

Alstom's Chemical Looping Combustion Technology with CO₂ Capture for New and Existing Coal-Fired Power Plants

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Alstom Limestone Chemical Looping Process Key Attributes



- Avoids large investment costs and parasitic power associated with cryogenic air separation units (ASUs),
- Flexibility for coal-based power generation with CO₂ capture from coal via combustion/steam generation or hydrogen production/ GTCC as well as syngas for chemical feedstock,
- Uses abundant, low cost limestone to provide oxygen carrier,
- Builds upon Alstom's proven CFB technology and uses conventional materials and fabrication techniques,
- Techno-economic assessments consistently show Chemical Looping-based power generation systems have the potential for the lowest cost of electricity With CO₂ capture.



Limestone Chemical Looping Combustion (LCL-C[™]) **Commercialization Plan**



Alstom Limestone Chemical Looping Development Project Objectives

- Achieve good LCL-C[™] performance by addressing technology gaps:
 - Solids Management
 - Carbon Capture
 - Sulfur Retention

with

- CFD / Cold Flow Modeling
- Benchscale testing
- Engineered modifications / testing of 3 MWth LCL-C[™] Prototype
- Re-examine techno-economic analysis based on updated test results





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Alstom Limestone Chemical Looping Development Project Summary

• Team

- Herb Andrus, Jr Principle Investigator
- Carl Edberg Co-Principle Investigator
- Total: \$11.1M (\$8.9M DOE / \$2.2M Alstom)





- Phase 1: \$1.25M (\$1M DOE / \$0.2M Alstom); Oct 2012 to Sept 2013
- Phase 2: \$9.9M (\$7.9M DOE / \$2M Alstom); Oct 2014 to Sept 2016
- Funding Sources
 - DOE/NETL
 - Alstom
 - ICCI
 - NDIC





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Alstom Limestone Chemical Looping Development Schedule

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Chemical Looping Fossil fuel Power with CCS at lowest cost



CO₂ capture process in oxy-combustion using solid oxygen carriers rather than an ASU (cryogenic O₂ production), avoiding related cost & energy

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Chemical Looping Power Plant

Product Attributes:

- Lowest Cost option for Coal Power Generation with CCS
- Lowest energy penalty
- Fuel flexible
- Near zero emissions
- Useful solid ash by-product
- Application flexible
 - Coal Power, Syngas, Hydrogen
- Feasible with CFB basis
- Targets:
 - Efficiency <10% CCS penalty vs Plant without CCS
 - LCoE <30% increase
 vs. Plant without CCS
 (stretch target < 20%)
 - CO2 Capture Cost < 25 \$ /ton (stretch target < 15 \$ /ton)</p>







Alstom Chemical Looping Reference Studies

	Refere	ence Plant Studies
Date	Plant Size	Study
2013	550 MWe	Award 9484 Phase 1 (4 Cases Completed) (DOE)
2012	550 MWe	Update of 2003 Study (DOE)
2006	400 MWe	CO ₂ Product Gas (Alstom)
2005	455 MWe	ENCAPco ₂ (EU-FP6)
2003	220 MWe	Green House Gas Control (DOE)



Chemical Looping Based Steam Power Plant with CCS

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Chemical Looping Development Phase 1 - LCL-C[™] Techno-economic Analysis

	Baseline: US DOE SCPC plant, no capture	US DOE Oxy-SCPC plant	Alstom SC Chem Loop Plant, Case 1
Nominal output (net, MW)	550	550	550
Capacity factor (%)	85	85	85
HHV efficiency (% HHV)	39.3	29.3	35.8
CO ₂ capture (%)	0	93	97
CO ₂ emitted rate (lb/MWh)	1210	113	40
EPC overnight cost (\$/kW)	2452	3977	DOE goal: 2795
Cost of Electricity Breakdown			
Fuel (\$/MWh)	25.53	34.25	28.04
Capital (\$/MWh)	38.19	66.23	46.55
O&M fixed (\$/MWh)	9.48	14.24	10.58
O&M variable (\$/MWh)	7.74	9.54	11.53
T&S adder to COE (\$/MWh)	0	8.29	DOE goal: 7.08
1 st yr COE (w/o T&S, \$/MWh)	80.95	124.25	<35% 96.7
LCOE (w/o T&S, \$/MWh)	102.64	157.55	122.62
Fuel cost (\$/MMBtu)	2.94	2.94	2.94
Construction period (yrs)	5	5	5
Operational period (yrs)	30	30	30
% Increase – Levelized COE		53.5	19.5

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Alstom - Chemical Looping Process

Managed Development and Scale-up Steps

We are here, Significant progress made 1st Worldwide to achieve "Auto Thermal Operation"



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Alstom LCL[™] Testing Program Limestone-based Process

- Main objectives:
 - Autothermal operation of 3-MWth prototype in combustion mode – CT, USA
 - Address technical gaps through prototype testing
 - Obtain info to design, build and operate a demo plant
- Achievement:
 - First autothermal operation achieved in July 2012; 40 hrs in May 2013
 - As of Nov 2013, 350+ hrs of operation and 75+ hrs in autothermal mode
 - Relocated 3-MWth pilot
- Next steps:
 - Further develop LCL[™] process in 2015

Largest chemical looping facility in the world, and only one operated in autothermal mode so far

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Alstom Test Facility Relocation

Day Hill Road Campus – Windsor, CT Engineering and R&D











Move to Tobey Road - Bloomfield, CT R&D Test Facilities - Feb 2014

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Chemical Looping Facility – Construction/Relocation Now Ready to Continue Testing



Cut Opening -April 2014



Tower Steel - June 2014





Tower Complete - March 2015



Outside Equipment Complete March 2015 DOE/NETL CO, Capture Technology Meeting - Chamberland 26 June 2015 – P 17



Aerial View of Alstom R&D Test Facilities June 2015



Limestone Chemical Looping (LCL[™]) Development Phase 2 – Prototype Testing - Addressing Gaps

Three Main Areas to Address: Solids Management, Carbon Capture and Sulfur Retention



Prototype (3 MWt)

ID	TECHNICAL GAP	AFFECTS
1	High Solids Loss Rate	operability
2	Main DipLeg Flushing	operability
3	Solids stability	operability
4	Sorbent Activation	operability
5	Sulfur Capture / Loss	operability
6	Low temperatures during some tests	operability
7	Carbon Carryover to Oxidizer	performance

(Additional Gap: Reducer Gas Oxygen Demand – To Be Addressed in Future)

Define Gap / check solution:

Prototype Performance Shortfall Analyze Prototype Data Define Bench Test

find solution:

40-Ft CFM for Solids Transport

► 50-Ft & Bench Test Rig(s) for Chemistry, Conversions, Transport

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LCL-C[™] Prototype Testing Solids Transport Management

Key Issues:

DipLeg Inventory Control - Affects:

- Solids loss thru cyclone
- Carbon conversion

DipLeg Gas Generation - Affects:

- DipLeg solids inventory control
- Solids recycle rate control and stability.
 - Sulfur retention via solid/gas stoichiometry
 - Recycle rate controls Reducer temperature



Solids Management Critical to Operability and Performance

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LCL-C[™] Prototype Testing Test 2 Modifications – Gas Drain System



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Support Testing - Physical Flow Model and **CFD** Modeling



40ft Cold Flow Model •



- ~ 1 million computational particles
- 78,000 cells (discounting null cells) 40 sec real time/day

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Small-Scale Testing and Process Development 100mm Pilot-Scale Test Facility (PSTF)

Map conditions to better understand behavior – single and double loop tests, vary reactor sizes

- Assess effects and optimize key parameters such as reducer and oxidizer stoichiometry and temperatures, reducer steam flow
- Reducer carbon conversion and residence time requirements
- Coal volatile cracking and conversion
- Oxidizer CaS oxidization behavior
- Oxidizer/Reducer sulfur capture and release mechanisms
- Solids flow and circulation behavior
- Behavior of different fuel types
- Evaluate carrier behavior and performance, different limestone types, carrier mixtures and additives

Scheduled to be completed July 2015

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100 mm Dia. 50ft. Riser (Oxidizer or Reducer)



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Alstom Limestone Chemical Looping Summary

- Techno-economic studies continue to indicate that Limestone Chemical Looping technology has the potential for lowest cost coal-based power generation with CO₂ capture.
- Alstom been developing chemical looping technologies for more than a decade:

Significant knowledge and understanding has been developed through comprehensive testing, modeling and engineering studies.

- Autothermal operation has been achieved at the 3 MW_{th} scale confirming chemical looping reactions and performance potential.
- Development gaps have been identified and comprehensive programs established to address them.
- Alstom is on track with its commercialization roadmap and is pursuing development of large pilot project.

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