

# Evaluating Advanced Power Plant Carbon Capture Technologies

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## Outline of Talk

- Why the interest in carbon capture?
- Objectives and scope of this project
- Progress and findings to date
- Remaining tasks

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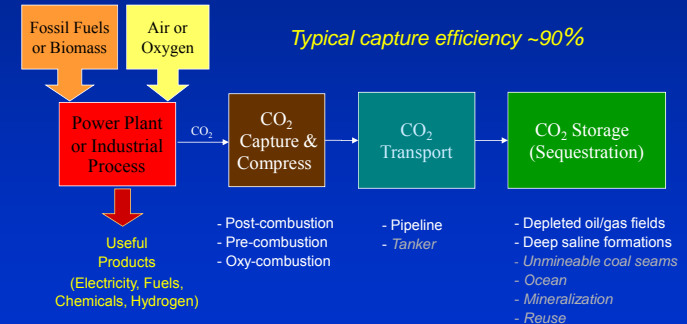
*Why the interest in carbon capture?*

## Motivation for CCS

- Achieving global climate change goals will require large reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from power plants and other major sources of GHGs
- CCS is the ONLY way to get large CO<sub>2</sub> reductions from the fossil fuels that currently provide most of our energy—a potential bridging technology to a *sustainable* energy future
- CCS is a major component of cost-effective strategies for climate change mitigation—without it, global costs are trillions of dollars higher (IPCC)

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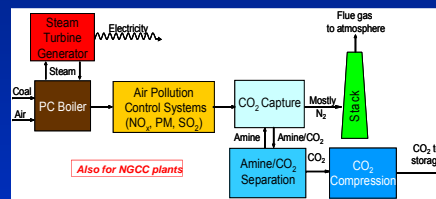
## Schematic of a Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) System



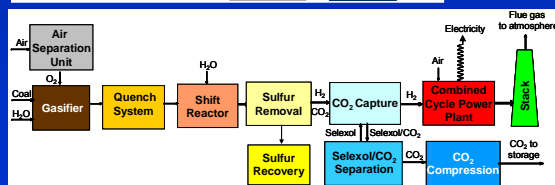
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## CO<sub>2</sub> Capture from Power Plants (current technology)

### Post-Combustion Capture



### Pre-Combustion Capture



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## Examples of CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Systems



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## Large-scale Demonstration Projects

- Sask Power Boundary Dam project (Canada)
  - 110 MW coal-fired unit
  - **Post-combustion capture** +EOR
  - 90% capture (~ 1 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>/yr )
  - Now operating (Sept 2014)
- Southern Co. Kemper County IGCC project (Mississippi)
  - 582 MW coal-fired unit
  - **Pre-combustion capture** +EOR
  - ~ 65% capture (3.5 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>/yr)
  - Startup in 2015



Sask Power, 2014



Kemper, 2014

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## Cost of CCS for New Power Plants Using Current Technology

Increase in levelized cost for 90% capture

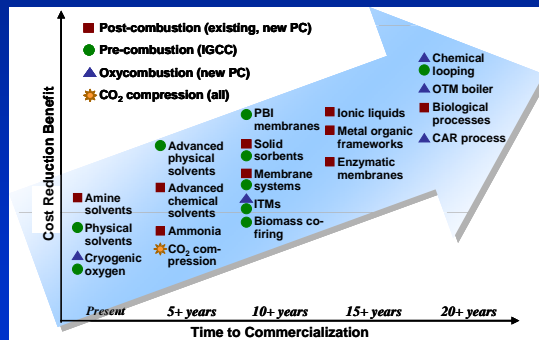
Incremental Cost of CCS <i>relative to same plant type</i> without	Supercritical Pulverized Coal Plant	Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Plant	Natural Gas Combined Cycle
% Increases in power generation cost (\$/kWh)*	~ 60–80%	~ 30–50%	~ 30–45%

- **Capture accounts for most (~80%) of the total cost**

\*Added cost to consumers will be much smaller, reflecting the CCS capacity in the generation mix at any given time. Retrofit of existing plants typically has a higher cost

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## R&D Programs Seek to Develop Lower-Cost Technologies



Source: USDOE, 2010

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## GCEP Projects on Advanced Carbon Capture Technologies

- In Fall 2011, GCEP issued RFP for advanced carbon capture and separation technologies and alternative processes that:
  - Have an excellent scientific basis rooted in the fundamentals;
  - Enables a step-out or game-changing improvement;
  - Could have large global impact in a 10 to 50 year timeframe; and
  - Is on a pathway to meet or exceed all performance criteria listed in RFP.
- **Three projects were selected for funding in 2012:**

Capture Material	Application	Research Group
Metal organic frameworks	Post-combustion	Northwestern University (R. Snurr, PI)
New AC sorbents	Post-combustion	Stanford University (J. Wilcox, PI)
Ionic liquids	Pre-combustion	University of Notre Dame (J. Brannetke, PI)

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## Objectives and scope of this project

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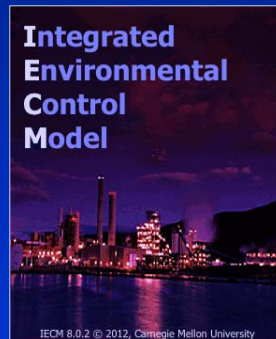
## A Systems Analysis Framework for Technology Assessments

- In response to a subsequent GCEP RFP, our group at Carnegie Mellon was selected to provide a systems analysis framework that could be used to:
  - Quantify key performance metrics for carbon capture systems in the context of a complete power plant system
  - Perform case studies of GCEP-supported technologies
  - Allow comparative analyses of capture technology options
  - Identify if an approach “has the potential to be a breakthrough when applied in a full-scale power generation system”

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## Our Approach: Build on the IECM Framework

- A desktop/laptop computer simulation model developed for DOE/NETL
- Provides systematic estimates of performance, emissions, costs and uncertainties for preliminary design of:
  - PC, IGCC and NGCC plants
  - All flue/fuel gas treatment systems
  - CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage options (pre- and post-combustion, oxy-combustion; transport, storage)
- Free and publicly available at:  
[www.iecm-online.com](http://www.iecm-online.com)



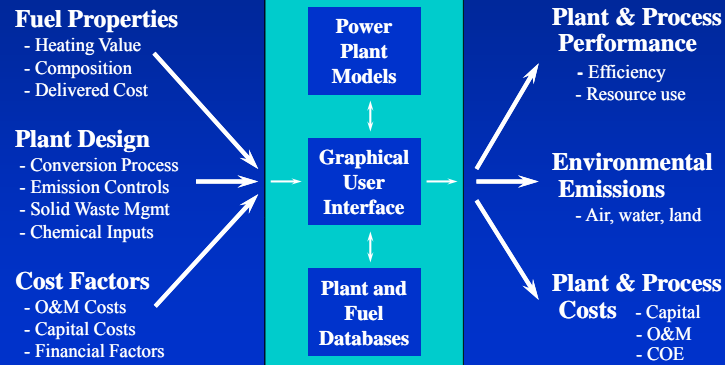
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## IECM Modeling Approach

- Process Performance Models
- Engineering Economic Models
- Systems Analysis Framework
- Advanced Software Capabilities
  - Probabilistic analysis capability
  - User-friendly graphical interface
  - Graphical analysis capabilities
  - Easy to add or update models

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# IECM Software Package



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# Technologies Currently in IECM

CO <sub>2</sub> Capture & Storage Systems*	Coal Combustion Plants		Gasification Plants (IGCC)	IGCC and NGCC Plants
<u>Post-Combustion Capture</u> Conv. Amine; Adv. amines (FG+); Chilled ammonia; Membrane systems; Aux. NG steam or power gen. (optional)	<u>Boiler/Turbine Systems</u> Subcritical; Supercritical; Ultra-supercritical	<u>Particulate Removal</u> Cold-side ESP; Fabric filter (Reverse air; Pulse jet)	<u>Air Separation Unit</u> Cryogenic	<u>Gas Turbine</u> GE 7FA; GE 7FB
<u>Oxy-Combustion Capture</u> Flue gas recycle; ASU; Chemical processing units	<u>Furnace Firing</u> Tangential; Wall; Cyclone	<u>SO<sub>2</sub> Removal</u> Wet limestone (Conv.; F. oxidation; Wet lime; Lime spray dry)	<u>Slurry Preparation &amp; Coal Pretreatment</u>	<u>Heat Recovery Steam Generator</u>
<u>Pre-Combustion Capture</u> Water gas shift + Selexol	<u>Furnace NOx Control</u> LNB; SNCR; SNCR+LNB; Gas reburn	<u>Solids Management</u> Ash pond; Landfill; Co-mixing; useful byproducts	<u>Gasification</u> Slurry-fed gasifier (GE-Q); Dry-fed gasifier (Shell)	<u>Steam Turbine</u>
<u>CO<sub>2</sub> Compressor</u>	<u>Flue Gas NOx Removal</u> Hot-side SCR	<u>Cooling and Wastewater Systems</u> Once-thru cooling; Wet cooling tower; Dry cooling;	<u>Syn gas Cooling and Particulate Removal</u>	<u>Boiler Feedwater System</u>
<u>CO<sub>2</sub> Transport</u> Pipelines (6 U.S. regions); Other (user-specified)	<u>Mercury Removal</u> Carbon/sorbent injection	<u>Wet cooling tower; Mech. treatment</u>	<u>Mercury Removal</u> Activated carbon	<u>Process Condensate Treatment</u>
<u>CO<sub>2</sub> Storage</u> Deep saline formation; Geol. Storage w/ EOR; Other (user-specified)			<u>H<sub>2</sub>S Removal</u> Selexol, Sulfmol	<u>Cooling Water System</u> Once-through; Wet cooling tower; Dry cooling
			<u>Sulfur Recovery</u> Claus plant; Beavon-Sireford unit	<u>Aux. Equipment</u>

\*Additional capture options under development include solid sorbent and calcium looping systems for post-combustion (PC or NGCC plants), a chemical looping system for IGCC, and an advanced oxy-combustion system

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# GCEP Criteria for Advanced Carbon Capture Systems

We are working with the three GCEP-funded research teams to develop process performance and cost models that can be used to assess new process concepts relative to specific GCEP criteria:

- Capture and separate  $\geq 90\%$  of power system CO<sub>2</sub>
- Energy penalty  $\leq 10\%$  of overall power system output
- Minimal lifecycle environmental impacts and water demand
- Uses only earth-abundant and non-toxic constituents
- Incremental cost  $\leq 15\%$  of overall power system cost
- Reliability comparable to other power plant components
- Lifetime equal to the associated energy generation system
- Potential for low-cost integration & deployment at large scale

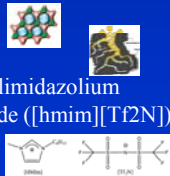
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# Performance models

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## Capture Materials Modeled

- All university research groups are still developing their novel capture materials
- For preliminary analysis we use surrogate materials suggested by each of the GCEP research groups:
  - MOFs:** Zeolitic Imidazolate Frameworks (ZIF-78); also,  $Mg_2$ -(dobdc) – MOF-74
  - Activated Carbon:** SU\_AC
  - Ionic Liquids:** 1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide ([hmim][Tf2N])

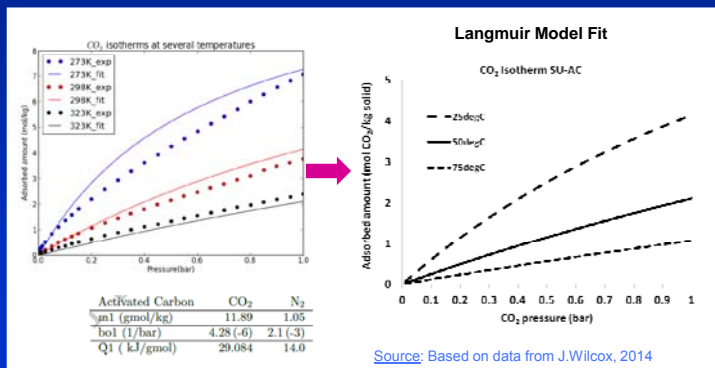


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## Post-combustion capture using novel sorbents

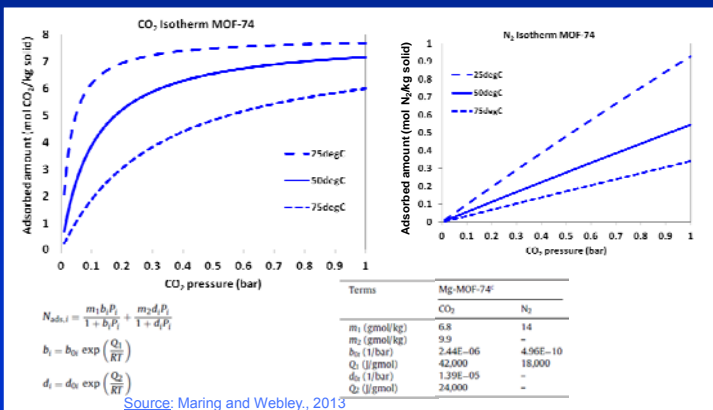
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## Examples of Sorbent Isotherms: SU\_AC

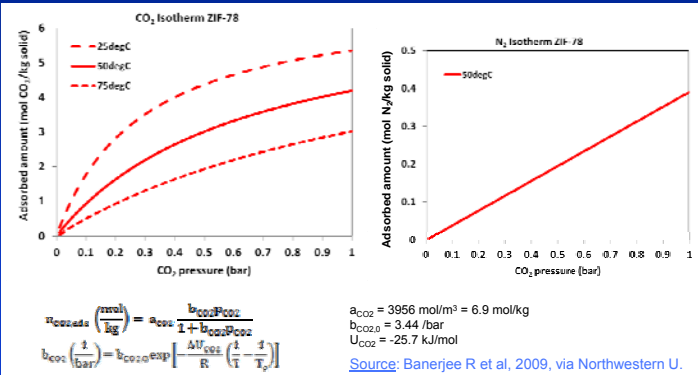


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## Sorbent Isotherms: MOF-74



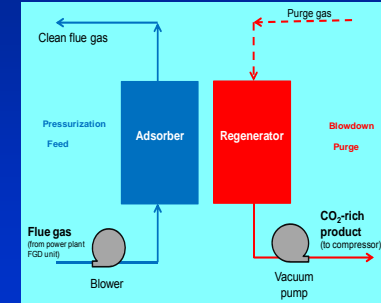
## Sorbent Isotherms: ZIF-78



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## PSA/VSA Process Model\*

- Simplified Skarstorm cycle model with three steps:
  - Pressurization (adsorption)
  - Feed (adsorption)
  - Blowdown (desorption)
- Atmospheric pressure adsorption, vacuum pressure desorption
- Equilibrium conditions
- Cyclic steady state
- Single-stage operation
- Flue gas = CO<sub>2</sub> + N<sub>2</sub>



\*Based on: Maring and Webley, IJGGC, 2013.

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## Performance Model Details\*

- Initial condition:**

$$\frac{dN_j}{dt} = N_{A,j,feed} - N_{A,j,des} - N_{A,j,blow}$$

$$T_{initial} = T_{feed}$$

$$P_{initial} = P_{feed}$$
- Blowdown step:**

$$\Delta N_j = N_{A,j,feed} - N_{A,j,des} - N_{A,j,blow}$$

$$T_j = T_{j-1} + \frac{Q_{blow}}{C_p \times m} (N_{A,j,blow} - N_{A,j,des})$$

$$N_{A,j,des} = n_{A,j,des}(P_j, T_j) \times m + \frac{N_{A,j,feed} - 1}{RT_{j-1}} (1+A,B)$$

$$N_{A,product} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_{steps}} (N_{A,j,feed} - N_{A,j,des}) \Delta N_j$$

$$N_{B,product} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_{steps}} (1 - N_{A,j,des}) \Delta N_j$$

$$W_{vacuum} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_{steps}} W_{vacuum,j}$$
- Pressurization step:**

$$\Delta N_j = N_{A,j,feed} - N_{A,j,des} - N_{A,j,blow}$$

$$T_j = T_{j-1} + \frac{Q_{blow}}{C_p \times m} (N_{A,j,blow} - N_{A,j,des})$$
- Feed step:**

$$N_{A,initial} = N_{A,j,feed} + N_{feed} \times Y_{A,feed} - N_{A,blow} \times Y_A$$

$$N_{B,initial} = N_{B,j,feed} + N_{feed} \times (1 - Y_{A,feed}) - N_{A,blow} \times Y_B$$

$$W_{blow} = (N_{B,j,feed} + N_{feed}) \times \frac{1}{\eta} \left( \frac{P_{feed}}{P_{feed}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\eta} - 1} (R-1)^{\eta} = 1$$
- Performance:**

$$\text{Purity} = \frac{\text{mole CO}_2 \text{ product}}{\text{mole CO}_2 \text{ product} + \text{mole N}_2 \text{ product}} = \frac{N_{A,product}}{N_{A,product} + N_{B,product}}$$

$$\text{Recovery} = \frac{\text{mole CO}_2 \text{ product}}{\text{mole CO}_2 \text{ in flue gas} + \text{mole CO}_2 \text{ in feed}} = \frac{N_{A,product}}{Y_{A,feed} \times (N_{feed} + N_{feed})}$$

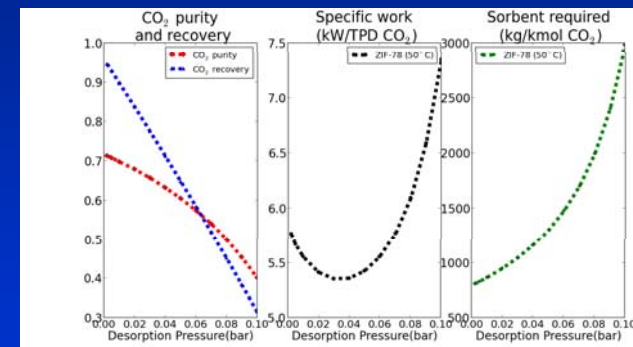
$$\text{Working capacity} = \text{mole CO}_2 \text{ product}$$

$$\text{Specific work} = \frac{W_{vacuum} + W_{blow}}{N_{A,product}}$$

\* Pressurization and blowdown modeled in 100-step increments, with equilibrium reached at each

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## Results for Single-Stage VSA Model (based on ZIF-78 at 50°C)



With single-stage VSA, high recovery and purity are possible only at very low desorption pressure

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## Preliminary Case Study

(modeled using IECM v.8.0.2)

- Base Power Plant
  - 650 MW<sub>gross</sub>, supercritical PC unit
  - Appalachian medium sulfur coal
  - Thermal energy input: 1564 MW<sub>th</sub>
  - 11,310 kmol/hr CO<sub>2</sub> in flue gas (12% by volume)
- CO<sub>2</sub> capture using ZIF-78 with VSA
  - 90% CO<sub>2</sub> capture, single stage
  - Isothermal at 50°C
  - Adsorption pressure = 1.2 bar
  - Desorption pressure = 0.01 bar
  - CO<sub>2</sub> product pressure = 135 bar

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## Preliminary Case Study Results

Performance Parameter	Base Plant	1-stage VSA with ZIF-78	Baseline Amine
Thermal energy input (MW <sub>th</sub> )	1564	1564	1564
Capture unit power (%MW <sub>g</sub> )		9.2 (60 MW)	
Compression from vacuum to pipeline pressure (%MW <sub>g</sub> )		22.8 (148 MW)	
Net power out (MW)	608	401	440
<b>Net plant efficiency (%HHV)</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>
Product purity (%)		70	99

**NEXT STEP:** Model a more complex two-stage process design to achieve higher efficiency and product purity

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## Pre-combustion capture using ionic liquids

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## Solvent Properties

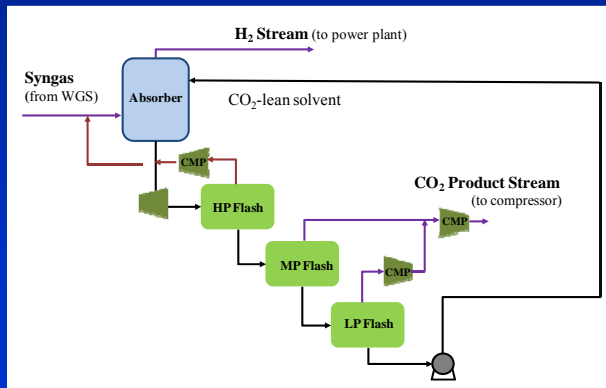
Property	Ionic Liquids	Selexol
chemical	Salts	DMPEG
licensor	n/a	UOP
absorption type	physical	physical
viscosity (mPa.s)	20-1000	5.8
density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	800-1500	1030
molar mass (g/mol)	200-750	280
vapor pressure (mmHg)	0.000001	0.00073
freezing point (°C)	-140 to 180	-28
boiling point (°C)	>250	275
max. operating temp. (°C)	depends on stability	175
operating pressure	high	high
Δabs. H (kJ/mol CO <sub>2</sub> )	-10 to -20	-14.3
CO <sub>2</sub> solubility (m <sup>3</sup> /m <sup>3</sup> )	>2.51	3.63
CO <sub>2</sub> /H <sub>2</sub> selectivity	50-150	77
CO <sub>2</sub> /CH <sub>4</sub> selectivity	8-35	15
CO <sub>2</sub> /H <sub>2</sub> S selectivity	2-10	8.8

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Source of IL data: Ramdin, M. et al. IECCR. 2012.

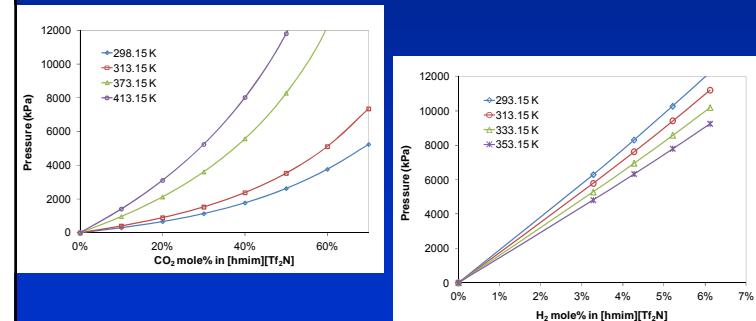


## Process Configuration for Pre-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> Capture



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## [hmim][Tf2N] Capture of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> in a Binary System



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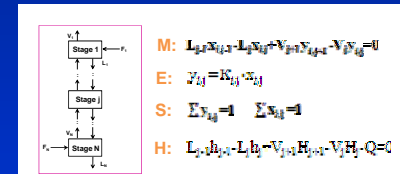
## Preliminary Case Study (modeled using IECM v.8.0.2)

- Base Power Plant
  - 651 MW<sub>g</sub> IGCC plant
  - 26,500 kmol/hr syngas (32% CO<sub>2</sub>, 68% H<sub>2</sub>)
- 90% CO<sub>2</sub> capture using IL (vs. Selexol)
  - Absorber: Temp = 30C, Pressure = 3000 kPa
  - Flash Drum Pressures for Stripping: high = 1000 kPa, medium = 500 kPa, low = 100 kPa
  - Flash temperature = 30C
  - Equipment Efficiency: compressor = 80%, pump = 75%, hydraulic turbine = 80%
  - CO<sub>2</sub> product pressure = 135 bar
  - 2 trains

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## A Multistage Equilibrium Process Model for Gas Absorption

- A multistage equilibrium process model is used to simulate the absorption process, including mass balance (M), equilibrium (E), summation (S), and enthalpy balance (H).



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## Phase Equilibrium Modeling

- For gas absorption processes, the vapor-liquid equilibrium (VLE) is described in terms of a K-value as:

$$y_i = K_i x_i = \left( \frac{g_i^L}{g_i^V} \right) x_i$$

- The fugacity coefficient is estimated based on the generic Redlich-Kwong Equation of State (RK EOS) with binary interaction parameters (Shiflett and Yokozeki 2007):

$$\ln \phi_i = \ln \frac{RT}{P(V-b)} + \left( \frac{c_i b}{c_i n_i} \right) \left( \frac{1}{V-b} - \frac{a}{RTb(V+b)} \right) + \frac{a}{RTb} \left( \frac{c_i n_i}{a} - \frac{c_i n_i}{b} + 1 \right) \ln \frac{V}{V+b}$$

RK EOS parameters are determined based on mixing rules:

$$a = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sqrt{a_i a_j} f_{ij}(T) (1 - k_{ij}) x_i x_j \quad b = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i + b_j) (1 - k_{ij}) (1 - m_{ij}) x_i x_j$$

$$k_{ij} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{z_i z_j}}{1 + \sqrt{z_i z_j}} \quad f_{ij}(T) = 1 + \frac{c_{ij}}{T}$$

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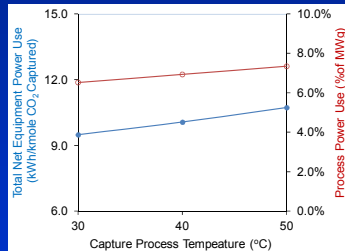
## Case Study Results

Performance Parameter	IL-based CO <sub>2</sub> capture	Selexol-based CO <sub>2</sub> Capture
Solvent Pumping Power (%MW <sub>g</sub> )	2.2 (14.5 MW)	
Process Compression Power (%MW <sub>g</sub> )	1.4 (8.8 MW)	
Hydraulic Turbine Power Recovery Credit (%MW <sub>g</sub> )	1.6 (10.2 MW)	
CO <sub>2</sub> Product Compression Power (%MW <sub>g</sub> )	4.5 (29.3 MW)	
<b>Total Capture Power (%MW<sub>g</sub>)</b> (excluding effect of shift reactor)	<b>6.5</b> (42.5 MW)	<b>7.3</b> (47.8 MW)
CO <sub>2</sub> Product Purity (%)	99	99

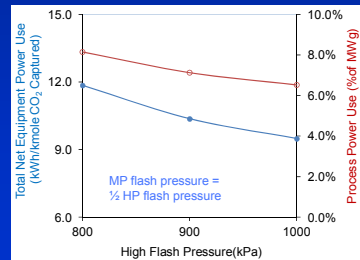
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## Sensitivity Analysis (1)

Effect of Process Design Temperature



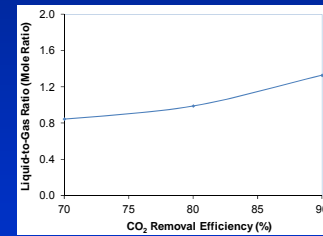
Effect of Design Flash Pressure



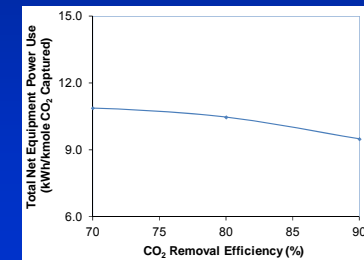
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## Sensitivity Analysis (2)

Effect of CO<sub>2</sub> Removal Efficiency



CO<sub>2</sub> Product Purity > 99%,  
H<sub>2</sub> Loss < 0.4%



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## Preliminary Conclusions Related to Process Performance

- Novel sorbent materials should seek high selectivity to achieve high capture efficiency and high purity
- Data are needed on sorbent behavior in the presence of water and impurities such as sulfur
- Mixed gas isotherms are needed to give more accurate performance estimates

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## Process Cost Models

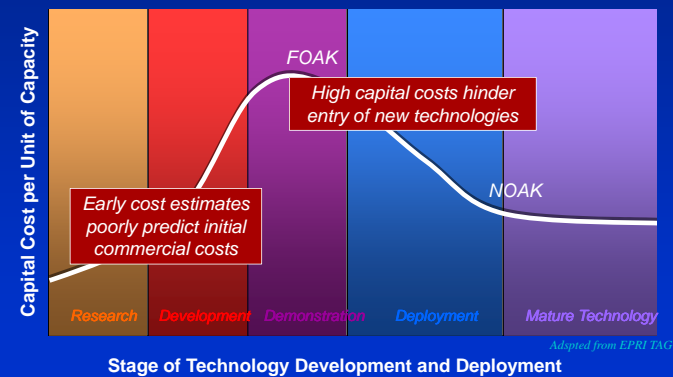
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## Cost Models for New Technologies are Under Development

- **CAPITAL COSTS**
  - Direct equipment costs
  - Indirect costs (related to PFC)
    - General facilities capital
    - Engineering & home office fees
    - Process contingency cost
    - Project contingency cost
    - Interest during construction
    - Preproduction (startup) cost
    - Royalty fees
    - Inventory capital
  - Total Capital Requirement
- **O&M COSTS**
  - Variable costs
    - Chemicals
    - Fuels
    - Waste disposal
    - Byproduct credits
    - Other
  - Fixed costs
    - Labor
    - Maintenance
  - Total O&M Cost
- **Financial Factors**

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## The Challenge for New Technologies: Typical Cost Trend of a New Technology



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## Preliminary Conclusions Related to Process Cost

- Novel processes for CO<sub>2</sub> capture should seek to minimize capital cost via process simplifications, reduced vessel size and materials requirements
- Tradeoffs between cost and performance can be important in designing “best” new systems for carbon capture

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*Future Work  
(in progress)*

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## GCEP Project Tasks

- Task 1: Review literature and material properties data.
- Task 2: Formulate capture process designs.
- Task 3: Formulate thermodynamic process models.
- Task 4: Develop reduced-order performance models (as needed).
- Task 5: Formulate technology-level cost models.
- Task 6: Conduct initial techno-economic assessments.
- Task 7: Refine capture technology models; test in alternative plants
- Task 8: Characterize uncertainty/variability of key process parameters.
- Task 9: Develop LCA capability for CO<sub>2</sub> capture system and materials.
- Task 10: Assess plant-level attributes and targets.
- Task 11: Conduct comparative case studies.
- Task 12: Document and disseminate project results.

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