



NOVEL FLOW SHEET FOR LOW ENERGY CO₂ CAPTURE ENABLED BY BIOCATALYST DELIVERY SYSTEM

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Participants, Duration, Funding



■ Project awardee and subcontract for TEA:



WorleyParsons
resources & energy

■ Enzyme Supply:



■ Duration: 36 months (Oct 2013 to Sept 2016)

■ Funding:

DOE Funding:	\$ 2,999,560
<u>Akermin Cost share:</u>	<u>\$ 2,066,889 (40.8%)</u>
Total Project:	\$ 5,066,449

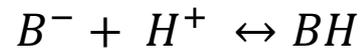
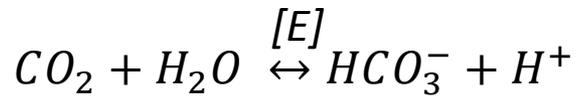
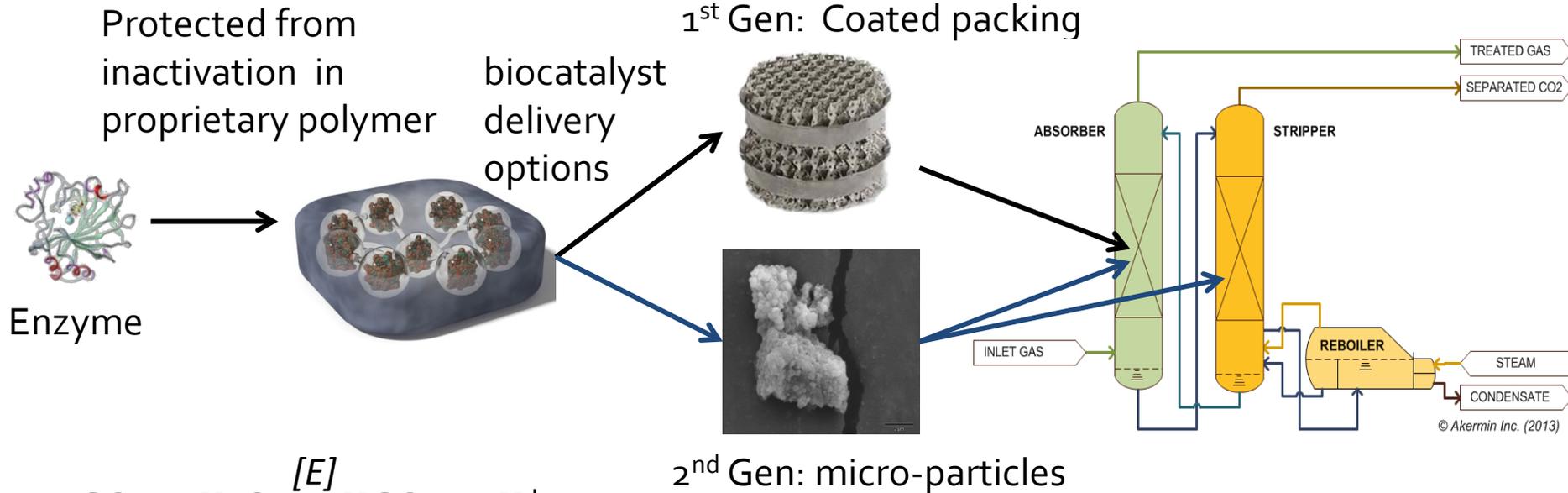
PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Deploy a non-volatile, environmentally benign solvent with double the CO₂ absorption capacity compared to 20% K₂CO₃
 - AKM₂₄
- Demonstrate *on-stream* biocatalyst replacement
- Achieve Techno-Economic Analysis Goals
 - parasitic power: <220-kWh/t CO₂
 - capital costs reduced by >20%
 - cost of capture reduced by >30%
- Complete six-month demonstration at the National Carbon Capture Center (NCCC) using coal combustion flue gas
- Demonstrate progress toward DOE long-term goals

90% CO₂ capture is assumed for all DOE goals

BIOCATALYST DELIVERY SYSTEM

Fundamentals driving the technology



The successful biocatalyst system will:

- Enable non-toxic, non-volatile solvents
- Enable novel low-energy process schemes

Leverages existing solvent and biocatalyst production technologies:
readily scalable for retro-fit and greenfield opportunities

BENCH UNIT AT NCCC

Installed at NCCC December 2012



- Sulzer M500X
- 8.33" ID x 26 ft packing
- Gas: 30 Nm³/hr
- Liquid: 275 LPH

Module Design and Fabrication:



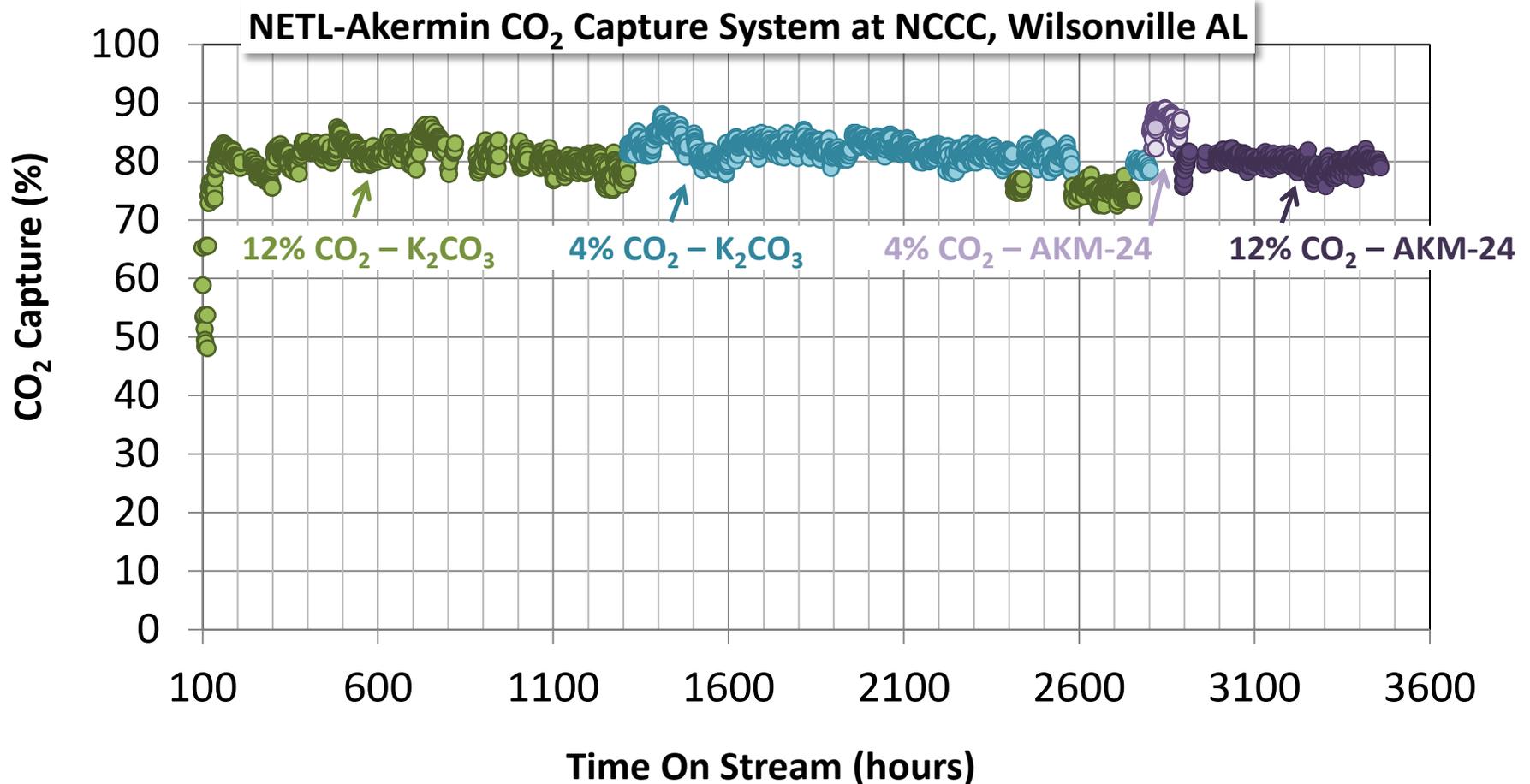
Instrumentation and controls:



- AKM24 solvent w/ Gen-1 Biocatalyst Delivery System (data follows)
- New project will modify existing system to accommodate Gen-2 biocatalyst delivery system, demonstrate on-line biocatalyst make-up

PREV. WORK: K_2CO_3 , AKM-24 AT NCCC, GEN-1 BIOCATALYST

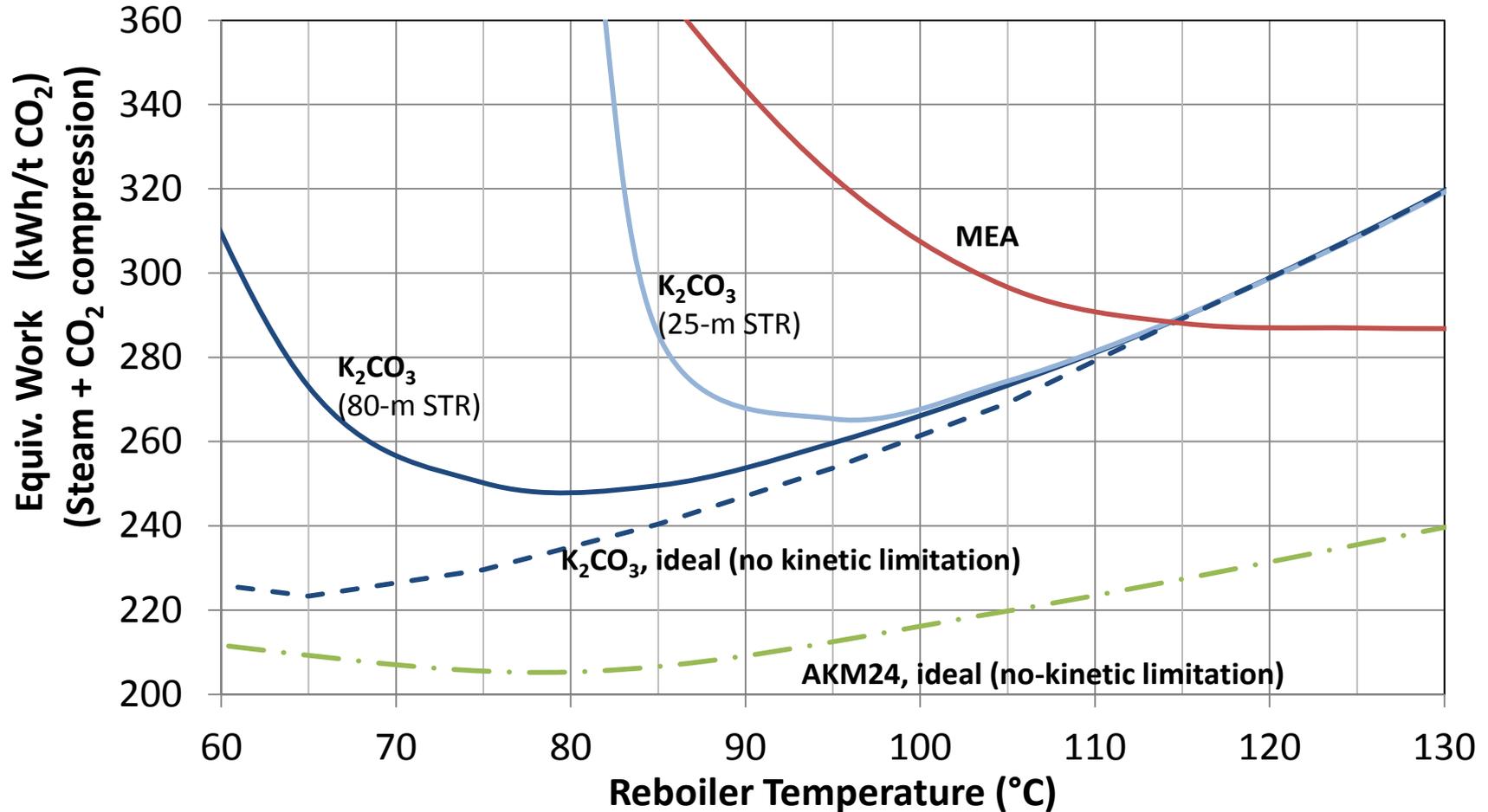
Time on-stream, data at design flow ($31.5 \text{ Nm}^3/\text{hr}$, 275 LPH, $X_{C,Lean} \sim 25\%$)



Startup: 5/7/2013; 11 PM; 3460 Hrs On Stream

PREVIOUS STUDY: EQUIV. WORK (STEAM + COMPRESSION)

30% MEA (~83 kJ/mol), 20% K_2CO_3 (~28 kJ/mol) and AKM24 compared



Our challenge: lower equivalent work by addressing kinetic limitations and by using new solvent

ADVANTAGES OF NEW SYSTEM

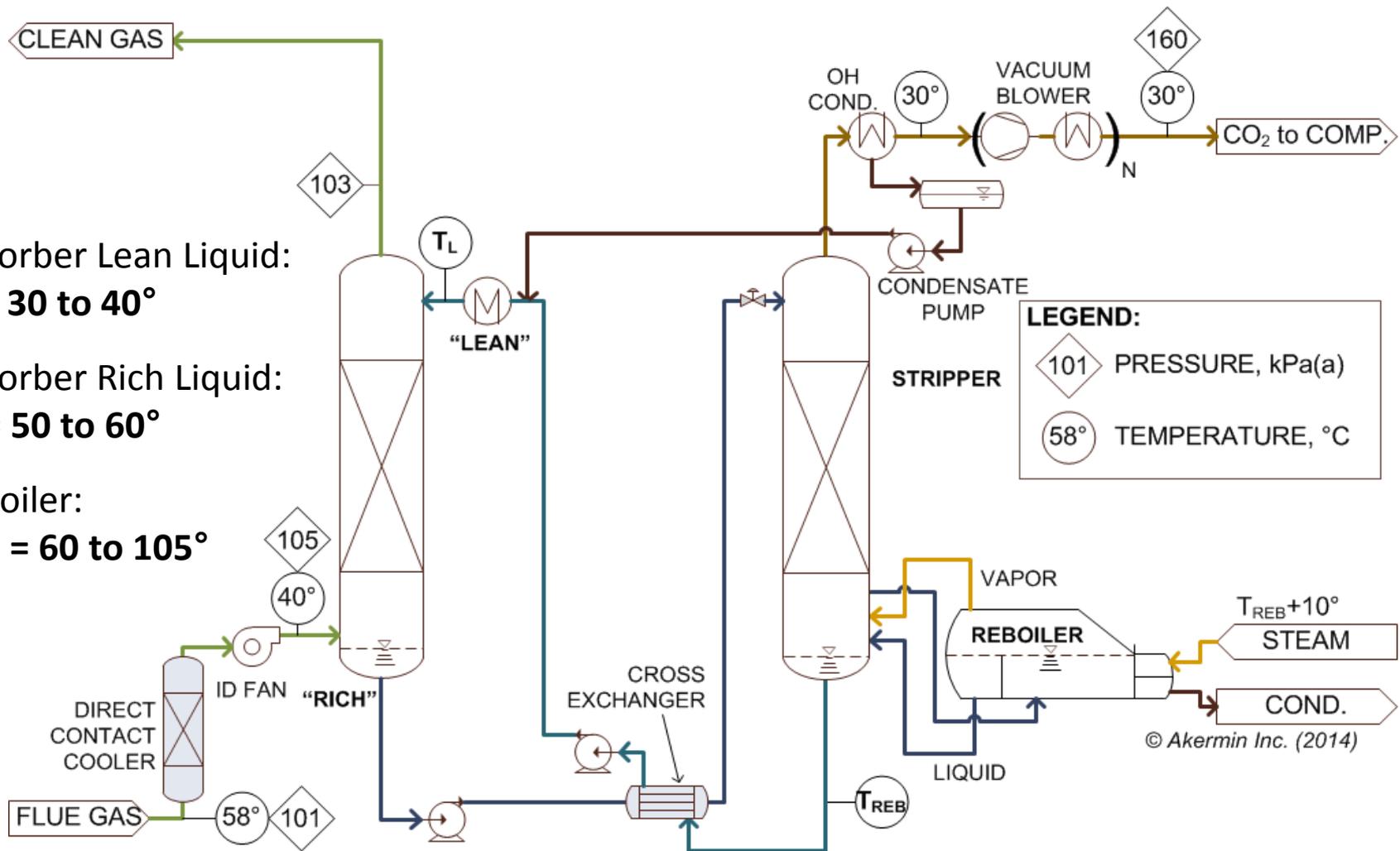
- AKM24 is non-toxic, non-volatile, and higher capacity
- Flow sheet improvements reduce capital equipment costs
- Potential to reduce total equiv. work by 40% cp. to Case-12.2
- Significant potential to reduce cost of capture (>30%)
- 2nd Gen biocatalyst :
 - enables on-stream catalyst management
 - has higher flux potentials, enriched at gas-liquid interface
 - production is lower cost and scalable

PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM

Absorber Lean Liquid:
 $T_L = 30 \text{ to } 40^\circ$

Absorber Rich Liquid:
 $T_R = 50 \text{ to } 60^\circ$

Reboiler:
 $T_{REB} = 60 \text{ to } 105^\circ$

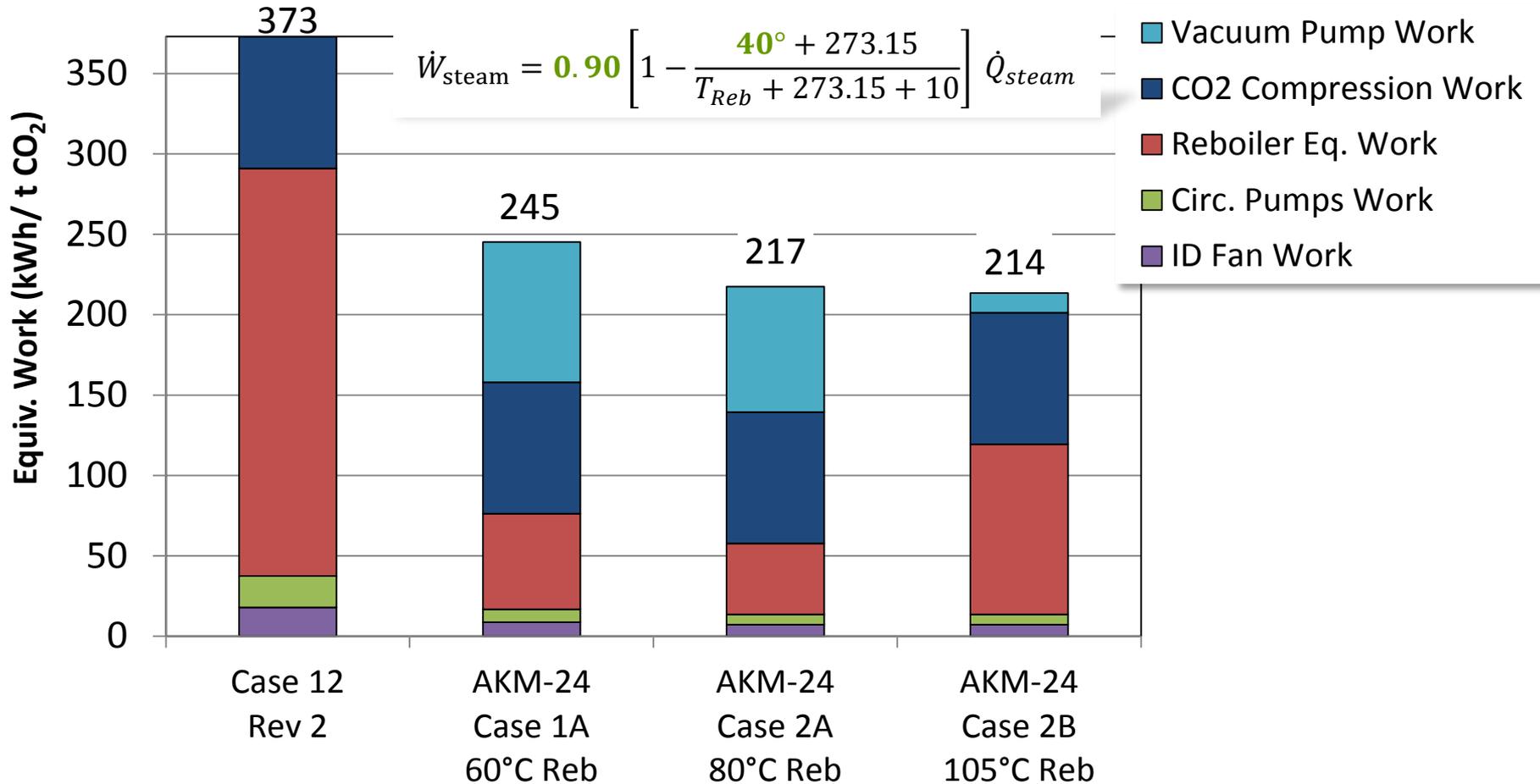


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Optimization to identify conditions that meet total equivalent work goals.

TOTAL EQUIVALENT WORK ESTIMATES

Total equivalent work using Aspen after input of thermodynamic and kinetic data



Modeling identified cases w/ total equivalent work < 220 kWh/t CO₂
>40% reduction relative to baseline (Case 12 , Rev. 2)

TECHNICAL APPROACH

- Task-1: Project management
- Task-2: Optimize biocatalyst
 - Identify critical process parameters, screening tests, analytics
 - Scale-up for laboratory closed loop reactor endurance tests
- Task-3: Optimize process flow sheet
 - Collect thermodynamic, physical property, and rate data as inputs to Aspen
 - Optimize for energy, equivalent work, and capital cost
- Task-4: Preliminary techno-economic analysis (TEA) with WorleyParsons
- Task-5: Engineering of bench unit modifications
- Task-6: Procure bench unit modifications
- Task-7: Operate bench unit at NCCC for up to six months
- Task-8: Complete final TEA with WorleyParsons.

Budget Period-1: Tasks 1-5; 18 Month plan

Budget period-2: Tasks 1, 6-8; planned completion by 9/2016

BP-1 SUCCESS CRITERIA MILESTONES

Budget Period 1 (Key milestone dates are indicated)

- Demonstrate a non-volatile, environmentally benign solution that doubles CO₂ absorption capacity relative to 20% K₂CO₃ 03/2013
- (f) Preliminary modeling shows < 220 kWh/tCO₂ 05/2014
- (g) 100-hrs on-stream, >10X rate enhancement (at 40°C) 10/2014
- (h) 500-hrs on-stream, 90% capture, one catalyst makeup cycle 11/2014
- (i) Submit preliminary Techno Economic Analysis 11/2014
- 20% CAPEX savings relative to NETL-12 demonstrated in TEA 11/2014
- (k) Submit fixed cost proposal for bench unit modifications 02/2015
- Submit and have approved a continuation application for BP-2 03/2015

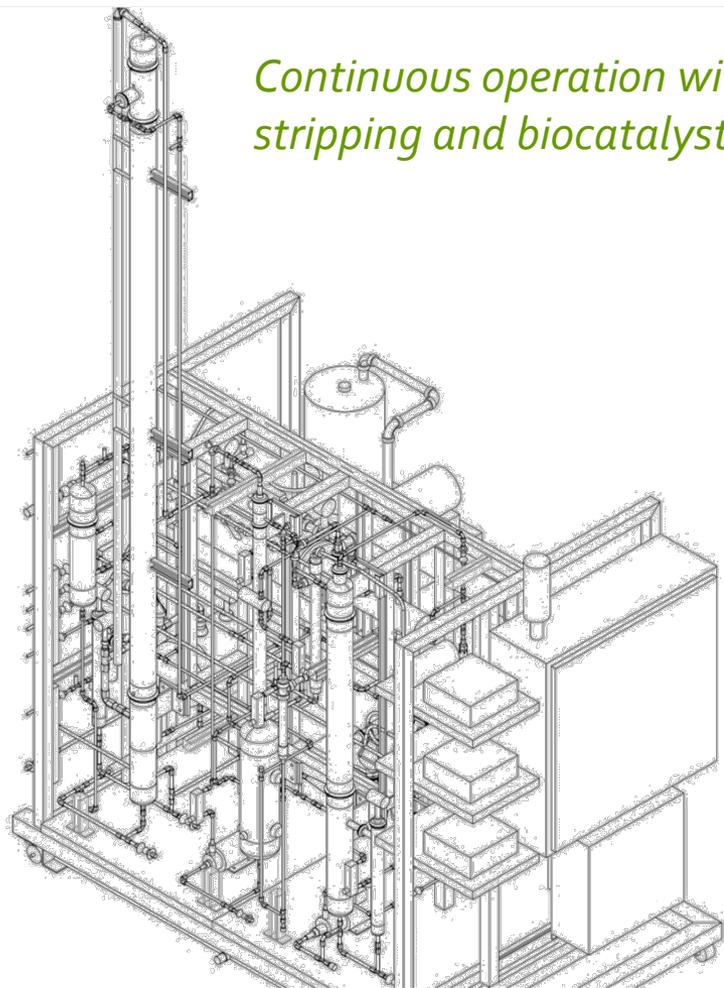
BP-2 SUCCESS CRITERIA MILESTONES

Budget Period 2 (Key milestone referenced where applicable)

- (r) Modified bench unit demonstrates > 2000 hrs on-stream 07/2016
- (s) Submit final Techno Economic Analysis 09/2016
- Final TEA demonstrates > 30% reduction in cost of capture relative to NETL-12, version 2. 09/2016
- Final TEA demonstrates potential to achieve DOE target of 90% capture with <\$40/t CO₂ 09/2016
- (t) Submit EH&S risk assessment 09/2016
- Submit final report 09/2016

UPGRADED LAB-SCALE CLOSED LOOP REACTOR (CLR)

Continuous operation with vacuum stripping and biocatalyst particles



CLR: 3.3-Liter Absorber, 20-Liter Stripper; M500X Packing

CLR Upgrade Milestone completed 5/28/2014

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS TO DATE

- Produced and tested multiple biocatalyst production batches
- Lab-scale closed loop reactor upgrade is complete
- Lab closed loop reactor testing achieved >10X enhancement at 40°C
- Equilibrium and rate data collected for baseline AKM24 for a range of concentrations, temperatures, and CO₂ loadings
- Aspen programmed with equilibrium constants, blank rate parameters, and kinetic model for CA enzyme, validated with enzyme kinetic model with data
- Identified cases with total equivalent work < 220 kWh/t CO₂

FUTURE WORK AND NEXT SCALE ACTIVITIES

Commercial scale Biogas treating unit

- Size: 500 Nm³/hr. biogas
 - (50% of avg. commercial unit)
- \$7 MM, three year project
- 50% funding through EUDP (Danish Energy Agency)
- Schedule:
 - Project Kickoff – Jan 2014
 - Commissioning – May 2015
 - Start Operations – July 2015
- 24 months operation and testing



Upgrading biogas to pipeline specification at industrial scale using innovative biocatalyst solution

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