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# Enabling Technologies for Oxy-fired Pressurized Fluidized Bed Combustor Development

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# Enabling Technologies for Oxy-PFBC Development Overview

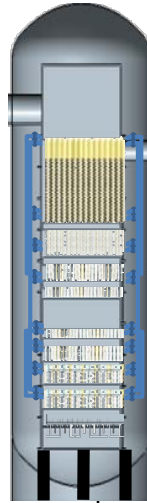
## Description and Impacts

### Program Description

- Demonstrate technologies at pilot scale that will improve Oxy-PFBC economics and reduce scale-up risk
- Budget: \$2.6M (\$2.0M DOE funding)

### Impacts

- Supports path to exceed DOE's cost goal of \$106.4/MWh
- CO<sub>2</sub> and improved gas cleanup technologies improve Oxy-PFBC COE from \$107 to \$82/MWh
- Closes key technology gaps and validates at pilot scale



## Team Members and Roles

- **GTI (Gas Technology Institute)** – Lead, PFBC technology
- **Linde, LLC** – Isothermal DeOxo Reactor technology and integration with SCO<sub>2</sub> cycle
- **CanmetENERGY**– Pilot plant test facility and test support
- **CCPC (Canadian Clean Power Coalition)** – Funding for Canadian feedstock testing

## Technology Objectives

- **Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> (SCO<sub>2</sub>) Heat Exchanger** – Quantify SCO<sub>2</sub> heat transfer coefficients and pressure drop in an Oxy-PFBC environment to anchor design rules for scale-up
- **Staged Coal Combustion** – Develop design rules for injector placement for robust operation that maintains an oxidizing environment and avoids slagging
- **Isothermal Deoxidation Reactor (IDR)** – Define operational limits on flue gas O<sub>2</sub> concentration for an isothermal catalyst bed and demonstrate heat recovery

## Schedule

	9/3/2015 - 9/2/2016	9/3/2016 - 9/2/2017	
Tasks	Year 1	Year 2	
<b>Program Management</b>	[Gantt bar spanning Year 1 and Year 2]		Final Report
<b>Component Development</b>			
In-bed SCO <sub>2</sub> HEX	[Gantt bar]	[Gantt bar]	Fab complete
Staged coal combustion	[Gantt bar]	[Gantt bar]	Install
Isothermal DeOxo Reactor	[Gantt bar]	[Gantt bar]	Install
<b>Pilot Test</b>			
Testing	[Gantt bar]	[Gantt bar]	Test Plan Complete
Canadian Feedstock Testing	[Gantt bar]	[Gantt bar]	Pilot Testing Complete
Oxy-PFBC Ph. II Testing (for reference)	[Dashed Gantt bar]		CCPC Testing Complete

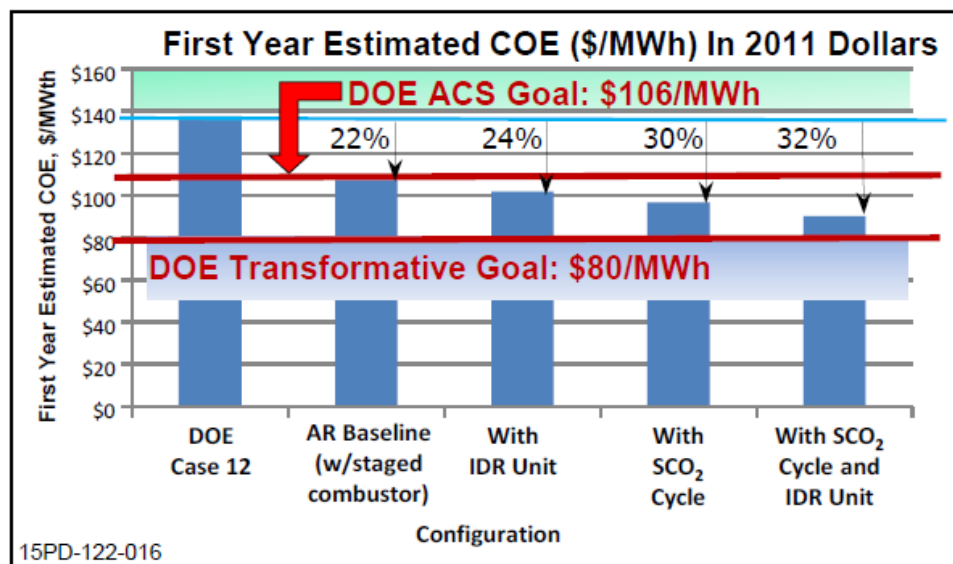
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# Project Background and Benefits

- GTI (formerly Aerojet Rocketdyne, Advanced Energy group) has ongoing efforts in Oxy-PFBC and Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Brayton cycle technologies
  - This effort is the first to test the two technologies together
  - The payoff is expected to be significant reductions in the cost of electricity (COE) for systems with CO<sub>2</sub> capture
- Linde provides an improved gas cleanup system to further improve performance



**Projected performance exceeds the DOE Advanced Combustion Goal and approaches the DOE Transformative Goal**

# Oxy-PFBC Technology Overview

## INNOVATION

- High power density reactor for coal-fired plants with CO<sub>2</sub> capture
  - In-bed heat exchanger for ultra-compact combustor
  - Elutriated flow removes ash and sulfur prior to CO<sub>2</sub> recycle
  - 1/3 the size and half the cost of traditional boiler

## BENEFITS

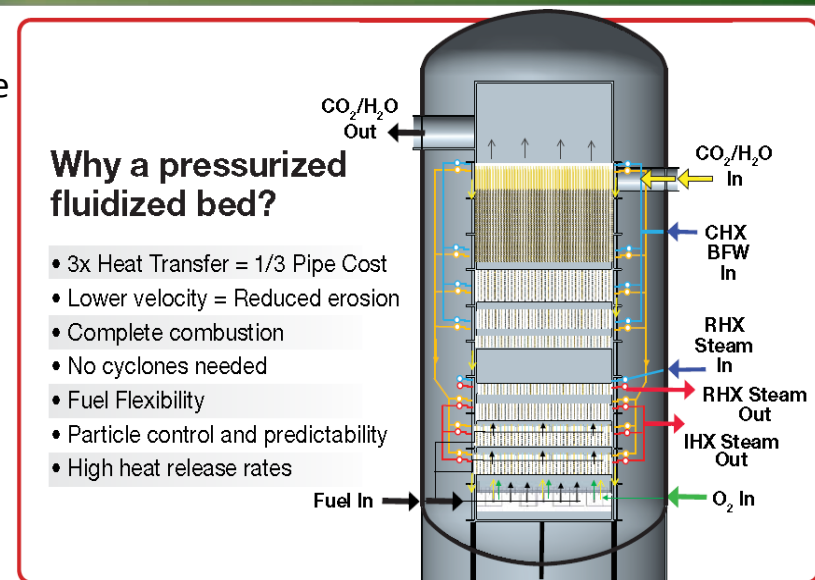
- Produces affordable electric power with near zero emissions
- Produces steam for heavy oil recovery using low value feedstock (petcoke, coal, biomass)
- Produces pure CO<sub>2</sub> for Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)

## MARKETS

- Electric power generation with CO<sub>2</sub> capture and CHP
- Heavy oil production (once-through steam)
- Light oil production (CO<sub>2</sub> floods)

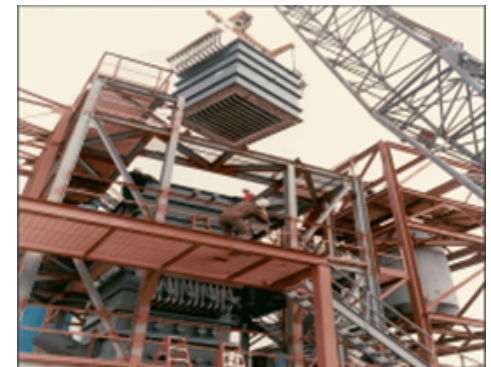
## STATUS

- Long-life, in-bed heat exchangers demonstrated in 1980s
- Two active DOE contracts
- Next step: TRL 6 by Spring 2017 with Pilot scale (1 MWth) testing

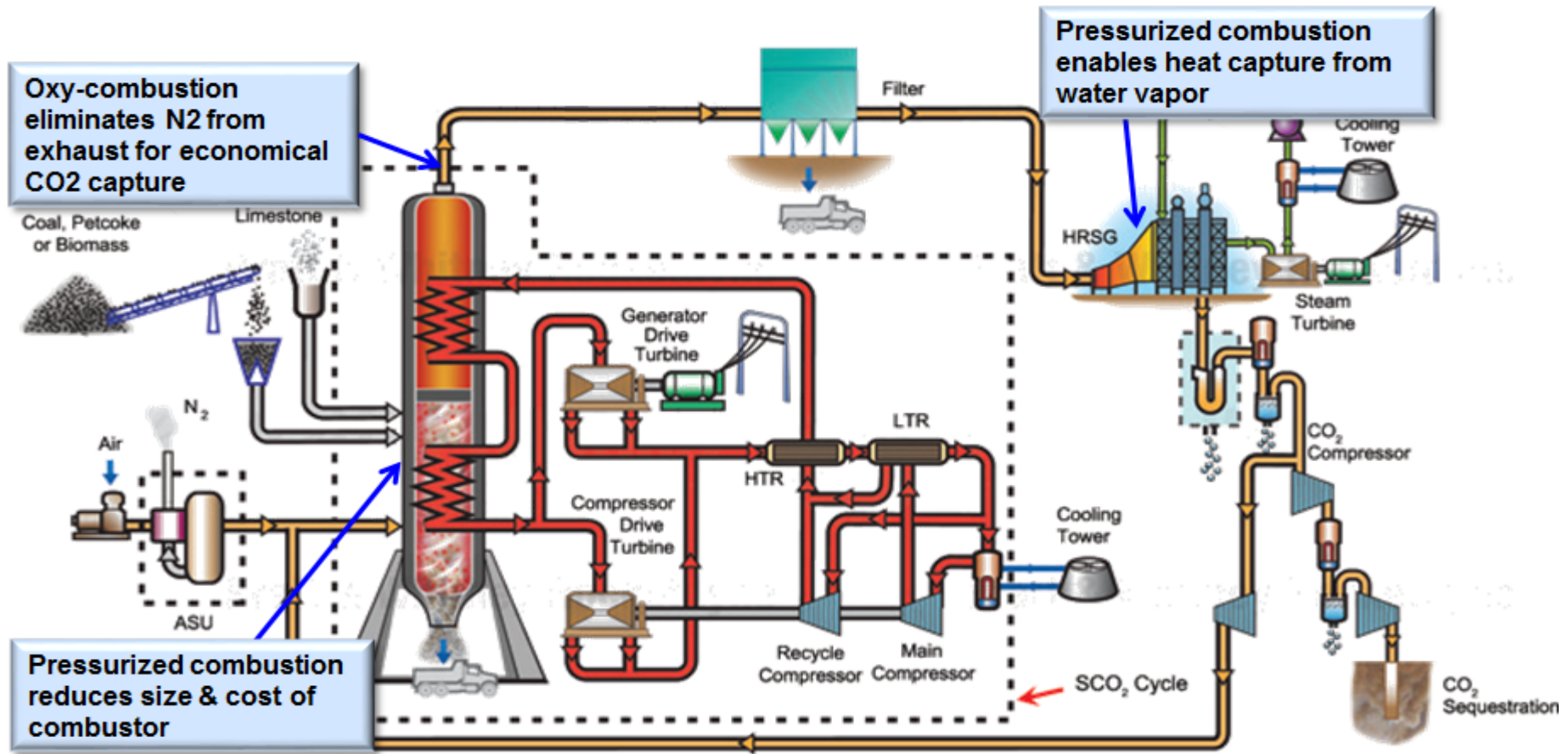


Commercial Scale PFBC Concept

Heritage Rocketdyne  
Test Facility that  
Demonstrated  
Long Life In-bed Heat  
Exchanger



# ZEPS™ Powerplant Concept Vision



- Enhanced efficiency and near zero emissions
- Enabling Technologies program focused on SCO<sub>2</sub> HEX, staged fuel injection, improved gas cleanup

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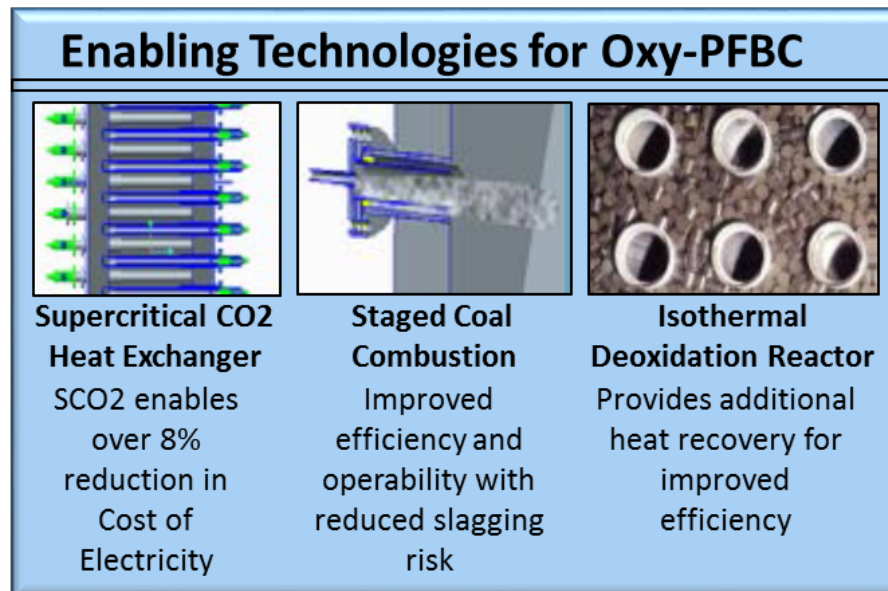
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# Approach

- Develop three technology upgrades for the Oxy-PFBC system and test at pilot scale
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# In-bed $\text{SCO}_2$ Heat Exchanger

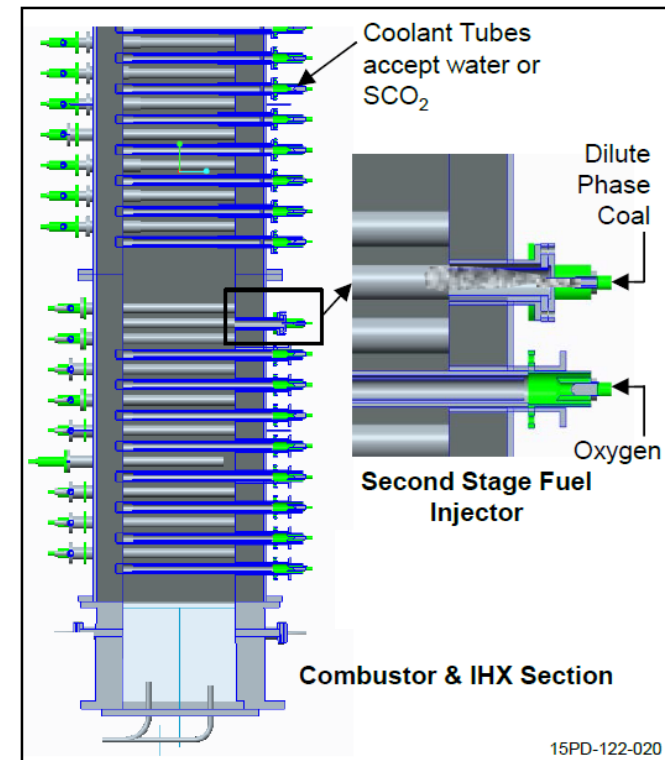
## Technology Overview and Approach

### ➤ Background

- One technology gap for  $\text{SCO}_2$  is integration with the heat source, including use of  $\text{SCO}_2$  as the working fluid in the in-bed heat exchangers

### ➤ Approach

- Operating conditions
  - $\text{SCO}_2$  at 2500 psia and between 400F and 700F
  - Conditions avoid potential condensation on the bed-side surface of the tubes
- To enable scaling, determine hot and cold-side heat transfer coefficients, and coolant pressure drop
- Establish design performance for heat exchangers
- Minimize scaling risk
  - Heat exchanger tube Re and Pr numbers enable scaling to the predicted commercial operating conditions
  - Use full scale in-bed heat exchanger tubes, particle sizes and velocities in the pilot



*Modular pilot design enables retrofit of  $\text{SCO}_2$  coolant and fuel / oxygen injectors*

# Staged Coal Combustion

## Technology Overview and Approach

### ➤ Background

- Staged combustion is planned for the commercial scale Oxy-PFBC design to maximize power density and maintain uniform bed temps below ash slagging conditions
- The GTI Oxy-PFBC is expected to have a different thermal profile than previous fluidized beds due to the fine coal and pressurized conditions

### ➤ Approach

- Demonstrate and characterize operation of second stage injectors
  - Fuel: Illinois #6, Alberta subbit, Saskatchewan lignite
  - Characterize impacts of flue gas recycle rate, fuel particle size and ash content, and coolant flow control
  - Vary oxygen / fuel flow rates and bed cooling
- Develop performance curves for multiple fuels for scale-up to commercial size power plants
  - Knowledge is required to balance the power cycle (steam or SCO<sub>2</sub>) with the coal combustion cycle, optimize compression requirements, and generate the most commercially viable design

	No staging	Stage coal and recycle No oxygen staging	Stage coal and oxygen No recycle staging
Pros	Least Expensive Simple Design	Possible High Efficiency	Best Compromise Moderate Efficiency
Cons	Lowest Efficiency Possible Agglomeration	High Agglomeration Risk More Expensive	Stage Size Depends on Coolant

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# Isothermal Deoxidation Reactor (IDR)

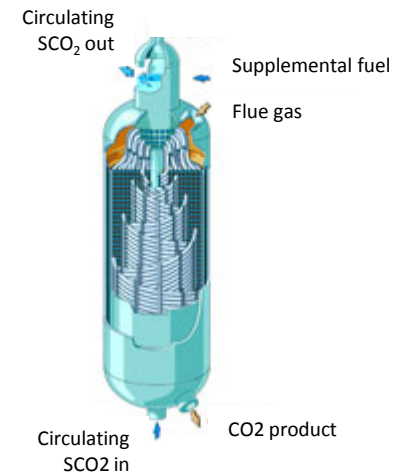
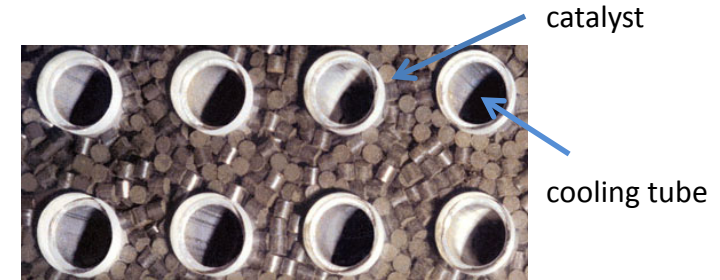
## Technology Overview and Approach

### ➤ Background

- The Linde isothermal reactor is a fixed bed reactor with indirect heat exchange suitable for endothermic and exothermic catalytic reactions
- The IDR will reduce the O<sub>2</sub> content in the flue gas below 100 ppm to meet EOR specs
- Test the benefits of integrating the heat of oxidation reactions into the SCO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Cycle

### ➤ Approach

- The IDR will use an internal heat exchanger with SCO<sub>2</sub> coolant to maintain a near constant catalyst bed temperature
- Characterize and define operational limits, in terms of flue gas O<sub>2</sub> content and heat recovery
  - Performance of the heat exchanger and balance between reaction and heat removal are to be measured in multiple locations to allow design of full scale cooled reactors
  - The amount of O<sub>2</sub> removed is controlled by the fuel flow rate into the catalytic reactor.
  - Temperature of the catalyst bed is controlled by matching IDR fuel flow rate with catalyst heat exchanger coolant flow



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# Significant Accomplishments

## ➤ In-bed SCO<sub>2</sub> heat exchanger

- In-bed SCO<sub>2</sub> heat exchanger fabricated and installed in 1 MWth pilot scale combustor
- SCO<sub>2</sub> cooling loop design, process and instrumentation drawings and equipment sizing complete; procurement in progress

## ➤ Staged coal combustion

- Completed design of staged coal combustion assembly
- Injector fabrication in work

## ➤ Isothermal De-oxidation Reactor (IDR)

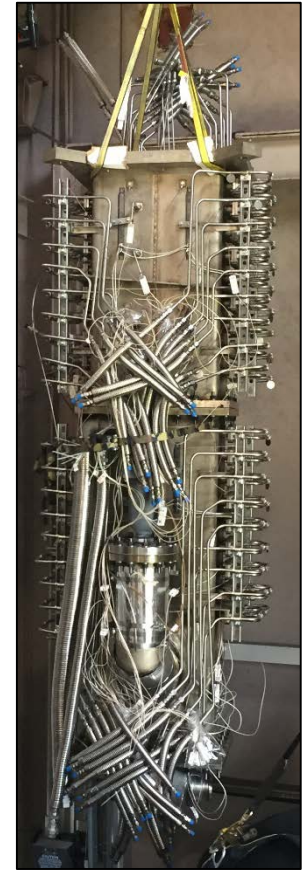
- Process design complete

# In-bed SCO<sub>2</sub> heat exchanger

- SCO<sub>2</sub> manifolds designed to support high pressure (2500 psi) coolant
- Manifolds fabricated using additive manufacturing and passed CAT scan inspection
- Manifolds installed in 1 MWth pilot combustor at CanmetENERGY facility

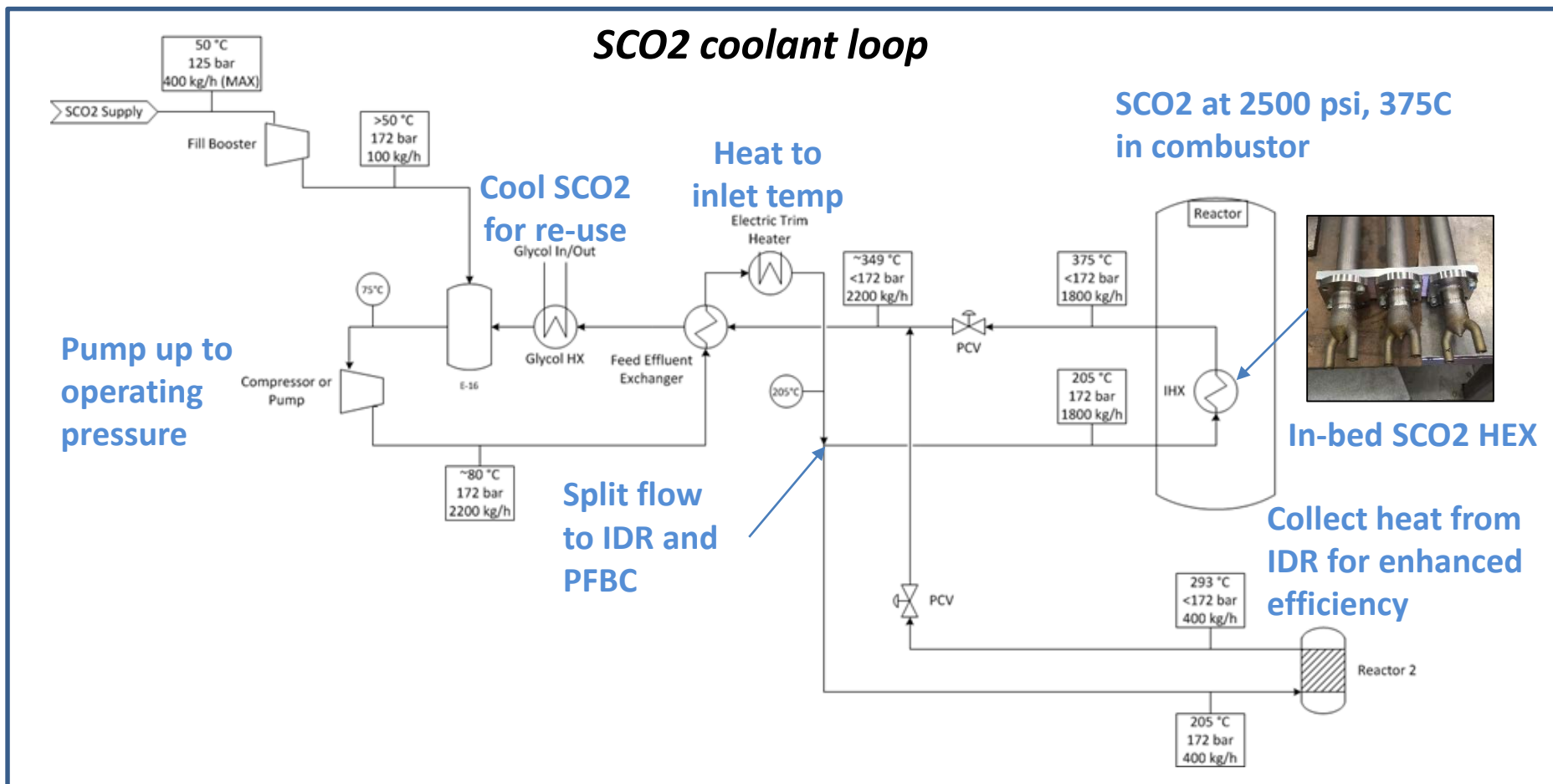


SCO<sub>2</sub> manifolds and in-bed heat exchanger assembly



Assembly installed on the combustor

# In-bed SCO2 heat exchanger

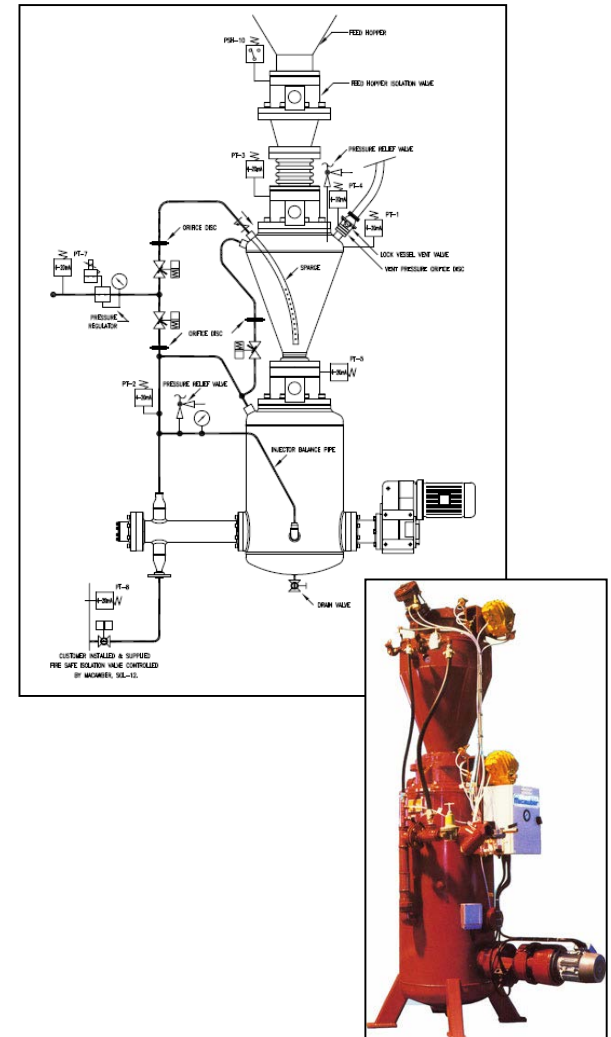


SCO<sub>2</sub> cooling loop design complete; procurement in progress



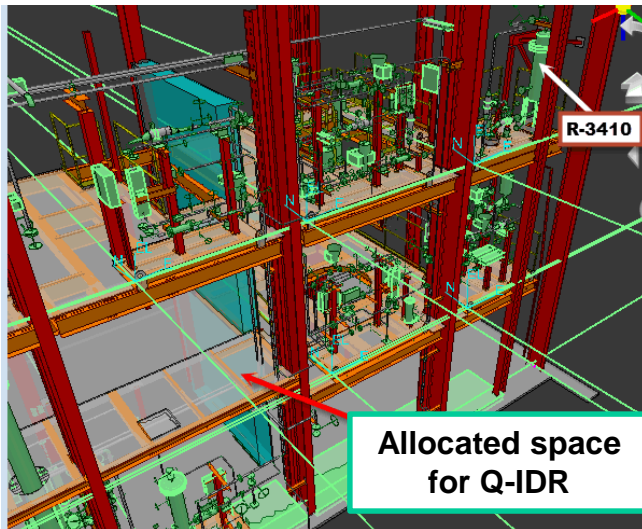
# Staged Coal Combustion

- Second stage fuel injector fabrication in work
- Procurement in work for pneumatic fuel pump and related equipment
  - Pressure balance capability to handle variable process back pressure and maintain flow accuracy
  - Continuous injection accuracy to  $\pm 3\%$  by volume, even against changing back pressure

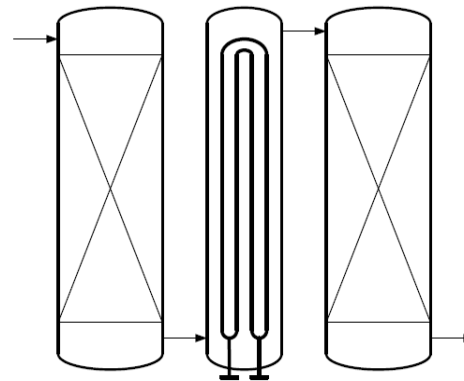


# Quasi-isothermal deoxidation reactor concept: Plans for pilot implementation

- Implementation of a fully isothermal catalytic deoxidation reactor, with immersed spiral wound heat exchanger determined to be very challenging and expensive to design, manufacture and control, for a small scale pilot demonstration.
- Comparable process benefits will be demonstrated with a Quasi-Isothermal Deoxidation Reactor, consisting of two adiabatic catalytic reactors with an interstage cooler.



Partial 3D view of existing CPU skid



Simplified schematic of  
Quasi-Isothermal  
Deoxidation Reactor (Q-IDR)

- Detailed process design completed, including: Detailed M&E Balances, Equipment Sizing, Fuel Injection and Control logic.
- Mechanical design and RFQs are in progress
- Final piping layout and connections are pending completion of current skids

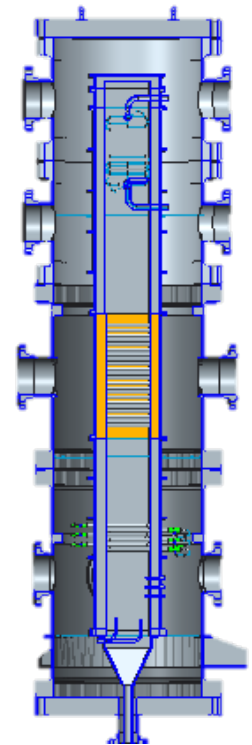
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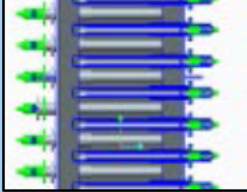
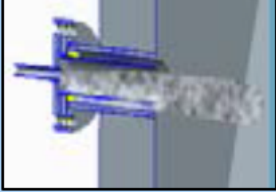

- Complete fabrication of hardware upgrades
- Install hardware into 1 MWth pilot at Canmet
- Conduct testing with Illinois #6, Alberta subbituminous and Saskatchewan lignite



*1 MWth pilot  
scale Oxy-PFBC*

# Summary

- Program will test three key technologies at the pilot scale to demonstrate improved performance and reduce scale up risk
- First combined test of Oxy-PFBC and SCO2
- In-bed SCO2 heat exchanger installed
- Staged coal combustion hardware in fabrication
- IDR process design complete using quasi-isothermal approach
- Testing to start in spring 2017

Enabling Technologies for Oxy-PFBC		
		
<b>Supercritical CO2 Heat Exchanger</b> SCO2 enables over 8% reduction in Cost of Electricity	<b>Staged Coal Combustion</b> Improved efficiency and operability with reduced slagging risk	<b>Isothermal Deoxidation Reactor</b> Provides additional heat recovery for improved efficiency

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