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# Enabling Technologies for Oxy-fired Pressurized Fluidized Bed Combustor Development

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# Enabling Technologies for Oxy-PFBC Development Overview

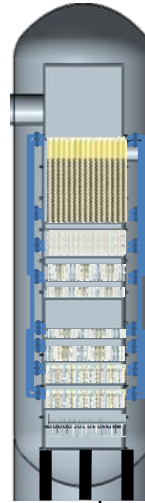
## Description and Impacts

### Program Description

- Demonstrate technologies at pilot scale that will improve Oxy-PFBC economics and reduce scale-up risk
- Budget: \$2.6M (\$2.0M DOE funding)

### Impacts

- Supports path to exceed DOE's cost goal of \$106.4/MWh
- CO<sub>2</sub> and improved gas cleanup technologies improve Oxy-PFBC COE from \$107 to \$82/MWh
- Closes key technology gaps and validates at pilot scale



## Team Members and Roles

- **GTI (Gas Technology Institute)** – Lead, PFBC technology
- **Linde, LLC** – Isothermal DeOxo Reactor technology and integration with SCO<sub>2</sub> cycle
- **CanmetENERGY**– Pilot plant test facility and test support
- **CCPC (Canadian Clean Power Coalition)** – Funding for Canadian feedstock testing

## Technology Objectives

- **Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> (SCO<sub>2</sub>) Heat Exchanger** – Quantify SCO<sub>2</sub> heat transfer coefficients and pressure drop in an Oxy-PFBC environment to anchor design rules for scale-up
- **Staged Coal Combustion** – Develop design rules for injector placement for robust operation that maintains an oxidizing environment and avoids slagging
- **Isothermal Deoxidation Reactor (IDR)** – Define operational limits on flue gas O<sub>2</sub> concentration for an isothermal catalyst bed and demonstrate heat recovery

## Schedule

	9/15/2017	9/16/2017	9/17/2017
Tasks	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<b>WBS 1.0 Program Management</b>			
Management Reporting	[Bar chart showing management reporting from Year 1 to Year 3]		
<b>WBS 2.0 Component Development</b>			
In-bed SCO <sub>2</sub> HEX	[Bar chart showing development from Year 1 to Year 2]		
Staged coal combustion	[Bar chart showing development from Year 1 to Year 2]		
Isothermal DeOxidation Reactor	[Bar chart showing development from Year 1 to Year 2]		
Design and component fab	[Bar chart showing development from Year 1 to Year 2]		
Assemble	[Bar chart showing development from Year 1 to Year 2]		
Install	[Bar chart showing development from Year 1 to Year 2]		
<b>WBS 3.0 Pilot Test</b>			
Testing	[Bar chart showing testing from Year 1 to Year 3]		
Canadian Feedstock Testing	[Bar chart showing testing from Year 1 to Year 3]		
Test Planning	[Bar chart showing testing from Year 1 to Year 3]		
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Oxy-PFBC Ph. II Testing (for reference)	[Dashed bar chart showing testing from Year 1 to Year 3]		

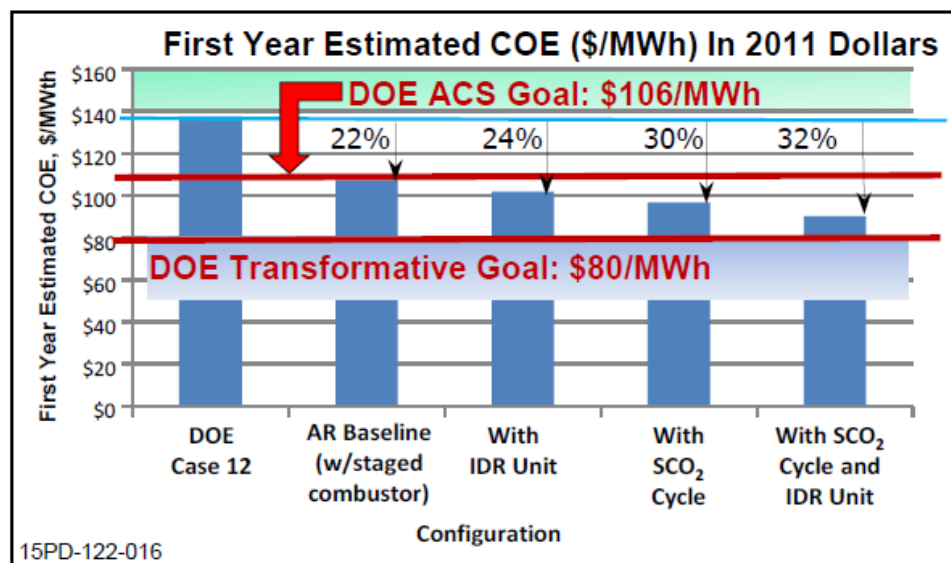
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# Project Background and Benefits

- GTI (formerly Aerojet Rocketdyne, Advanced Energy group) has ongoing efforts in Oxy-PFBC and Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Brayton cycle technologies
  - This effort is the first to test the two technologies together
  - The payoff is expected to be significant reductions in the cost of electricity (COE) for systems with CO<sub>2</sub> capture
- Linde provides an improved gas cleanup system to further improve performance



**Projected performance exceeds the DOE Advanced Combustion Goal and approaches the DOE Transformative Goal**

# Oxy-PFBC Technology Overview

## INNOVATION

- High power density reactor for coal-fired plants with CO<sub>2</sub> capture
  - In-bed heat exchanger for ultra-compact combustor
  - Elutriated flow removes ash and sulfur prior to CO<sub>2</sub> recycle
  - 1/3 the size and half the cost of traditional boiler

## BENEFITS

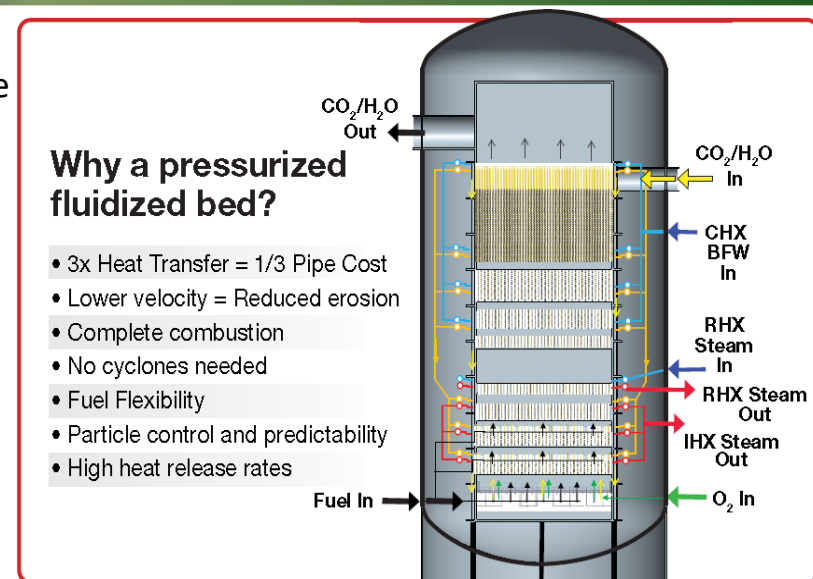
- Produces affordable electric power with near zero emissions
- Produces steam for heavy oil recovery using low value feedstock (petcoke, coal, biomass)
- Produces pure CO<sub>2</sub> for Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)

## MARKETS

- Electric power generation with CO<sub>2</sub> capture and CHP
- Heavy oil production (once-through steam)
- Light oil production (CO<sub>2</sub> floods)

## STATUS

- Long-life, in-bed heat exchangers demonstrated in 1980s
- Two active DOE contracts
- Next step: TRL 6 by Spring 2017 with Pilot scale (1 MWth) testing



Commercial Scale PFBC Concept

Heritage Rocketdyne  
Test Facility that  
Demonstrated  
Long Life In-bed Heat  
Exchanger



# ZEPS™ Powerplant Concept Vision

Oxy-combustion eliminates N<sub>2</sub> from exhaust for economical CO<sub>2</sub> capture

Coal, Petcoke or Biomass

Limestone

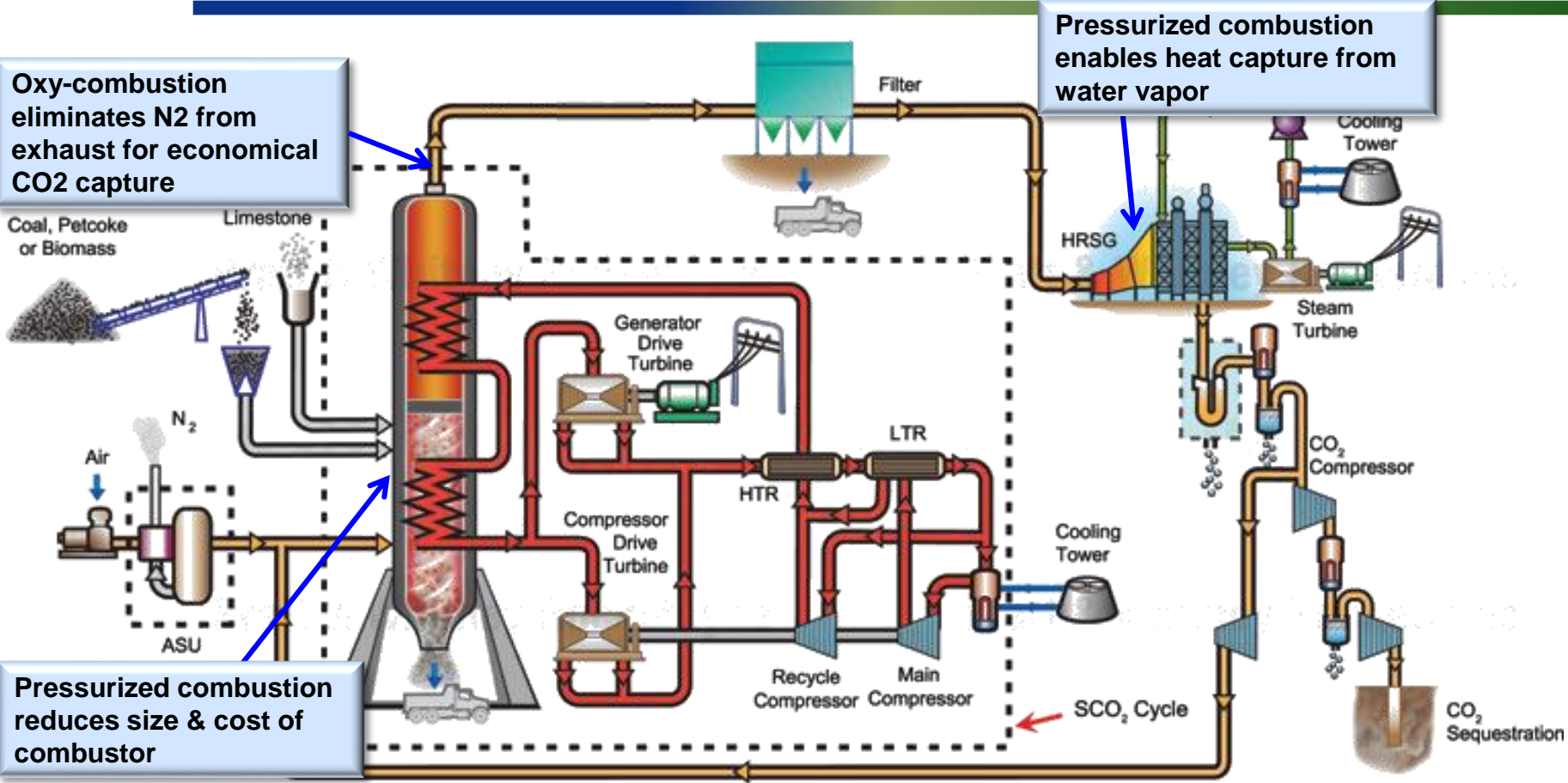


N<sub>2</sub>

Air

ASU

Pressurized combustion reduces size & cost of combustor



Pressurized combustion enables heat capture from water vapor

HRSG

Cooling Tower

Steam Turbine

CO<sub>2</sub> Compressor

Cooling Tower

SCO<sub>2</sub> Cycle

CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration

- Enhanced efficiency and near zero emissions
- Enabling Technologies program focused on SCO<sub>2</sub> HEX, staged fuel injection, improved gas cleanup

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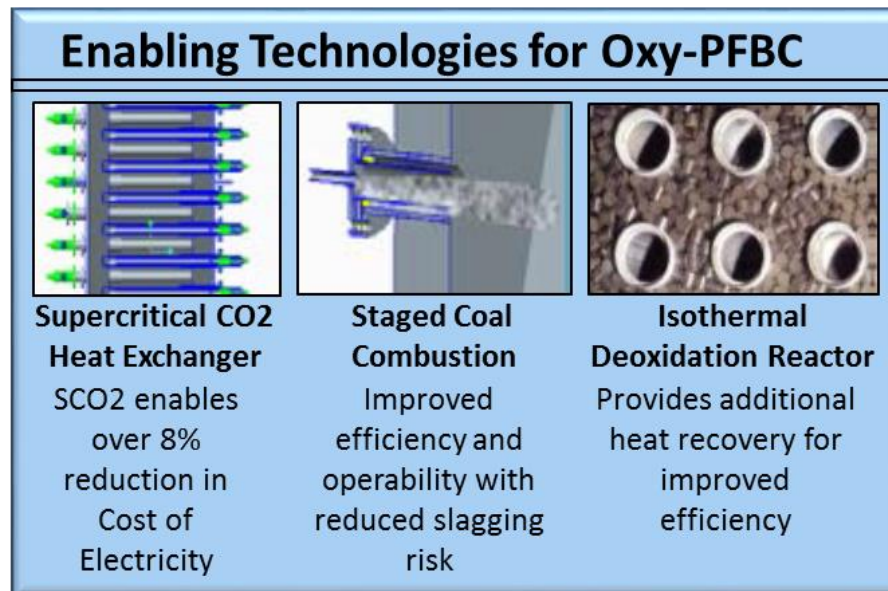
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# Approach

- Develop three technology upgrades for the Oxy-PFBC system and test at pilot scale
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# In-bed $\text{SCO}_2$ Heat Exchanger

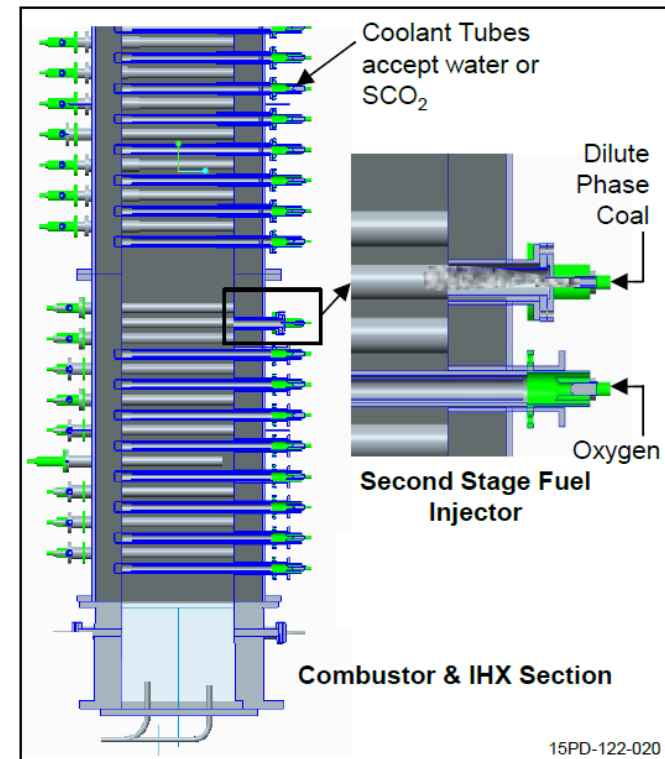
## Technology Overview and Approach

### ➤ Background

- One technology gap for  $\text{SCO}_2$  is integration with the heat source, including use of  $\text{SCO}_2$  as the working fluid in the in-bed heat exchangers

### ➤ Approach

- Operating conditions
  - $\text{SCO}_2$  at 2500 psia and between 400F and 700F
  - Conditions avoid potential condensation on the bed-side surface of the tubes
- To enable scaling, determine hot and cold-side heat transfer coefficients, and coolant pressure drop
- Establish design performance for heat exchangers
- Minimize scaling risk
  - Heat exchanger tube Re and Pr numbers enable scaling to the predicted commercial operating conditions
  - Use full scale in-bed heat exchanger tubes, particle sizes and velocities in the pilot



*Modular pilot design enables retrofit of  $\text{SCO}_2$  coolant and fuel / oxygen injectors*

# Staged Coal Combustion

## Technology Overview and Approach

### ➤ Background

- Staged combustion is planned for the commercial scale Oxy-PFBC design to maximize power density and maintain uniform bed temps below ash slagging conditions
- The GTI Oxy-PFBC is expected to have a different thermal profile than previous fluidized beds due to the fine coal and pressurized conditions

### ➤ Approach

- Demonstrate and characterize operation of second stage injectors
  - Fuel: Illinois #6, Alberta subbit, Saskatchewan lignite
  - Characterize impacts of flue gas recycle rate, fuel particle size and ash content, and coolant flow control
  - Vary oxygen / fuel flow rates and bed cooling
- Develop performance curves for multiple fuels for scale-up to commercial size power plants
  - Knowledge is required to balance the power cycle (steam or SCO<sub>2</sub>) with the coal combustion cycle, optimize compression requirements, and generate the most commercially viable design

	No staging	Stage coal and recycle No oxygen staging	Stage coal and oxygen No recycle staging
Pros	Least Expensive Simple Design	Possible High Efficiency	Best Compromise Moderate Efficiency
Cons	Lowest Efficiency Possible Agglomeration	High Agglomeration Risk More Expensive	Stage Size Depends on Coolant

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# Quasi - Isothermal Deoxidation Reactor (Q-IDR) Technology Overview and Approach

## ➤ Background

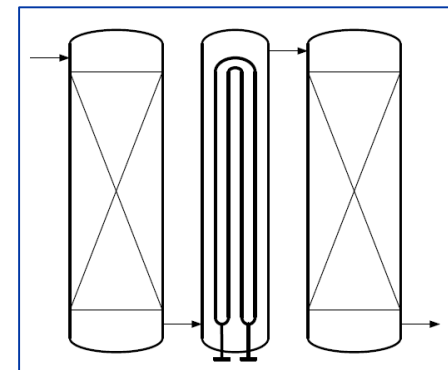
- A Quasi-Isothermal Deoxidation Reactor (Q-IDR) concept
  - Enables wider range of O<sub>2</sub> removal than a single adiabatic reactor
  - Maintains thermal operating window within the range tolerated by the catalyst.
- This project will also test the benefits of integrating the heat of oxidation reactions of supplemental fuel and/or CO<sub>2</sub> impurities into the SCO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Cycle

## ➤ Approach

- The Q-IDR consists of two adiabatic catalytic reactors with a single inter-stage cooler with supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> working fluid.
  - Interstage cooler reduces temperature of the gas exiting first reactor before entering second reactor
- Tests will characterize and define operational limits, in terms of flue gas O<sub>2</sub> content and heat recovery
  - Performance of the heat exchanger and balance between reaction and heat removal are to be measured in multiple locations to allow design of full scale cooled reactors
  - The amount of O<sub>2</sub> removed is controlled by the fuel flow rate into the catalytic reactor.
  - Temperature of the catalyst bed is controlled by matching IDR fuel flow rate with catalyst heat exchanger coolant flow



Single IDR installed at  
Canmet



Simplified schematic of  
Quasi-Isothermal  
Deoxidation Reactor (Q-IDR)

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# Significant Accomplishments

## ➤ In-bed SCO<sub>2</sub> heat exchanger

- Fabrication of SCO<sub>2</sub> compressor is complete
- SCO<sub>2</sub> heat exchanger is installed in combustor
- Basic Engineering Package for the SCO<sub>2</sub> loop is complete

## ➤ Staged coal combustion

- Injector fabrication complete
- Fuel pump fabrication in work – incorporating lessons learned from Oxy-PFBC Phase II program

## ➤ Quasi-Isothermal De-oxidation Reactor (Q-IDR)

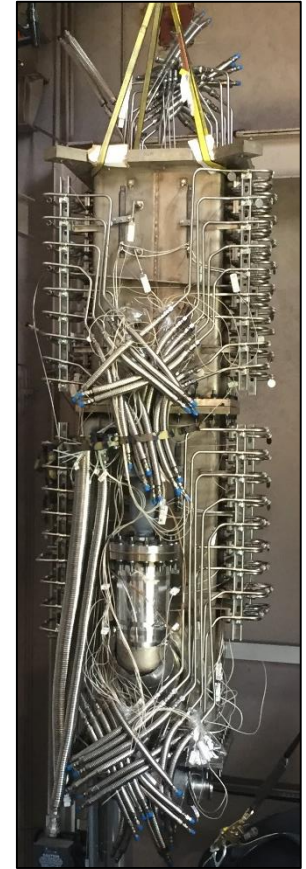
- Major hardware fabrication (heat exchangers and reactor) complete

# In-bed SCO<sub>2</sub> heat exchanger

- SCO<sub>2</sub> heat exchanger installed in 1 MWth pilot combustor at CanmetENERGY facility
- SCO<sub>2</sub> compressor fabrication complete

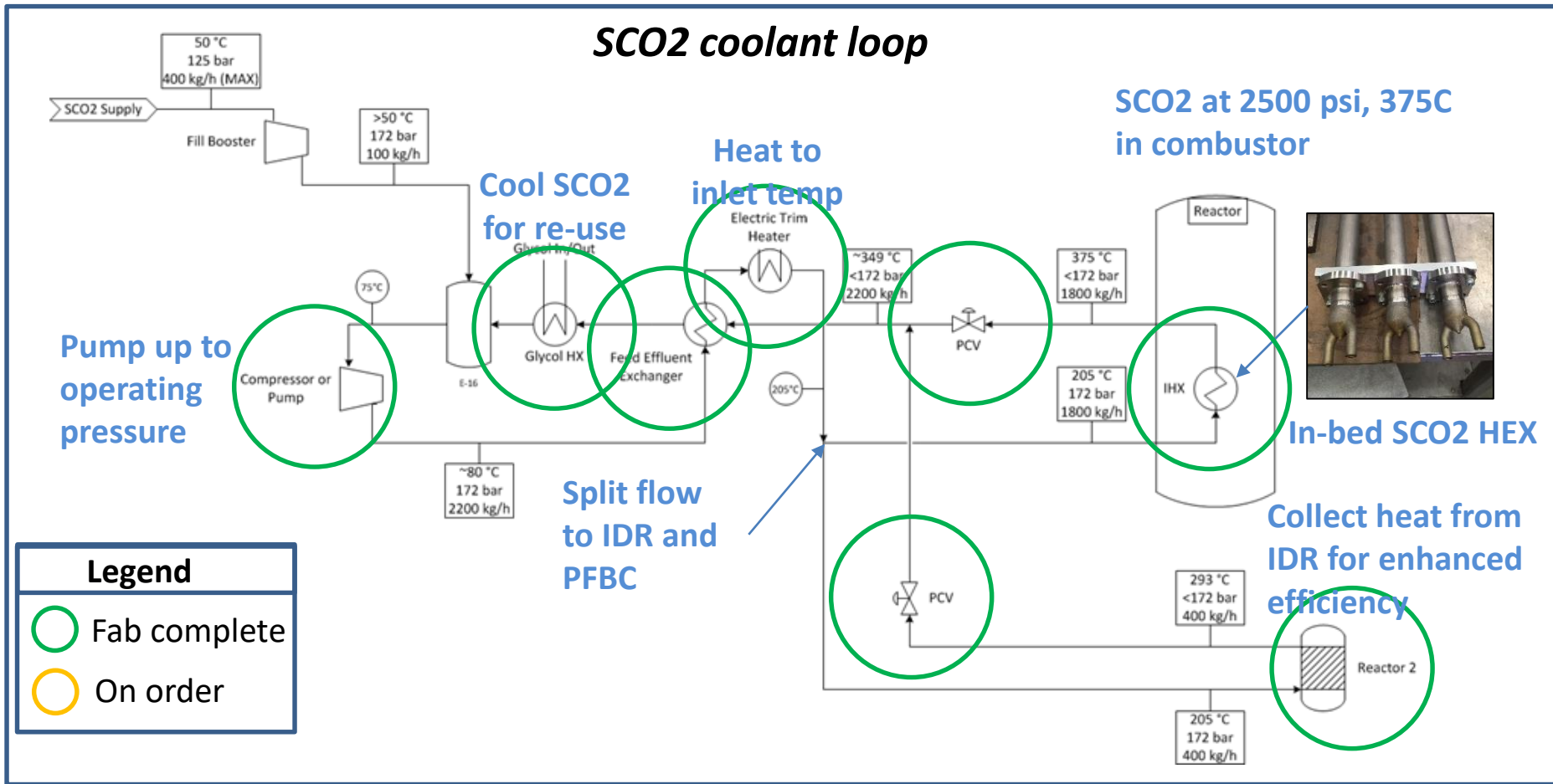


SCO<sub>2</sub> manifolds and in-bed heat exchanger assembly



Assembly installed on the combustor

# In-bed SCO2 heat exchanger



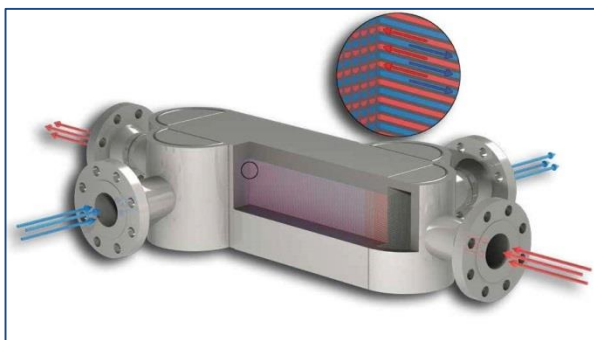
**SCO<sub>2</sub> cooling loop design complete; procurement in progress**





# Quasi-isothermal deoxidation reactor

- Implementation of a fully isothermal catalytic deoxidation reactor, with immersed spiral wound heat exchanger determined to be very challenging and expensive to design, manufacture and control, for a small scale pilot demonstration
- Comparable process benefits will be demonstrated with a two-stage Quasi-Isothermal Deoxidation Reactor, consisting of two adiabatic catalytic reactors with an interstage cooler.



**Interstage cooler: Diffusion bonded Micro Channel Heat Exchanger (MCHE)**



**5.2 kW MCHE delivered to Canmet  
Dimensions: 8"x5"x3"**

- MCHE selected over conventional shell and tube heat exchanger due to lower cost and size, while still capable of operating under extreme pressure and temperature gradients.
  - MCHE is an order of magnitude lighter and smaller and multiple times less expensive than shell & tube HEX

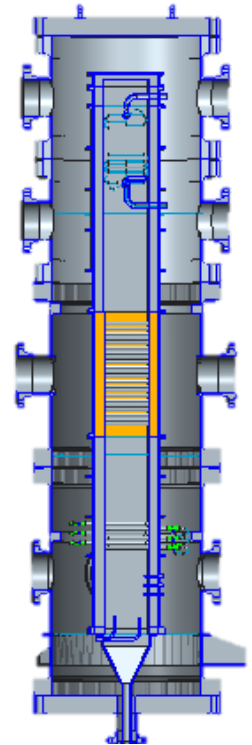
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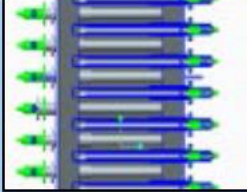
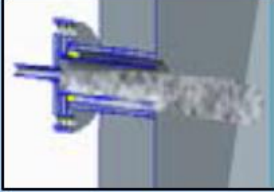

- Conduct testing with Canadian feedstock starting in October
- Complete installation of hardware upgrades into 1 MWth pilot at Canmet in winter
- Conduct testing with US feedstock in spring 2018



*1 MWth pilot  
scale Oxy-PFBC*

# Summary

- Program will test three key technologies at the pilot scale to demonstrate improved performance and reduce scale up risk
- First combined test of Oxy-PFBC and  $\text{SCO}_2$
- Major  $\text{SCO}_2$  loop components fabricated
- Staged coal combustion injector fabrication complete
- IDR reactor and MCHE fabrication complete
- Testing to start in October

Enabling Technologies for Oxy-PFBC		
		
<b>Supercritical CO2 Heat Exchanger</b> SCO2 enables over 8% reduction in Cost of Electricity	<b>Staged Coal Combustion</b> Improved efficiency and operability with reduced slagging risk	<b>Isothermal Deoxidation Reactor</b> Provides additional heat recovery for improved efficiency

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