

# Alstom's Calcium Oxide Chemical Looping Combustion Prototype Development

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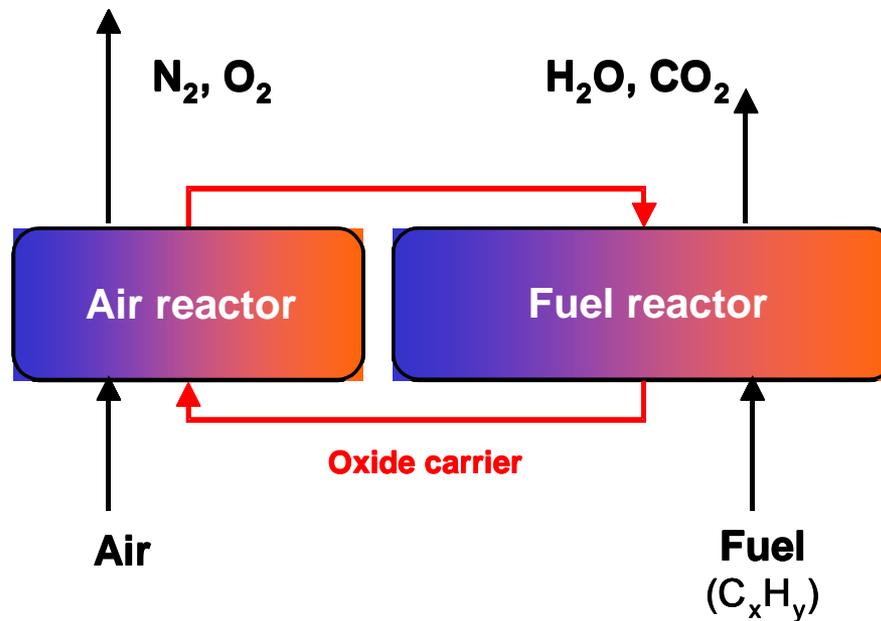
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## **Over-all Objective:**

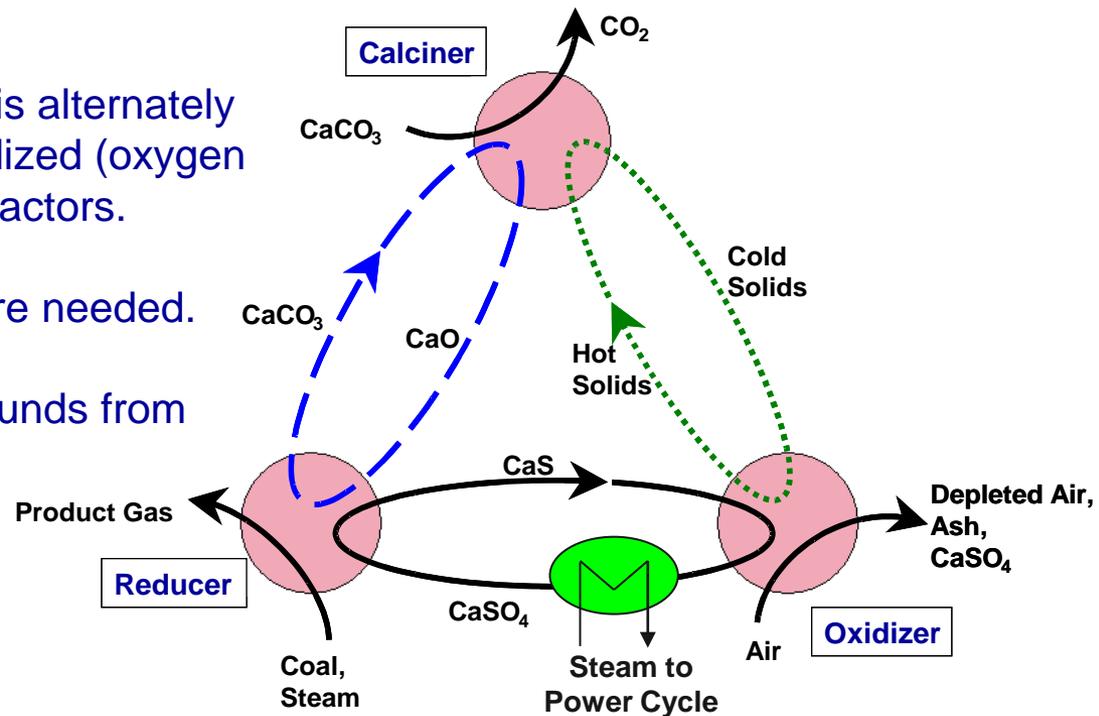
- **New and Retrofit Application**
- **Over 90% CO<sub>2</sub> capture**
- **Less than \$20/ton of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided**
- **Capital cost – 20% lower than Conventional Boiler Island (without CO<sub>2</sub> capture)**
- **Retrofit to Existing Coal-fired Plants with < 20% increase in COE**
- **Medium Btu gas or Hydrogen without Oxygen Plant**

# Chemical Looping Principle

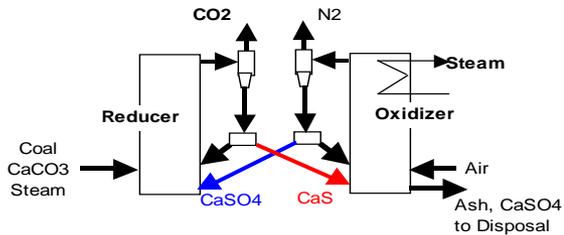


## Why do it? To Capture CO<sub>2</sub>, at Lowest COE

- Coal is indirectly combusted or gasified by hot oxygen carrying reactant.
- The Reactant is not consumed and is alternately reduced (oxygen removed) and oxidized (oxygen replenished) as it cycles between reactors.
- The Reactant also carries heat where needed.
- In Alstom's process, calcium compounds from limestone are used as the reactant.



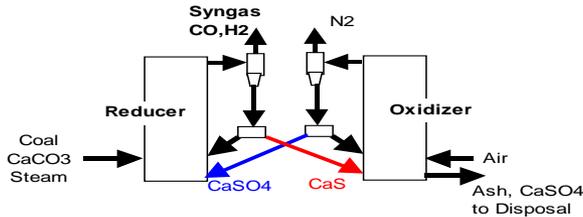
# Chemical looping Process: Options and Applications



**Option 1 – Combustion with CO2 Capture**

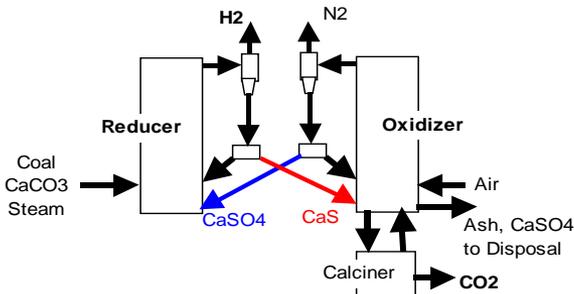
## Applications

- CO2 Capture – PC Retrofit
- CO2 Capture – CFB Retrofit
- CO2 Capture-Ready Power Plant
- Advanced Steam Cycles



**Option 2 – Syngas with no CO2 Capture**

- ICGG with Down-Stream CO2 Capture
- Industrial Syngas
- Coal-to-Liquid Fuels

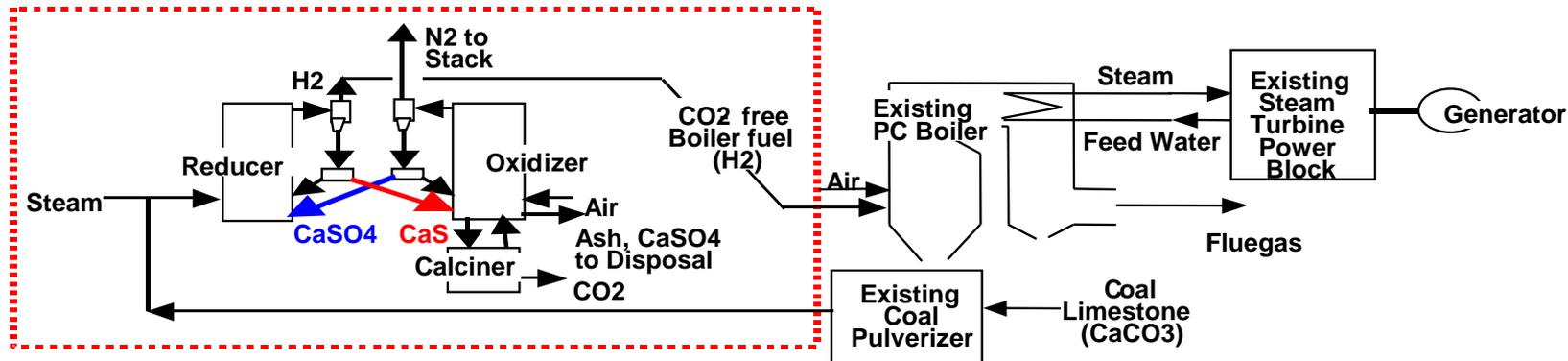


**Option 3 – Hydrogen with CO2 Capture**

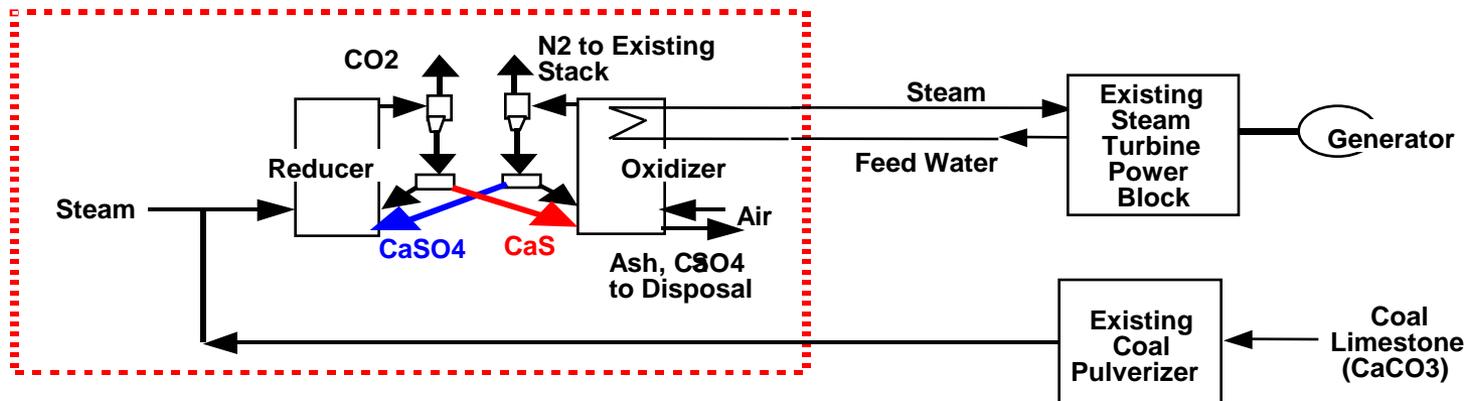
- CO2 Capture – PC Retrofit
- CO2 Capture – CFB Retrofit
- CO2 Capture-Ready PC/CFB Power Plant
- Advanced Steam Cycles
- IGCC with CO2 Capture
- Fuel Cell Cycles
- Industrial Hydrogen, CO2

- **Lowest Cost CO2 Capture Option**
- **Competitive with or without CO2 Capture**

# Chemical looping Process: PC Power Plant - Retrofit Concepts

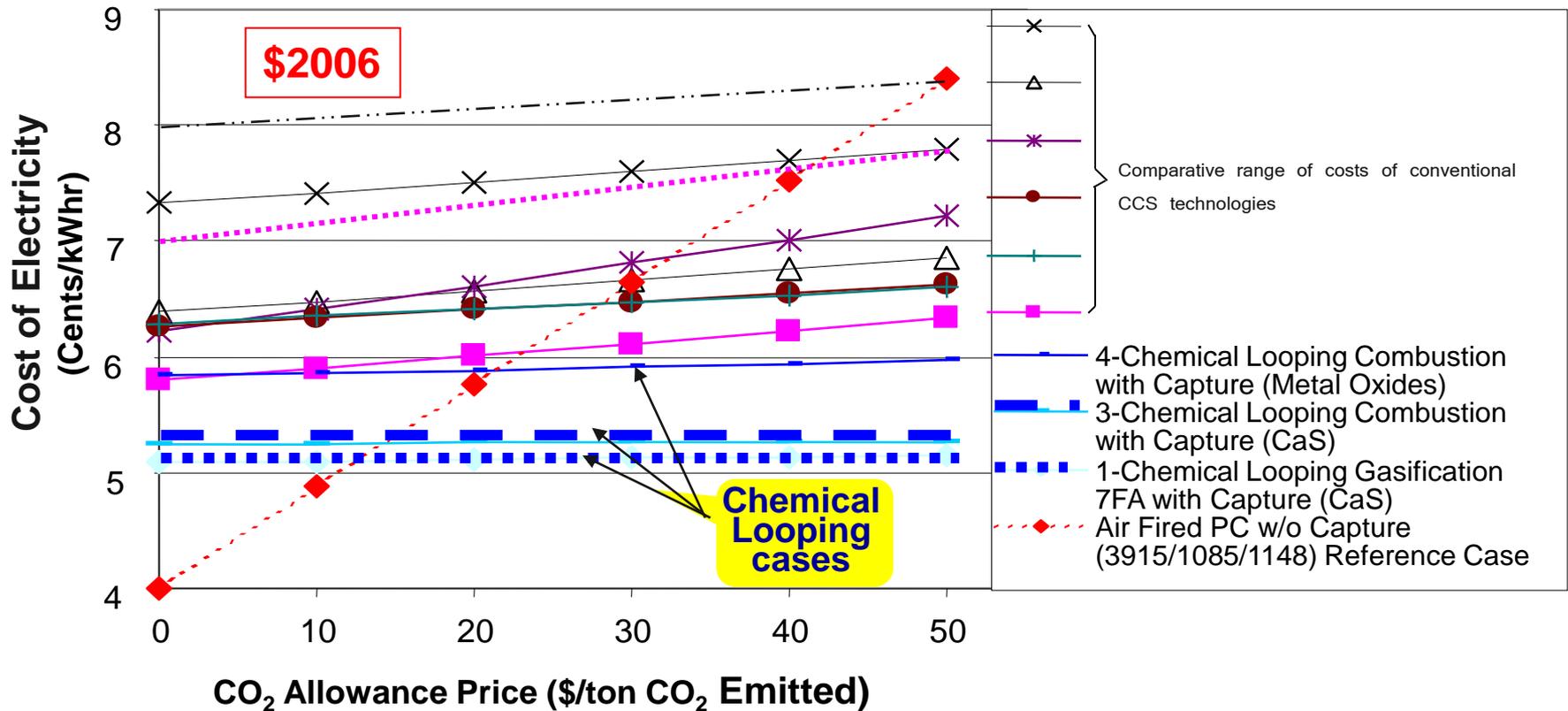


**Concept 1 – Chemical Looping – CO<sub>2</sub> Free Fuel; Minimum Boiler Modification**



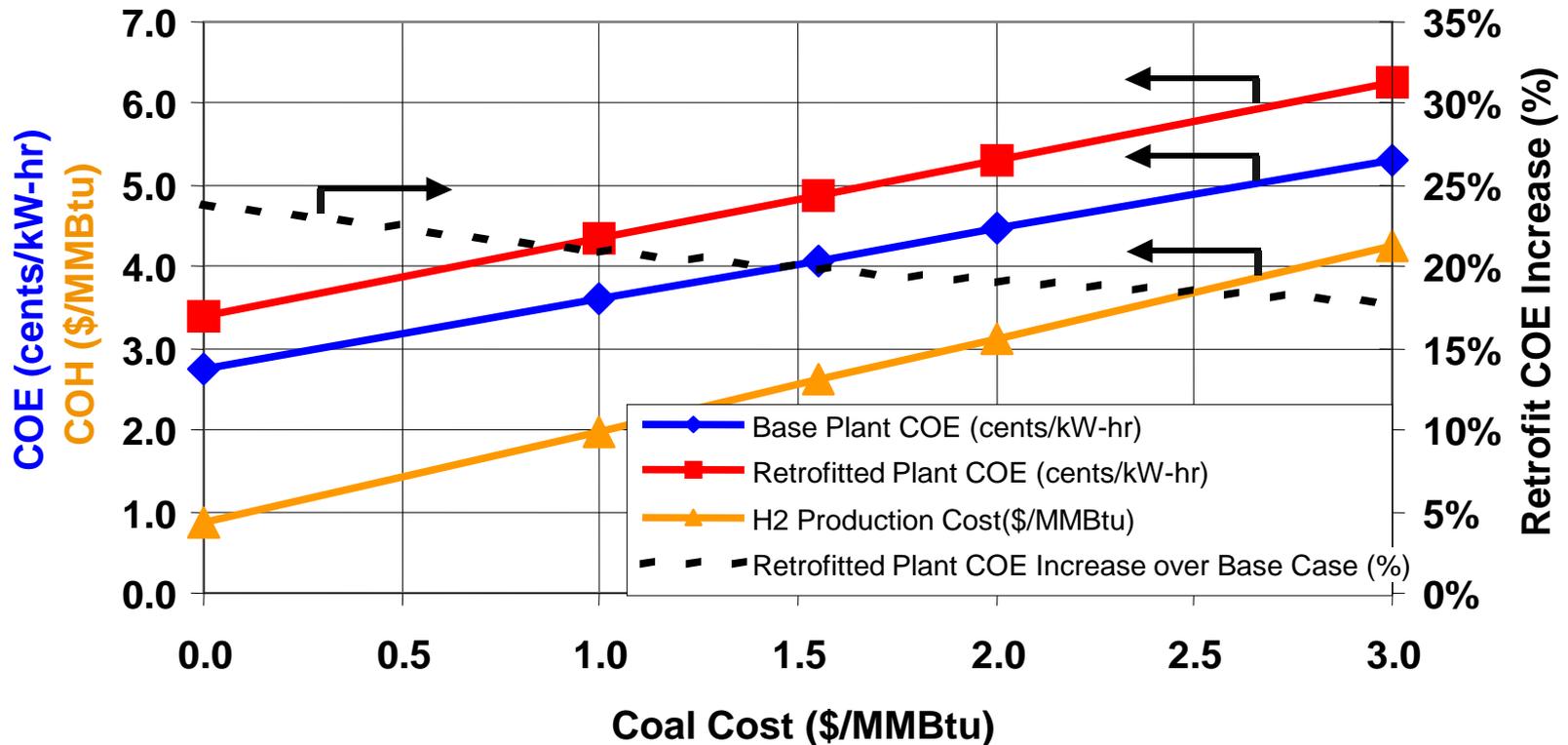
**Concept 2 – Chemical Looping Oxidizer Replaces / Modifies Boiler**

# ALSTOM's Chemical Looping New Capacity Economics



**Chemical Looping CO<sub>2</sub> Avoided Cost: \$11-13/ton of CO<sub>2</sub>**

# ALSTOM's Chemical Looping Economics for Retrofit Application

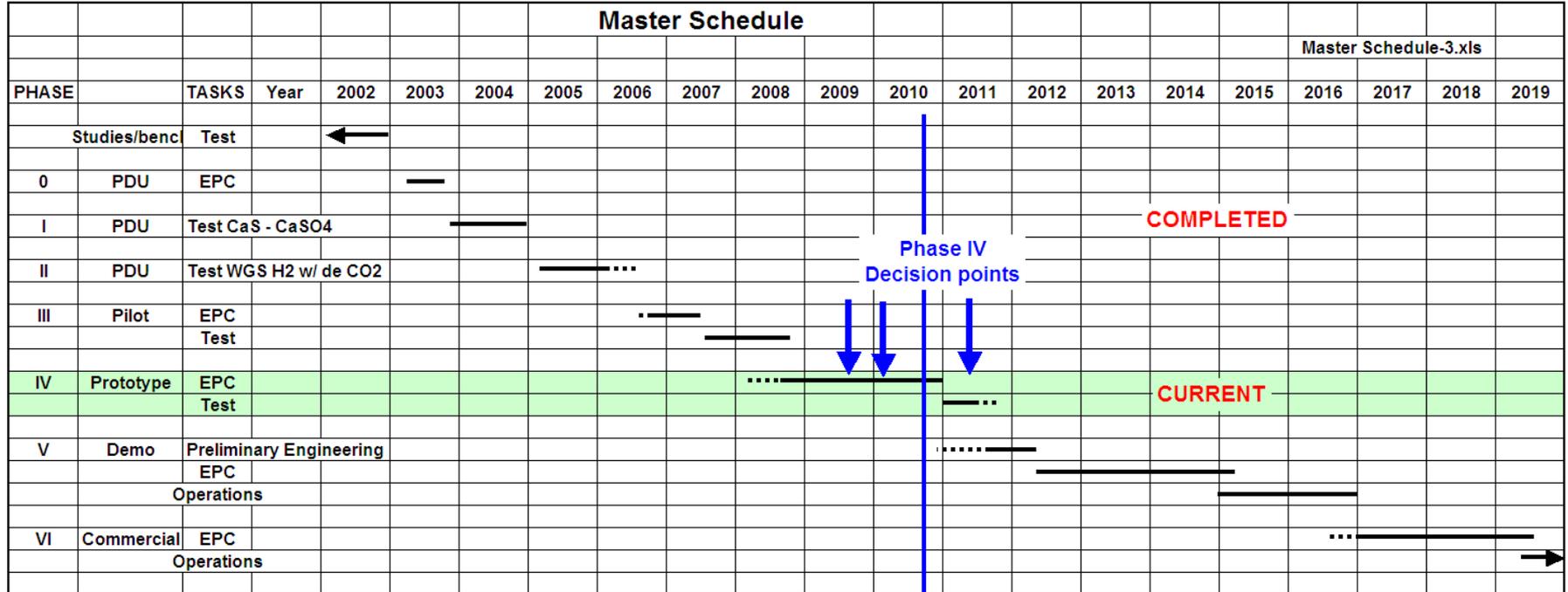


**US DOE Goal < 35% COE Increase for CCS**

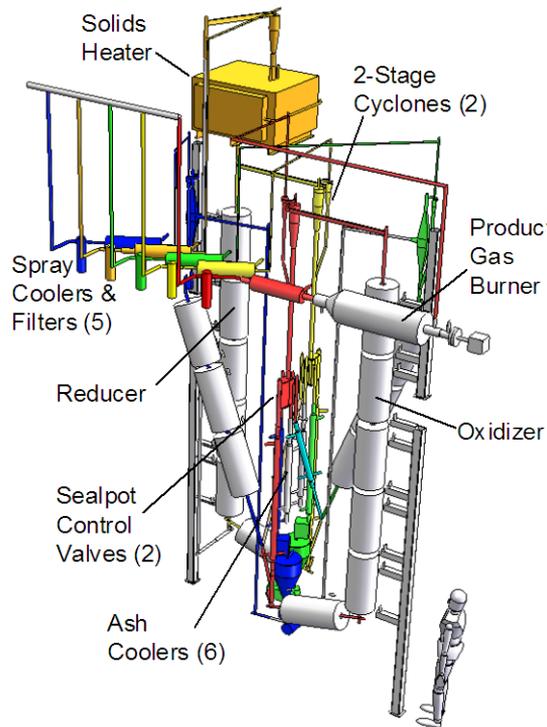
# Chemical Looping Development Phases IV, V and VI



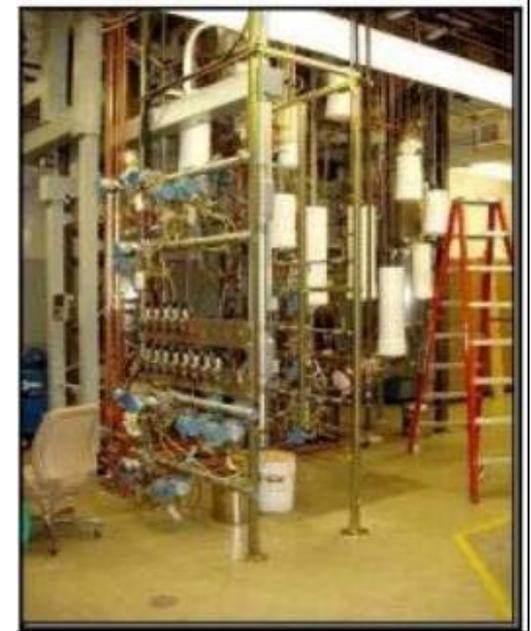
Master Schedule-3.xls  
as of 12 Sept 2010



# Chemical Looping Pilot Plant 65 kWt

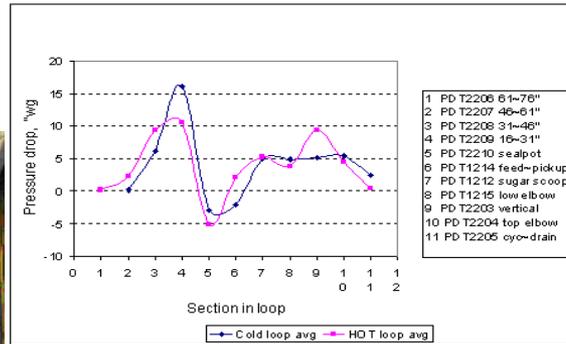
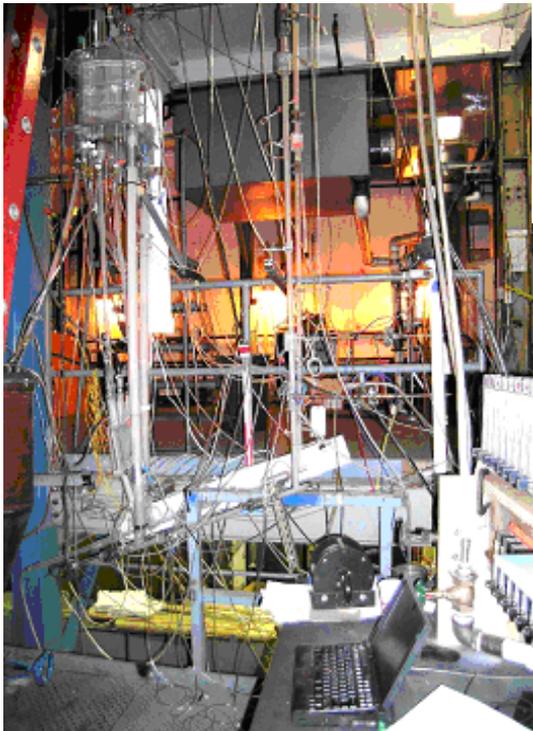


- **Designed and built by Alstom**
- **Allows testing of individual loops and processes**
- **3 year successful test program – Completed**
- **All chemistry / rates verified**
- **Phase 3 - Pilot Plant**
  - **Two exhaust fans / stacks**
  - **Automatic solids transport controls**



# Chemical Looping Cold Flow Model

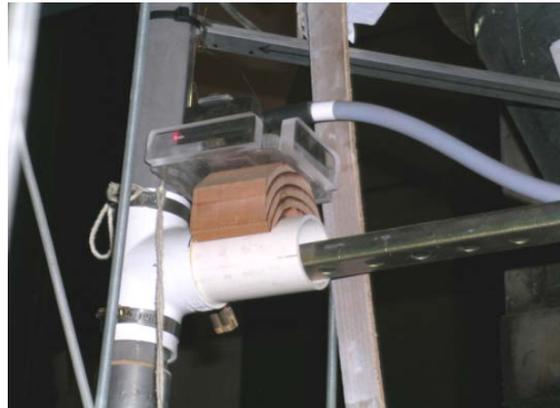
**15 Foot Model**



**40 Foot Model**



**Laser Solids Velocity Probe**



## Cold Flow Model – Flow Stability, Scale-up

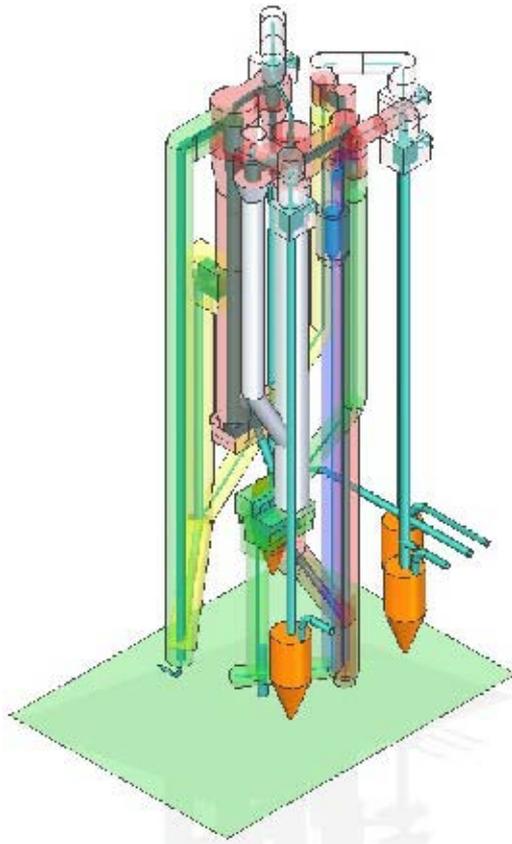
## Phase I, II, III - Accomplishments

- All Milestones successfully completed – On-time, On-budget
- Pilot Testing (65 kWt) – Successfully complete
- 15-foot Cold Flow Model testing completed – Stable solids transport achieved
- 40-foot Cold Flow Model – Stability achieved, Scaleup verified
- Alstom's Phase IVA - Prototype (3 MWt)
- US DOE Cooperative Agreement – Sept., 2008

## Phase I, II, III - Highlights

- Validation of Chemical Looping reactions.
- Simultaneous and smooth operation of four solids transport loops.
- Multi-loop control requirements established.
- Demonstrated start-up, shut-down, and emergency quick shut-down and restart.
- Transport of four different solids types.
- Solids flow scale-up from 3/4" to 4 " diameter reactor.
- Prototype 3 MWt specification developed.

## Chemical Looping 3 MWt Prototype Facility Preliminary Concept



- 1000 lb/hr coal flow
- 1<sup>st</sup> Integrated Operation
- 1<sup>st</sup> Autothermal Operation

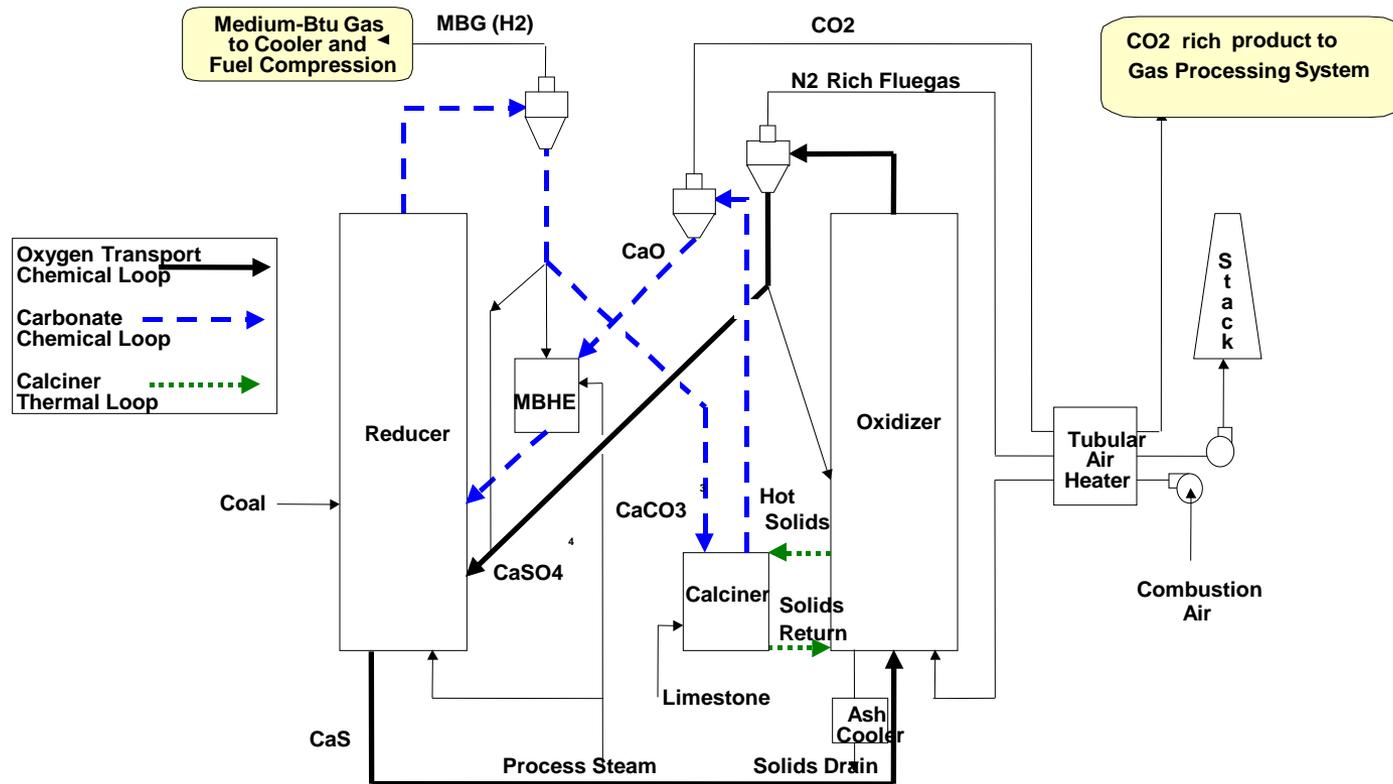
### Phase IV Objective:

Obtain the engineering and operating information required to build and operate a reliable, commercial-size demonstration plant.

### Prototype:

- Location – Alstom Power, Windsor, CT
- All Equipment necessary for viable Demo Design
- Design, construction, operation, maintenance, modification by Alstom

# Chemical Looping Prototype Phase IVA Concept



# Chemical Looping Development - Phase IVA

## Solids Transport Testing

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- **Prototype Cold Flow Model (CFM)**
  - Startup and operating methods
  - Identify/Solve critical technical aspects
  - Improve plant arrangement
  - Assist cost study
- **High Solids Load Tests in 40-ft CFM**
  - Solids/gas transport design tool
  - Quantify the key parameters in this region

- **Small-scale Cold Flow Modeling**
  - Vessels scaled from the Prototype plant design
  - Control and distribution of solids/gas flow
  - Startup and Shutdown procedures
  - Identify critical areas (e.g. flow stability, erosion)
  - Prototype operator training
  - Prototype solids transport problem solving
  
- **Design/Test Prototype plant**
  - Complete the design tools for the prototype plant
  - Complete the prototype engineering and design for all vessels
  - Prototype Operation/Testing/Modification/Development
  - Update commercial economics analysis and specs recheck

# Chemical Looping Development – Phase IVA

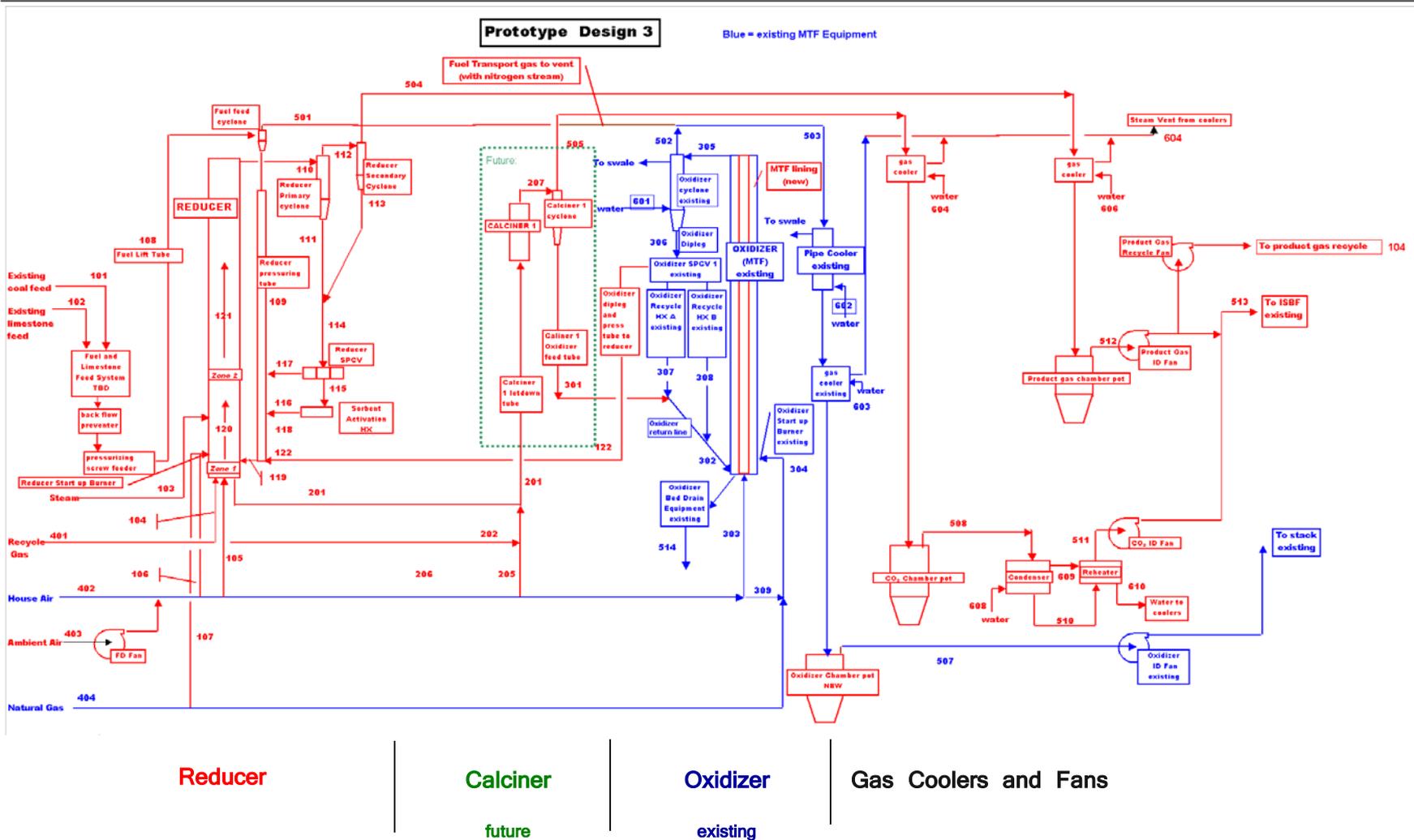
## Work Completed

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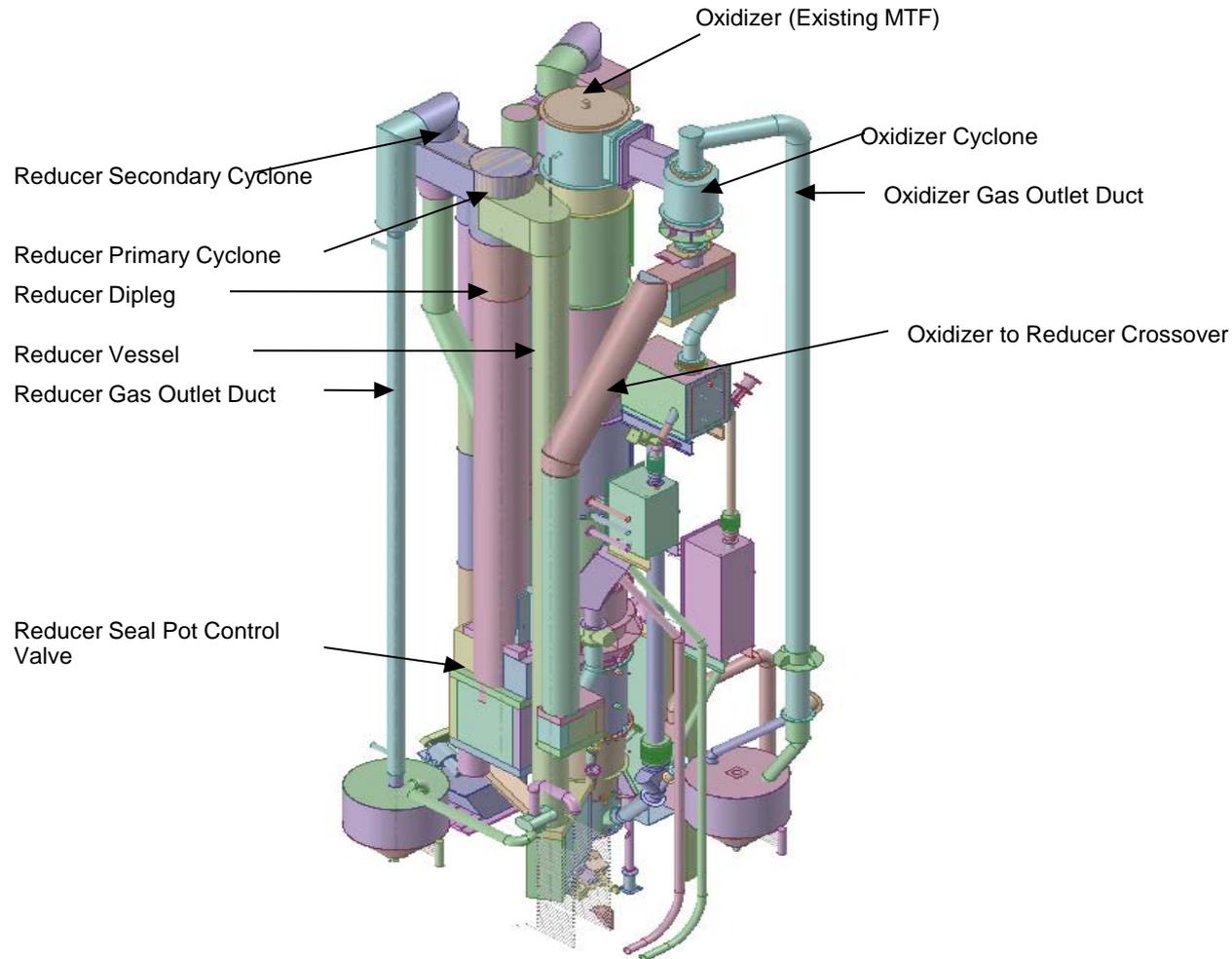


- Preliminary Process Flow Diagram (PFD) and material balance
- Heat loss calculations
- Heat-up rate calculations
- Sizing of critical solids transport control equipment
- Design of the prototype reactors
- Safety requirements
- Control concept
- Concept for startup, shutdown, cold flow testing, hot testing and normal operation
- Piping and Instrumentation Diagram (P&ID)
- Plot plans, equipment and general arrangement drawings
- Specifications for
  - Facilities,
  - Fabricated Equipment,
  - Vendor Equipment,
  - Controls,
  - Gas Analyzer
- Quotes from architect/engineering firms, fabricators and equipment vendors
- A detailed cost estimate

# Chemical Looping Prototype Preliminary PFD

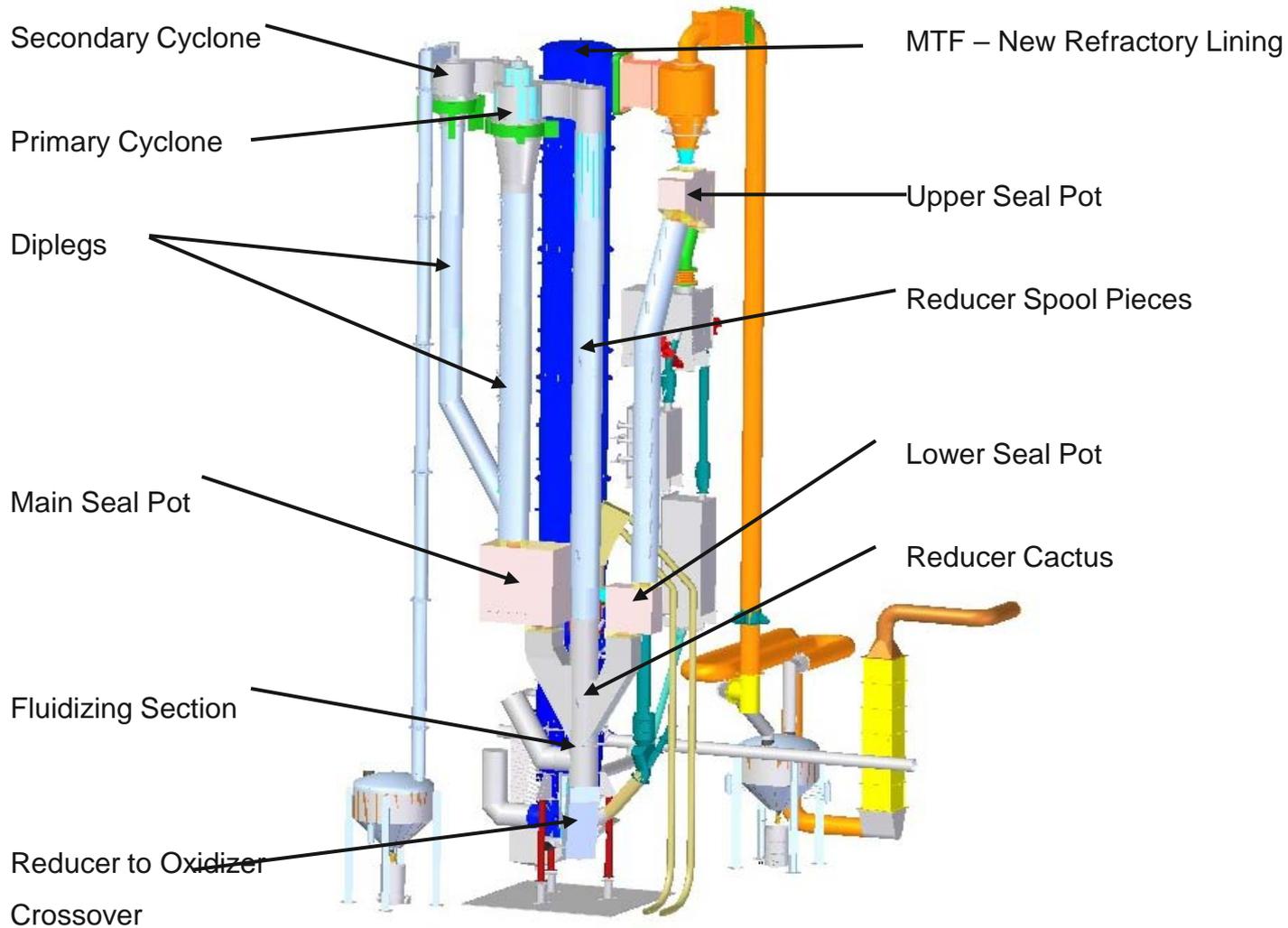


# Chemical Looping Prototype General Arrangement

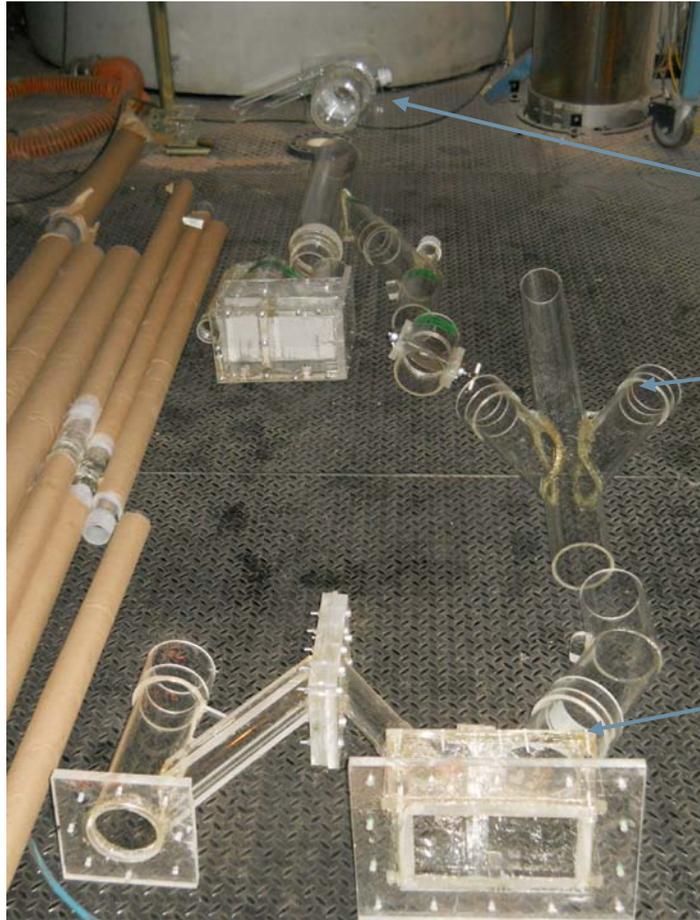




# Chemical Looping Prototype Component Construction



# Chemical Looping Prototype Cold Flow Model



Cold Flow Model Pieces

Cyclone

'Cactus'

Flow Injectors

Reducer to

Oxidizer

Crossover



Assembling the CFM

# Chemical Looping Prototype Component Construction

## Cyclones



Primary Cyclone Barrel (inverted)

Primary Cyclone cone



Secondary  
Cyclone  
Barrel



Secondary Cyclone Cone

# Chemical Looping Prototype Component Construction



Reducer to  
Oxidizer  
Crossover  
(constructed in  
two halves)



Upper Seal pot



# Chemical Looping Prototype Component Construction



Reducer and Dipleg Sections Before Refractory Installation

# Chemical Looping Prototype Component Construction



Inside Reducer Section before Refractory Installation

Reducer and Dipleg Sections Lined up  
for Refractory Installation



# Chemical Looping Prototype Component Assembly



'Cactus'  
Lifted to  
Position  
In the Structure

'Cactus' with Fluidizing Section and Seal Pot Connections  
Assembled on Ground Level

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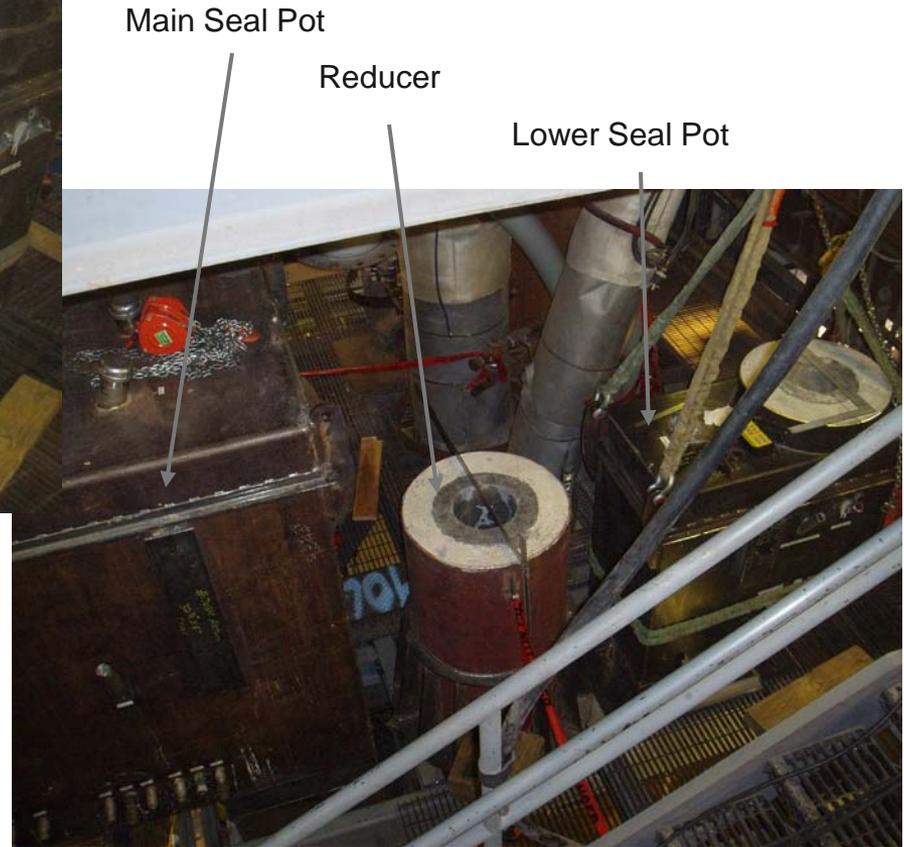


Main Seal Pot Before lift into Place

# Chemical Looping Prototype Component Assembly



Reducer (at top of Cactus)



# Chemical Looping Prototype MTF New Refractory Lining



Top of MTF  
Outlet to  
Cyclone



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