HIGH TEMPERATURE EXPANDER LIFE, HAS BEEN MAJOR UNCERTAINTY. TURBINE EXPANDER LIFE AFFECTED BY:

QUANTITY OF BED EFFLUX SIZE DISTRIBUTION CHEMICAL COMPOSITION PARTICLE HARDNESS & STICKINESS HOT-GAS CLEANUP EFFICIENCY MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION & TEMPERATURE

1000 HR PFB TURBINE CASCADE TESTS CONDUCTED ~1979

FACILITY	CASCADES
EXXON	GE
CURL	GE & STA LAVAL



STA-LAVAL CASCADE



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EXXON	CONDITION	CURL (GE)
ILL#6	Coal	OHIO GLEN BROOK
PFIZER #1337	DOLOMITE	OHIO PLUM RUN
1700°-1770°F	Bed Têmperature	1560°-1585°F
10 Atms	Pressure	5 ATMS
6 FT./SEC.	SUPERFICIAL FLUIDIZING VELOCITY	3 Fr./Sec.
~1.8 Sec.	BED RESIDENCE TIME	~2.8 SEc.
3 CYCLONES	PARTICLE SEPARATORS	. 3 CYCLONES + SKIMMER
35-860 PPM	PARTICLE LOADING	∿250 PPM
95%. < 10 µm	PARTICLE SIZE	99,2% < 10 µm
1500°1590°F	Specimen Temperature	1350°-1475°F
900 Fr./Sec.	MAXIMUM SPECIMEN INLET VELOCITY	1400 FT./SEC.

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CASCADE TEST IMPACT

GE FINDINGS

EXXON CORROSION AND EROSION SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER DIFFERENCES DUE TO GAS/METAL TEMPERATURES DEPOSITION NOT A PROBLEM LONG TURBINE LIFE APPEARS POSSIBLE

STA-LAVAL FINDINGS

NO MEASURABLE EROSION OF BLADE MATERIAL NO MEASURABLE SIGNIFICANT CORROSION ATTACK MINIMAL DEPOSITION ECONOMICAL TURBINE LIFE APPEARS POSSIBLE

AEP/STA-LAVAL BELIEVE PFB READY FOR DEMONSTRATION 170 MW TIDD PLANT PRELIMINARY DESIGN 15 MW_T CTF Malmo Sweden Full scale 1/36th slice of Tidd 3 stages of proposed cyclones Gas turbine-no load unit Steam to plant turbine Shakedown started Fall 82

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Particulate Concentration (gr/SCF)

CATCRACKER-PFB CYCLE COMPARISON

CATCRACKER POWER RECOVERY EXPANDERS-4 ATM/1350°F CATCRACKER ELUTRIATION RATES MUCH HIGHER CATALYST HARDER AND MORE EROSIVE 3 STAGES OF CYCLONES PROTECT EXPANDER EXPANDERS COMMERCIALLY GUARANTEED-120 PPM/.06 GR/SCF AVERAGE TIME BETWEEN BLADING 35000 HRS (IR) EXPANDER MATERIALS RESISTANT TO ALKALI ATTACK a 1350-1400°F LOW RISK PFB CYCLE 1650°F PFB FREEBOARD COOLING TUBES 1400°F EXPANDER INLET

INGERSOL-RAND EXPANDER

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GILBERT/COMMONWEALTH ANALYSIS OF LOW RISK PFB CYCLES.

TABLE II CYCLE PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

	Conventional	Steam_Co	poled PFBC	Air Cooled PFBC
	Coal Fired <u>Power Plant</u>	Gas Turbine	Expander	Gas Turbine
Gross Power, MWe Auxiliary Power, MWe Net Power, MWe Heat Rate, Btu/kWh Plant Efficiency, %	533.8 36.2 497.6 9665 35.3	446.7 7.1 439.6 8446 40.4	506.6 9.5 497.1 8979 38.0	501.9 9.9 492.0 8929 38.2

TABLE III CAPITAL COST SUMMARY (Costs in millions of 1980 Dollars)

	Conventional	Steam Co	poled PFBC	Air Cooled PFBC
Description	Coal Fired Power Plant <u>498 Mile</u>	Gas Turbine 439 MMe	Expander 497 Mile	Gas Turbine 492 Mile
Land & Land Rights Structures & Improvements Boiler Plant Equipment Gas Turbine/Expander Gen. Steam Turbine Generator Unit Accessory Electrical Equipment Misc. Power Plant Equipment Station Equip./Transmission	1.0 28.5 161.3 56.7 16.5 3.2 6.0	1.0 21.6 111.0 22.0 42.6 21.0 4.0 6.0	1.0 25.5 133.8 31.3 50.4 22.6 4.0 6.0	1.0 23.5 212.6 65.8 34.5 23.9 3.8 6.4
Total Direct Cost Indirect Costs	273.2 297.7	229.2 242.1	274.8 287.5	371.5 353.9
 Total Capital Cost \$/k₩ 	570.9 1146	471.3 1074	562.3 1131 .	725.4 1474

	COST OF ELECTRIC (Costs in mills/ki	CITY COMPARISON Wh, 1980 Dollar	N	•
	Conventional Conventional	Steam Co	coled PFBC	Air Cooled PFBC
Levelized Busbar Costs	Coar Firea Power Plant 498 Mile	Turbine 439 MMe	Expander 497 Mie	Gas Turbine 492_MHe
Capital Cost Fuel Cost Fixed O&M Variable O&M Reliability	33.6 42.8 6.7 5.3 5.4	31.5 37.3 6.1 8.0 4.6	33.2 39.7 6.4 8.3 4.6	43.2 39.5 9.4 5.6 3.4
Total COE	93.7	87.5	92.2	101.1

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BROWN BOVERI-EPRI STUDY

CYCLE	BED COOLANT	PRESSURE (ATM)	GAS TURBINE TEMP. (°F)	EFFICIENCY %	COMMENTS
A	WATER/ Steam	10	1560	40.0	
В	Water/ Steam	5	1300	38.6	Cat Cracker Type Expander
С	Air	7	1600	33.6	
Ε	Water/ Steam	10	770	38.0	Sēlf Sustaining

SELF SUSTAINING/TURBO CHARGED PFB HAS LOWEST CAPITAL COSTS AND LOWEST RISK

MINIMUM HOT GAS VOLUMETRIC FLOW

HOT GAS PIPING AND CLEAN UP CONVENTIONAL

MINIMUM GAS TURBINE OVER SPEED PROTECTION

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TURBO CHARGED PFB COE 10% LOWER THAN HIGH TEMPERATURE CYCLES

EPRI TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR MORE DETAILED STUDY



250 MW PFB STEAM GENERATOR

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250 MW PFB SUPERHEATER-REHEATER

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36' OD-400 TON CATCRACKER REGENERATOR AB-291

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125MW SHOP ASSEMBLED PFB BARGE SHIPMENT

GRIMETHORPE PFB

75 MW_T EXPERIMENTAL FACILITY-COMPLETED 1980 BED CONDITIONS

> 6'-7" SQUARE 6-12 ATM 1470-1750°F 8 ft/sec. nominal

TUBE BANK "A" - 858 HRS OPERATION OCT.-DEC. 81 1-1/4" OD on 3-1/8" TP 11'-6" tall (14 1/2% packing density) 6.7 ft/sec. 240°F at - bed height 12.8 ft ERATIC COAL FEED - ROTARY VALVES ± 27°F TUBE BANK "C" - 469 HRS OPERATION JUNE-SEPT. 82

1-5/16" OD ON 3-1/8" Vx7" H 10'-6" TALL (6.3% PACKING DENSITY) 4.9-6.6 FT/SEC. NO Δ T PROBLEM (15.4' BED DEPTH) SEVERE EROSION BOTTOMMOST TUBES

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CURL/LEATHERHEAD

COAL-WATER SLURRY TESTS SUCCESSFUL

25-35% WATER

99% COMBUSTION EFFICIENCY

87% SRE a 1.8 CA/S AND 1 SEC.

30% WATER .7% CYCLE EFFICIENCY REDUCTION

20 ATM PFB TESTS

SLIGHT INCREASE IN COMBUSTION EFFICIENCY SRE NOT SENSITIVE

 NO_X EMISSION NOT SENSITIVE

RUN OF MINE COAL

98 TO 99-1/2% COMBUSTION EFFICIENCY 85% SRE a 1.5 CA/S AND 1 SEC. 4% BED CARBON CONTENT LARGE STONE ACCUMULATION

HOT GAS CLEANUP

AT THE PRESENT, CYCLONE SEPARATORS REPRESENT THE ONLY COMMERCIAL TECHNOLOGY FOR REMOVING PFB PARTICULATES.

ADVANCED DEVICES ARE UNDER DEVELOPMENT:

CERAMIC BAGHOUSE FILTERS CERAMIC BLOCK FILTERS ELECTROSTIC PRECIPITATORS ELECTRO CYCLONES GRANULAR BED FILTERS





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PFB OVERVIEW

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500 MW PFB - COMBINED CYCLE PLANT Modular Arrangement



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COMMERCIAL PLANT NOMINAL PERFORMANCE

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180 MW 510 MW

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BENEFITS OF AIR HEATER FBC SYSTEMS

- FUEL FLEXIBILITY
- HIGHER PLANT EFFICIENCY
- REDUCED WATER REQUIREMENTS
- . LOWER SO2 AND NOX EMISSIONS
- EASIER TO DISPOSE ASH
- LOWER CAPITAL COST
- LOWER COST OF ELECTRICITY
- MODULAR SYSTEM
- SHORTER CONSTRUCTION CYCLE
- HIGHER AVAILABILITY
- . OPERATING FLEXIBILITY
- WIDER APPLICATIONS
- BASE AND INTERMEDIATE
- PEAKING

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500 MW MODULAR COMMERCIAL PLANT

POWER AVAILABILITY DURING MAINTENANCE

SMLLE LICE FOR	POWER AVAILABILITY DFRCFNT	HEAT RATE BTU/KW HR
NAVAILABLE IIEMS		
AS TURBINE	83	8600
FB/HOT GAS CLEANUP	. 83	8600
ASTE HEAT BOILER	83-93*	8600-9140
STEAM TURBINE	60	14,240
ST ALTERNATOR	60	14,240
ST ALTERNATOR	66	8,620

* INCLUDES ONE GAS TURBINE IN SIMPLE CYCLE MODE

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PHASE I	PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING Technology plant		·		ECTRIC P	WER					
PHASE II	FINAL DESIGN - PILOT PLANT			CHNOLOG	I'N PLANT	START	1000 H01	AR TURBI	NE TEST	_	
PHASE III	CONSTRUCTION - PILOT PLANT			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	L LONG	LEAD PR	OCUREME	NF			
HASE IV	OPERATION - PILOT PLANT			<u> </u>			MOBILIZAT	NOI	ELEC	TRICITY	
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TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT TESTS

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SUMMARY OF TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT TESTS

••••• 600 HOURS	••••• 8000 HOURS	3500 HOURS
HEAT TRANSFER CHARACTERISTICS OF IN-BED HEAT EXCHANGER TUBES FBC LABORATORY RIG	HEAT EXCHANGER TUBE MATERIALS DURABILITY	TURBINE AND TUBE MATERIALS DURABILITY AND PFB OPERATING

	3500 HOURS	-	12,100 HOURS
TURBINE AND TUBE MATERIALS DURABILITY AND PFB OPERATING	PARAMETERS FOR COMBUSTION/EMISSIONS	LARGE SCALE PFB TECHNOLOGY PLANT	- TOTAL
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HEAT EXCHANGER TUBES BEING INSERTED IN PFB COMBUSTOR

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PFB-111-3460 450 WINNERN-MICROS PFB HEAT EXCHANGER TUBE MATERIALS **III COUPON** 400 2000 HOUR EXPOSURE OF COUPONS IN SGT/PFB COMBUSTOR 350 SUMMARY OF RESULTS **COATING PENETRATED** 300 ATTACK (IN MICRONS) 250 200 150 **NO DETECTABLE ATTACK** 100 50 PLASMA ON 800 H HAYNES 188 **310 SS** Fe Cr AL Mo Hf AL 16-5-Y 800 H **INCO** 671 Sic hague **ALONIZED** ALLOY 800 H Co Cr ALY INTL.

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PHOTOMICROGRAPH OF Fe Cr AI-Y COATING ON ROVER VANE After 1000 Hour Test

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PFB COMBINED CYCLE EMISSION SUMMARY





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TEST PLANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Over 1300 Hours of PFB/Gas Turbine Operation **Over 3500 Hours of Coal Fired PFB Operation**
 - Verified Design Parameters/Material Selections
- Demonstrated High Combustion Efficiency (>99%)
- Demonstrated High Sulfur Capture (>95%,<0.3 lb/mm Btu)
 - Demonstrated Low NO, Production (<0.2 lb/mm Btu)
- Demonstrated Acceptability of Heat Exchanger Materials
 - **Developed Reliable Coal/Dolomite Feed Systems**
- **Developed Adequate Hot Gas Cleanup System for Turbine Protection**

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PFB PILOT PLANT

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PFB PILOT PLANT DESIGN POINT

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PFB AND CONTROL BUILDING STEEL STRUCTURE - LOOKING WEST) \mathcal{O}))

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CIRCUMFERENTIAL SEAM WELDING

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PFB PILOT PLANT COMBUSTOR

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PFB PILOT PLANT COMBUSTOR AIR EXCHANGE HOUSING

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PRESSURIZED FLUIDIZED BED PILOT PLANT

R&D OBJECTIVES

- LONG TERM MATERIAL CONFIRMATION
- TURBINE BLADING
- IN-BED HEAT EXCHANGER
- MULTI-STAGE TURBINE EROSION/CORROSION/DEPOSITION
- MULTIPLE COAL FEED EFFECT ON COMBUSTION EFFICIENCY, EMISSIONS, GAS CONDITION AND BED TEMPERATURE UNIFORMITY
- SCALE-UP EFFECT ON HOT GAS CLEAN-UP PERFORMANCE
- INTEGRATED. CONTROL SYSTEM
- PFB/GAS TURBINE/WASTE HEAT BOILER

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ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS FOR AIR COOLED PFB

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SUPPLEMENTARY 'FIRED AIR CYCLE PFB

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	C-W	Sup	plementary Firing	~
	Commercial PFB Plant	Current Turbine Cooling	HTT	Combined Cycle Repowering
Turbine Inlet °F	1594 (mixed)			
Clean Turbine		2200	2750	2066
Dirty Turbine		1450	1650	1450
Mw/Wodule	85.1	213.9	236.7	181
Airflow/Module lb/sec	696	1074	1023	1061
Thermal % (HHV)	39.1	44°.3	48.0	39.5
Heat Rate (HHV)	8728			
MM BTU Fuel/Hr			011/	8640
Coal	743	1147	724	984
011	!	. 495	957	530
#Fuel Cost Mills/KwHr	17.81	20.51	22.94	23.18
Bed Dia/Bed Height Ft	30.75/16	38.2/16	28/24	34.4/18.5

Coal @ \$2.04/MM Btu; 011 @ \$4.13/MM Btu

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PRESSURIZED FLUIDIZED COAL COMBUSTION PROGRAM

AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Presented At

Coal Combustion and Applications Working Group

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ADVANTAGES OF P.F.B.C.

SUPERIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE - REMOVE SO2 AS A DRY SOLID

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- ELIMINATING THE NECESSITY FOR ADD-ON SULFUR REMOVAL UNITS
- REDUCED EMISSIONS OF OXIDES OF NITROGEN (NO_{χ}) LOWER OPERATING TEMPERATURES SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE HEAT TRANSFER FILM COEFFICIENT (AS MUCH AS
 - 20 TIMES THAT OF EXISTING COAL COMBUSTIONS)
- INCREASED SYSTEM EFFICIENCIES BY INCORPORATING A GAS TURBINE TO RECOVER ENERGY FROM THE PRESSURIZED PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION
- A) WATER/STEAM COOLED TUBES IN BED
- B) AIR-COOLED TUBES IN BED
- NO IN-BED TUBES, WITH ALL HEAT REMOVAL BY AIR BLOWER THROUGH THE BED G
- WIDE RANGE OF FUELS POSSIBLE, COAL OF ALL RANKS

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POWER GENERATING UNITS				
	CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION	- AEP STAL LAVAL	GRIMETHORPE	4
BED CROSS SECTION	12' DIA	3' x 6.5' TOP	6' x 6' SQU	IARE
		3' x 3' BOTTOM	·	
BED HEIGHT, FT	7	13	16	
BED TEMPERATURE, °F	1650	1560	1560	
BED PRESSURE, ATA	6.8	16	10	
FLUIDIZATION VELOCITY, FT/S	2.7	M	8.2	
POWER OUTPUT	13 MWE	15 MW _{TH}	.80 MW _{TH}	
R & D UNITS	ΠXΝ	CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION	GENERAL ELECTRIC	LEATHERHEAD
BED CROSS SECTION	3' DIA	3' DIA	1' DIA	1' DIA
BED HEIGHT, FT	10,	16	5,2	<u>∞,</u>
BED TEMPERATURE, ∘F	1600	1650	1400-1750	1650
BED PRESSURE, ATA	7-10	6,8	10	20
FLUIDIZATION VELOCITY, FT/S	4	2.7	М	64
POWER INPUT, MW _{TH} .	3,2	2.2	0.5	1.0

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- A) CALCINATION PROCESS IN P. F. B. C.
- EFFECT OF PRESSURE ON CALCINATION PROCESS, WITH REGARD TO: B
- 1) LIMESTONE (CA CO₃)
- 2) DOLOMITE (CA $CO_3 MG CO_3$)

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- C) EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE
- D) EFFECT OF PARTICLE DIAMETER
- ' E) EFFECT OF EXCESS AIR

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ULTIMATE ANALYSIS	DRY BASIS %	WET BASIS %	DRY BASIS %	WET BASIS %
Carbon	75.72	73.44	63.51	41.05
Hydrogen	5.50	5.34	3.26	6.03
Nitrogen	1.50	1.46	3.85	0.55
Sulphur	3.22	3.12	1.49	0.97
Oxygen	6.29	6.10	18.60	8.00
Chlorine	0.09	0.087		
Ash	7.68	7.45	12.30	8.00
Moisture		3.00		35.40
Heating Value	13,800 Btu/1b)	10,417 Btu/1b	·

SORBENT ANALYSIS

	DOLOMITE	LIMESTONE	
Calsium Carbonate	54.60%	94.04%	
Magnesium Carbonate	44.70%	× 1.46%	
Silicon Dioxide	0.40%	1.16%	
Aluminum Oxide	0.35%	0.24%	
Iron Oxide	0.05%		
Moisture		3.00%	
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FUTURE PROGRAMS AT NYU IN PRESSURIZED FLUIDIZED BED COMBUSTION

- 1) TESTS WITH LIGNITE AND LIGNITE WATER SLURRY
- 2) TESTS WITH EROSION IN EROSION OF HEAT EXCHANGER TUBES IN SUPPORT OF THE GRIMETHORPE PROJECT
- 3) ELECTROSTATIC GRANULAR BED TESTS JOINT PROJECT WITH GENERAL ELECTRIC
- 4) ADVANCED MODULAR CELLS PFBC CONCEPT
- 5 GAS TURBINE STUDIES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. FOR NYU FACILITY

TECHNICAL UNCERTAINTIES

- 1) HOT GAS CLEANUP/TURBINE PERFORMANCE
 - A) TURBINE EROSION
- B) TURBINE DEPOSITION
- C) PRESENCE OF ALKALI METALS, AND SULFUR OXIDES
- MATERIAL PROBLEM FOR RELIABILITY IN BED TUBE EROSION 5
- 3) SULFUR RETENTION AT HIGH PRESSURE
- 4) FEED WITH RUN OF THE MINE COAL

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FIGURE 111.1 NYU-DOE PRESSURIZED FLUIDIZED BED COMBUSTOR FACILITY

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Figure 2-3. Schematic of EGB Filter Element

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FIGURE 111.10 DISTRIBUTOR PLATE, TOP AND BOTTOM VIEWS

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- EXPANDED USE OF SOLID FUELS OF ALL ENABLE TYPES
- SYSTEM TO MEET CURRENT AND PROJECTED **DEVELOP HIGH PERFORMANCE COMBUSTION EMISSION STANDARDS**

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- PROVIDE A TECHNICAL BASIS FOR SYSTEM DESIGN
- **COMMERCIALIZE THROUGH LICENSES**

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FUELS TESTED IN MSFBC

APPL.

- COAL
- KRAFT LIQUOR
- WOOD WASTE
- MUNICIPAL WASTE
- SEWAGE SLUDGE
- DELAYED COKE
- FLUID COKE
- CHAR
- ROCK CONTAINING BITUMEN



SULFUR CAPTURE IN MSFBC—EFFECT OF ENTRAINED BED RECYCLE (R)





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	MSFB-0.4	MSFB-1
Total Air/Stoi- chiometric Air	1.14	1.28
Primary Air/ Stoichiometric Air	0.51	0.76
NO _X , ppm*	100	76
Ca/S Ratio	2.9	3.2
SO2, ppm*	91	82
CO, ppm*	412	162
*Corrected to 18% e	excess air.	,

EFFECT OF STAGED COMBUSTION ON NO_X AND SO₂ EMISSIONS (DELAYED COKE)

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BUSTION EFFICIENCY IN	FBC: EFFECT OF FUEL	REACTIVITY
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	Carbon L	Jtilization*
Fuel	MSFB-1	MSFB-0.4
Coal	66	97
Delayed Coke	97	96
Fluid Coke	95	91
*Without ash rec	ycle.	



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SUMMARY OF KEY TECHNICAL FEATURES

FEATURE

INCREASED SOLIDS RESIDENCE TIME TURBULENT MIXING MINIMUM TREATMENT OF LARGE SIZE FUEL FUEL FLEXIBILITY

LIMESTONE FLEXIBILITY

ENVIRONMENTAL CAPABILITY

DESIGN FLEXIBILITY

BENEFIT

HIGH UTILIZATION OF FUEL AND SORBENT FEWER FEED POINTS; SCALE-UP CONFIDENCE USE AVAILABLE/LOW COST FUELS USE AVAILABLE/LOW COST FUELS MINIMIZE SUPPLY AND DISPOSAL COSTS COMPLY WITH STRINGENT EMISSIONS REGULATIONS

OPTIMIZE COMBUSTION, SORPTION AND HEAT EXCHANGE; GOOD LOAD RESPONSE



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- ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY—EXCLUSIVE WORLDWIDE
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Industrial Fluidized Bed Cogeneration System at the Shell Nederland Raffinaderij Europoort Tank Farm

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In recent years development work and pilot plant studies into the concept of fluidized bed combustion have given way to ever larger and more ambitious commercial projects. The rapid movement of this technology from the laboratory into industrial application has been fueled by the two primary advantages of fluidized bed combustion: (a) the ability to burn low grade inexpensive fuel and (b) burn it in an environmentally acceptable manner.

In a major contribution to the commercialization of fluidized bed technology, Shell Nederland Raffinaderij (SNR) awarded a contract to Foster Wheeler (FW) for the design, fabrication and erection management of the world's first commercial cogeneration, coal-fired atmospheric fluidized bed boiler capable of generating superheated steam. The fluidized bed steam generator facility is located at the SNR's Europoort Tank Farm near Rotterdam in the Netherlands. It is designed as a cogeneration facility in which high pressure steam passes to a back-pressure turbine which generates 6.6 MW of electricity (refer to Figure 1). The 7 bar (103 psig) back-pressure steam is then fed to twin heat exchangers, which provide 37 MW of thermal heat energy via medium-pressure hot water to satisfy the heat demand of the tank farm.

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This paper will decribe the design of the steam generator and subsystems, as well as indicate where specific design features have been modified from previous units' designs to improve performance and reliability.

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A fluidized bed is a mixture of granular limestone or other material supported by a nonsifting grid through which an upward flow of air passes that lifts and fluidizes the bed material. This results in a turbulent mixture of the bed particles, which assume the free flowing property of a liquid and provide an environment for stable combustion. When coal is introduced into this turbulent mixture and burned, the sulfur dioxide released by the burning coal is chemically captured by the limestone. This eliminates the need for an external flue-gas desulfurization system as used on conventional steam generators.

Since the fluidized bed operates at low combustion temperatures (about 850°C, 1560°F) the formation of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) is also held to a minimum. Another advantage of fluidized bed combustion is that boilers can be designed to tolerate and effectively burn a very broad range of fuel qualities, including low grade, high ash coals and solid or liquid waste materials.

Slagging, fouling and corrosion of steam generator surfaces is essentially eliminated because the fluidized bed operates at temperatures which are below the ash softening temperatures of coal fuels. Residue from the system is a dry, granular material suited for easy handling.

The SNR unit represents a considerable refinement of the basic concepts just described. In order to evaluate those refinements, a system-by-system review of the SNR unit is provided in the sequence listed below:

- 1) Steam Generator
- 2) Air and Gas System (including Gridplate Design)
- 3) Material Handling Systems
 - a) Coal Feed
 - b) Limestone Feed

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- c) Spent Bed and Inert Material Handling
- d) Flyash Capture and Reinjection
- 4) Controls and Load Change Capability
- 5) Start-Up

The steam generator designed for the FBC Europoort project is a natural circulation, single drum, balanced draft design. At its maximum continuous firing rate the boiler is capable of producing 50 metric tons per hour (110,250 lb/hr) of superheated steam at 495°C (923°F) and 82 bar gage (1174 psig) pressure. Steam generator efficiency of approximately 85% is predicted while maintaining a 90% sulfur dioxide capture rate. Additional information concerning design parameters is given in Table 1. Power consumption for the operation of accessory equipment is estimated at 1850 KW. The unit is top supported and consists of two adjacent fluidized bed combustion cells (refer to Figure 2).

Boiler feedwater enters at 145°C (293°F) through a bare tube economizer located within the boiler waterwalls as convection surface above Cell B. Water flows upward in two passes through horizontal tube runs in a counterflow arrangement with downflowing flue gas. This maximizes surface effectiveness and insures stable waterside flow. Water exiting the econ-

TABLE 1

STEAM FLOW STEAM PRESSURE STEAM TEMPERATURE FEEDWATER **BED DIMENSIONS CELL A BED DIMENSIONS CELL B** BED HEIGHT (EXPANDED) BED TEMPERATURE FLUIDIZING VELOCITY FREEBOARD HEIGHT CALCIUM/SULFUR (MOLAR RATIO) COAL FLOW **DESIGN COAL HEATING VALUE** ASH MOISTURE **VOLATILE MATTER FIXED CARBON** SULFUR EFFICIENCY

110,250 lb/hr (50 tonnes/hr) 1174 psig (82 Bar) 923°F (495°C) 293°F (145°C) 8' x 16'4" (2.44m x 4.99m) 7'6" x 16'4" (2.29m x 4.99m) 4' (1.22m) 1650°F (899°C) 9 ft/s (2.74 m/s) 15' (4.57m)

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14,071 lb/hr (6381 Kg/hr) BITUMINOUS 11,138 Btu/lb (25,810 KJ/Kg) 14.0% by wt. 7.7% by wt. 23.0% by wt. 55.3% by wt. 0.50% 84.9%



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FIGURE 2 BOILER PLANT GENERAL ARRANGEMENT

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FIGURE 3 AIR AND FLUE GAS SYSTEM



omizer is transported to the steam drum to mix with water circulating through the steam generating circuitry.

Steam generating circuitry consists of vertical finned tube waterwalls (MONO-WALL[®]) construction which enclose the steam generator, a finned tube partition wall which separates Cell A from Cell B, a finned tube partition wall which separates Cell B from the convection pass above it, and sloped in-bed tubes in each cell. Water from the steam drum is supplied to inlet headers for each circuit using two downcomers and multiple feeders. The steam/water mixture leaving each heated circuit is returned to the steam drum through unheated risers. Flow is by natural circulation due to the difference in density between steam-free saturated water in the downcomers and feeders and the steam/water mixture in the heated tubes and unheated risers.

The steam collected in the drum is directed to the first stage primary superheater (PSH 1) located in bed A. Steam enters the lower header and passes upward through horizontal coils to the outlet header. Upflow circuitry permits the hottest tubes to be exposed above the fluidized bed during turndown conditions, thereby subjecting them to lower heat transfer rates and correspondingly lower metal temperatures. A high mass flow rate is maintained at full load to insure adequate cooling of the tubes during low load and start-up conditions. Steam leaving PSH 1 is transferred to the second stage primary superheater (PSH 2) located in bed B.

An emergency spray is located in the transfer line between the first and second stage primary superheaters. This spray station is normally not used, but is provided to protect the second stage primary superheater if required during upset operating transients.

Final superheat is obtained in the convection finishing superheater located above the freeboard in Cell A. Steam enters the upper header and flows downward through horizontal coils counterflow to the upflowing flue gas. The finishing superheater (and economizer) are divided into two banks to provide space for sootblowers (not installed) in the event they are required for some future alternate fuel.

Steam temperature at the finishing superheater outlet is controlled by spray attemperation in the transfer line between the second stage primary superheater and finishing superheater. Water for spray attemperation is taken from the discharge of the boiler feed pump.

Superheater sizing and location in the boiler represents an optimization for achieving a relatively flat temperature profile over the predicted operating range of 30% to 100% load while minimizing superheater spray requirements. Steam leaving the finishing superheater at 1174 psig enters a backpressure turbine/generator and is exhausted at about 100 psig. It then flows through heat exchangers to heat the circulating water used for oil tank heating. Condensate from the heat exchangers flows to the deaerator and back to the economizer and boiler via the boiler feedpumps. This arrangement provides an energy-efficient, closed-loop system.

Air & Gas System and Gridplate Design

Air enters this system through an inlet screen and venturi and feeds the forced draft fans which are equipped with inlet vane control and discharge isolation dampers (refer to Figure 3). Air from the FD fans is routed to a tubular air heater. An air heater air bypass is provided to control the average cold end temperature of the tubular air heater and to protect the baghouse from low gas temperatures during part-load operation. During startup, all air is bypassed around the air heater to facilitate rapid warming of the baghouse.

Air leaving the tubular air heater and air heater air bypass recombines and then passes through parallel paths to Cell A and Cell B. Each path contains an air flow measurement device and air flow control damper. After leaving the control damper the air flow is again split to provide combustion air to each segment of each cell. The path leading to the first seqment to be started in each cell contains an in-duct burner which is used during start-up to warm the unit and ignite the coal. The path leading to the other segment in each cell contains a shut-off damper. This arrangement of air inlet ducts provides a mechanically simple design requiring no high temperature dampers or special start-up ducts and dampers. It is designed to provide easy transfer from start-up to segmental fluidization and from segmental fluidization to full cell operation while maintaining air flow measurement to each cell during all operating modes.