

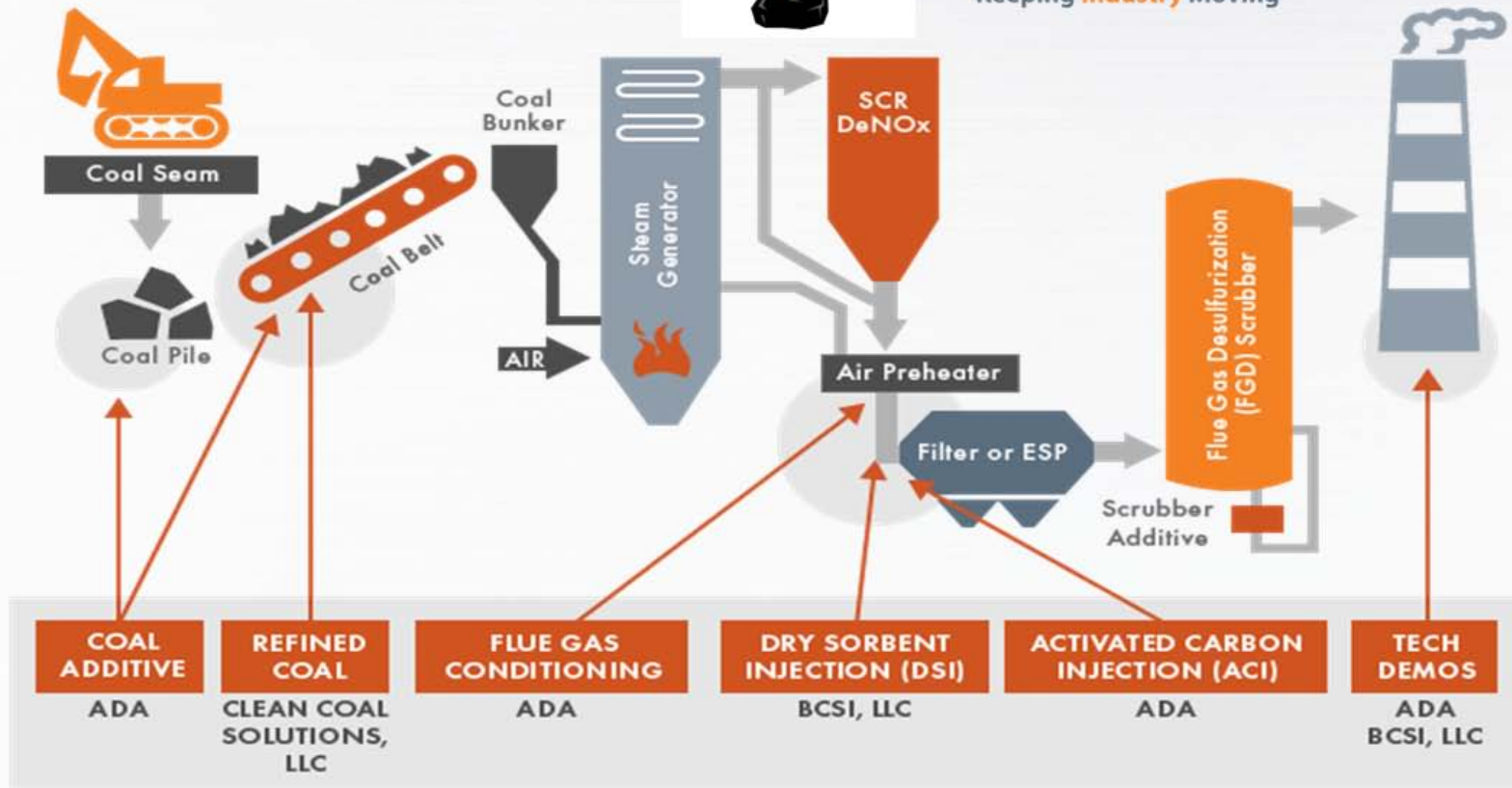


# Evaluation of Solid Sorbents as a Retrofit Technology for CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

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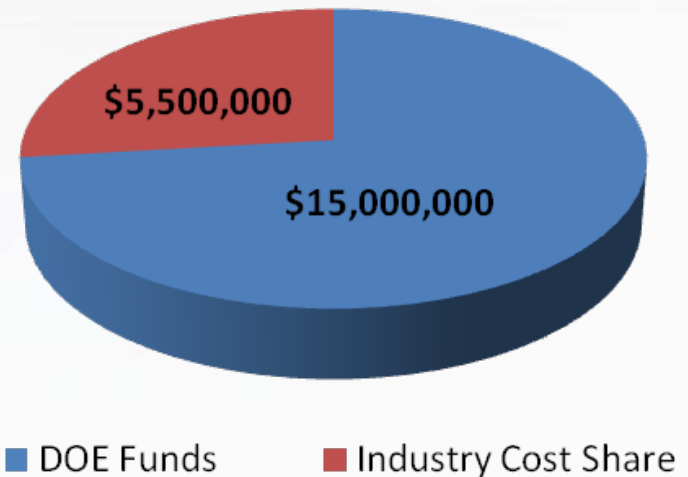
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# Advanced Emissions Solutions, Inc.



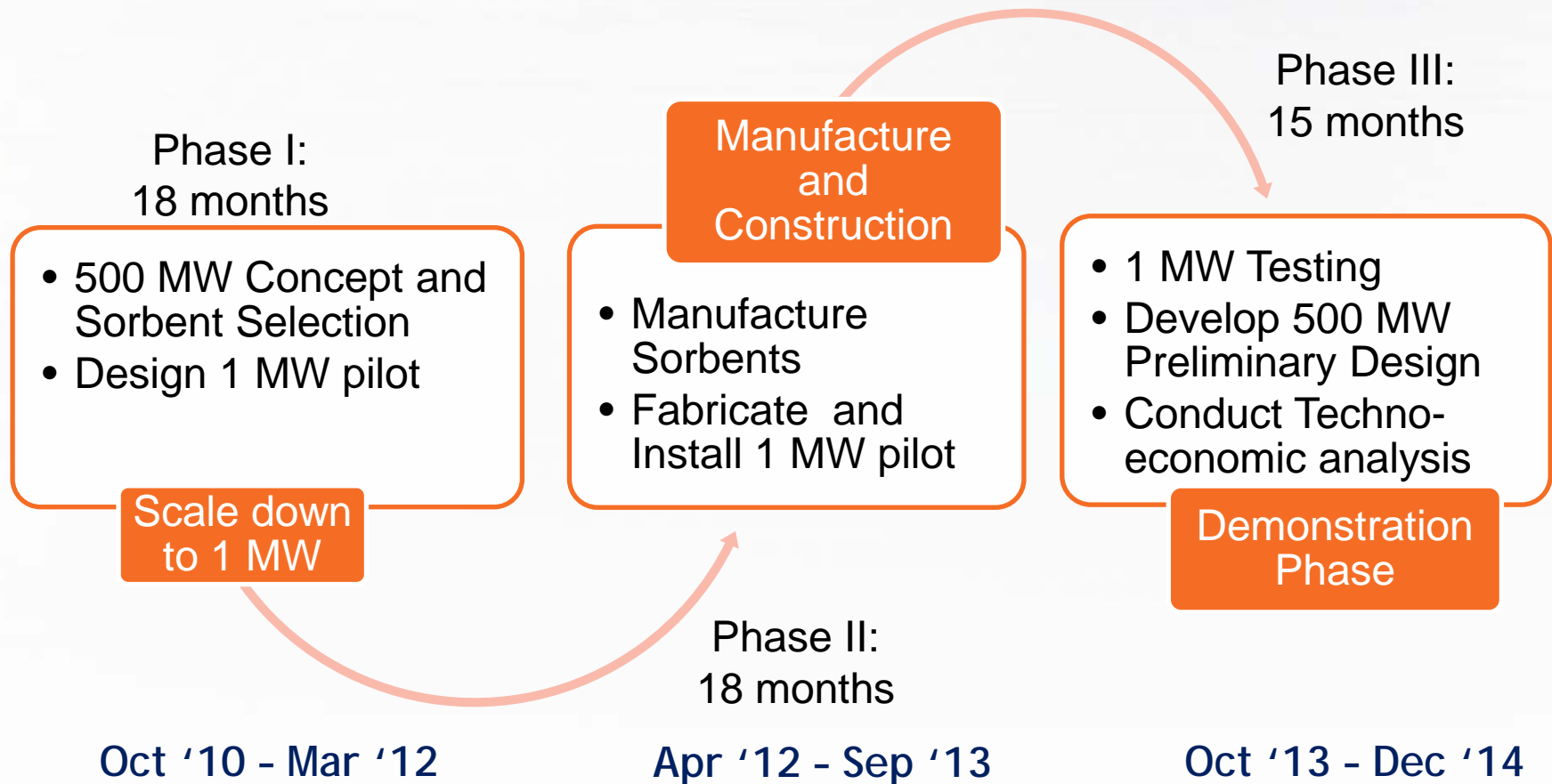
# CO<sub>2</sub> Project Funding and Goals

- ▶ The overall objective of this funding stage is to validate solid sorbent-based post combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture through slipstream pilot testing.
- ▶ Project Goals:
  - Achieve 90% CO<sub>2</sub> Capture
  - Reduce costs of carbon capture  
*Progress towards <35% LCOE Goal*
  - Generate a high purity CO<sub>2</sub> stream
  - Successfully scale sorbents



*Cooperative Agreement (Award No. DEFE0004343)  
 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
 Administered by DOE-NETL: Project Manager Bruce Lani*

# Project Budget Period Overview



# Project Team



- DOE - NETL
  - Project Sponsor
- ADA-ES, Inc.
  - Project Management
  - Developed Process Concept
  - Sorbent Eval & Selection
  - Process Validation Testing
  - Techno-Economic Assessment
- Technip Stone and Webster Process Technology
  - Detailed Engineering Services

*Significant Experience with Fluidized Bed Reactor Design*



- Stantec Consulting, Ltd.
  - Cost Analysis, Plant Integration

*Owners Engineer Perspective*



- McAbee Construction
  - Pilot fab and installation



- EPRI
  - Technical Advisor
  - Cost Share
  - Independent Performance Evaluation and Techno-Economic Assessment



- Southern Company
  - Host Site, Cost Share



- Luminant
  - Cost Share

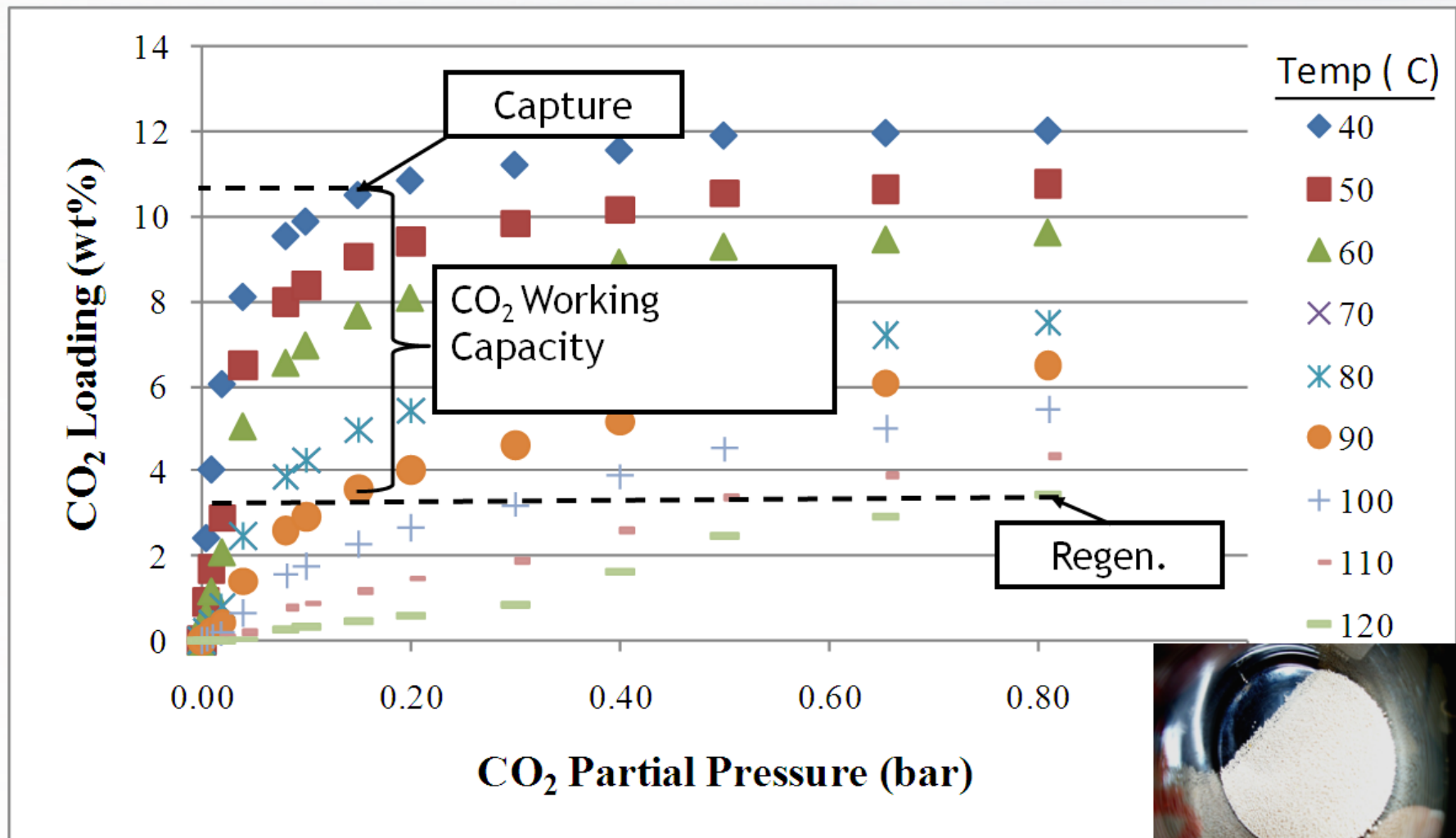


# Fundamentals of Adsorption

- ▶ Solids functionalized with amines react with  $\text{CO}_2$  at “low” temperatures
- ▶ Solids are heated to reverse reaction with  $\text{CO}_2$ 
  - *Temperature swing adsorption (TSA)*



# Sorbent Capacity for CO<sub>2</sub>

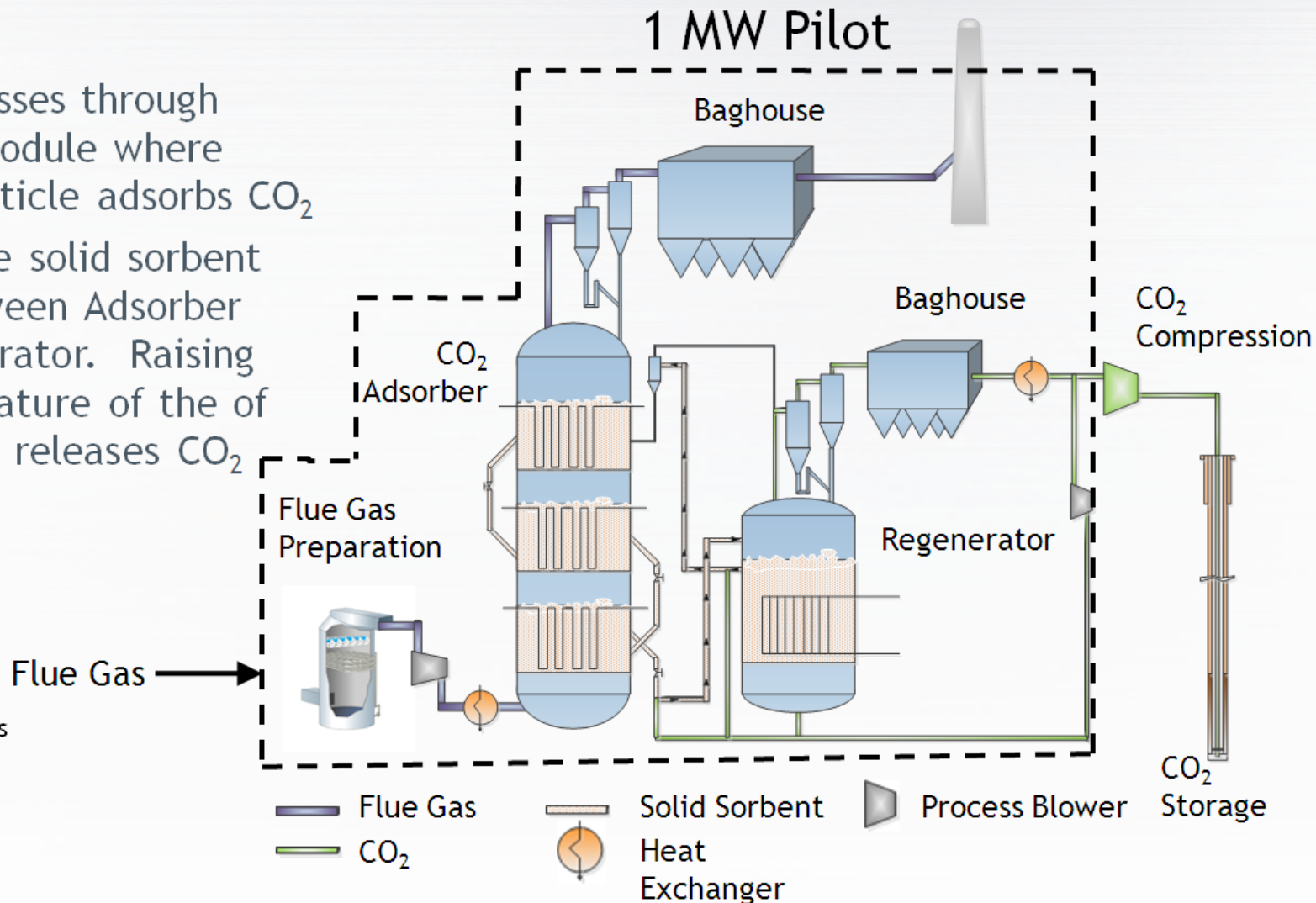


# ADAsorb™ Process Conceptual Design



## Principal

- ▶ Flue gas passes through Adsorber module where sorbent particle adsorbs CO<sub>2</sub>
- ▶ Regenerable solid sorbent cycles between Adsorber and Regenerator. Raising the temperature of the sorbent releases CO<sub>2</sub>





# Advantages of Solid Sorbents

- ▶ Energy Penalty -Sensible heat\* and latent heat of evaporation are lower
- ▶ Non-corrosive - Less expensive materials of construction, no corrosion inhibitors required
- ▶ Low volatility - Reduced emissions of amines
- ▶ Water savings - Less cooling water required, minimal liquid waste, no process makeup requirements
- ▶ Process Flexibility and Operability
  - Can be applied to cycling plant “load following”
  - No risk of foaming or other solvent-related challenges
- ▶ Reactions with  $\text{SO}_2$  may be reversible

*\*Heat recovery developed for liquid systems*

# ADAsorb™ CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Process

## Advantages

- ▶ Heat transfer  
Isothermal operation
- ▶ Mass transfer  
favorable
- ▶ Proven at the  
industrial scale
- ▶ Approaches counter-  
current gas/solids  
contacting

## Challenges

- ▶ Pressure drop
- ▶ Solids circulation
- ▶ Sorbent attrition
- ▶ Water adsorption
- ▶ Heat recovery

# Project Status

BP1

- Detailed characterization of sorbent
- 500 MW concept completed
- Design of 1 MW pilot completed

BP2

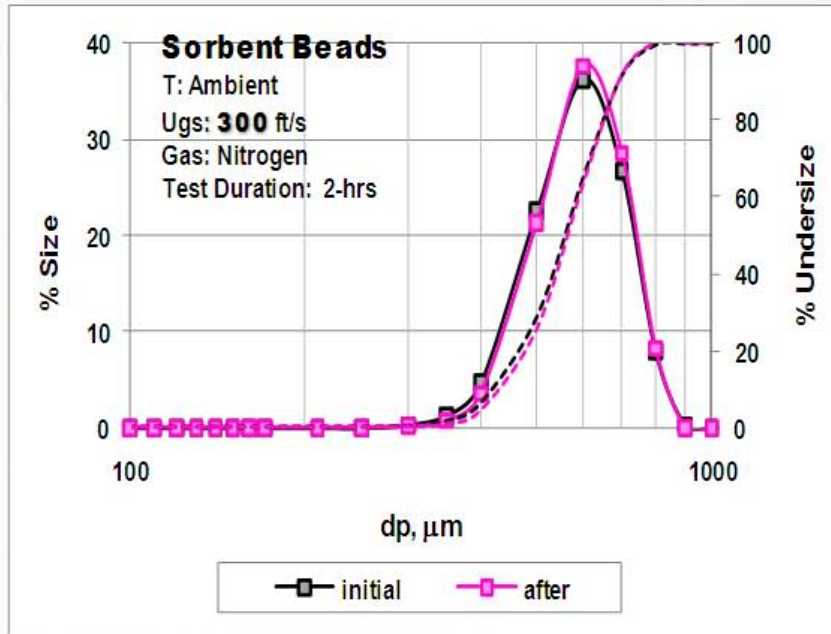
- Sorbent has been manufactured
- Detailed engineering of pilot completed
- Fabrication of pilot is underway

# BP1 Pre-Engineering Activities - Examples

- ▶ CO<sub>2</sub> uptake
- ▶ H<sub>2</sub>O uptake
- ▶ Specific heat capacity
- ▶  $\Delta H_{\text{rxn}}$
- ▶ Cyclic Stability
- ▶ Attrition
- ▶ Heat transfer coefficient
- ▶ Hydrodynamics

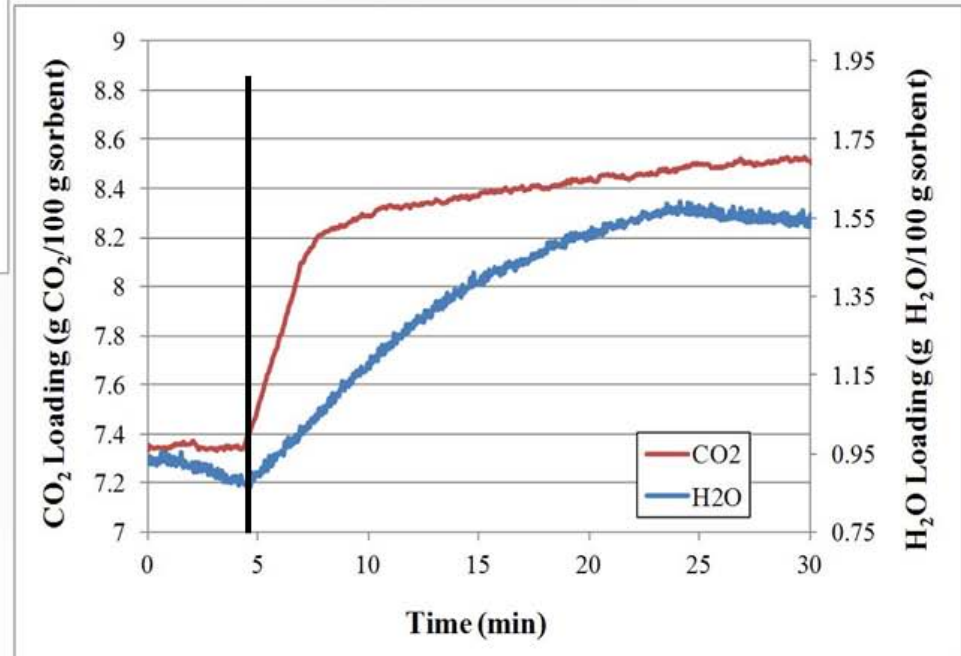


# BP1: Lab Characterization - Results



Attrition Resistant

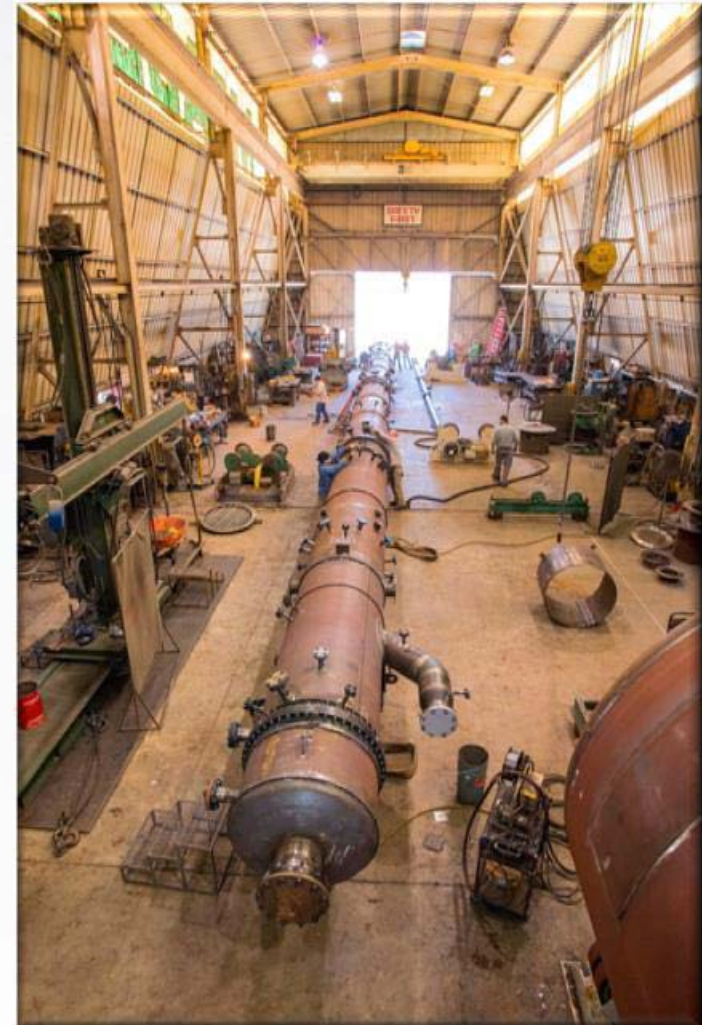
Slow kinetics for H<sub>2</sub>O





# Pilot Construction Activities

- ▶ Pilot designed in “modules”
- ▶ Off-site fabrication





# Construction Status

- ▶ Engineering design complete
- ▶ Major procurement complete
- ▶ Module Fabrication
  - Module Fabrication ~ 50% complete
- ▶ Site Preparation
  - Steam Line 70% complete, foundation work started



# Project Schedule Forecast

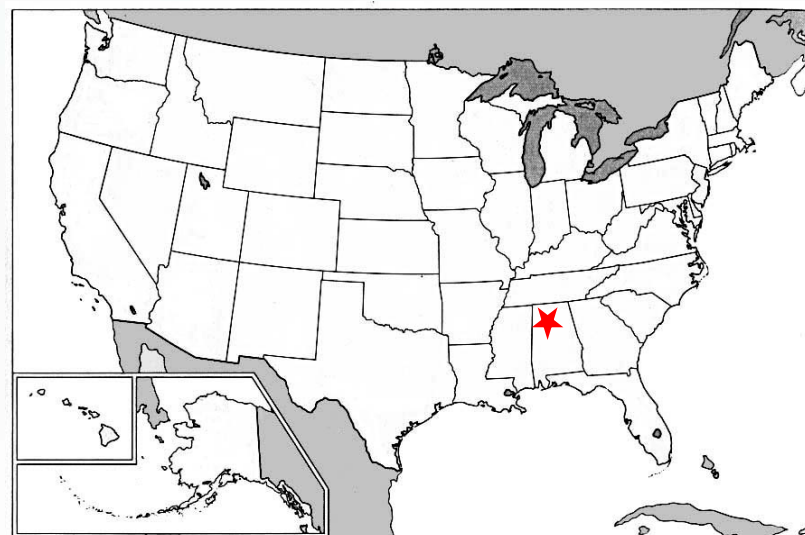
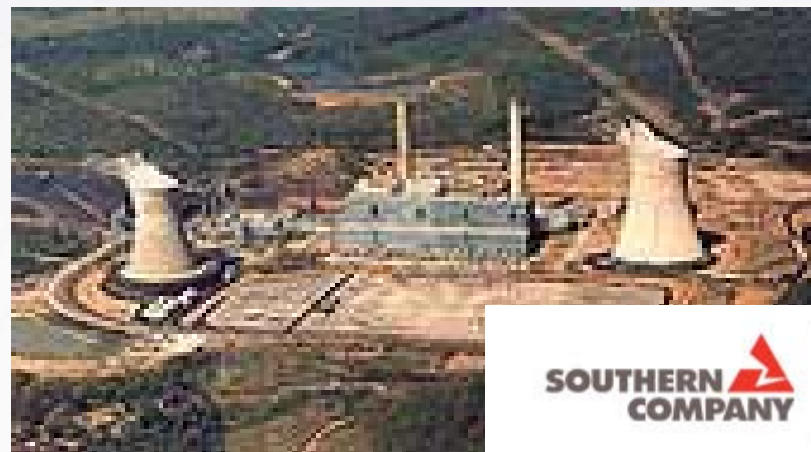
<u>Task</u>	<u>Date</u>
Modules Installed	Sept '13
Substantial Completion of Mechanical and Electrical Installation	Dec '13
Field Testing	2014



# Process Validation Pilot Testing



- ▶ **Host Site:** Southern Company Alabama Power Co. Plant Miller
  - Flagship Plant
  - 4 EGUs ( $\sim 2,640 \text{ MW}_e$ )
  - PRB Coal
  - WFGD
- ▶ Pilot Designed for
  - 90%  $\text{CO}_2$  Capture
  - $\sim 2,100 \text{ lb CO}_2/\text{hr}$
  - Flue Gas Flow Rate  $\sim 3,500 \text{ ACFM}$





# Barge Access Area at Miller



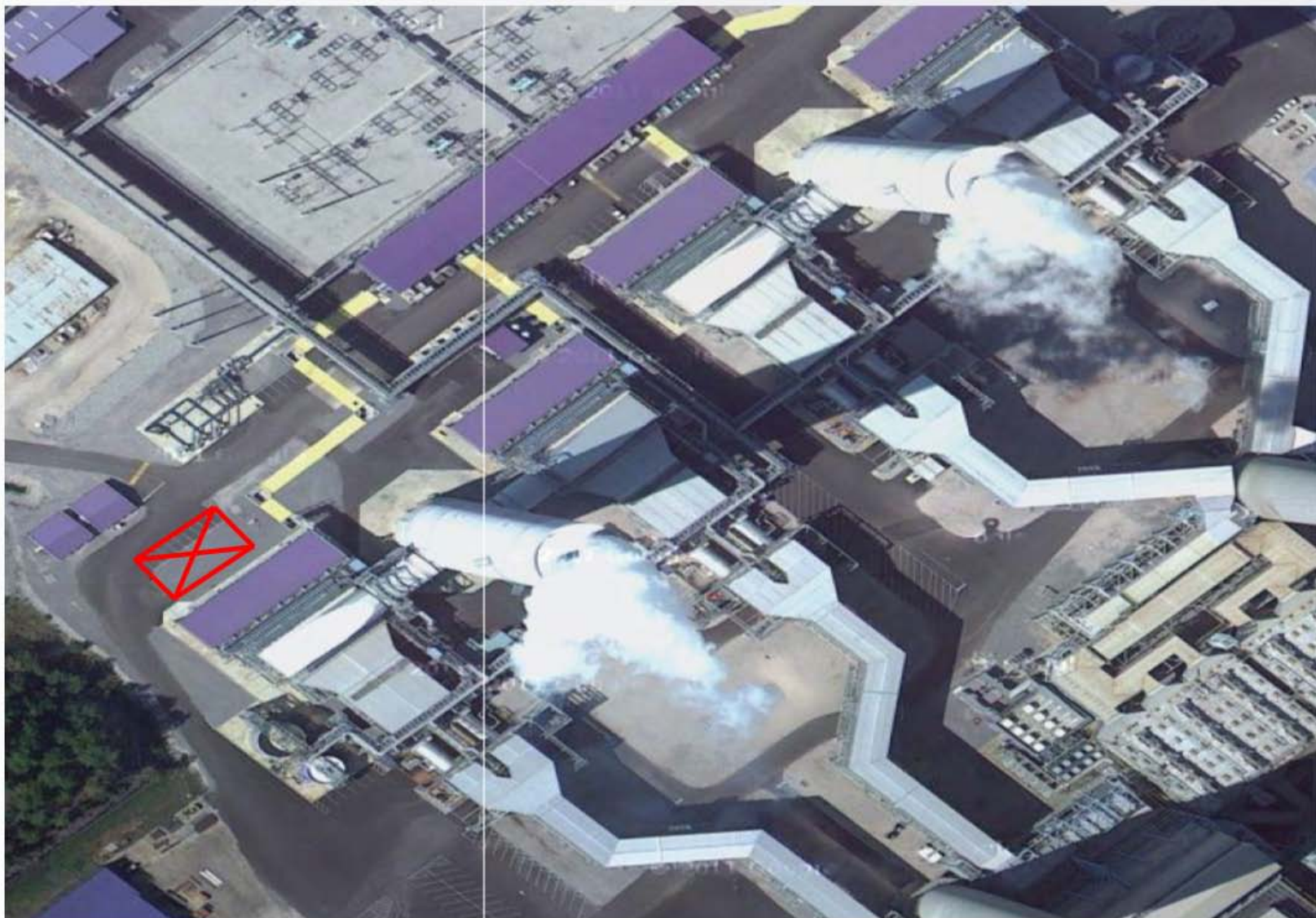


# Module Arrival and Routing



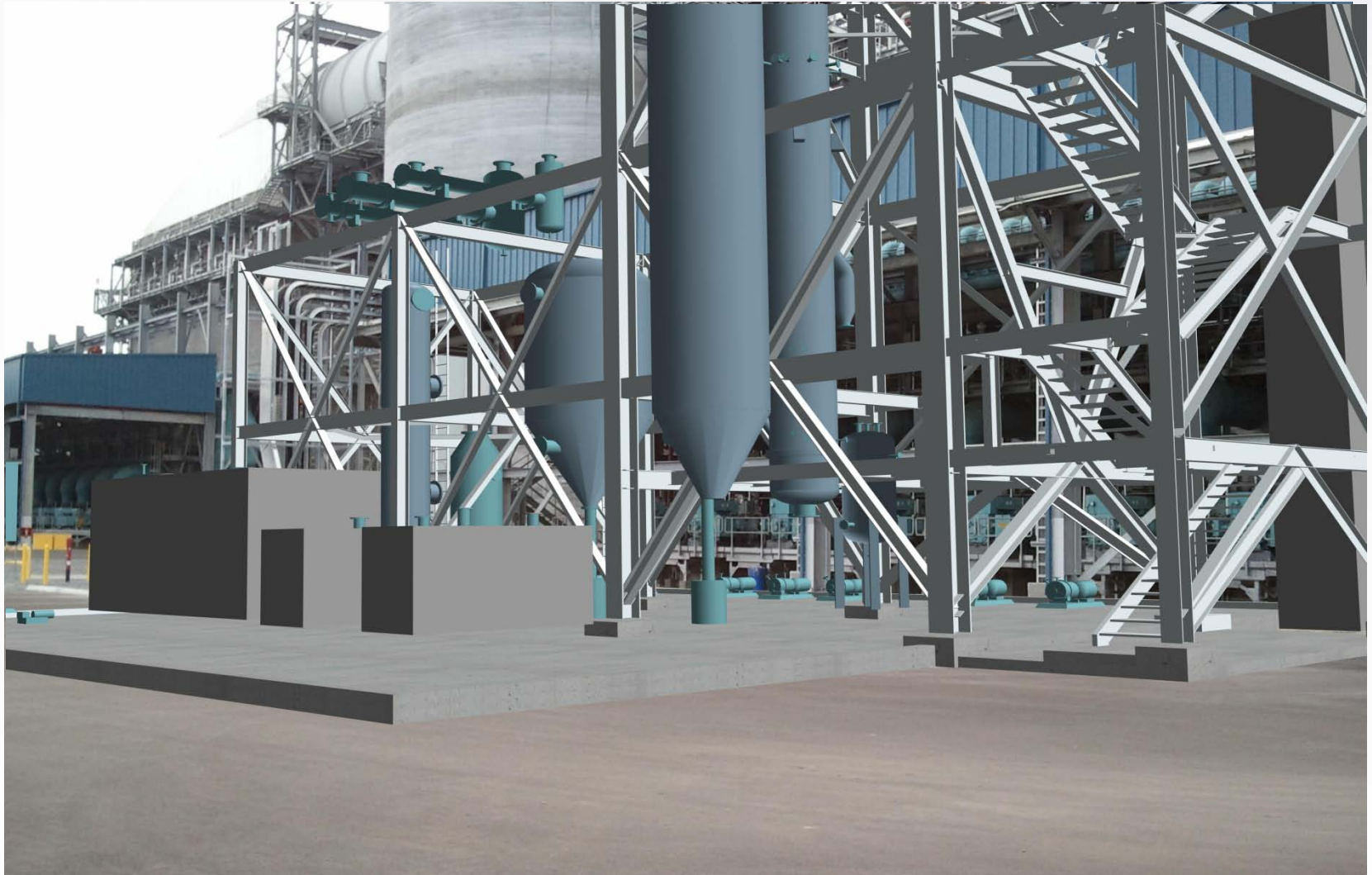


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## Upcoming Activities

- ▶ Complete construction, installation, and start-up of pilot
- ▶ Operate 1 MW<sub>e</sub> pilot continuously for 60 days
- ▶ Use data from 1 MW<sub>e</sub> pilot to update 500 MW design and complete a techno-economic analysis
- ▶ Provide a roadmap of future technology improvements based on sorbents and process

# Key Areas for Improvement

- ▶ Process
  - Heat Recovery
  - Heat Integration
- ▶ Sorbent
  - Fast Kinetics
  - Larger CO<sub>2</sub> Working Capacities
  - Higher Heat Transfer Coefficient
  - Improved Heat Tolerance
  - Lower Specific Heat Capacity
  - Lower Water Uptake
  - Lower Cost (*including replacement*)

- *Use pilot to evaluate process improvements*
- *Use pilot to test advanced sorbents*
- *Scale-up technology*



Questions?

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