Advanced Technology Testing at the National Carbon Capture Center (FE0022596)

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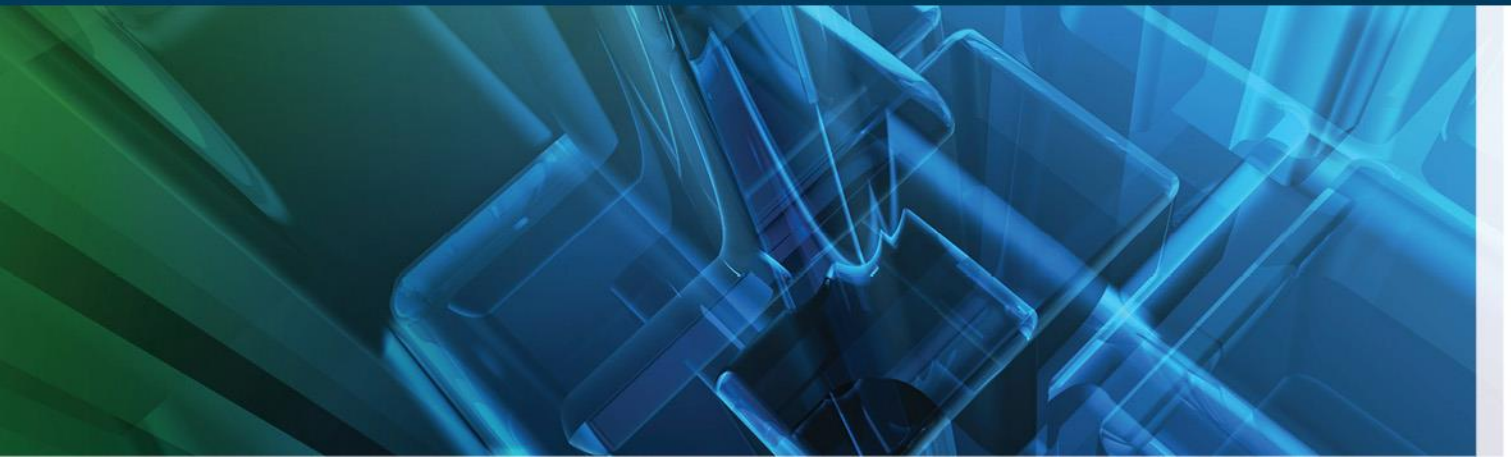

NATIONAL CARBON CAPTURE CENTER

National Carbon Capture Center (NCCC)

- **Location:** Wilsonville, Alabama
- **Sponsors:** U.S. Department of Energy and its National Energy Technology Laboratory
- **Partners:** Electric Power Research Institute, power and coal industry leaders
- **Managed by:** Southern Company

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Our Mission and Values

Offering a **world-class neutral** test facility and highly specialized staff to **accelerate the commercialization** of advanced technologies and enable coal-based power plants to achieve **near-zero emissions (low-cost CO_2)**.

Safety First

Unquestionable Trust

Superior Performance

Total Commitment

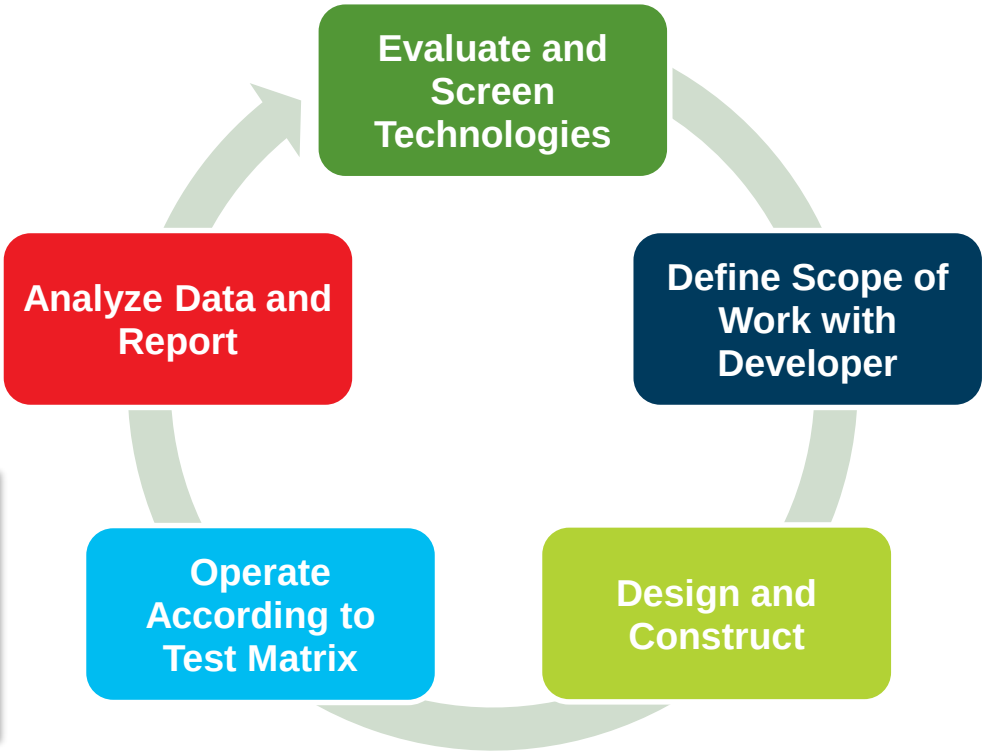
What the Project Provides

- **Cost-efficient test site** with **infrastructure** for numerous technology developers
- **Real-world conditions** with coal-derived flue gas
- Flexible capability for testing at **multiple scales** and **on-site scale-ups**
- Expert **technical staff for** design, installation and testing support
- High-quality **data acquisition** and gas/liquid **sampling and analysis**

Accomplishments

- Over **98,000 test hours** since founding in 2008
- Technology developers from the **U.S. and six other countries**
- **First coal-derived gas testing** of solid oxide fuel cells and certain solvents, membranes and enzymes
- On-site **scale-ups** and **process enhancements** for 10 technologies
  - Scale-ups for testing at larger sites for five solvents
  - Scale-up to commercial operation for one solvent
- **Full compliance** with all regulations, including on-time submittal and publication of technical reports

Technology Development Process



Test Sites

Gasification & Pre-Combustion Carbon Capture

Alabama Power Plant Gaston

Post-Combustion Carbon Capture Center

Gasification and Pre-Combustion Accomplishments

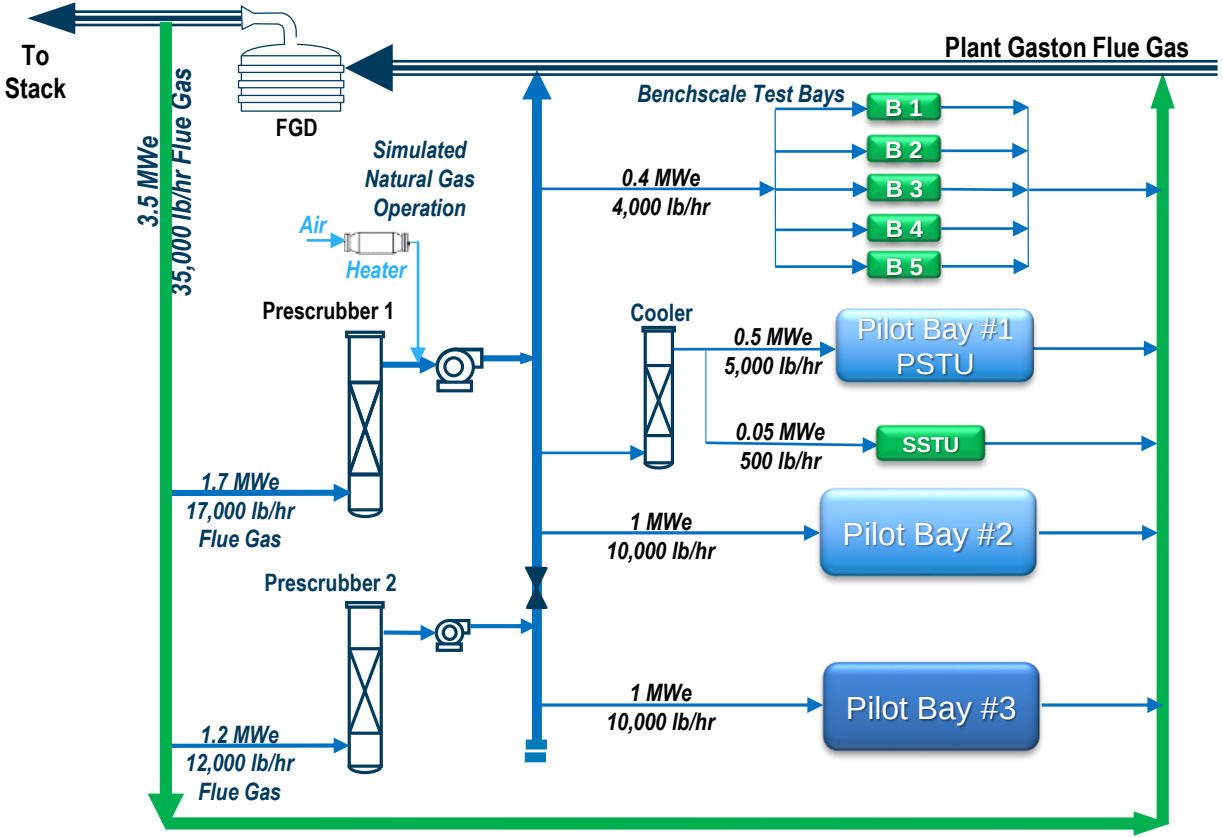
- Gasifier operation supported over 50,000 hours of technology testing
  - Biomass gasification in air- and oxygen-blown operation
  - Sensors: Tunable Diode Laser, particulate monitor, thermowells, coal feeder instrumentation
  - Catalysts: Fischer-Tropsch, water-gas shift, and COS hydrolysis
  - Sorbents: trace metals, CO_2, ammonia
  - Membranes: hydrogen and CO_2
  - Advanced processes: ammonium carbonate/bicarbonate solvent, syngas chemical looping, pressure-swing adsorption, pressure-swing Claus
  - Fuel cells
- Additional operation with CO_2 solvents – on-line and off-line
- Achieved scale-ups and process intensification for several technologies

G5 Test Campaign

- **900 hours of PRB coal feed**
- **3,981 hours of technology testing**

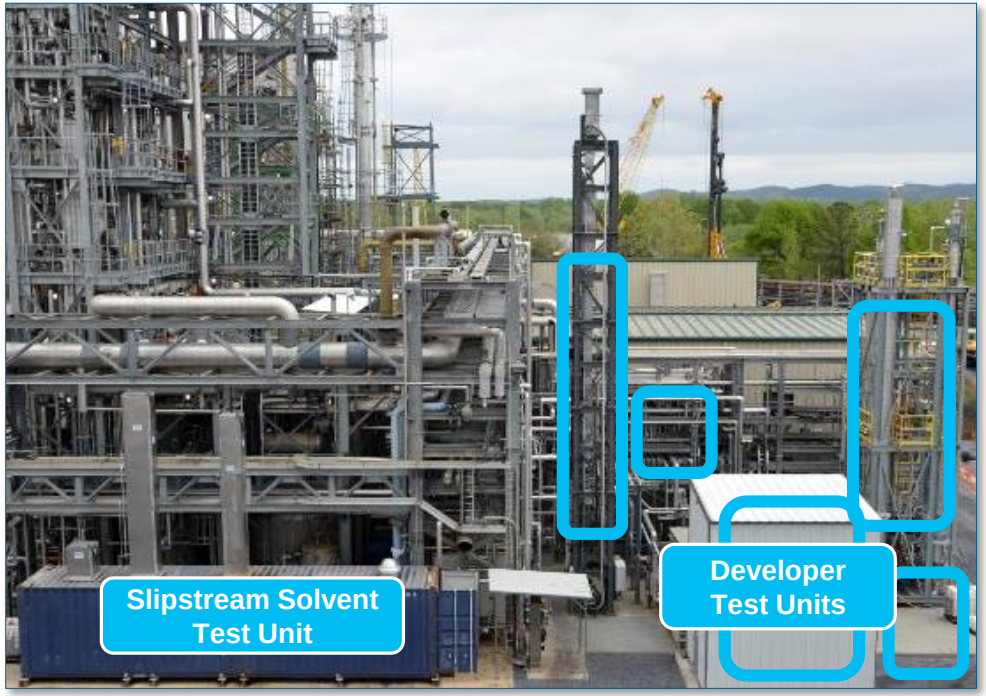
Developer	Technology	Testing Hours
The Ohio State University	Chemical Looping	33
MTR Membrane Technology & Research	Hydrogen Membranes	275
Media and Process Technology	Hydrogen Membranes	174
SR Southern Research	Coal-To-Liquids	320
	Syngas Reformer	316
SRI International	PBI Membrane	573
TDA Research	0.1 MWe Sorbent System	740
WGS & COS Developer	WGS	774
	COS	776

Post-Combustion Carbon Capture Center (PC4) Process Flow Diagram



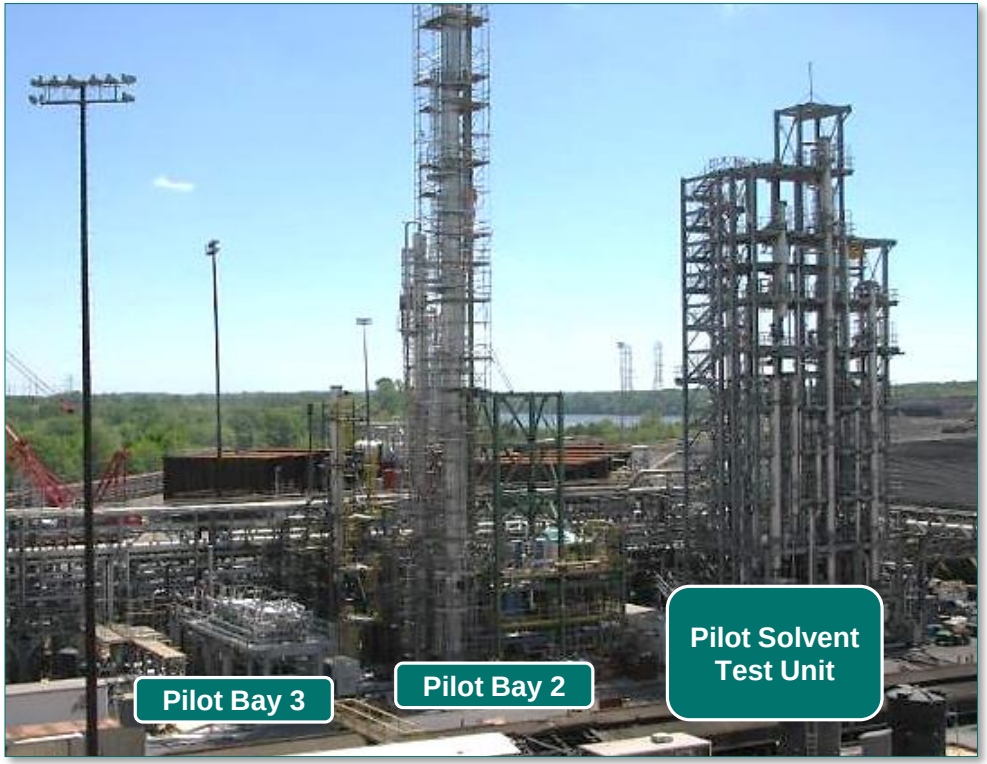
PC4 Bench-Scale

- Simultaneous operation of up to five developers' test units
- Slipstream Solvent Test Unit (SSTU) for solvents in early development
- SSTU also used for solvent emissions studies and emission mitigation processes
- Flue gas/utilities and gas analysis systems operating independently of PC4 pilot-scale area



PC4 Pilot-Scale

- Simultaneous operation of developer test units and Pilot Solvent Test Unit (PSTU)
- PSTU offers flexible operation to match developers' planned commercial configuration
- PSTU also supports solvent emissions and degradation studies



Post-Combustion Accomplishments

- **PC4 operation supported over 49,000 hours of technology testing**
  - Over 6,000 hours under natural gas conditions
  - More than 20 developer projects completed
  - Tested enzymes, membranes, sorbents, solvents, and associated systems
  - Continued relationship with technology developers to achieve scale-ups and process enhancements
- **PSTU operation for over 15,000 hours**
  - Demonstrated near 100% mass and energy balance closures
  - Supported commercial developers and DOE Carbon Capture Simulation Initiative
  - Several solvents progressed to further testing at other facilities
- **Facility construction and upgrades**
  - Plant capacity more than doubled from 12,000 to 30,000 lb/hr flue gas
  - Added systems (SSTU, air dilution, etc.) and enhanced instrumentation, sampling methods, and analysis systems

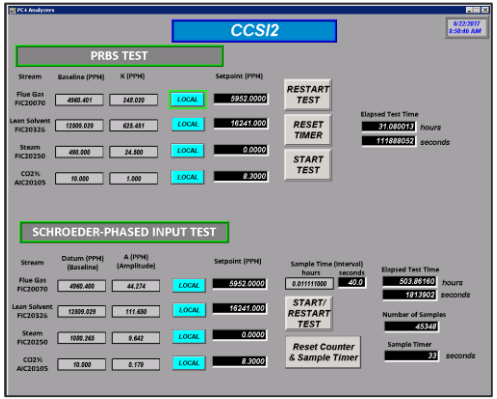
Recent Post Combustion Tests

Pilot-scale

- MEA for CCSI2 @ PSTU
- GTI @ PB2
- Trimeric NO2 Scrubbing @ PB3

Bench-scale

- SSTU – MEA baseline



Upcoming Post-Combustion Tests

Pilot-scale

- AECOM/UT-Austin Advanced Flash Stripper w/PSTU
- GTI Membrane Contactor @PB2
- TDA Alkalized Alumina Sorbent @PB2
- Air Liquide Cold Membrane @PB3

Bench-scale

- DOE Membrane

International Test Center Network

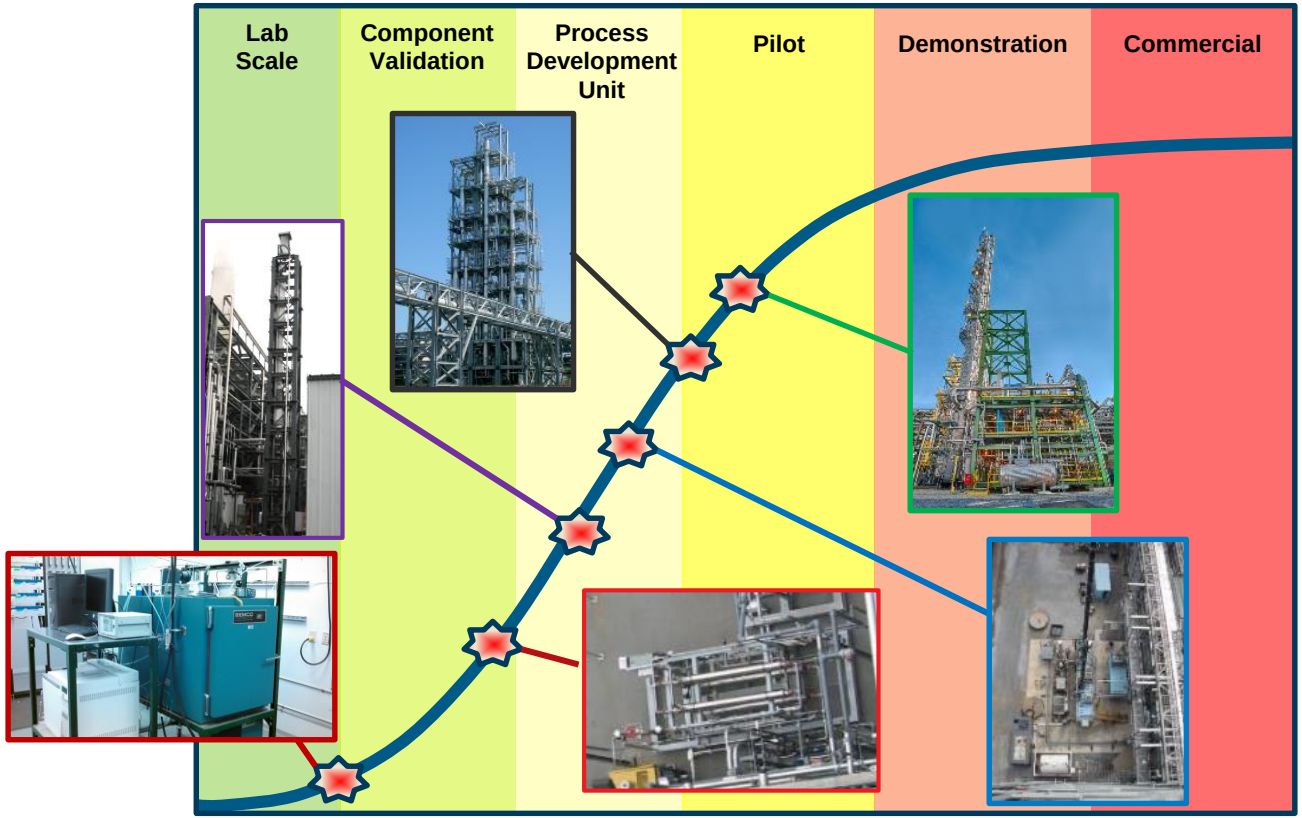
Share Carbon Capture Knowledge

to advance technology development and improve organizational efficiency

- Look for international projects while giving core DOE projects full support
- Support advanced simulations and model development with a focus on reducing capital and operating cost and minimizing scale-up risks
- Priority on China and India, but extensive effort in Middle East, Korea, Japan, EU, Australia, Canada

International Test Center Network Members

Successful Testing and Partnerships



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