

Scale-Up and Testing of Advanced Polaris Membrane CO₂ Capture Technology (DE-FE0031591)

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Presentation Outline

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Project Overview

Award name: Scale-Up and Testing of Advanced Polaris Membrane CO₂ Capture Technology (DE-FE0031591)

Project period: 8/1/18 to 7/31/21

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- **Funding:** \$7.4 million DOE; \$2.4 million cost share (\$9.8 million total)
- DOE program manager: Bruce Lani
- Participants: MTR, Technology Centre Mongstad (TCM), Siemens/Dresser Rand, Trimeric, WorleyParsons

Project scope: Design, build, and operate a system at TCM with Advanced Gen 2 Polaris membranes and modules; optimize integration of compression and CO_2 purification equipment with membranes.

Project plan: The project is organized in three phases:

- **Phase 1/Year 1** Design system, fabricate membrane modules
- Phase 2/Year 2 Build and install system; commission at TCM
- Phase 3/Year 3 Operate system, analyze results, decommissioning



Project Objectives

- Scale-up and validate in field testing at TCM recent innovations in membrane (Polaris Gen2) and modules (low-pressure-drop)
- Demonstrate low-cost "containerized" skid as final modular form for future large-scale systems
- With partners, perform an engineering study to optimize integration of pump/compression equipment (Siemens) and CO₂ purification unit (Trimeric)
- Focus TCM testing and TEA analysis on membrane "sweet spot" at 40% – 80% capture



Roles of Participants

- MTR project lead and liaison with DOE; responsible for membrane system design, construction, installation and operation; will lead data analysis and all reporting to DOE
- TCM host site for the 6 month field test; with MTR, will coordinate system installation, operation, and data analysis
- Siemens/Dresser Rand will lead engineering study focused on optimization of rotating equipment (blowers, vacuum pump, CO₂ compression) for MTR process
- Trimeric will lead the CO₂ purification unit (CPU) optimization study and responsible for overall process TEA
- WorleyParsons responsible for process environmental impact study

MTR/DOE CO₂ Capture Development Timeline







New MTR/DOE Projects



Background: Selective Exhaust Gas Recycle Process



- Selective recycle is particularly effective at high capture rates (~90%)
- The impact on the boiler was quantified in small pilot testing at B&W



Background: Polaris[™] Membranes



- Polaris Gen 1

 evaluated in extensive testing at NCCC
 (>11,000 hours)
- Gen 2 is subject of this project; previously pilot tested at NCCC
- Today, Polaris Gen 1 is used commercially in shale gas treatment



Background: Advantages and Challenges

Advantages:

- Simple, passive operation with no chemical handling, emissions, or disposal issues; no chemical reactions or degradation problems
- No steam use; no modifications to existing steam turbines
- Less water use than other capture approaches; recovers flue gas H₂O
- Modular technology high volume manufacturing to lower cost, preassembled, containerized skids
- High turndown, rapid response to dynamic conditions

Challenges:

- High permeance membrane is required to lower capital cost
- Pressure drops must be minimized to reduce energy losses
- Balance of plant equipment cost/efficiency, particularly for rotating equipment, are critical to system performance



Background: Small Pilot Testing at NCCC



- System used Gen 1 Polaris and bundled spiral modules
- Parametric testing included prototype Gen 2 Polaris membrane and new lowpressure-drop modules

 MTR small pilot completed 6 months of operation at NCCC followed by an integrated boiler test at B&W



Photo Courtesy of NCCC

Testing at NCCC Confirmed Better Performance with Gen 2 Polaris



- Membrane system-size scales almost linearly with CO₂ permeance
- Higher permeance reduces capital cost and footprint

Importance of Membrane Improvements



- Membrane CO₂ permeance directly impacts system size and capital cost
- Beyond Gen 3 (3,000 gpu), diminishing returns for additional permeance increases



New Modules Have Much Lower Pressure-Drop

Module size



- Reduced pressure-drop with new module saves ~15 MW_e of blower energy at full-scale
- New module performance validated at both NCCC and B&W field tests



Module pressure-drop

Membrane "Sweet Spot"



- Even with Gen 2 membranes and low pressure drop, cost at 90% capture is >\$40/tonne
- Membranes are best for bulk separations. There is a sweet spot for the technology between 40 – 80% capture
- Selective recycle design reduces capture cost by as much as \$25/tonne at high capture rates (including boiler de-rate measured at B&W)



Key Goals of This Project

- Scale-up and validate in field testing at TCM improved membrane (Gen 2 Polaris) and modules (low-pressuredrop plate-and-frame)
- Demonstrate "containerized" skid as final form factor for future large-scale systems
- With partners, perform an engineering study to optimize integration of pump/compression equipment (Siemens) and CO₂ purification unit (Trimeric)
- Focus TCM testing and TEA on membrane "sweet spot" \rightarrow 40% 80% capture



Membrane Modules for TCM System

Prototype Module 2016/17

TCM Modules 2020



- Polaris Gen 2 membrane will be packaged in low-pressure-drop plate-and-frame modules
- Plastic module components used to reduce cost



Preliminary Drawings of Advanced Polaris System

TCM layout showing possible MTR skid location

Polaris Gen 2 modules bundled in low-cost container





 Goal is 6 months of parametric and steady state testing in project year 3 (2020/21)



PFD for TCM System



- Initial startup with first step only treating ~13% CO₂ doing ~50% capture
- Bring spillback online to boost feed CO_2 to ~20%
- Add sweep step to increase capture rate from 50% to 90%



Initial TCM Test Plan

- Vary capture rate without sweep step or spillback
- Vary capture rate with sweep step using spillback to mimic enriched CO₂ feed content
- During these parametric steady state tests, monitor separation efficiency, system pressure drops, and gas compositions to CPU
- Run dynamic tests (startup/shutdown, load change) to document membrane response time
- Based on parametric test data, select optimum condition (probably ~60% capture with sweep), and run steady state test
- Final test plan to include input from CCSI2



Equipment Optimization Engineering Study

- Initial test systems, including NCCC small pilot, used liquid ring vacuum pumps and air compressors because they were durable and relatively cheap (~\$500/kW)
- However, larger systems will need to use high efficiency (>80%) centrifugal machines (TEAs assume these efficiencies with costs in \$1000 - \$2000/kW range)
- Moreover, for advanced membrane systems, vacuum pumps/CO₂ compressor (~40%) and CO₂ purification (~25%) are the largest capital items (membranes ~20%)
- In this project, Dresser Rand and Trimeric will examine equipment options for field and full-scale systems, including integration of advanced compression equipment



Project Gantt Chart

						Year One		Year Two				Year Three				
	Project Tasks	Task	Task Start	Task End	8/1	/2018	- 7/3	1/19	8/3	1/19 -	7/31	/20	8/3	1/20 -	7/31/	21
		Participants	Date	Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
	Task M1. Project Management and Planning	MTR/TCM	8/1/2018	7/31/2021					1		-			-		
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	Task 2. Design and Engineer Membrane Test System	MTR	8/1/2018	4/30/2019				•								
	Task 2.1. Preliminary Design		8/1/2018	1/31/2019												
	Task 2.2 Review TCM Site Specifications		11/1/2018	1/31/2019		• • • • • •										
	Task 2.3. HAZOP Review and Finalize Design		2/1/2019	4/30/2019			• • • • •									
	Task 3. Make Membrane Rolls with Target Performance	MTR	8/1/2018	4/30/2019				•								
	Task 4. Prepare Low Pressue Drop Field Test Modules	MTR	2/1/2019	10/31/2019												
	Task 5. Fabricate Membrane Test System	MTR	5/1/2019	1/31/2020												
	Task 5.1. Select Vendors and Fabricator		5/1/2019	7/31/2019					•							
	Task 5.2 Fabricate Skids		8/1/2019	1/31/2020					• • • • •							
	Task 5.3. Factory Acceptance Test (FAT) at Fabricator Site		11/1/2019	1/7/2020						•••••						
	Task 5.4. Installation of Membrane Modules at Fabricator Site		11/1/2019	1/31/2020		<u> </u>			<u> </u>	• • • • •						
	Task 6. Host Site Preparations	TCM/MTR	8/1/2018	1/31/2020							>					
	Task 6.1. Site Engineering		8/1/2018	1/31/2019		••••										
	Task 6.2. Skid Foundation		2/1/2019	4/30/2019			• • • • •									
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	Task 6.4. Prepare Process Connections		5/1/2019	10/31/2019				• • • • •								
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	Task 7.2. Utility Connections		2/1/2020	4/30/2020												
ļ	Task 7.3. Process Line Connections		2/1/2020	4/30/2020												
	Task 7.4. Installation of Heat Tracing and Insulation		2/1/2020	4/30/2020												
	Task 7.5. Data Acquisition and Control Installation		2/1/2020	4/30/2020												
	Task 7.6. Pre-Commissioning Operations		5/1/2020	7/31/2020												
	Task 7.7. Develop Preliminary Test Plan		5/1/2020	7/31/2020												
	Task 7.8. Job Site Safety Practices Review and Operator Trainina		5/1/2020	7/31/2020												
	Task 8. Operate Membrane Test System	MTR/TCM	5/1/2020	7/31/2021			1		1		<u>.</u>					
	Task 8.1. System Commissioning	-	5/1/2020	10/31/2020							-					
	Task 8.2. Finalize Test Plan		10/1/2020	10/31/2020							-					
	Task 8.3. Parametric Operation of Test System		8/1/2020	11/15/2020												
	Task 8.4. Long-Term Operation of Test System		11/1/2020	6/30/2021											•••••	••••
	Task 8.5. Analyze System Performance		8/1/2020	7/31/2021											 	
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Key Project Milestones

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3 (Task 2)	Finalize Test System Design	4/30/19	TBD	N/A	Quarterly Progress Report					
4 (Task 3)	Gen-2 Polaris Membrane Rolls Fabricated	4/30/19	TBD	N/A	Quarterly Progress Report					
Budget Period 2 / Year 2										
6 (Task 4)	Field Test Gen-2 Polaris Membrane Modules Made	10/31/19	TBD	N/A	Quarterly Progress Report					
7 (Task 5.3)	Test System Passes Factory Acceptance Test (FAT) at Fabricator Site	1/7/20	TBD	N/A	Quarterly Progress Report					
10 (Task 7)	Test System Installed at TCM and All Pre- Commissioning Activities Completed	7/31/20	TBD	N/A	Quarterly Progress Report					
Budget Period 3 / Year 3										
13 (Task 8.4)	Long Term Performance Testing Completed	6/30/21	TBD	N/A	Quarterly Progress Report					
14 (Task 10)	Complete Techno- Economic Analysis Report	7/31/21	TBD	N/A	Topical Report to be included in the Final Report					

Current Project Status

- Project started August 1, 2018
- Teleconferences with TCM and subcontractors focused on getting contracts in place and collecting system design information
- Technology maturation plan to be completed by end of Oct
- Design of low-cost modules components nearly complete; receiving bids from fabricators



Path Forward: Importance of Work



 Conceptual drawing of ~15 MW_e large pilot using containerized skids developed in this program



Summary

- Project is just underway with initial effort focused on finalizing subcontracts, technology maturation plan, and module/system design work
- Primary project goal will be field testing at TCM of Polaris Gen 2 membranes packaged in low pressure drop modules
- This modular technology will be the final form used in future scaled-up systems
- A secondary goal will be an engineering study to aid in the optimization of balance of plant equipment (advanced compression, CO₂ purification)



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Post-Combustion CO₂ Capture with Membranes



- Like other capture approaches, membranes would be used downstream of current flue gas cleanup technologies (ESP, FGD)
- Membranes offer some advantages such as no chemical handling/emissions, no steam use, instantaneous response, low water use, pre-assembled modular technology, efficient bulk capture



Background: Small Pilot Testing at NCCC



 Testing included validation of prototype Gen 2 Polaris membrane and lowpressure-drop modules MTR small pilot completed 6 months of operation at NCCC followed by an integrated boiler test at Babcock & Wilcox (B&W)



Test Results from B&W



 B&W campaign demonstrated varying capture rate by changing sweep flow

