

Dioxide MaterialsTM
The CO₂ Recycling CompanyTM

SBIR Phase I: Conversion of CO₂, Water and Renewable Energy to Transportation Fuels

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Why Fuels?

CO₂ Utilization for Chemicals

	US Production, Estimated 2015				Global Production, Estimated 2015			
	Mt	Gmol	GWe Coal at 90% Capture	GWe Gas at 90% Capture	Mt	Gmol	GWe Coal at 90% Capture	GWe Gas at 90% Capture
1 Sulfuric Acid	39.3	401.1	2.3	5.6	210.0	2.1	11.0	26.8
2 Nitrogen	31.2	1114.8	6.4	15.5	123.8	4.4	22.7	55.3
3 Ethylene	26.0	813.9	4.6	11.3	150.0	4.7	24.1	58.6
4 Oxygen	24.4	869.4	5.0	12.1	88.7	3.2	16.2	39.5
5 Lime	19.9	355.3	2.0	4.9	367.1	6.5	33.6	81.8
46 Propylene Oxide	2.1	35.5	0.2	0.5	5.5	0.1	0.5	1.2
47 Phenolic Resins	1.5	14.7	0.1	0.2	6.0	0.1	0.3	0.8
48 Calcium Carbonate	3.1	31.5	0.2	0.4	14.7	0.1	0.8	1.8
49 Butadiene (1.3)	2.7	50.5	0.3	0.7	12.9	0.2	1.2	3.0
50 Nylon Resins & Fibers	0.8	3.4	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.1	0.1
TOTAL	453	9368	53	130	2620	57	290	708
2015 Net Generation, GWe-yr			155	152			>1000+	
CO ₂ e from Electricity	2,000	45,500			10,500	239,000		
CO ₂ e from All Sources	6,890	156,600			37,000	841,000		

$R + CO_2 \rightarrow RCO_2$
 Limited supplies of R & limited sales of RCO₂
 CO₂ Emissions >> CO₂ Utilization

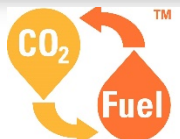
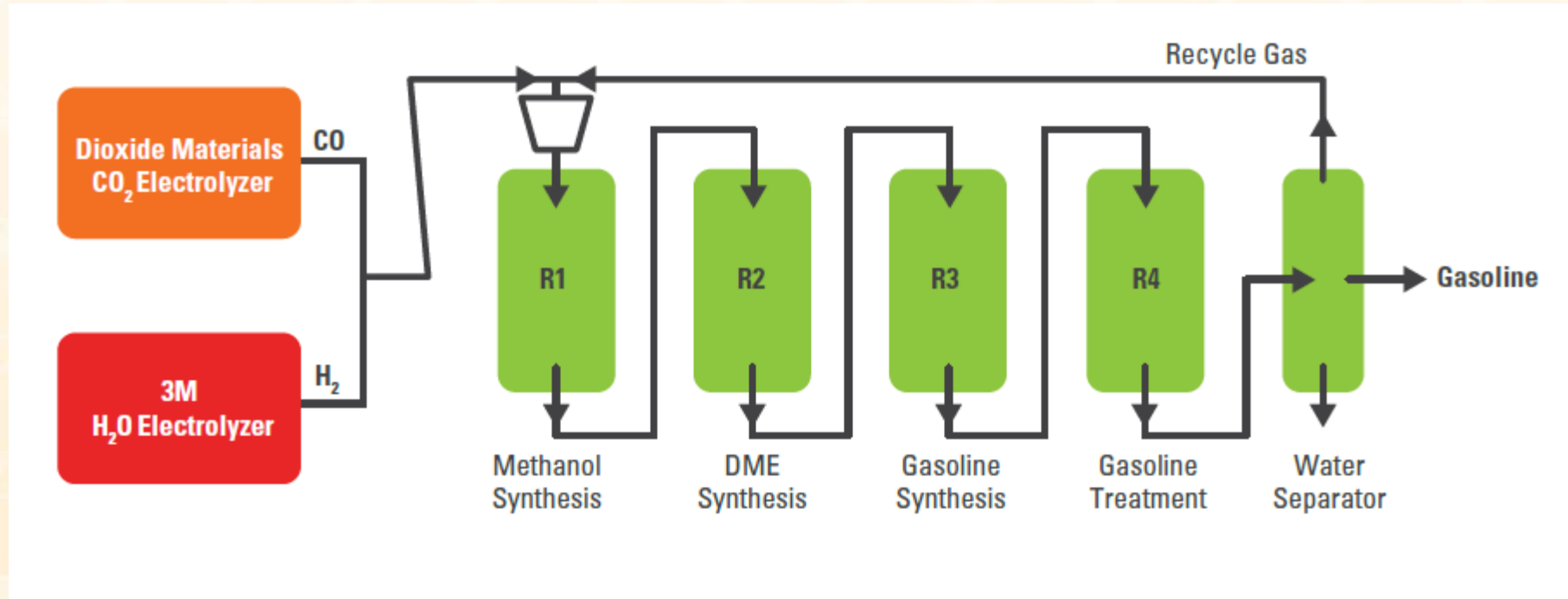
US Production

- Gasoline: 447 million MT of gasoline
 - Need 1.45 Billion MT of CO₂ to make 447 million MT of gasoline
- Diesel: 192 million MT of Diesel
 - Need 0.65 Billion MT of CO₂ to make 192 million MT of Diesel

Abhoyjit Brown, NETL Capture Review, Aug 8, 2016



Objective: Create A System To Convert CO₂ From a Power Plant Into Synthetic Fuels

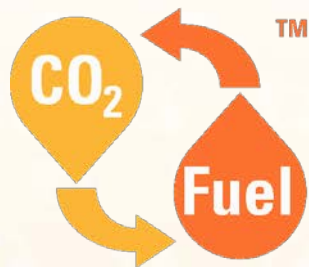


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Background

Our Capabilities



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The CO₂ Recycling CompanyTM

Creating a multi-billion dollar CO₂ Recycling Business



Company Founded 2009 – Started Operations 2010 in Champaign IL
Corporate office relocated to Boca Raton June 2015

Now 16 people – Largely grant funded

Present situation:

*Lab Scale CO₂ Recycling Unit Largely working; doing long term studies of performance, and expect to start pilot plant studies within 12 months.

5 Issued US patents, 2 allowed many pending in US and abroad

Received ~\$14 M – Government funding



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Building Energy Efficient Electrolyzers to Convert CO₂ to Industrial Chemicals (*“renewable hydrocarbons”*)

- Based on paper in Science

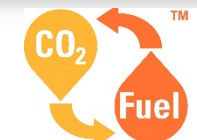
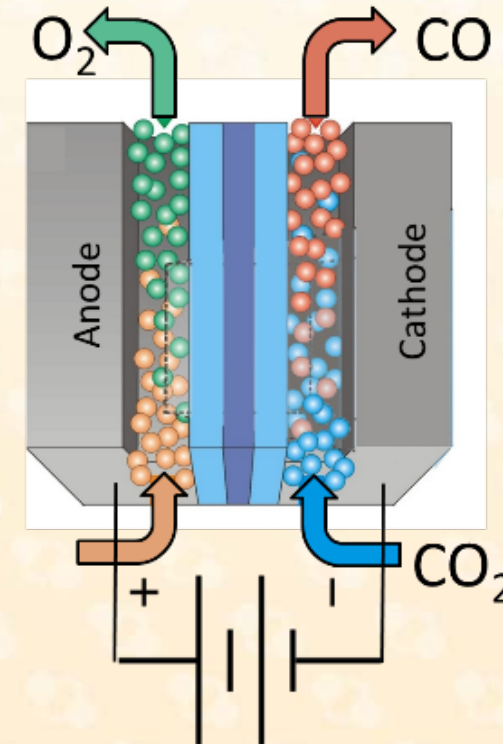


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Ionic Liquid Mediated Selective Conversion of CO₂ to CO at Low Overpotentials

Brian A. Rosen, Amin Salehi-Khojin, Michael R. Thorson, W. Zhu, Devin T. Whipple, Paul J. A. Kenis, Richard I. Masel

- How does it work?
CO₂ converted to CO + O₂ in an electrolyzer
- What is novel about it?
Use combination of metallic and organic catalysts to lower the overpotential by 0.8 V

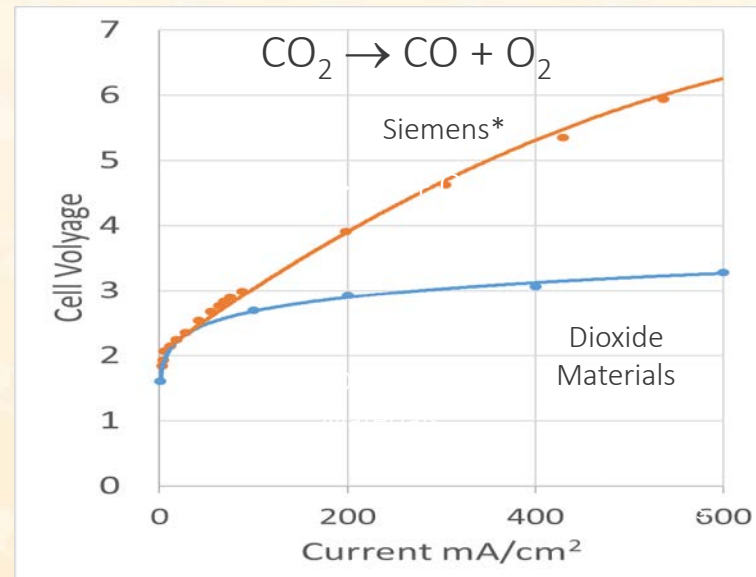
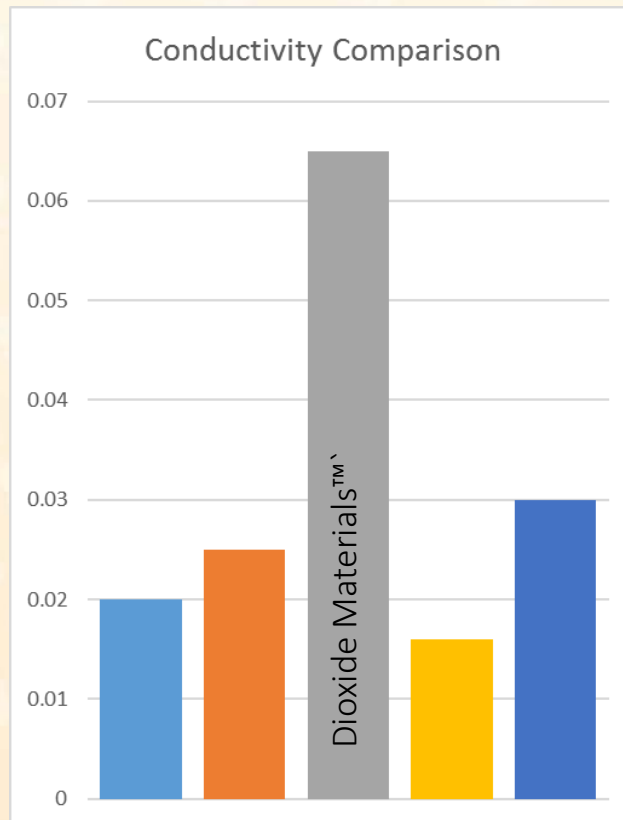


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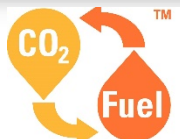
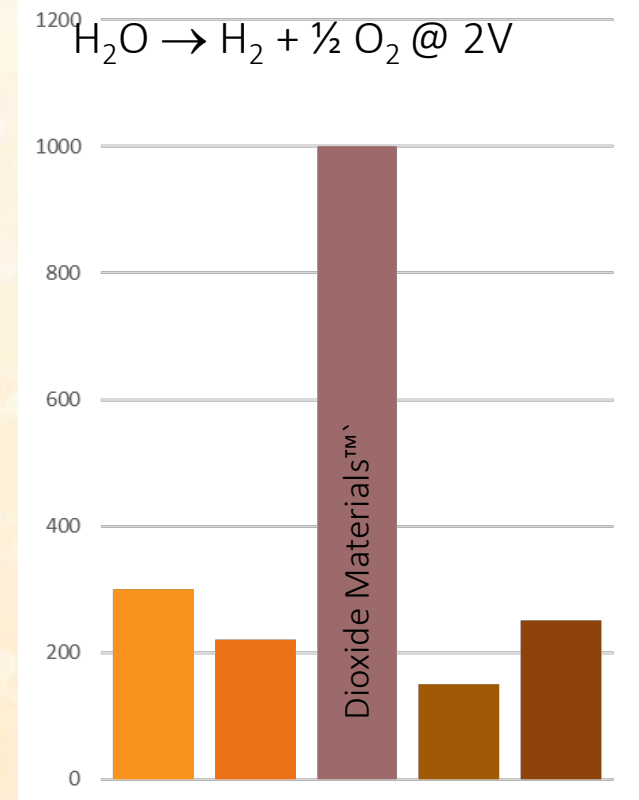
Our Advantages

Better Materials



*G. Schmid, M. Fleischer, K. Wiesner, R. Krause, Electrochemical CO_2 Reduction
http://www.sccer-hae.ch/resources/Talks/08_Krause_Power_to_Value.pdf

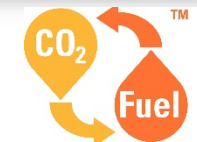
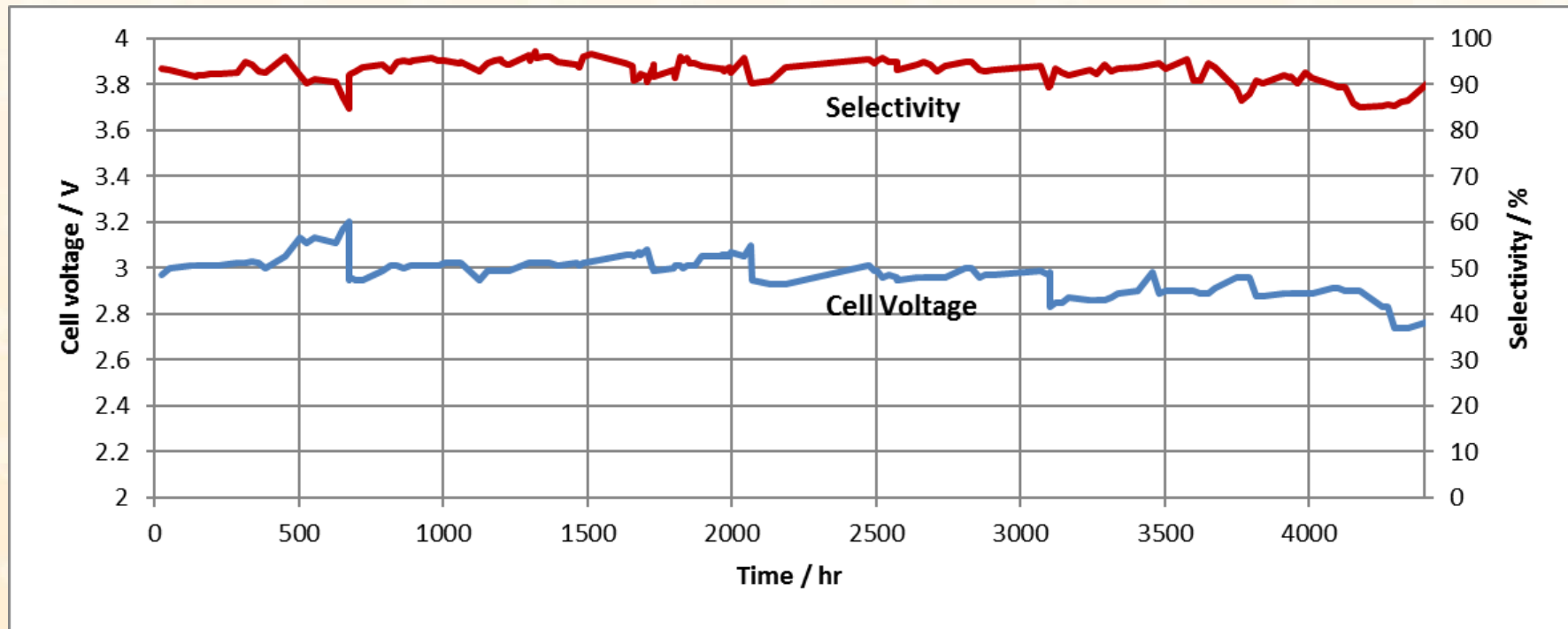
Better Performance



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Stable Long-Term Performance



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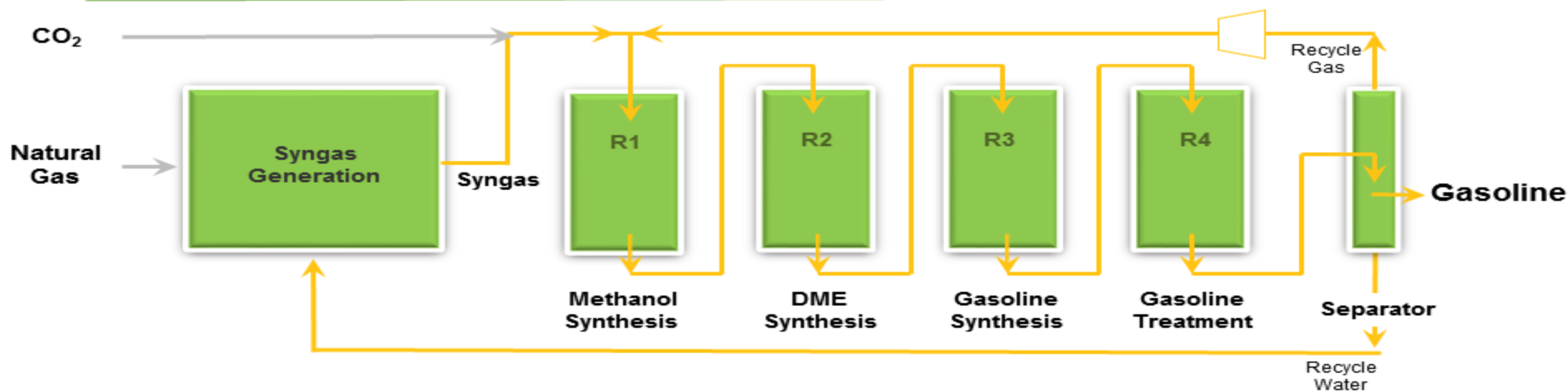
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Gasoline Process in Detail



- Continuous gas-phase process, no intermediate condensations
- Standard fixed-bed catalytic reactors
- Standard catalysts with long lifetimes
- Gasoline meets standard RBOB/CBOB specs

Commercial Demonstration Plant

- Start up: Oct 2013
- Commercial testing for variable gas composition and process optimization
- Scaled-down commercial plant
- >8500 hrs operation
- >99.5% availability

"Primus has constructed a first class demonstration facility that has substantially demonstrated the efficacy of its STG+ technology"

-E3 Consulting, Independent Eng. Report



Standard Commercial Plants

Feed Gas Type	Liquid Product	Feed Gas Flow MMSCF/D*	Feed Gas Flow NM ³ /D*	Production Capacity
Natural Gas	Gasoline	4-5	110,000- 130,000	500 bpd
Natural Gas	Gasoline	17-20	450,000- 540,000	2000 bpd
Syngas	Gasoline	17-20	450,000- 540,000	500 bpd
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Convert 300,000
MT/yr of CO₂

Prin Abbott power plant produces ~320,000 MT CO₂/yr

Next: The SBIR Phase I Program

Objectives Of The Phase I Program

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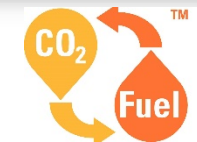
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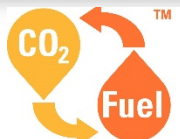
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Other Activities

- Masel met with Linde on 8/29/2016
 - Interested in adding unit to Abbott Power Plant
- Linde visiting 3M 8/31/2016

Summary: Phase I Going well

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