Integrated Water-Gas-Shift Pre-Combustion Carbon Capture Process



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Project Objectives

- The project objective is to demonstrate techno-economic viability of an integrated WGS catalyst/CO₂ removal system for IGCC power plants and CTL plants
 - A high temperature PSA adsorbent is used for CO₂ removal above the dew point of the synthesis gas
 - A commercial low temperature catalyst is used for water-gas-shift
 - An effective heat management system

Project Tasks

- Design a fully-equipped slipstream test unit with 10 SCFM raw synthesis gas treatment capacity
- Design and fabricate CFD optimized reactors capable of managing the exothermic WGS reaction while maintaining energy efficiency
- Demonstrate all critical design parameters including sorbent capacity, CO₂ removal efficiency, extent of WGS conversion as well as H₂ recovery for over 2,000 hr using coal synthesis gas
- Complete a high fidelity process design and economic analysis



Project Partners



Project Duration

- Start Date = October 1, 2014
- End Date = March 31, 2018 (no-cost extension requested)
 <u>Budget</u>
- Project Cost = \$5,632,619
- DOE Share = \$4,506,719
- TDA and its partners = \$1,125,900



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Presentation Outline

- TDA's Approach
- TDA's Process
- Bench-Scale Results
- Modeling Results
- Prototype Unit Design and Fabrication
- Techno-economic Analysis
- Future Plans



TDA's Approach

- Conventional IGCC plants use multi-stage WGS with inter-stage cooling
 - WGS is an equilibrium-limited exothermic reaction
- Water is supplied at concentrations well above required by the reaction stoichiometry to completely shift the CO to CO₂



3-stage WGS unit as described in the DOE/NETL-2007/1281

- In the process, high temperature CO₂ adsorbent is used to shift the CO <u>at</u> <u>low steam:carbon ratios</u>
- Reduced water addition increases process efficiency



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TDA's Sorbent

- TDA's uses a mesoporous carbon modified with surface functional groups that remove CO₂ via strong physical adsorption
 - CO₂-surface interaction is strong enough to allow operation at elevated temperatures
 - Because CO₂ is not bonded via a covalent bond, the energy input for regeneration is low
- Heat of CO₂ adsorption is 4.9 kcal/mol for TDA sorbent
 - Comparable to that of Selexol
- Net energy loss in sorbent regeneration is similar to Selexol, but a much higher IGCC efficiency can be achieved due to high temperature CO₂ capture



 Pore size can be finely tuned in the 10 to 100 A range

Mesopores eliminates diffusion limitations and rapid mass transfer, while enables high surface area

US Patent 9,120,079, Dietz, Alptekin, Jayaraman "High Capacity Carbon Dioxide Sorbent", US 6,297,293; 6,737,445; 7,167,354 US Pat. Appl. 61790193, Alptekin, Jayaraman, Copeland "Precombustion Carbon Dioxide Capture System Using a Regenerable Sorbent"



Operating Conditions

- CO₂ is recovered via combined pressure and concentration swing
 - CO₂ recovery at ~150 psia reduces energy need for CO₂ compression
 - Small steam purge ensures
 high product purity
- Isothermal operation eliminates heat/cool transitions
 - Rapid cycles reduces cycle time and increases sorbent utilization
- Similar PSA systems are used in commercial H₂ plants and air separation plants



Integrated WGS/CO₂ Capture System



- Reducing the use of excess steam improves power cycle efficiency
 - Lower energy consumption to raise the steam
- Process intensification could potentially reduce the number of hardware components and cost

Sorbent's point of view:

 Less dilution with water increases CO₂ partial pressure and in turn improves sorbent's working capacity



Application to CTL



Sorbent Development Work



TDA 0.1 MW pre-combustion carbon capture unit installed at the National Carbon Capture Center

- 0.1 MW_e test in a world class IGCC plant to demonstrate full benefits of the technology
 - Field Test #1 at NCCC
 - Field Test #2 at Sinopec Yangtzi Petrochemical Plant, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China
- Full operation scheme
 - 8 reactors and all accumulators
 - Utilize product/inert gas purges
 - \square H₂ recovery/CO₂ purity



Yangtzi Petro-chemical Plant



Sorbent and Catalyst for Field Tests

Sulfur Sorbent and WGS Catalyst



CO₂ Sorbent for Field Tests



- 3.5 m³ of TDA's CO₂ sorbent has been produced for use in the field tests
- Warm gas Sulfur removal sorbent and High and Low Temperature WGS catalysts have been procured from Clariant



NCCC Field Test – Early Work



- 90+% capture at steam:CO ratio= 1:1.1 with average 96.4% CO conversion
- All objectives met (no coking etc.) but high reactor T was observed

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Technology Status/R&D Needs

- Sorbent is developed under a separate DOE project (DE-FE0000469)
- WGS catalyst is commercially available mature technology
- Early-stage concept demonstration has already been completed (DE-FE0007966)
 - Integrated sorbent/catalyst operation
 - Pointed out the need to incorporate effective heat management
- Key R&D need is the design/development of a high fidelity prototype to fully demonstrate the concept using actual coalderived synthesis gas
 - A 10 kg/hr CO₂ removal is being developed
 - Testing of the high fidelity system will be carried out at the NCCC and Praxair
 - Original test site Wabash River IGCC plant is no longer available





<u>Year 1</u>

- Design a field test unit including detailed design of the sorbent reactors, using multi-component adsorption and CFD simulation models
- Have the input and full approval of test sites
- **Complete sorbent manufacturing based on the current Manufacturing Plan**
- Initiate a long-term sorbent life evaluation (8,000 cycles)

<u>Year 2</u>

- **Complete evaluation of single integrated reactor with simulated syngas**
- Revise our reactor design based on results from single reactor tests
- **Complete fabrication of the slipstream test unit**
- Continue long-term testing of the sorbent (20,000 cycles)

<u>Year 3</u>

- Complete long-term testing of the sorbent (30,000 cycles)
- **Complete field tests at the NCCC and Praxair Plants**
- **Complete a high-fidelity system design/analysis and cost estimate**
- **Complete an Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) assessment**



T Profiles - During CO₂ Capture Only



- Heat generated during adsorption is removed during regeneration
 - Near isothermal operation



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Heat Wave WGS & CO₂ Capture



- Integrated WGS & CO_2 capture results in higher ΔT
- Not ideal for CO₂ capture (the WGS heat accumulates in the beds)



Conventional Heat Management Options



Heat Integrated WGS & CO₂ Capture

- Advanced heat management concept based on direct water injection has proven to achieve much better temperature control
 - Also much better heating efficiency (i.e., kJ heat removed per kg water)
- Objective is to achieve a more uniform cooling without having hot or cold spots
- The temperature rise is optimal when the catalyst is distributed into two layers with water injections before each layer

T Contours (°C) Single Injection Layer



T Contours (°C) Multiple Injection Layers



Bench-Scale Evaluations





- 8L reactors were modified with the heat management options
- Successful proof-of-concept demonstrations
 have been completed
- ∆T <10°C was maintained over extended cycling (much lower than those observed in early field tests)



Injector Design





- We designed our own injector nozzles and the water output control system that will allow these to effectively operate inside the reactor hot zone between 200-350°C
- The water flow rate is controlled by controlling injector pulse duration and pulse delay time



Bench-scale Tests w/ Demo-size Reactor



- Effective operation of the water injectors were demonstrated in a fully instrumented test reactor
- Sorbent & catalyst volume is the same as in the demo system



NCCC Testing

- Testing during the G3 & G4 campaigns using at 1 SCFM scale validated the impact of water injection on bed temperature and CO conversion
 - System was tested for over 650 hours
 - CO conversion, overall carbon capture, temperature, water injection functionality



Reactor Design w/ Water Injectors



Water Injection System

- Water is injected in 3 locations along the bed
- A spacer will be inserted at each injector location to provide space for water vaporization and gas mixing







Integrated WGS/CO₂ Capture System





Fabrication of the Prototype





Reactor Vessel Fabrication

- Vessel fabrication is completed
- Design allows easy replacement of media without removing the injector assembly





Fabrication of the Prototype



• All plumbing work is complete



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Electrical and Control Systems



 Control box is completed (electrical, heating and insulation will be completed late April 2017



Process Simulation and Analysis

IGCC plant with E-Gas[™] Gasifier operating on Bituminous Coal

#	CO ₂ Capture	Notes	Steam/ Water Addition	Overall Steam:CO Ratio	Net Efficiency % HHV
1	Conventional Technology	Reference IGCCCase with Steam addition to 1 st WGS reactor feed	Steam	2.25	31.04
2	TDA/Advanced Technology	No steam addition to 1 st WGS reactor feed; water injection into combined WGS+PSA reactor	Water	1.50	34.30
2-3	TDA/Advanced Technology	No 1 st WGS reactor & water injection into combined WGS+PSA reactor	Water	2.21	33.73
2A	TDA/Previous Technology	Steam addition to 1 st WGS reactor feed; no water injection into 2 nd WGS reactor (not combined with PSA)	Steam	2.25	33.81

- Reducing Steam:CO ratio to 1.50 w/ water addition to Integrated WGS/CO₂ Removal Reactor (2nd stage) provides a net plant efficiency of 34.30%
 - 0.5% point improvement over TDA's sorbent-only technology



IGCC plants with Shell Gasifier

Case #	Coal Type	CO ₂ Capture	Notes	Overall	Net
				Steam: CO	Efficiency
				Ratio	% HHV
	Bituminous	Conventional Technology	Reference IGCC Case (H2O/CO in 1 st		
3			WGS reactor feed = 1.8 mole/mole per	1.8	31.08
			corresponding DoE case)		
	Bituminous		No steam addition to 1 st WGS reactor		33.71
1		tuminous TDA/Advanced Technology	feed (H2O/CO in 1 st WGS reactor feed	1 20	
4			= 1.11 mole/mole); water injection into	1.30	
			combined WGS+PSA reactor		
E	Lignite	Conventional	Reference IGCC Case (H2O/CO in 1 st	1.8	30.89
5		Technology	WGS reactor feed = 1.8 mole/mole)		
			No steam addition to 1 st WGS reactor		
6	Lignite	TDA/Advanced	feed (H2O/CO in 1 st WGS reactor feed	1 70	32.79
		Technology	= 1.60 mole/mole); water injection into	1.70	
			combined WGS+PSA reactor		

- Different gasifiers and coal are being evaluated
 - Better plant efficiency for all coals and gasifiers



E-Gas[™] & GE Gasifiers

Gasifier Type/Make	r Type/Make E-Gas			GE	
Case	1	2	2* (WGS/CO ₂)	3	4
	Cold Gas Cleanup	Warm Gas Cleanup	Warm Gas Cleanup	Cold Gas Cleanup	Warm Gas Cleanup
CO ₂ Capture Technology	Selexol [™]	TDA's CO ₂ Sorbent	TDA's CO ₂ Sorbent	Selexol™	TDA's CO ₂ Sorbent
CO2 Capture, %	90	90	90	90	90
Gross Power Generated, kW	710,789	670,056	693,542	727,633	674,331
Gas Turbine Power	464,000	425,605	427,980	464,000	417,554
Steam Turbine Power	246,789	244,450	265,562	257,657	246,746
Syngas Expander Power	-	-	-	5,977	10,031
Auxiliary Load, kW	194,473	124,138	138,741	192,546	120,661
Net Power, kW	516,316	545,917	554,801	535,087	553,671
Net Plant Efficiency, % HHV	31.0	34.1	34.7	32.0	34.5
Coal Feed Rate, kg/h	220,549	212,265	212,265	221,917	213,013
Raw Water Usage, GPM/MW	10.9	10.3	10.0	10.7	10.5
Total Plant Cost, \$/kW	3,464	3,042	2,990	3,359	3,083
COE without CO ₂ TS&M, \$/MWh	136.8	120.5	118.8	133.0	121.8
COE with CO ₂ TS&M, \$/MWh	145.7	128.6	126.7	141.6	129.7
Cost of CO ₂ Captured, \$/tonne	53.2	37.4	35.8	47.3	36.1

 Efficiency is increased to 34.7% with TDA's combined WGS/CO₂ system and reduced to \$35.8/tonne



Process Economic Analysis - CTL

 Integrated WGS with CO₂ capture reduced the required selling price (RSP) for Methanol to \$438 per ST compared to \$453 per ST for a CTL plant with Rectisol

Gasifier	Shell		
Coal	Bituminous		
Case	7	8	
		Warm Gas	
	Cold Gas	Cleanup	
	Cleanup	TDA's CO ₂	
CO ₂ Capture Technology	Rectisol [™]	Sorbent	
CO ₂ Capture, %	90	90	
Gross Power Generated, kW	320,514	292,457	
Gas Turbine Power	130,684	130,114	
Steam Turbine Power	189,830	162,342	
Syngas Expander Power	-	-	
Auxiliary Load, k₩	310,729	276,851	
Net Power, kW	9,785	15,606	
Net Plant Efficiency, % HHV	-	0.35	
Methanol Production rate, ST/D	11,094	10,934	
Coal Feed Rate, kg/h	589,458	589,458	
Raw Water Usage, GPM	6,529.0	5,405.0	
Total Plant Cost, \$/kg/D	357.26	345.27	
1st year Required Selling Price (RSP)			
w/o CO2 TS&M, \$/ST	453.0	438.0	



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		Wann Gas			
	Cold Gas	Cleanup			
	Cleanup	TDA's CO ₂			
CO ₂ Capture Technology	Rectisol [™]	Sorbent			
CO2 Capture, %	90	90			
Gross Power Generated, kW	462,568	458,830			
Gas Turbine Power	130,283	130,519			
Steam Turbine Power	332,285	328,311			
Syngas Expander Power	-	-			
Auxiliary Load, kW	397,803	365,956			
Net Power, kW	64,764	92,875			
Net Plant Efficiency, % HHV	1.08	1.55			
Naphtha Production rate, ST/D	1,803	1,722			
Diesel Production rate, ST/D	4,789	4,933			
Coal Feed Rate, kg/h	793,864	793,864			
Raw Water Usage, GPM	14,032.6	12 ,394 .0			
Total Plant Cost, \$/kg/D	949.87	864.94			
NAPHTHA					
1st year Required Selling Price (RSP)					
w/o CO2 TS&M, \$/bbl	107.0	100.0			
DIESEL					
1st year Required Selling Price (RSP)					
w/o CO2 TS&M, \$/bbl	153.0	143.0			

- Integrated WGS with CO₂ capture reduced the required selling price for Naphtha to \$100 per bbl compared to \$107 per bbl for a CTL plant with Rectisol
- Integrated WGS with CO₂ capture reduced the required selling price for Diesel to \$143 per bbl compared to \$153 per bbl for a CTL plant with Rectisol



Future Work

- **Complete fabrication of the slipstream test unit May 2017**
- **Testing of the unit at Praxair June-August 2017**
- **Testing of the unit at NCCC October-November 2017**
- Complete long-term testing of the sorbent (30,000 cycles) September 2017
- Complete a high-fidelity system design/analysis and cost estimate – March 2018
- Complete an Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) assessment – March 2018

