

IEA 4th Post Combustion Capture Conference:

CO₂ Capture by Cold Membrane Operation (DE-FE0013163 & FE0026422)



Creative Oxygen

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Air Liquide and MEDAL



World leader in industrial and medical gases

68,000 employees

\$19 billion sales (2016)

N₂ applications / markets

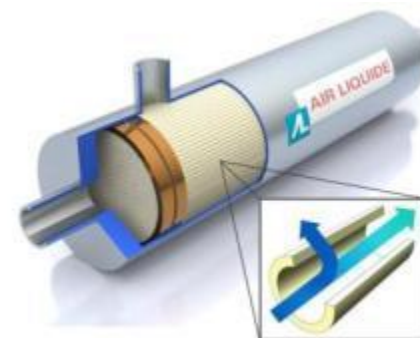
OBIGGS

Maritime

UB Oil Drilling

Food & Bev

CB Inerting



H₂ applications / markets

Refinery Off-gas Streams

Chemical Synthesis

CO₂ applications / markets

CO₂ Capture / CO₂ Sourcing

Fuel Gas

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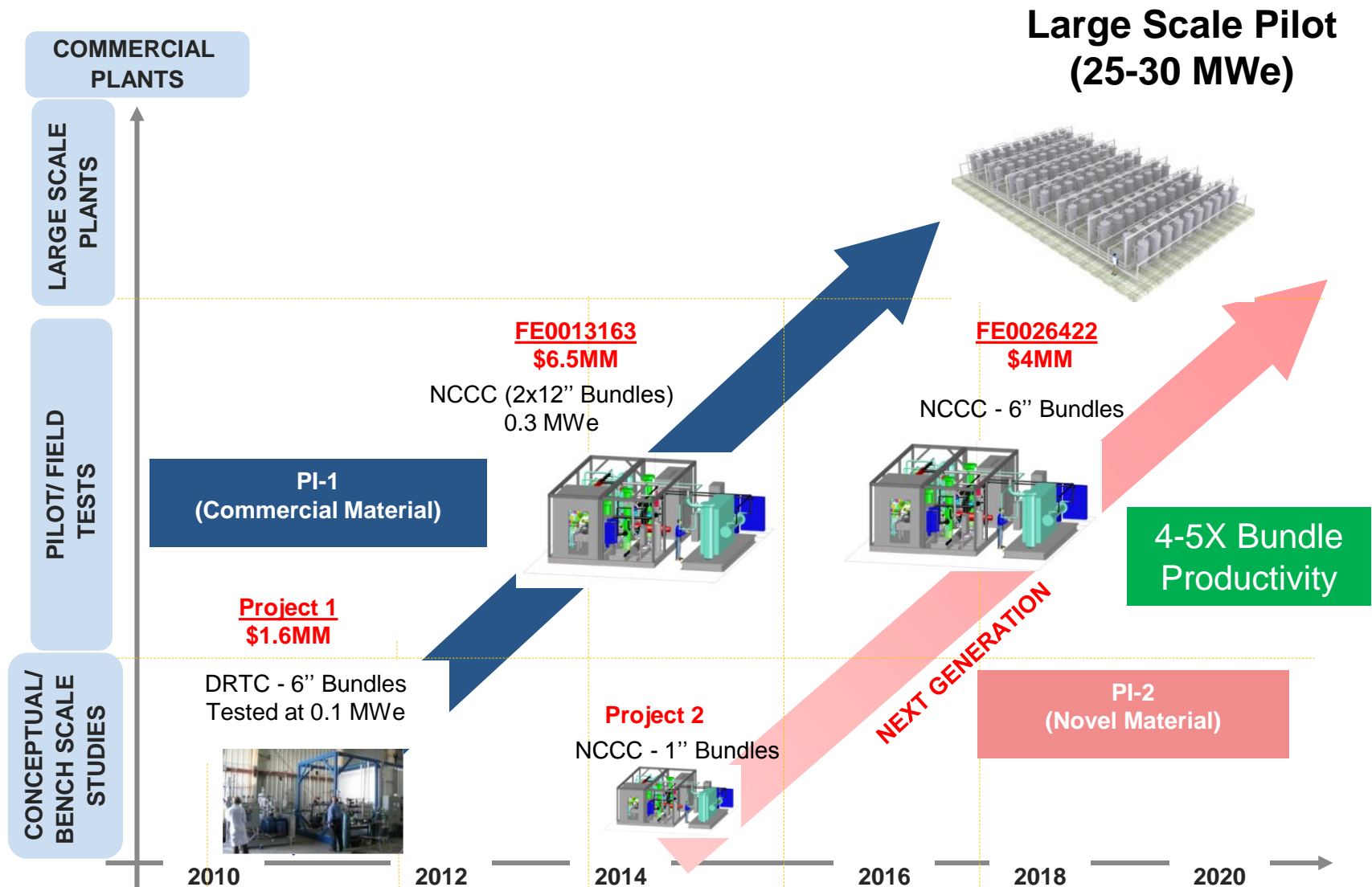
NG Sweetening

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NG Trimming

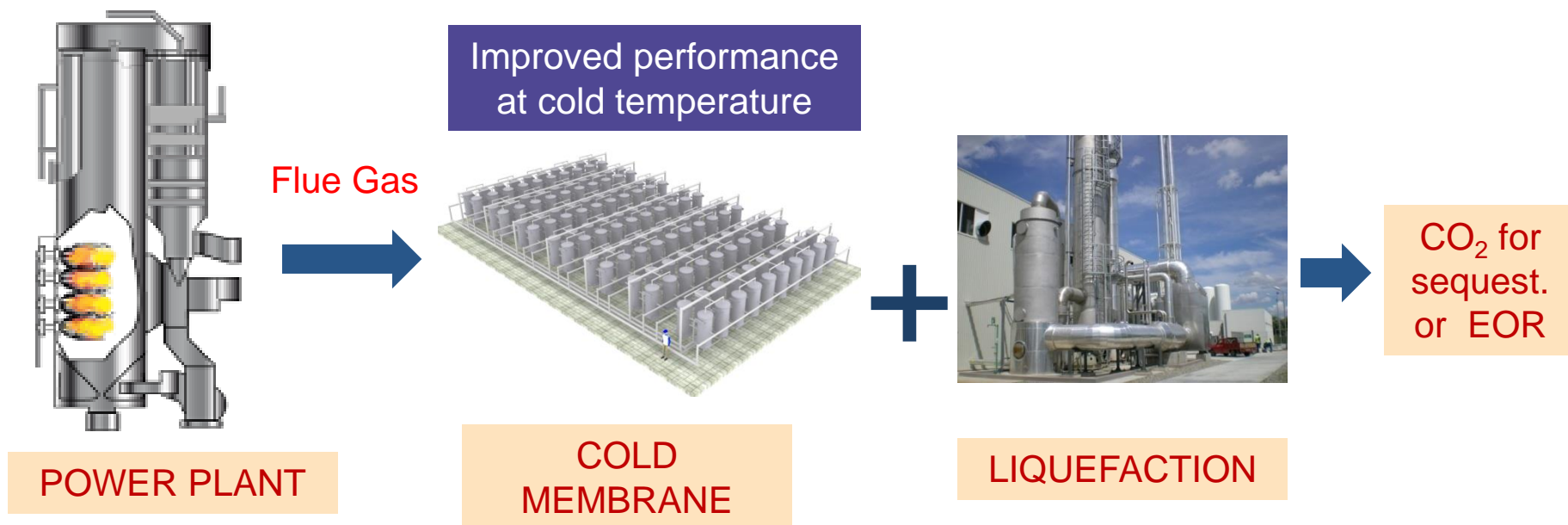


Cold Membrane Technology Roadmap



Technology Summary

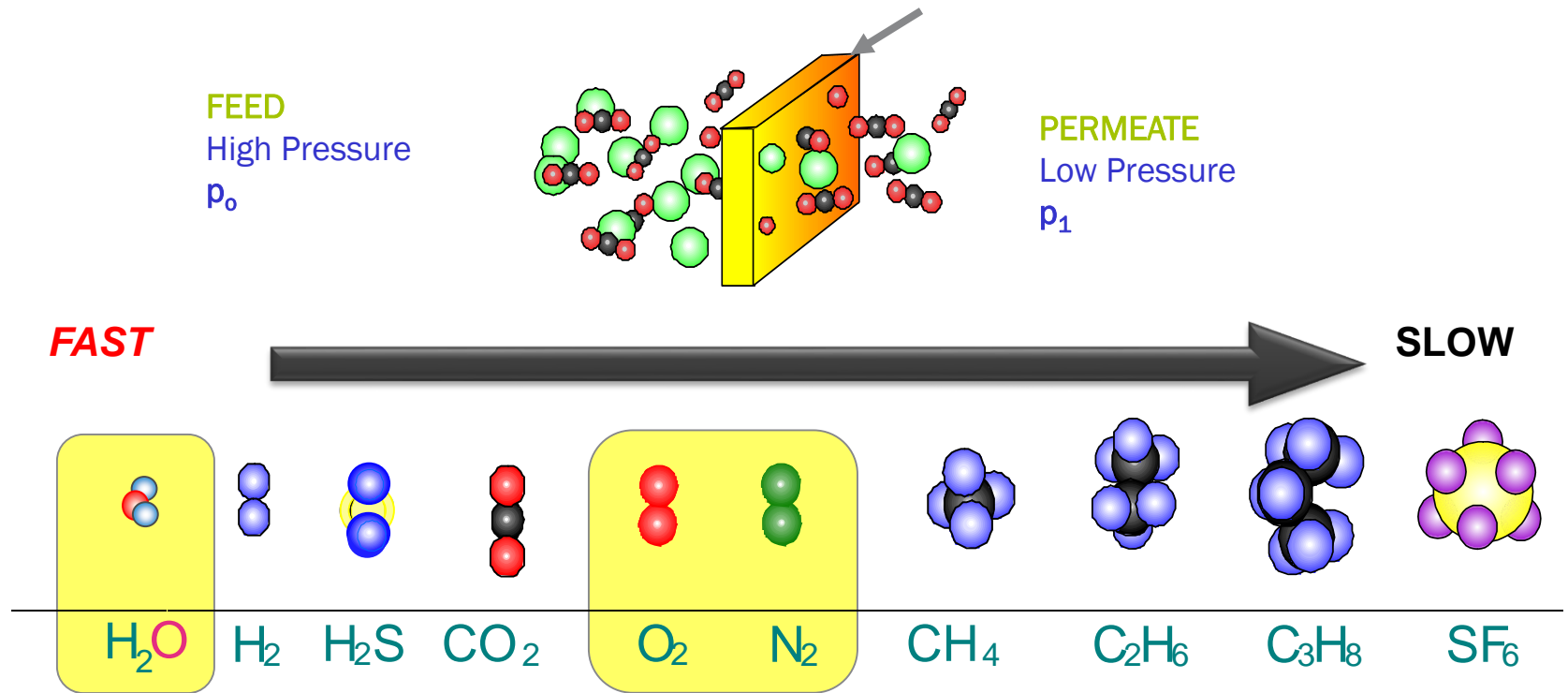
- Air Liquide hybrid cold membrane / liquefaction process for 550 MWe scale



- Cold membrane testing at 0.1 MWe with synthetic flue gas (TRL4) in 2012
 - CO₂ Capture Cost estimated at 46-52\$/tonne (DOE Target - \$40/tonne)
- Tested PI-1 material at 0.3 MWe scale (TRL5) at the NCCC
- Plan to test novel PI-2 material at 0.3 MWe scale at the NCCC, late 2017

Membranes at a Glance

A thin barrier that allows selective passage of molecules at different rates



A simple technology which requires

... no moving parts

... no external energy

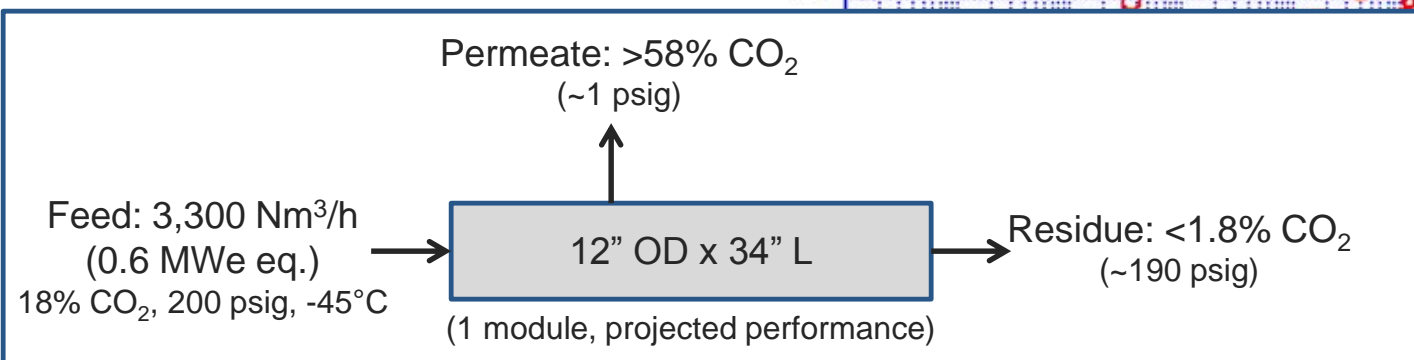
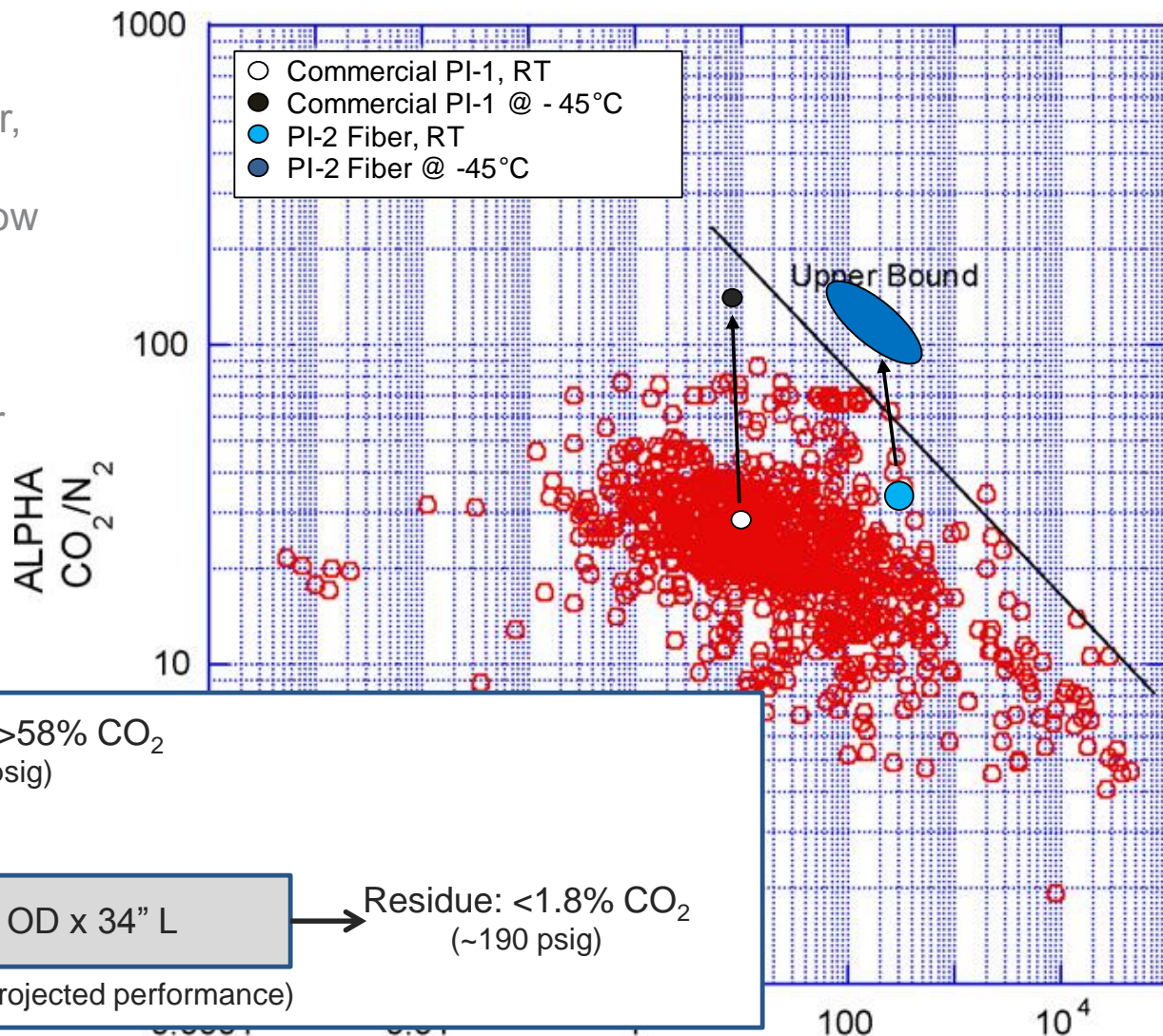
Background: Novel PI-2 Membrane Material

PI-1 standard product

- 1,000's of modules per year, dozens of applications
- Performance improves at low temperature

PI-2 novel material

- Permeation properties near Robeson* upper bound
- Spinnable
- Performance at NCCC over 500+ hours



*Robeson, J. Membr. Sci. 2008(320), 390- P(CO₂) Barrers

Agenda

■ Project & Technology Overview

■ NCCC Testing

■ Installation/Commissioning

■ PI-1 commercial membranes

■ PI-2 novel material

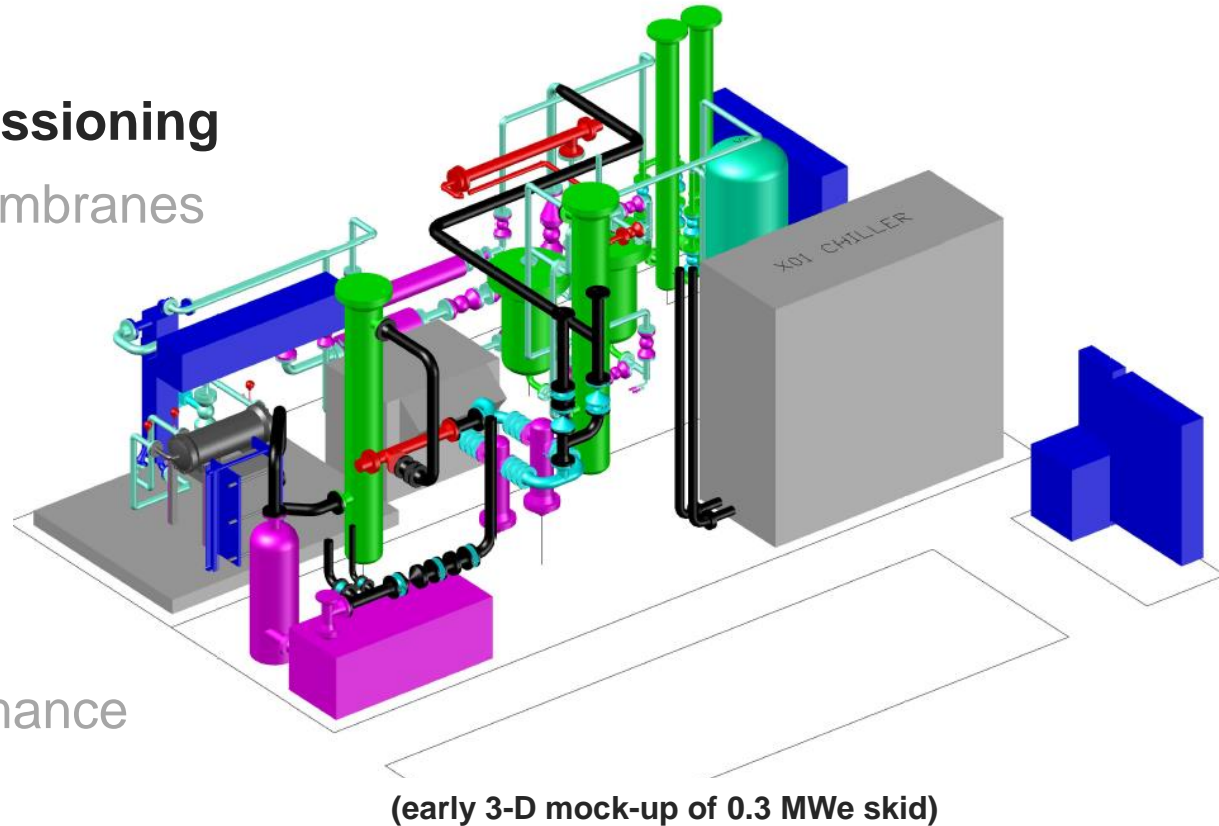
■ 550 MWe TEA

■ Next Steps

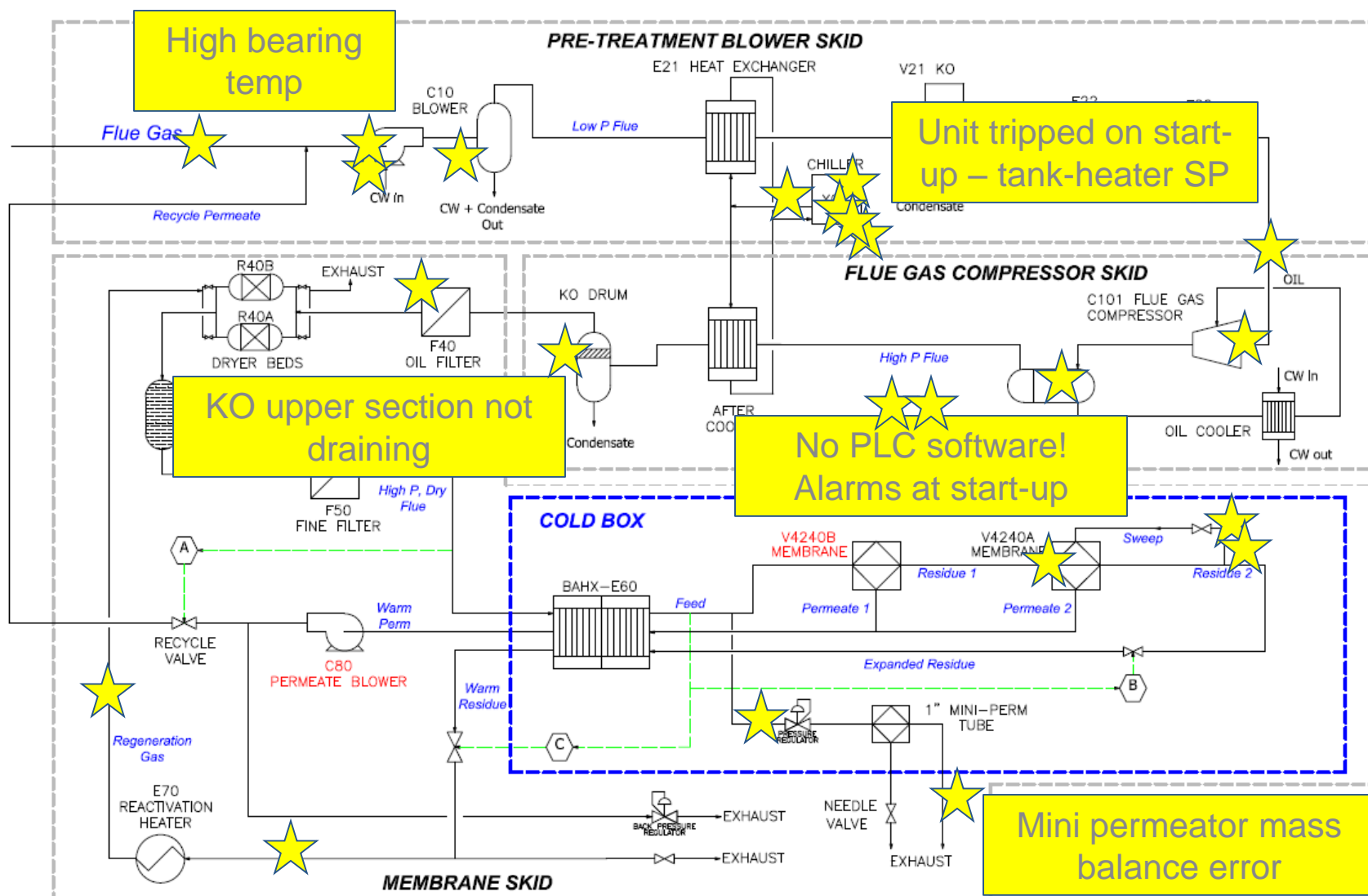
■ PI-2 manufacturing

■ Bench scale performance

■ NCCC test plan



Field Test Unit Commissioning at NCCC



Key takeaway: thorough acceptance test and commissioning!

DRTC TEAM AT NCCC:

Install: Aug-2015, Testing: Oct-2015



Testing at the NCCC

PO-4 (Oct – Dec 2015) Objectives:

■ Validate enhanced performance with real flue gas

Complete

■ Long term test with PI-1 and small (1") PI-2

Complete

PO-5 (May – Nov 2016):

■ Parametric testing 6" and 12" PI-1 bundle, 1" PI-2

Complete

■ Flue gas contaminants analytical campaign

Complete

PO-7 (Nov'17 – Dec'17):

■ Parametric testing 6" PI-2 bundles

Planned

■ Long term test (500 hours, 90% capture)

Planned

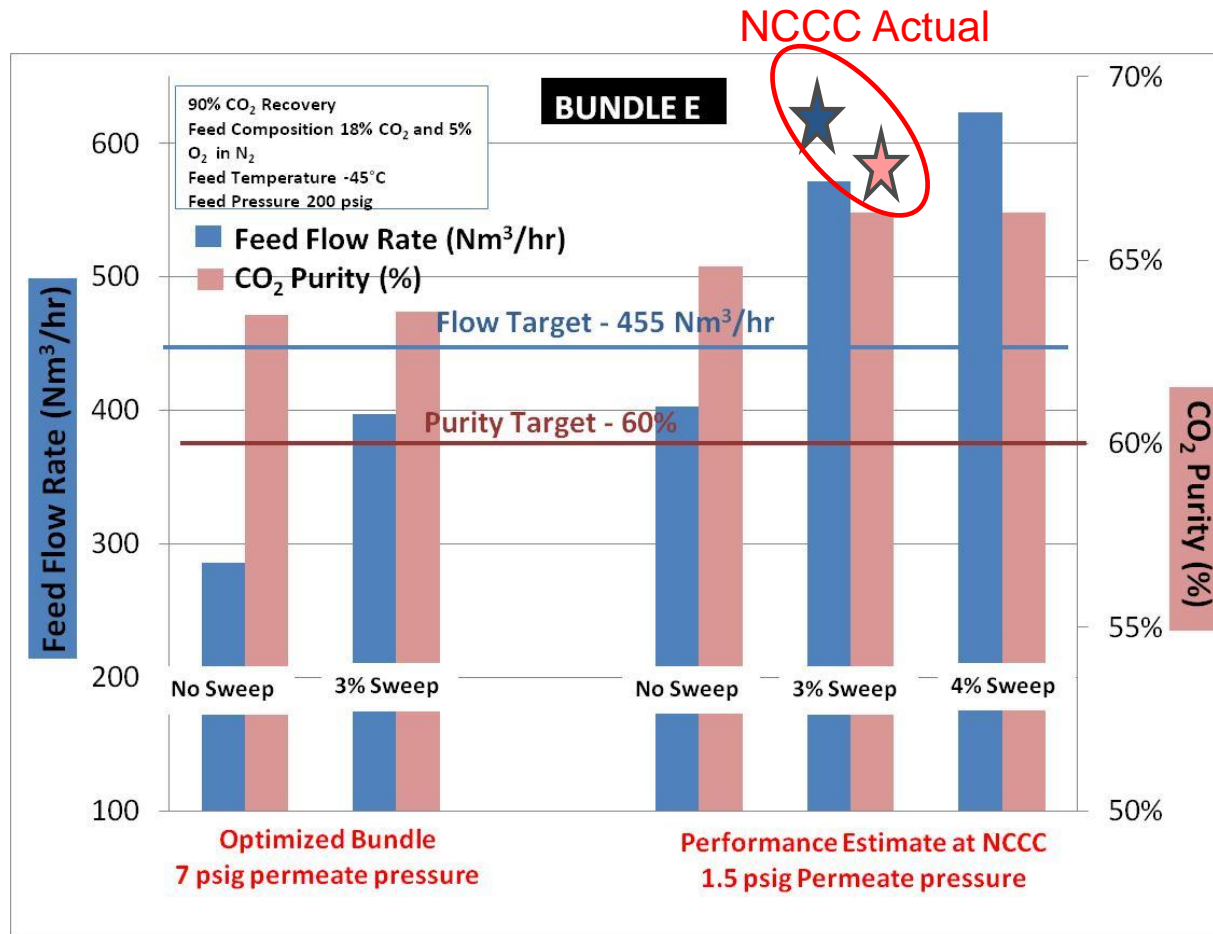
PO-8 (mid-2018?):

■ Some interesting stuff!

Planned

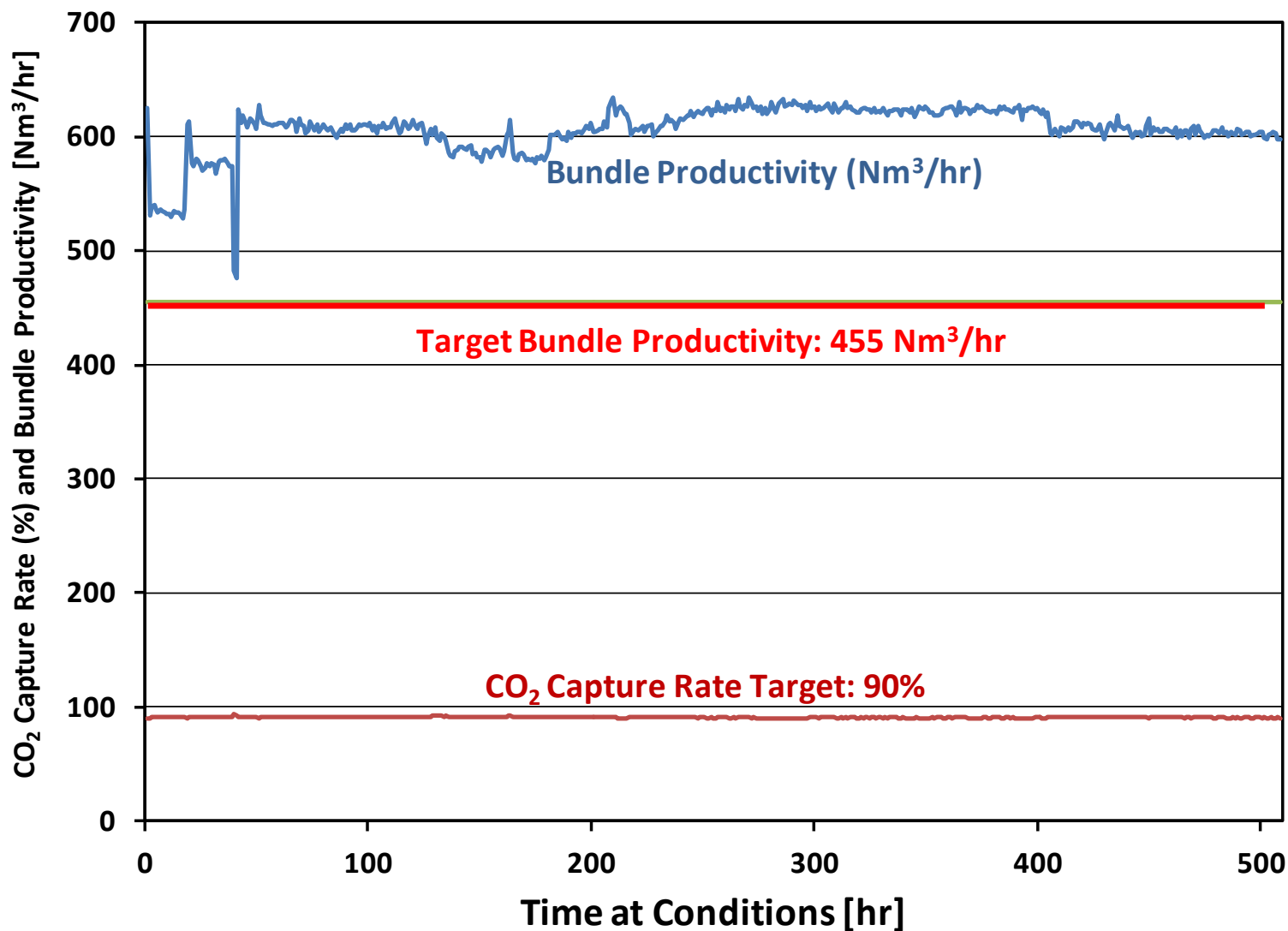
Performance Validation (12" Commercial Bundle)

- Bundle performance in field was projected from 0.1 MW bench scale skid
- Actual performance was even better than predicted



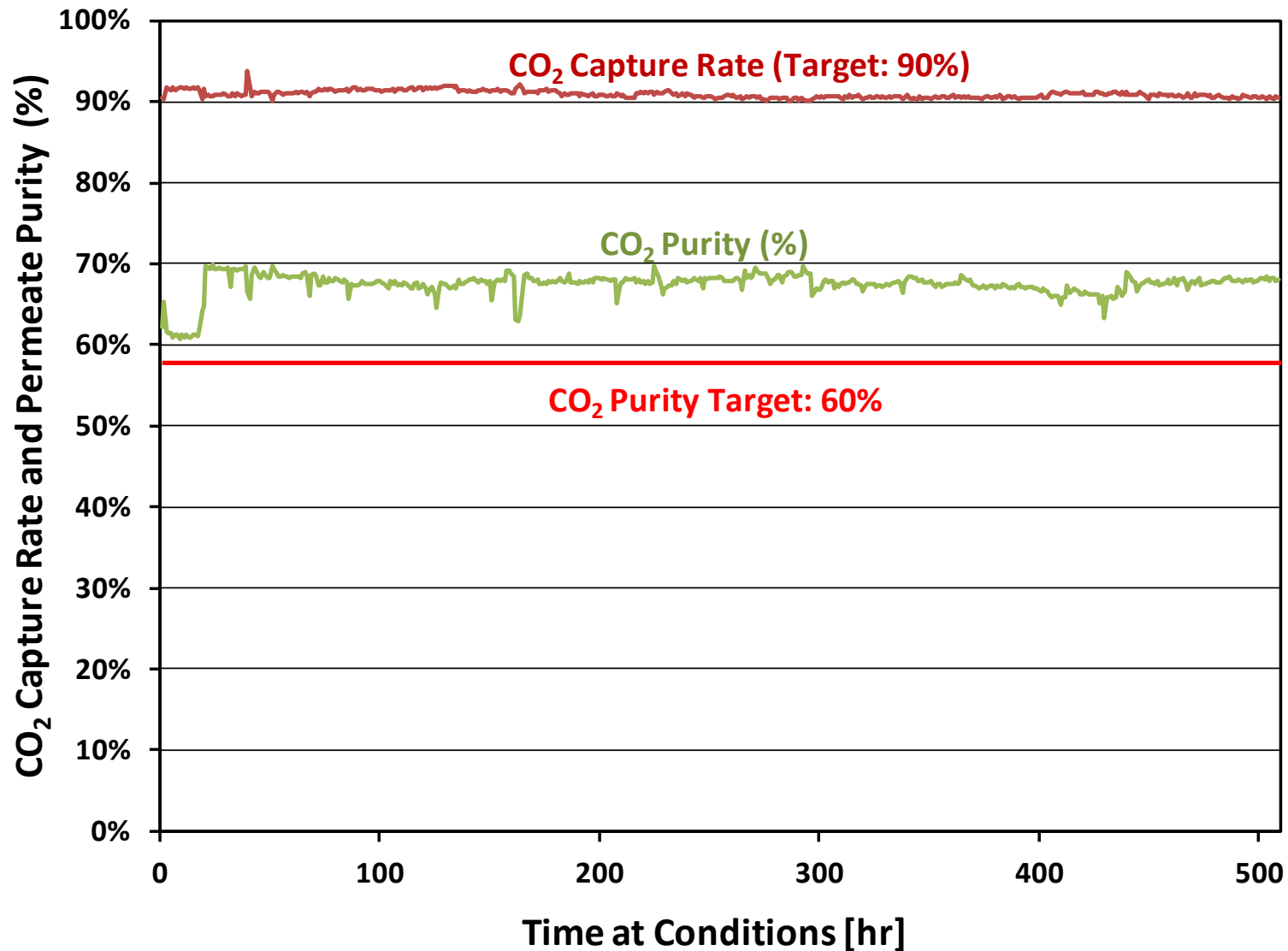
Enhanced membrane performance validated in field!

12" PI-1 Commercial Bundle Steady State Test



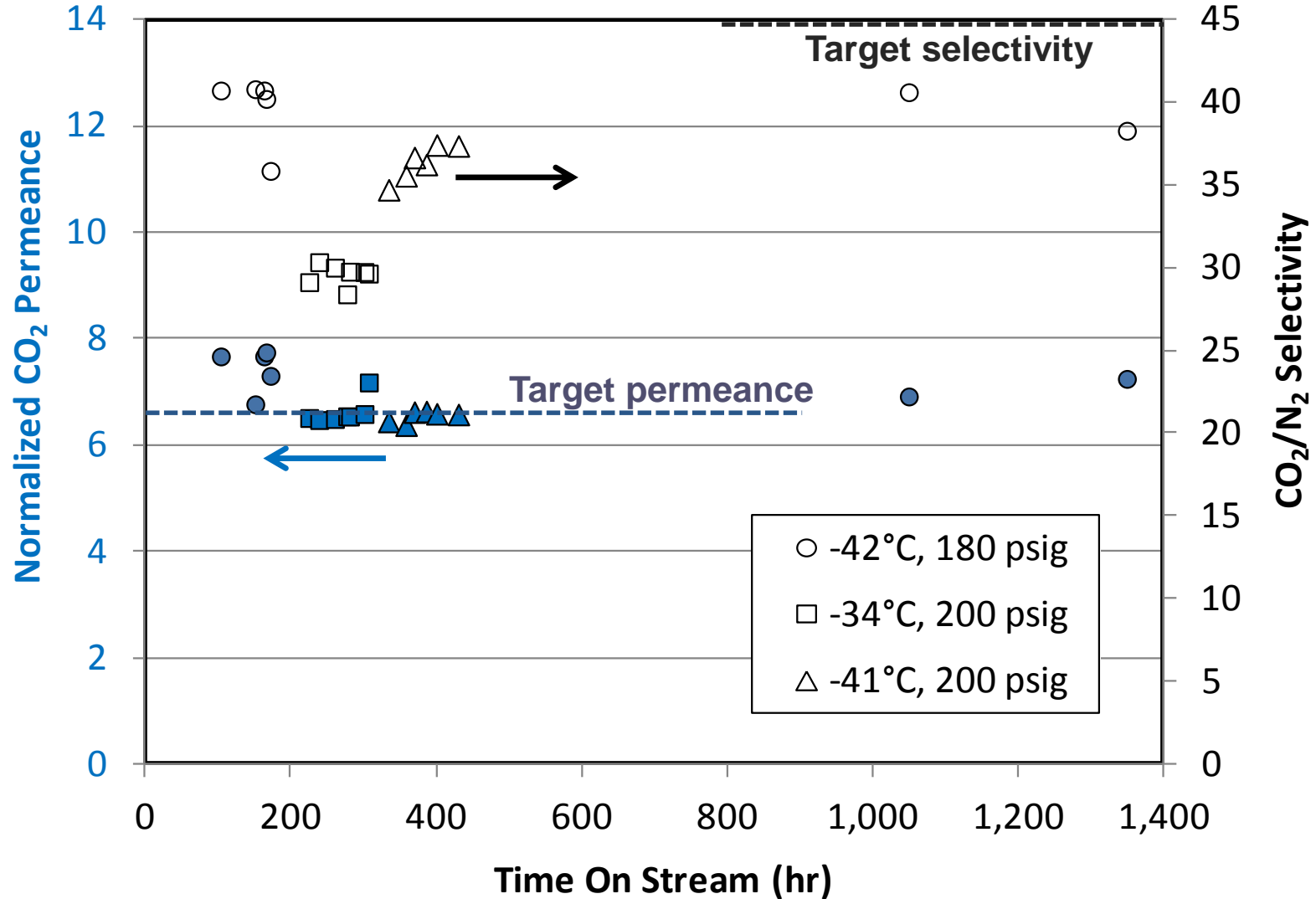
30% better performance than target!

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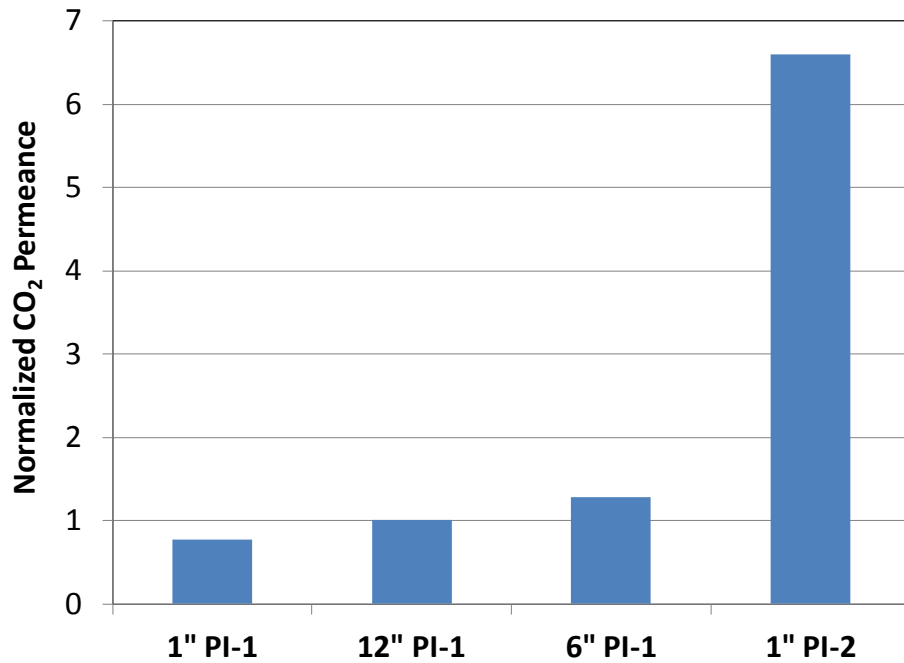
Steady state operation demonstrated

PI-2 Steady State Test (1" Bundle: 10x More Fibers)



Stable performance for PI-2 bundle in flue gas

12" PI-1 vs PI-2 Bundle Performance



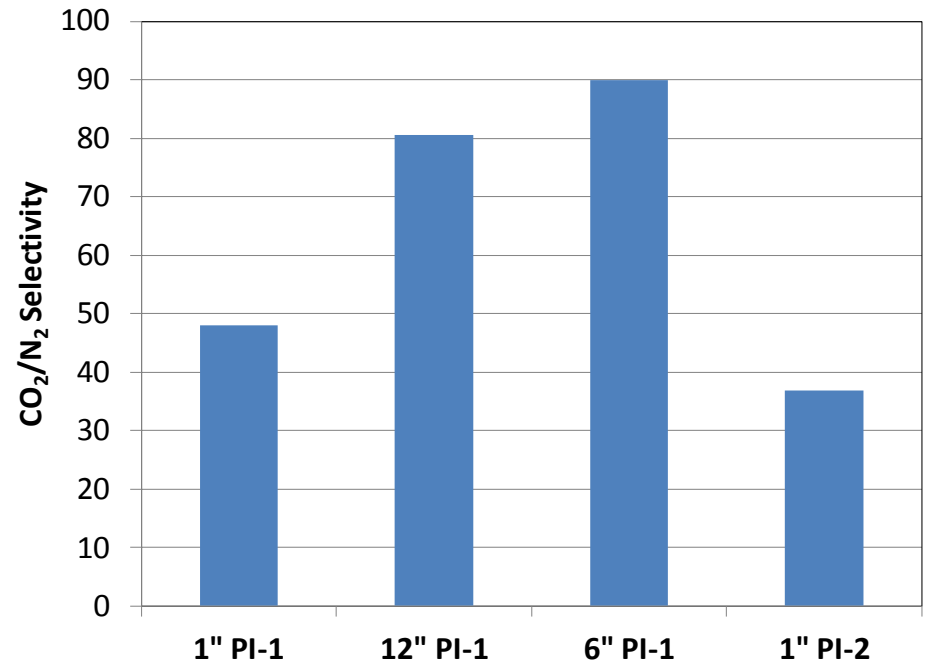
610 Nm³/h

240 Nm³/h

Extrapolated to 12"

2,500 Nm³/h
to
3,300 Nm³/h

Higher productivity →
Lower CAPEX



Purity = 64%

69%

71%

61%

Higher purity →
Lower OPEX

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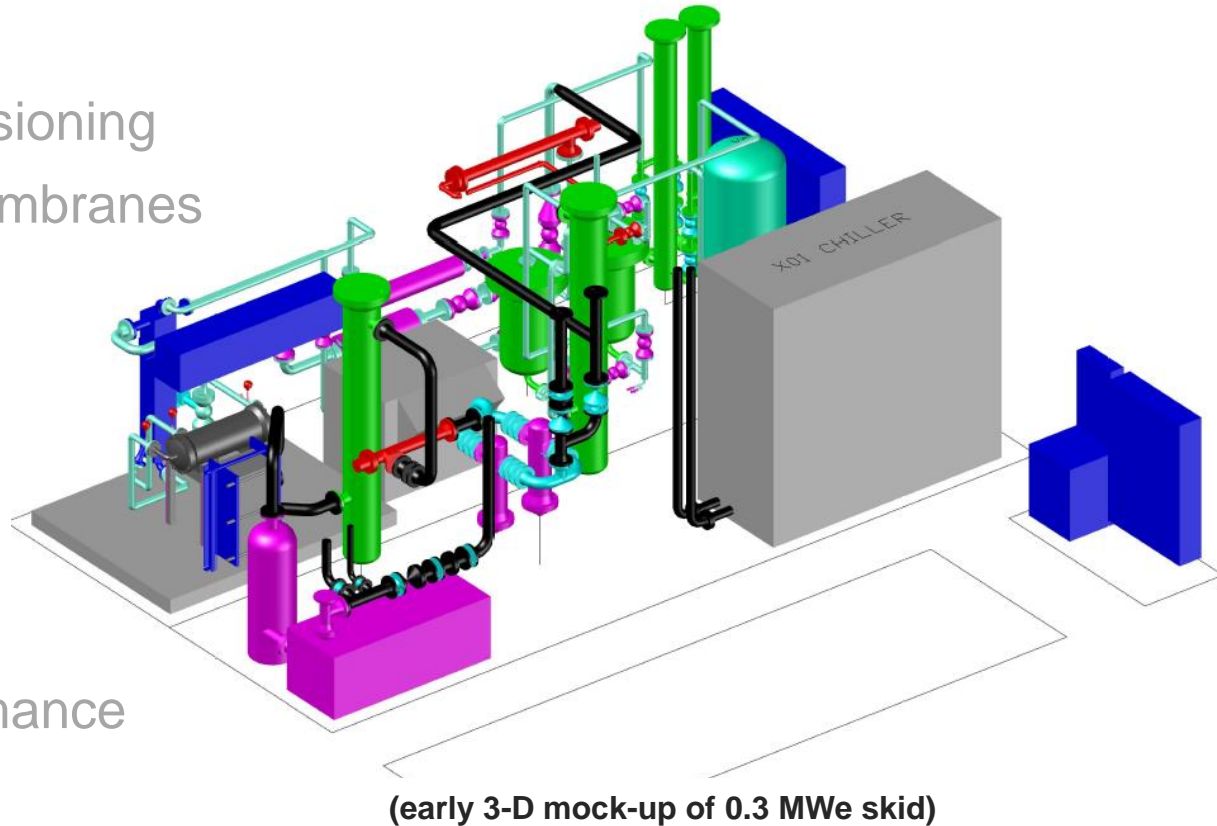
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Techno-Economic Analysis (TEA)

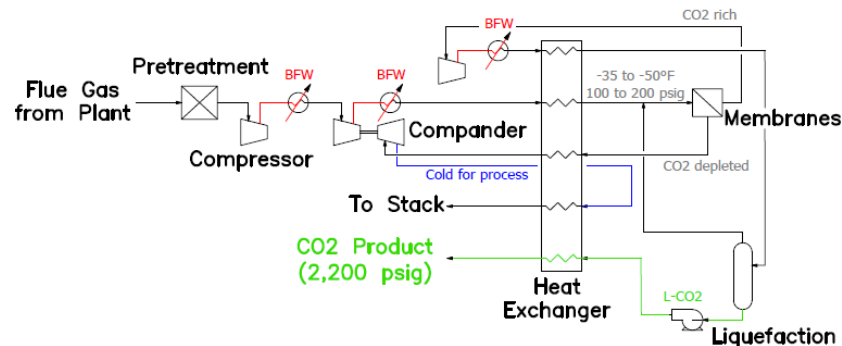
Objective: CO₂ capture from a commercial power plant, 550MWe (net), 12,000 tpd, at \$40/tonne by 2025

■ Process optimization
(PFD → HYSYS model, mass-energy balance)

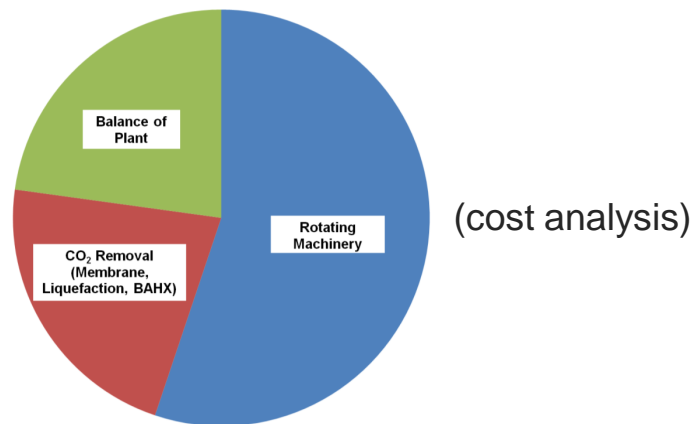
■ Equipment costing
(vendor quotes, scaling method)

■ DOE cost methodology

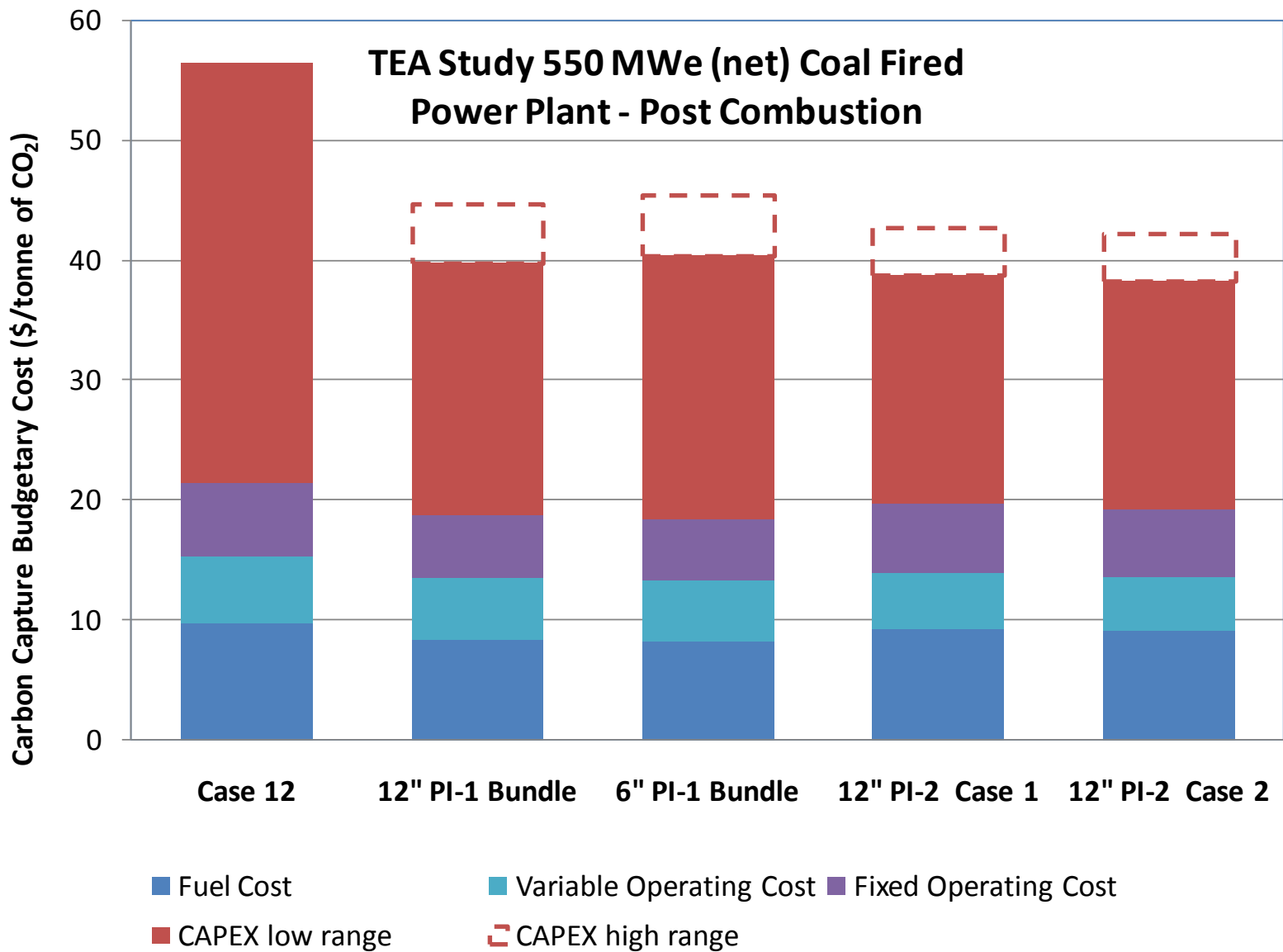
■ Parsons review and feedback



Major Equipment	Scaling Factor	Cost Reference
Pre-FGD heat recovery	UA value	AL database
2-stage contact tower	Molar flow	AL database
Particulate filter	Molar flow	Vendor quote
Feed compressor	Molar flow	Vendor quote
Equipment 5, 6, 7, etc.

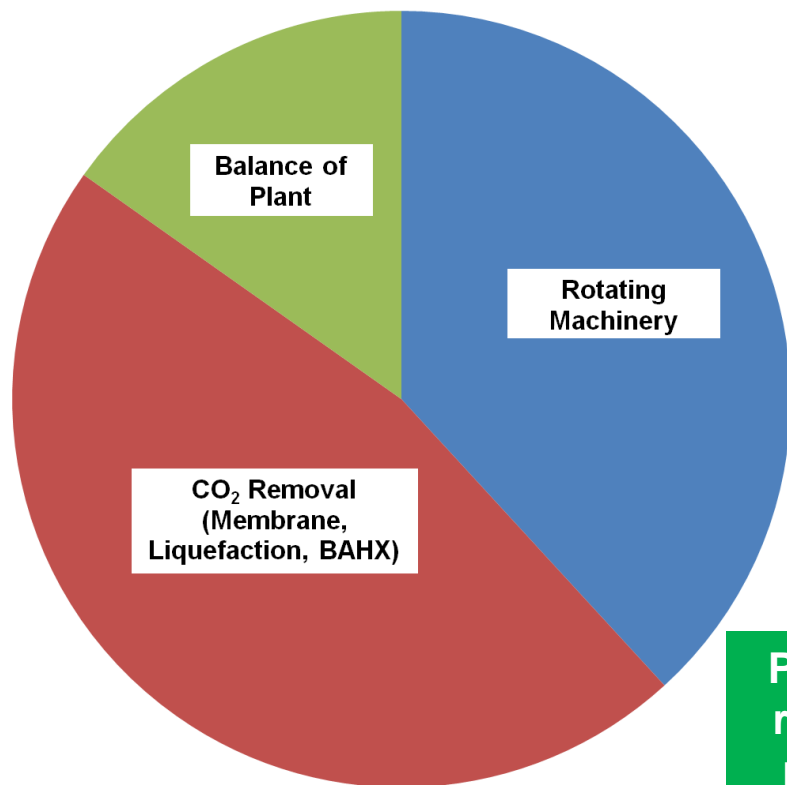


Carbon Capture Cost Estimate



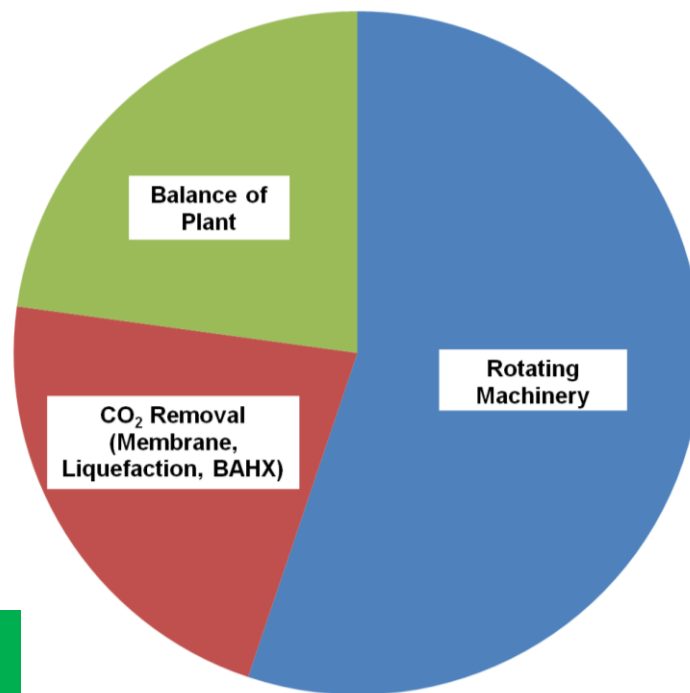
Techno Economic Analysis (TEA) Study

	Case 12 (Amine)	Cold Membrane (PI-1)	PI-2
Power Plant Cost (MM\$)	1,366	1,305	1,326
CO ₂ Capture System (MM\$)	593	357	254
Total Plant Cost (MM\$)	1,959	1,662	1,580



Cold Membrane (PI-1)

PI-2: big cost reduction on membranes



Projected PI-2

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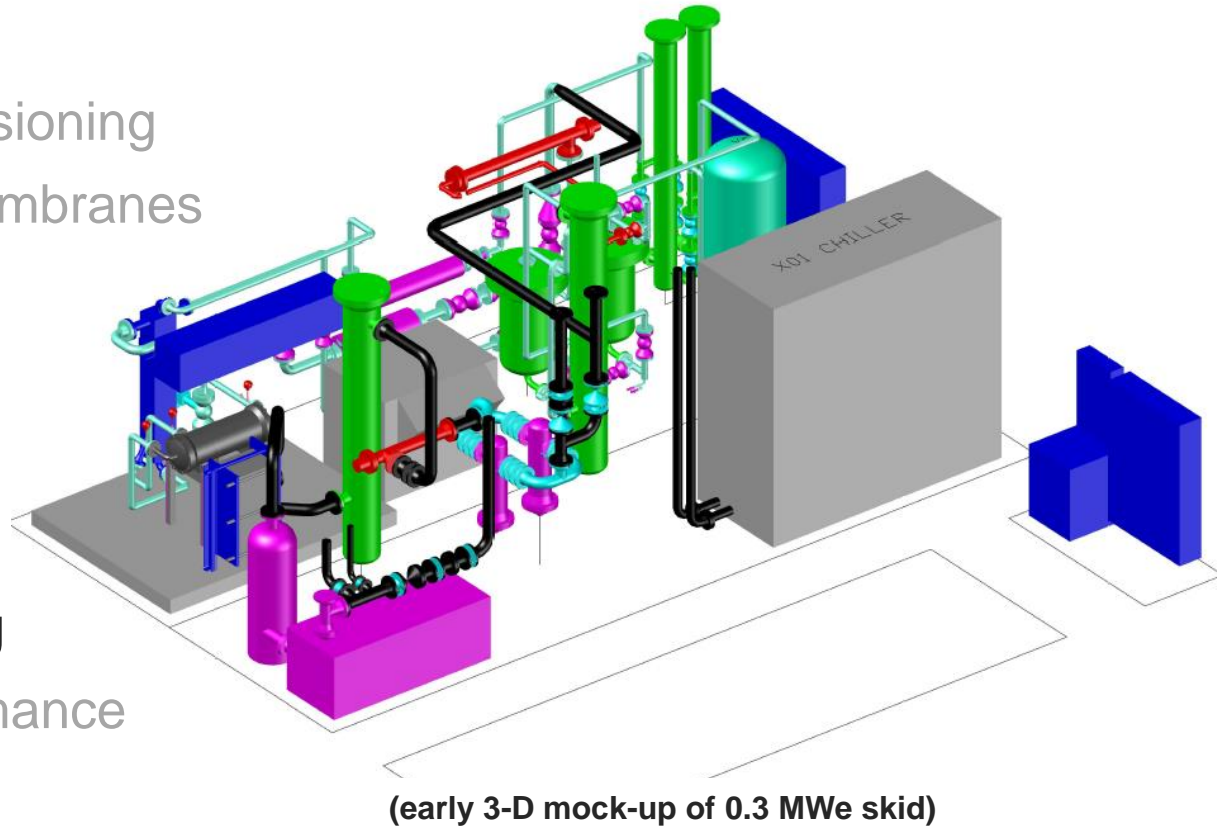
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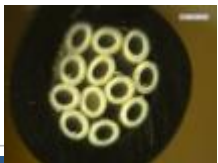
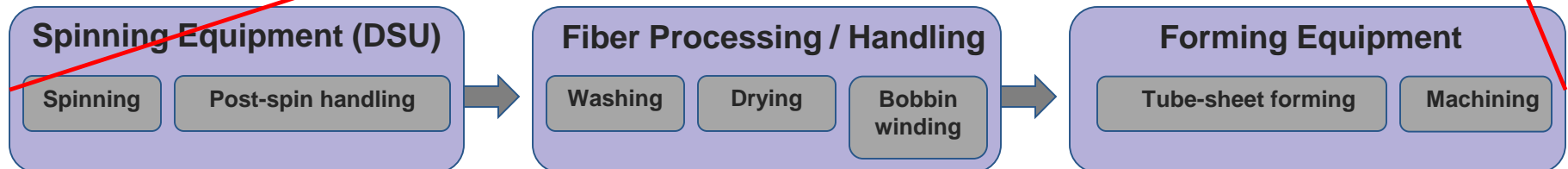
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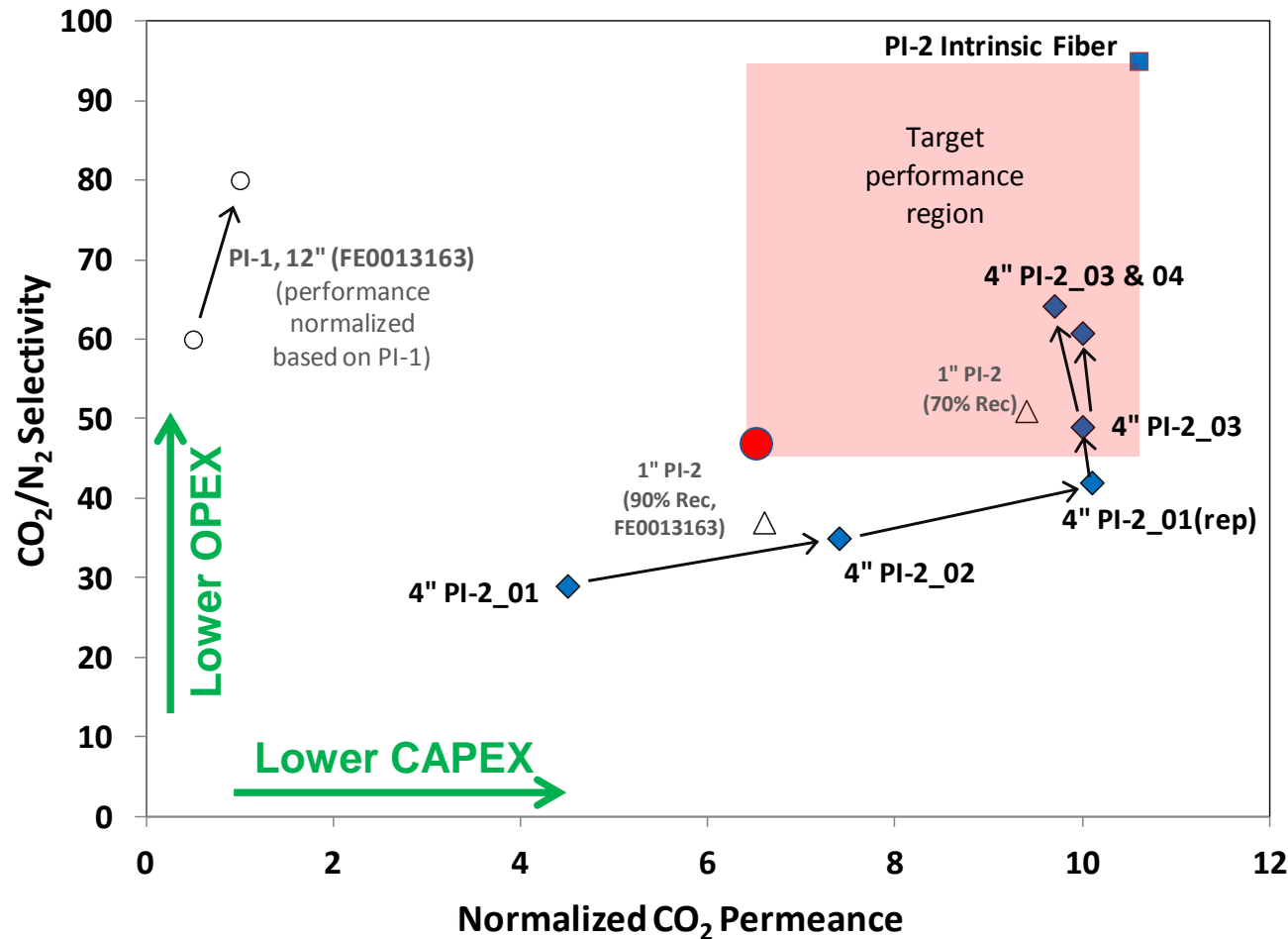


Membrane Manufacturing Scale-up, DE-FE0026422

		OD (in)	Length (ft)	Fiber Count	Spinning Device	Fabrication Technique
Mini permeator	+	0.25 - 0.5"	1.6'	<1000	1-hole lab unit	Hand
Permeator	+	1"		1 – 5x	12-hole "DSU"	Skein
Skein module		2.5"	2.8'	15 – 20x		
R&D prototype bundle	+	2.5 - 4"		15 – 20x		
6" bundle		6"		50 – 90x		
In progress, ready Oct - 2017					24/36-hole production unit	Forming
12" bundle (commercial)		12"	>200x			



4" Prototype Bundle Performance



- Significant improvement by using 'forming' method in scale-up

- Lessons learned resulting in further performance gains

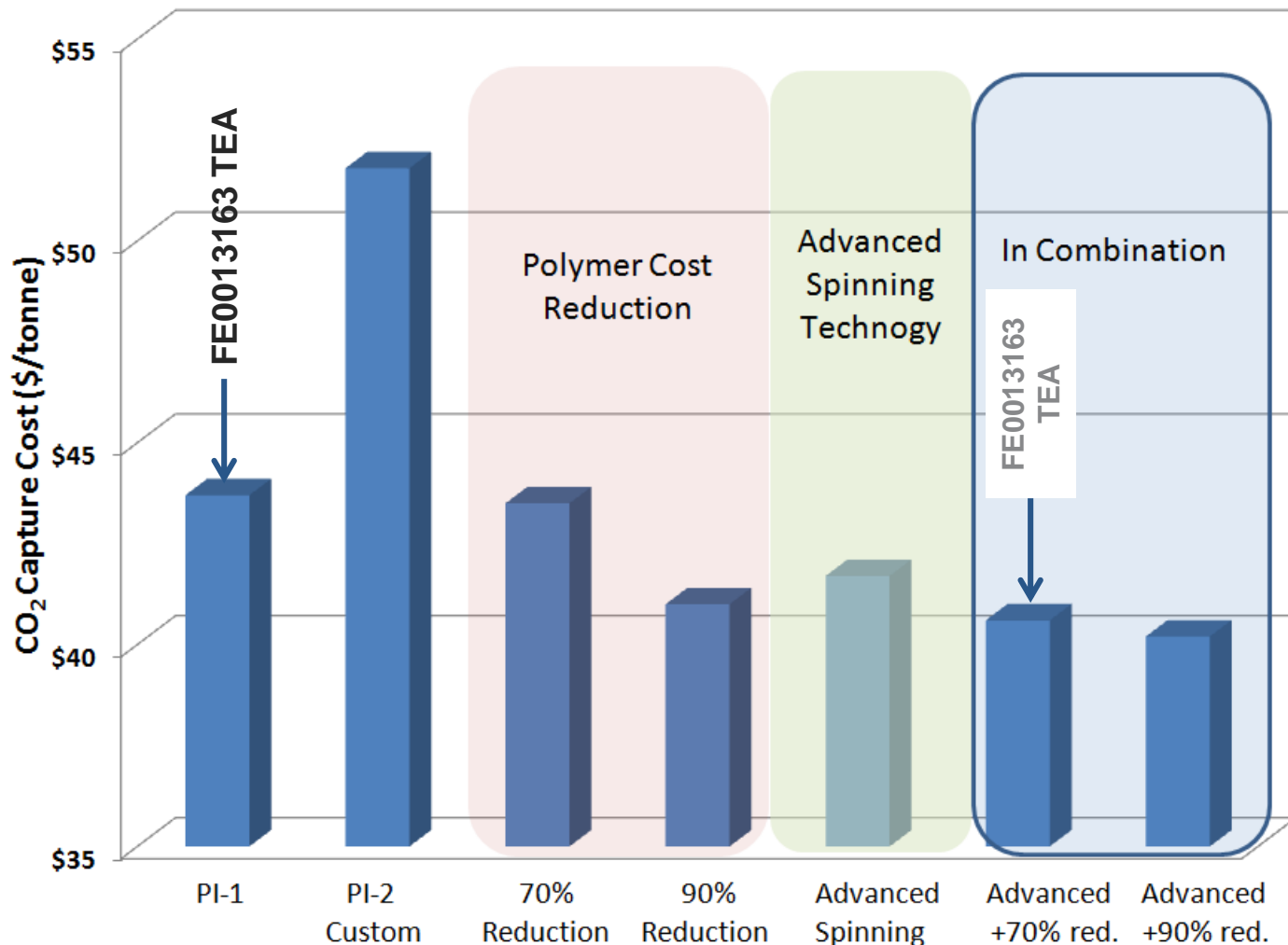
- 1) Epoxy application for tubesheet
- 2) Post-treatment solution concentration
- 3) Outer wrap layer positioning
- 4) Optimize fiber OD

Success criteria:
90 Nm^3/h feed flow,
90% CO_2 recovery,
58% permeate purity

Fiber Manufacturing Cost Analysis

What are relative merits of cost-saving approaches?

- Best value is composite formulation
- With low polymer price monolith fiber yields CO₂ capture cost savings
- Pursuing both approaches

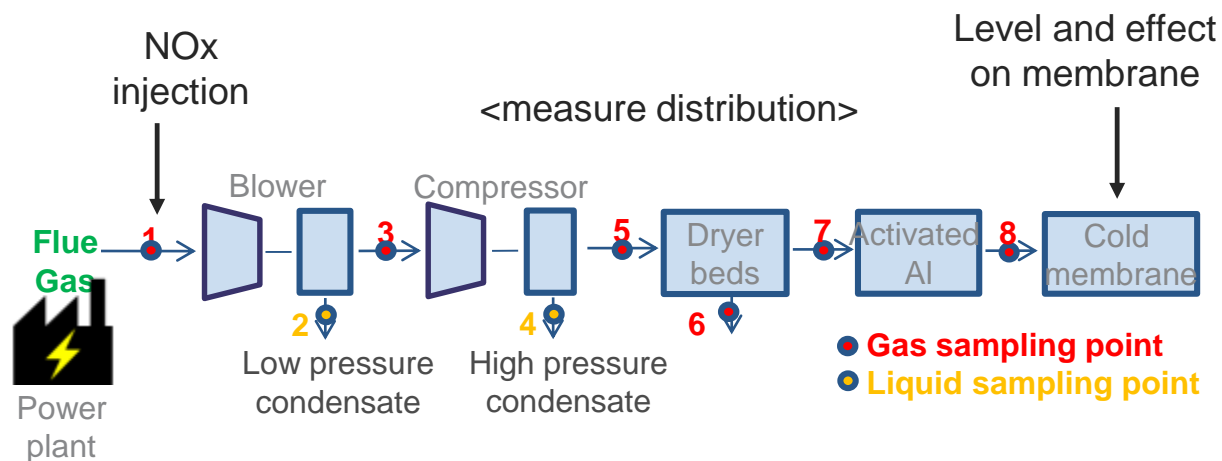


Next Steps

- Manufacturing several 6" bundles (6 – 8), test on 0.1 MWe skid in Newark, DE
- Field-test at NCCC, 0.3 MWe scale
 - Parametric testing
 - Long-term stability
 - Dynamic testing: start / stop / cool / warm / moisture breakthrough – evaluate bundle integrity
 - NO/NO₂ injection to simulate SCR failure/removal



0.3 MWe Field-Test Unit at NCCC, Pilot Bay 3
(DE-FE0013163)



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