

Breakthrough Hybrid CTL Process Integrating Advanced Technologies for Coal Gasification, NG Partial Oxidation, Warm Syngas Cleanup and Syngas-to-Jet Fuel

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#### Overview

Breakthrough hybrid coal-to-liquids process integrating several emerging technologies and adapting some commercially available technologies to produce cost-competitive jet fuel.



## **Current Effort Objectives**

- 1. Advance the constituent technologies of the hybrid process to TRL 5-7:
  - Demonstrate integrated operation of AR\GTI's gasifier and POX units with RTI's STL process at pilot-scale (~1 bbl/day).
  - Demonstrate the jet-fuel intermediate generated during this integrated pilot-scale test is suitable for upgrading into jet-fuel using commercial refinery processes.
- 2. Demonstrate the feasibility of the proposed hybrid process to produce cost competitive jet fuel and lower GHG emissions.
- 3. Develop a commercialization plan for commercial deployment within the next 5 to 15 years.

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#### Compact Gasification System

- 90% reduction in gasifier volume
- Cold gas efficiency improvements
  - 7% 10% versus water slurry feeders
  - 2% 4% versus dry feed systems
- Gasifier surface temperatures of 1000°F
  - >2 year life injectors (< 4 months GE injectors)
  - >10 year life cooling liner (1-3 year for refractory)
- Dry ash recovery eliminates black water collection system and waste water treatment requirements.
- >15% lower cost of electricity for IGGC
- >25% lower cost for hydrogen

#### PWR's Dry Solid Pump

- 32 GWh/y reduction in lock hopper power requirements (3000 tpd plant)
- Demonstrated performance with both coal and coal/biomass mixtures



# Aerojet Rocketdyne\GTI Partial Oxidation Unit



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- Developed with a focus on distributed gas-to-liquid production (~1,000 BPD)
- 80 hours of pilot scale (~450 MSCF/day NG feed) POX unit testing was performed in 2013
  - Validated performance and design approach
  - Demonstrated the ability to directly yield syngas with H<sub>2</sub>:CO molar ratios near 2.0
  - Potential to eliminate the need for downstream watergas-shift reactors
- Designed and fabricated a prototype POX unit
  - Incorporating burner element and cooled liner designs
  - Support testing of the POX unit with natural gas using either oxygen or air.
  - Designed to enable recycle of byproduct and/or wastewater streams to the unit
- POX technology offers the potential to reduce GTL plant capital cost by 10-15%.



# RTI Warm Syngas Cleanup Technology Platform



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#### RTI PILOT PLANT TEST UNITS AT EASTMAN COAL GASIFICATION PLANT



- Enhance overall process efficiency <u>and</u> lower costs by operating at temperatures of 250°C to 600°C with small footprints!
- Pressure independent
- Effective for all forms of sulfur
- Fully compatible with conventional and warm CO<sub>2</sub> capture

- Flexible modular approach meets:
  - New EPA electric power generation specifications
  - Industrial production specifications
- Systems tested on actual coal-based syngas
- 50-MWe demo project with carbon capture at Tampa Electric's Polk 1 IGCC site

# Syngas-to-Liquids System



### Syngas-to-Liquids System

RTI is developing an STL process with the following features:

- Produces a targeted narrow carbon range distribution of fuel products
- Achieves heat management through reduced reactant partial pressure
- Utilizes commercial and emerging F-T catalyst compositions

Single pass CO conversion efficiencies of over 60% with selectivity to  $C_8$ - $C_{18}$  liquid products of 65% have been achieved.



#### 1BPD Pilot-Scale STL System



System to demonstrate STL technology with relevant syngas from gasifer and POX systems.

# 1 BPD Pilot Plant Testing with Syngas at GTI



# Axens Hydroprocessing Technology



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Axens' technologies have been developed to ensure:

- Minimum production costs by careful balancing of the hydrotreatment reaction pathway (hydro-isomerization vs hydro-cracking).
- Minimum impact of CO/CO<sub>2</sub> inhibition
- Fine tuning of product cold flow properties
- Superior fuel stability in operation

	←→	Diesel
120	Gasoline	Melting Point (°C)
100 ឆ្នំ 80		→ +28°C → +18°C
		- 6°C -23°C
		-78°C
0	8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 Carbon number	-70°C
	■ N-paraffins ● Iso-paraffins Hydro-c	Hydro- isom

Property	Typical Vegan Jet Product		
Density, kg/m3	766		
D86 T10, ºC	169		
D86 FBP °C	272		
Freezing point °C	-57		
Flash point °C	68		

### Cost-Competitive Production of Coal-Derived Jet Fuel

	BRW00	Case A: Advanced CTL (no POX)	Case B: Integrated CTL – Co-Fired Coal and Natural Gas	Case C: Integrated CTL with Natural Gas POX (oxygen)	Case D: Integrated CTL with Natural Gas POX (air)
Total Owners Cost \$/bpd	\$135,640	\$97,432	\$90,602	\$88,939	\$89,230
Capital Charge <sup>1</sup> \$/bbl	\$70.00	\$50.28	\$46.76	\$45.90	\$46.05
O&M \$/bbl	\$44.50	\$35.86	\$38.66	\$38.29	\$38.36
Plant Gate Fuel Cost \$/bbl	\$114.50	\$86.14	\$85.42	\$84.19	\$84.41
Cost of Oil Equivalent \$/bbl	\$95.40	\$69.46	\$68.88	\$67.90	\$68.07

The hybrid CTL process provides potential savings for both capital and operational costs that can remain cost-competitive with petroleum-based jet fuel and when crude oil prices are at or above \$70/bbl.

#### Commercial Production of Coal-Derived Jet Fuel with Low GHG Emissions

Reduction in total generated CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of coal in the total feedstock calculated using AR's coal gasifier and partial oxidation technologies



At a 51% coal, 49% natural gas split, only 60.5% (vs. 84% for conventional CTL) of the non-fuel-bound carbon is required to be captured in order to meet EISA 2007 §526 requirements for our hybrid CTL process.

## Key Technology Status



- Leverages ongoing parallel activities in other DOE and commercialization projects on many of the technology components
- Furthers the TRLs of the less mature STL and partial oxidation technologies

All of the key technologies should be ready for integrated hybrid CTL demonstration testing, and within 3-5 years of full commercial readiness, by project end.

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