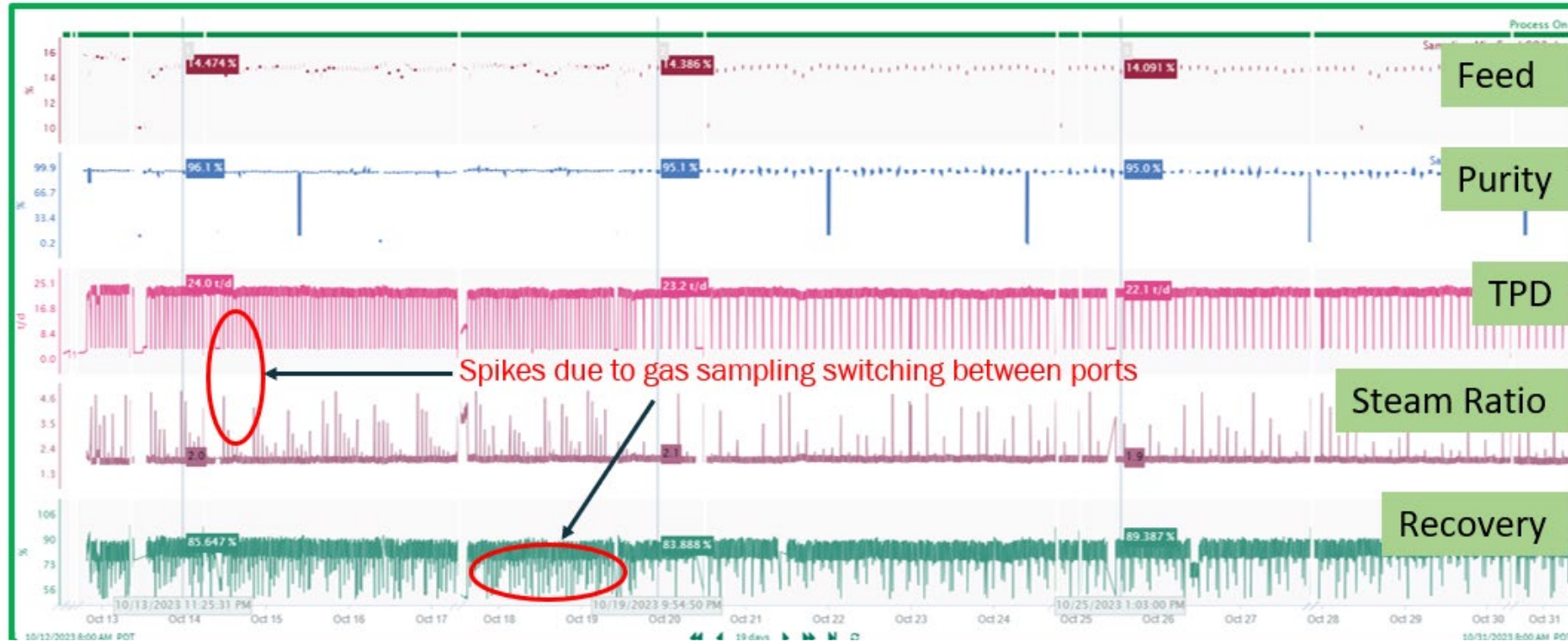
Progress and current status of project





Progress and Current Status of Project

Test Data – Performance Target vs Actual Data (14% CO₂)



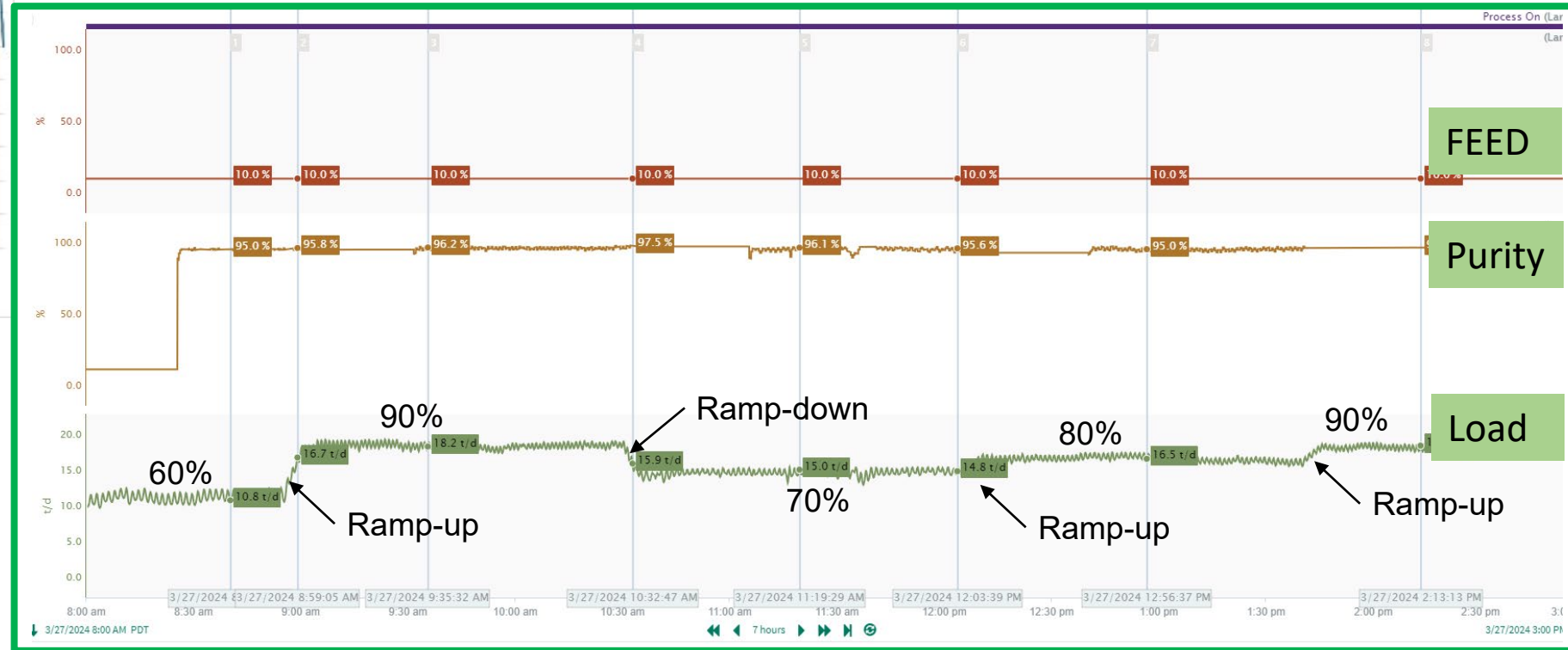
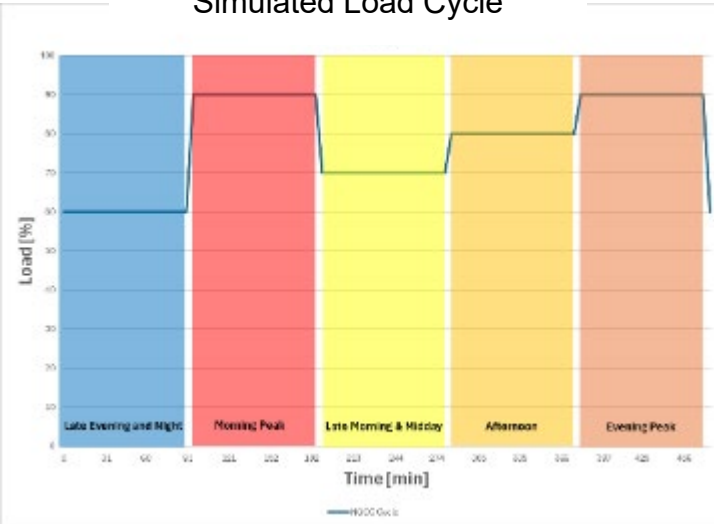
PRIMARY PERFORMANCE TARGETS

		Indicative Coal	Actual (~ 725 hrs.)	Gap
Capture Plant Inlet Flue Gas CO ₂ Concentration	dry mol%	~ 14%	14% – 15%	
Product CO ₂ Purity	dry mol%	95	95	
CO ₂ Capture Recovery	%	85	~ 83	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAB/SAB Variability Asynchronous data logging used in Recovery calculation
Steam:Product CO ₂ Ratio	kg/kg CO ₂	1.8	1.8 – 2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pinched by Product vacuum level (-7 kPag vs. -15 kPag target) Pinched by Reflux flow/vacuum level
CO ₂ Production Capacity	TPD	23 - 24	21 - 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pinched by Reflux loop and stable boiler operation at rated condition

Progress and Current Status of Project

Test Data – Simulate Load Following at 60%-90%

Simulated Load Cycle



- Product purity maintained at 95% through out simulated load following; 5 minutes ramp
- 60 seconds response time for Svante’s adsorption/desorption/conditioning process



Project Milestones – Budget Period 3

Milestone log					
Budget period	Task	Milestone description	Planned completion date	Actual completion date	Verification method
3	7.1	Start-up and operator hand-off	08/21/2023	8/20/2023	RPPR File
3	7.2	Parametric testing and steady state operation performance report	02/06/2024	4/12/2024	Updated Test Report
3	7.3	14% Indicative Coal Flue Gas Feed Testing	11/30/2023	10/31/2023	Preliminary Test Report
3	7.4	4% Indicative NGCC Flue Gas Feed Testing	12/22/2023	11/23/2023	Updated Test Report
3	7.6	System Decommissioning	TBD		Final Report file
3	8.1	Technology EH&S Risk Assessment	TBD		Topical Report and summary in Final Report
3	8.2	Techno-Economic Analysis (TEA)	TBD		Topical Report and summary in Final Report
3	8.3	State-Point Data Table	07/30/2024		State-Point Data Table file
3	1.0	Draft Final Report	07/30/2024		Final Report file



Lessons Learned

- Validated Svante's MOF filters & Carbon Capture process @ Engineering Scale Pilot
- 95% CO₂ product purity was achieved
- Load following responded as anticipated – 60 sec. cycle for Adsorption/Desorption/Conditioning
- Ease of operation – start-up, steady state and shutdown
- BOP limitation impacted data gathering & achievement of project set KPIs



Commercial Scale Facilities and Manufacturing

**Plans for Future
Testing/Development/Commercialization**



Next Steps for this Project

- Leverage early learnings to increase operational efficiency of the existing facility and validate data gathered against original target KPIs
 - Modify balance of plant equipment to increase vacuum and throughput
 - Extend operating period of BP3 to allow for additional data collection at varying concentrations
 - Provide original and validated data in final reports and TEA
- Formal proposal on this opportunity has been provided and will provide updates once approval is given



Svante's Pathway to Commercial Readiness

Acceleration of learnings in development of industrial solutions

1. Production:

Solid Sorbent-Lined Filters

✔ Commercial supply of solid sorbent (MOF) via BASF

○ Filter manufacturing facility starting up in 2025



2. Design:

Industrial Contactor (Carbon Capture Machine)

✔ In-house operation of full-sized industrial contactor

○ Continuous improvement and optimization of seal material



3. Testing & Optimizations:

Tracking, Measuring & Optimizing Performance

✔ Rapid temperature swing adsorption (RTSA) cycle optimization & enhancements

✔ Validation of KPIs via in-house and external units



4. Plant:

Carbon capture plant design

✔ Optimized for waste heat recovery and integration with industrial host site (brownfield and greenfield).



✔ = Completed

○ = In Progress



Building Commercial Momentum



Svante to Deploy First-of-a-Kind Commercial-Scale Carbon Capture Plant at Delek US's Texas Refinery with DOE Support

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Selected for Award by the US DOE for up to \$95 MM USD of funding for a 145,000 tonne/yr CO₂ capture project from a Fluid Catalytic Cracker at Delek US's Big Spring Refinery



Climeworks and Svante Collaborate in Development and Supply for Direct Air Capture

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This collaboration enables Svante to begin filter production from its commercial manufacturing facility in 2025 – Climeworks is a partner in the Project Cypress DAC Hub, which has been selected for \$650 MM USD funding by the US DOE for a 1 megatons per year FOAK DAC.

Filter Manufacturing Plant No. 1 in Canada

New HQ & Global Center of Excellence

Combined Manufacturing and R&D Centers



Production Line Automation



Sustainability & Net-Zero Building Targets

Sq. ft

141,000

Staff

300

Throughput

10+ mmtpa CO₂ equivalent (in industrial filters)



Summary

Technology Assessment

Chevron will compile and analyze the experimental and computational results to assess technology performance and propose next steps in the technology development pathway. Final deliverables include:

- Technology Environment, Health and Safety (EH&S) Risk Assessment
- Techno-Economic Analysis (TEA)
- State-Point Data Table
- Technology Maturation Plan (TMP)
- Final Technical Report



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