Overview of the US DOE Advanced Turbines Program

Keynote Session 3: National and Regional Markets: Opportunities and R&D Challenges for Gas Turbine Stakeholders

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Overview of the US DOE Advanced Turbines Program

• Overview of NETL

• Market Data for US Turbine Based Power Generation

• Overview of the US DOE Advanced Turbines R&D Program
  • Advanced combustion turbines for syngas, NG and H₂ fuels
  • Pressure gain combustion for combustion turbines
  • Modular turbine based hybrid heat engines
  • Supercritical carbon dioxide (sCO₂) based power cycles

• Conclusions & Summary
## NETL Core Competencies

### Effective Resource Development • Efficient Energy Conversion • Environmental Sustainability

#### Computational Science & Engineering
- High Performance Computing
- Data Analytics

#### Materials Engineering & Manufacturing
- Structural & Functional
- Design, Synthesis, & Performance

#### Geological & Environmental Systems
- Air, Water & Geology
- Understanding & Mitigation

#### Energy Conversion Engineering
- Component & Device
- Design & Validation

#### Systems Engineering & Analysis
- Process & System
- Optimization, Validation, & Economics

#### Program Execution & Integration
- Technical Project Management
- Market & Regulatory Analysis
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Historical US Natural Gas Prices

Source: EIA

Abnormally cold weather Dec/Jan 2018
Electricity Generation Mix (Short Term)

U.S. electricity generation by fuel, all sectors
million megawatthours per day

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Note: Labels show percentage share of total generation provided by coal and natural gas.

Source: Short-Term Energy Outlook, July 2018
• NG generation increases by 53%
• Renewable electricity generation experiences the largest growth of 960 bkWh followed by NG generation at 662 bkWh
US Combustion Turbine Fleet by Capacity and Number of Units

• CC units make up the bulk of capacity
• Combined cycle units are larger than simple cycle units

Source: EV Database
### US Combustion Turbine Orders/Installations

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**2016-2017 Observations:**
- Data shows decrease in orders to near 2011-12 data
- SC units dominated by micro turbines
- CC sizes have continued to increase

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Noticeable decrease in orders

Turbine Market Observations

• 2013 - 15 surge in combustion turbine installations is over
  • US & Worldwide orders of all sizes of IGTs are down significantly

• NG price forecasts indicate a slow rise
  • History shows the projections are not overly accurate
  • NG production will continue to rise through 2050

• Long term trend in fuel use for electricity is an increase in NG and a reduction in coal
  • Updated EIA analysis shows a reduced rate of coal decline

• H-class units are now on par with F-class and aeroderivative units for sales and installed units in the US
Presentation Overview

Overview of the US DOE Advanced Turbines Program

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  • Pressure gain combustion for combustion turbines
  • Modular turbine based hybrid heat engines
  • SCO2 turbomachinery

• Conclusions
Advanced Turbines Program for US DOE FE Mission
Focused Research in Four Key Technology Areas

• **Adv. combustion turbines for syngas, NG and H\textsubscript{2} fuels (IGCC, NGCC)**
  • CC eff. ~ 65 % (LHV, NG bench mark), TIT of 3,100 °F
  • Delivers transformational performance benefits by 2025 for coal based IGCC with CCS (ready for full scale demonstration)
    • Delivers another $20/T reduction in CO2 capture cost
• **Pressure Gain Combustion (IGCC, NGCC)**
  • Alternate pathway to high efficiency
  • TRL 2 ~ 3 (risky, long term, high pay back)
• **Modular Turbine Based Hybrid Heat Engines**
  • Supporting modular coal systems and stranded gas assets
• **SCO\textsubscript{2} Turbomachinery (ACS, gasification, NG)**
  • FE’s SCO\textsubscript{2} Base Program – Shared with AT, ACS and XC
  • SCO\textsubscript{2} turbines for indirect (ACS, WHR) and direct (gasification, NG) applications
    • Modular
  • Leverage and coordinate with DOE SCO\textsubscript{2} Initiative (STEP)
Objective: Enable CC efficiency of 65%+(LHV, bench mark), TIT of 3,100°F

Approach

Focus R&D on turbine components
Pursue higher TIT, reduce cooling flows, and develop new materials and coatings
  Increase efficiency and reduce COE
Components can be offered in new commercial products or retrofit onto the existing fleet
  Accelerating TRL increase and deployment
Projects Supporting Advanced Combustion Turbines
Component development for advanced combustion turbines – 65% CC goal

• 2016 phase II awards nominally $6M ea., 4 yr. projects
  • Advanced Multi-Tube Mixer Combustion for 65% Efficiency (GE)
  • High Temperature CMC Nozzles for 65% Efficiency (GE)
  • CMC Advanced Transition for 65% Combined Cycle Efficiency (SE)

• 2018 phase I awards (18 months), Ph II down select in FY20
  • Additive Manufactured Metallic 3D OxOx CMC Structures (SE)
  • Low-Weight Ti-AL Airfoils (SE)
  • Low NOx Axial Stage Combustion System (SE)
  • High-Temperature Additive Architectures (GE)
  • High-Temperature, High AN2 Last-Stage Blade (GE)
  • Aero-Thermal Technologies (GE)
  • Hybrid Ceramic-CMC Vane with EBC(UTRC)
Advanced Multi-Tube Mixer Combustion

65% efficiency combined cycle goal

PROJECT NARRATIVE

• Fully develop multi-tube mixer combustion
• Low NOx up to 3100°F TIT supporting load following with an ultra-compact design that minimizes NOx formation and minimizes cooling requirements
• Develop a revolutionary fully Integrated Combustor Nozzle (ICN) in an elegantly yet simple design that includes multi-tube pre-mixer, transition nozzle and CMCs

BENEFITS

• Contributes to DOE goal of 65+% CC efficiency
• Enables robust fuel flexibility

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Partners: GE Power & Water, GE Global Research
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Pressure Gain Combustion

Alternate pathway to 65 % CC goal

• Objective: Realize 2 – 3 % points improvement in combined cycle efficiency

• Approach
  • Continue investment in fundamental and applied R&D
  • Resolve issues with fuel and air inlet
  • Resolve issues with kinetic energy recovery as a pressure gain
  • Work in a collaborative frame work with US DOD, industry, universities and National Laboratories (NETL)
    • Pursue a fully integrated engine demonstration
Projects Supporting Pressure Gain Combustion

Alternate pathway to 65 % CC goal

• 2016 phase II award nominally $6M, 4 yr. project
  • RDC for GT and System Synthesis to Exceed 65% Eff. (Aerojet Rocketdyne)

• Other project activities in PGC
  • Fuel injection dynamics and composition effects on RDE performance (UTSR - University of Michigan)
  • NETL Modeling and air / fuel inlet conditions
  • NETL and Air Force Research Lab to demonstrate PGC in small engine
**PROJECT NARRATIVE**

- Develop & validate RDC system models for CC power plant (PH 1)
- Characterize and optimize the fluid and mechanical interface between the RDC and a turbine cascade.
- Multiple test programs using 10 cm, 21 cm and 31 cm combustors & advanced diagnostics
- CFD models developed and anchored as design tools for maximizing RDC turbine performance.

**BENEFITS**

- Alternative path to DOE 65 % CC goal (2 – 3 % points)
Modular Hybrid Heat Engines for FE Applications

Highly efficient and low cost modular heat engines

• Objective: Develop heat engines for modular coal gasification, stranded gas assets and other DG-like applications (NG compressor stations, etc.)

• Approach
  • System studies to analyze promising configurations and identify benefits, markets, and technology gaps
  • Pursue testing to close technology gaps and develop designs
  • Support development of highly successful technologies
Projects Supporting Hybrid Heat Engines
Modular heat engines for small low cost high efficiency power systems

Six 2018 phase I awards (18 months), Ph II down select in FY20

- Turbo-Compound Reheat GT CC – Bechtel National
- Optimization and Control of a Hybrid GT with sCO$_2$ Power System – Echogen
- Advanced Modular Sub-Atmospheric Hybrid Heat Engine – GTI
- Modular Heat Engine for the Direct Conversion of NG to H$_2$ and Power – GTI
- Novel Modular Heat Engines with sCO$_2$ Bottoming Cycle Utilizing Advanced Oil-Free Turbomachinery – General Electric
- Advanced Gas Turbine and sCO$_2$ Combined Cycle Power System – SwRI
Advanced Gas Turbine and sCO₂ Combined Cycle Power System

Southwest Research Institute & Solar Turbines

PROJECT NARRATIVE

• CC sCO₂ based waste heat recovery system (WHRS) to the discharge of an existing gas turbine package
• Demonstrate advantage of a sCO₂ bottoming cycle compared to steam based cycle
• Develop commercially competitive WHRS < $1000/kW

BENEFITS

• Increased performance of existing gas turbine installations, including natural gas compressor stations
• Reduced operating costs and footprint
• Cleaner and more efficient operation
• Enhanced load-following capability

Southwest Research Institute

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Partners: Hanwha Power Systems Americas, Solar Turbines, Williams
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Waste Heat Recovery System
sCO₂ Power Cycles for FE Applications

Two related cycles for advanced combustion and gasification applications

Indirectly-heated cycle (RCBC)
• 10 MWe project (GTI, GE & SwRI)
• Applicable to adv. coal combustion
• Incumbent: USC/AUSC boilers
• >50% cycle efficiency possible
• Compact turbomachinery
• Ideal for constant temp. heat source

Directly-heated cycle (Allam Cycle)
• 25 MWe sCO₂ pilot plant (8 Rivers)
• Applicable to coal syngas & NG
• Incumbent to beat: NGCC and IGCC with CCS
• R&D compatible w/ indirect cycle
• >95% CO₂ capture at pressure
• Net water producer, if dry-cooled

Source: NETL
Projects Supporting sCO₂ Power Cycles

Component development for SCO2 turbomachinery

- **Two Ph. II 2016 awards nominally $6M ea., 4 yr. projects**
  - Low-Leakage Shaft End Seals for Utility-Scale sCO₂ Turbo Expanders (GE)
  - High Inlet Temp. Comb. for Direct Fired Supercritical Oxy-Combustion (SwRI)
- **One Ph 1 award, 18 mo. Ph II down select in FY20**
  - Development of Oxy-fuel Combustion Turbines with CO2 Dilution for Supercritical Carbon Dioxide (SCO2) Based Power Cycles
- **Other sCO₂ Projects**
  - NETL sCO2 techno-economic system studies (NETL)
  - Development of advanced recuperators (Thar Energy)
  - Design, build, and operate 10MWe STEP pilot facility (GTI)
  - sCO2 National Lab R&D Plan (SNL)
  - sCO2 power cycle market deployment study (Deloitte)
Development of Low-Leakage Shaft End Seals for Utility-Scale sCO₂ Turbo Expanders

PROJECT NARRATIVE
• Test expander shaft end seals for utility-scale supercritical CO₂ power cycles
• Ph. I evaluation & design of seal concepts and a conceptual design of seal test a facility
• Ph. II will focus on final seal design & test rig construction
• Testing on subscale & full-scale seals

BENEFITS
• Enabling cycle efficiencies of 50-52% or greater
• Face seals can enable a 0.55% points benefit over present labyrinth seals technology

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Partners: SwRI
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Dry Gas Sealing Technology
Conclusions & Summary
Overview of the US DOE Advanced Turbines Program

• Natural gas prices remain low

• Gas turbine deployments are declining
  • Why? Demand is low: energy efficiency and renewables filling the gap?
  • Historically a cyclic process

• DOE FE is supporting a robust program in four areas
  • Large scale combined cycle machines
  • Pressure gain combustion
  • Modular hybrid heat engines
  • Supercritical CO$_2$ based power cycles
Mark Your Calendars!
March 19 & 20, 2019; Berlin, Germany

Visit the symposium website to submit an abstract:
www.asme.org/events/amrgt
Back-up Slides
FY 2018 Advanced Turbines FOA
$7 million, 14 awards, 18 mo. Phase I projects, Ph II downselect in FY20

1. Advanced Combustion Turbines for Combined Cycle Applications
   • High-Temperature Additive Architectures for 65 Percent Efficiency – General Electric
   • High-Temperature, High AN2 Last-Stage Blade for 65 Percent Combined Cycle Efficiency – General Electric
   • Turbine Aero-Thermal Technologies for 65 Percent Combined Cycle Efficiency – General Electric
   • Additive Manufactured Metallic-3D Ox-Ox CMC Integrated Structures for 65 Percent Combined Cycle Efficient Gas Turbine Components – Siemens Energy
   • Design and Development of Low-Weight, Titanium Aluminide Airfoils for High-Performance Industrial Gas Turbines Meeting 65 Percent Combined Cycle Efficiency – Siemens Energy
   • Extension of Operating Envelope for an Extremely Low NOx Axial Stage Combustion System – Siemens Energy
   • Hybrid Ceramic-CMC Vane with EBC for Future Coal-Derived Syngas-Fired Highly Efficient Turbine Combined Cycle – United Technologies Research Center

2. Development of Oxy-fuel Combustion Turbines with CO2 Dilution for Supercritical Carbon Dioxide (SCO2) Based Power Cycles
   • Development of Oxy-Fuel Combustion Turbines with CO₂ Dilution for sCO₂-Based Power Cycles – Southwest Research Institute

3. Turbine-based Modular Hybrid Heat Engines for FE Applications
   • Turbo-Compound Reheat Gas Turbine Combined Cycle – Bechtel National
   • Integrated Optimization and Control of a Hybrid Gas Turbine/sCO₂ Power System – Echogen Power Systems
   • Advanced Modular Sub-Atmospheric Hybrid Heat Engine – Gas Technology Institute (GTI)
   • A Modular Heat Engine for the Direct Conversion of Natural Gas to Hydrogen and Power Using Hydrogen Turbines – Gas Technology Institute
   • Novel Modular Heat Engines with sCO₂ Bottoming Cycle Utilizing Advanced Oil-Free Turbomachinery – General Electric
   • Advanced Gas Turbine and sCO₂ Combined Cycle Power System – Southwest Research Institute
Supercritical Carbon Dioxide 10 MWe Pilot Plant Test Facility

Gas Technology Institute

• Objectives
  • Plan, design, build, and operate a 10 MWe sCO₂ Pilot Plant Test Facility
  • Demonstrate the operability of the sCO₂ power cycle
  • Verify performance of components (turbomachinery, recuperators, compressors, etc.)
  • Evaluate system and component performance capabilities
    • Steady state, transient, load following, limited endurance operation
  • Demonstrate potential for producing a lower COE and thermodynamic efficiency greater than 50%

• STEP Facility Configuration
  • Located at SwRI’s San Antonio, TX campus
  • 10 MWe Recompression closed Brayton cycle (RCBC)
  • 700°C turbine inlet temperature

Gas Technology Institute

Partners: SwRI, GE Global Research
10/1/2016 – 9/30/2022

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Conceptual Layout
Project Activities in sCO₂ Based Power Cycles

### Turbomachinery for Indirect and Direct sCO₂ Power Cycles
- Low-leakage shaft end seals for sCO₂ turbomachinery (GE)
- Adv. turbomachinery for sCO₂ cycles (Aerojet Rocketdyne)

### Modular Hybrid Heat Engines
- Integrated optimization and control of a hybrid gas turbine/sCO₂ power system (Echogen Power Systems)
- Novel modular heat engines with sCO₂ bottoming cycle utilizing advanced oil-free turbomachinery (GE)
- Advanced gas turbine and sCO₂ combined power cycle power system (SwRI)

### Oxy-Fuel Combustion for Direct sCO₂ Power Cycles
- Development of oxy-fuel combustion turbines with CO₂ dilution for sCO₂-based power cycles (SwRI)
- HT combustor for direct fired supercritical oxy-combustion (SwRI)
- Oxy fuel combustion (NETL)
- Autoignition and combustion stability of high pressure sCO₂ oxy-combustion (GA Tech)
- Chemical kinetic modeling and experiments for direct fired sCO₂ Combustor (UCF)
- Coal syngas comb. for HP oxy-fuel sCO₂ cycle (8 Rivers Capital)

### Recuperators for sCO₂ Power Cycles
- Microchannel HX (Oregon State U)
- Low-cost recuperative HX (Altex Tech. Corp)
- Mfg. process for low-cost HX applications (Brayton Energy)
- HT HX for systems with large pressure differentials (Thar Energy)
- Thin film primary surface HX (SwRI)

### Materials, Fundamentals and Systems
- R&D materials & systems analyses (NETL)
- Oxidation/corrosion performance of alloys in sCO₂ (EPRI)
- Advanced materials for supercritical carbon dioxide (ORNL)
- Replacement of the reference EOS for CO₂ thermodynamic props (NIST)
- Thermophysical properties of sCO₂ (NIST)

### Systems Integration & Optimization
- Novel indirect sCO₂ power cycle for integration with the power block (SwRI)
- Thermal integration of closed sCO₂ power cycles with oxy-fired heaters (EPRI)

### Large Pilot Scale Projects
- Scale-up of coal-based supercritical CO₂ cycle technology (U. of N. Dakota)
- Supercritical carbon dioxide primary power large-scale pilot plant (Echogen)

### STEP
- Development of advanced recuperators (Thar Energy)
- Design, build, and operate 10MWe STEP pilot facility (GTI)
- sCO₂ National Lab R&D Plan (Sandia National Laboratories)
NETL Major sCO$_2$ Systems Analyses

- Techno-economic Evaluation of Utility-Scale Power Plants Based on the Indirect sCO$_2$ Brayton Cycle
- Performance of an Integrated Gasification Direct-Fired Supercritical CO$_2$ Power Cycle
- Development of a dynamic sCO$_2$ plant model to assess control mechanisms and transient/part load performance of the 10 MWe STEP demo sCO$_2$ plant
  - Preliminary analyses complete, model refinements ongoing
- Analysis of Natural Gas Direct-Fired sCO$_2$ Power Cycle
NETL Major sCO2 Systems Analyses

- Techno-economic Evaluation of Utility-Scale Power Plants Based on the Indirect sCO2 Brayton Cycle
  - Examined the cost and performance of power plants with carbon capture based on:
    - Coal-fired oxy-CFB heat source with the indirect recompression sCO2 Brayton cycle
    - 4 Cycle Configurations Examined - Base, Reheat sCO2 turbine, Intercooled 2-stage main sCO2 compressor, Reheat and Intercooling
    - Oxy-CFB indirect sCO2 power plants shown to improve efficiency 1–4% points at comparable COE relative to steam
    - Improvements identified to further reduce sCO2 plant COE relative to an air-fired, supercritical PC coal plant with CCS

- Performance of an Integrated Gasification Direct-Fired Supercritical CO2 Power Cycle
  - sCO2 cases deliver higher efficiency than IGCC cases with a gas turbine and steam combined cycle power island
  - sCO2 plant design (with thermal integration) offers very high efficiency (40.6%) and low COE ($122.7/MWh) for a coal plant with CCS

- Analysis of Natural Gas Direct-Fired sCO2 Power Cycle
  - sCO2 plant achieves greater HHV efficiency compared to NGCC, 48.2% vs. 45.7%, due to cycle efficiency differences
  - sCO2 plant captures more carbon (98.2%) than the NGCC plant and consumes 17% less water

- Development of a dynamic sCO2 plant model to assess control mechanisms and transient/part load performance of the 10 MWe STEP demo sCO2 plant

- sCO2 Cycle as an Efficiency Improvement Opportunity for Air-Fired Coal Combustion (non-CCS case)
  - Preliminary examination of the potential benefits of the indirect sCO2 power cycle for improving the efficiency and cost of non-capture coal-fired power plants
  - Results have shown that the sCO2 power cycle can achieve higher efficiencies than SOA PC/Rankine systems with no increase in COE
  - Full-load, steady-state CO2 emissions of 1353 lbs CO2/MWh gross nominally meets the current EPA’s 1400 lbs CO2/MWh gross for new coal plants
    - However, the EPA’s standard is based on average annual emissions – additional analyses are required to assess system performance under realistic annual operating profiles, including part-load
  - Shows that plants based on the sCO2 power cycle have significantly lower (22–33%) water consumption than comparable reference Rankine cycle plants
FOA Awards (3 yr. projects, nominal value $700 – 800 k)

- High Frequency Transverse Combustion Instabilities in Low-NOx Gas Turbines (GA Tech)
- Improving NOx Entitlement with Axial Staging (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University)
- Integrated Transpiration and Lattice Cooling Systems developed by Additive Manufacturing with Oxide-Dispersion-Strengthened (ODS) Alloys (U of Pitt)
- Discrete Element Roughness Modeling for Design Optimization of Additively and Conventionally Manufactured Internal Turbine Cooling Passages (PSU)
- Development of High performance Ni-base Alloys for Gas Turbine Wheels using a Coprecipitation Approach (OSU)
- Integrated TBC/EBC for SiC Fiber Reinforced SiC Matrix Composites for Next Generation Gas Turbines (Clemson)
- Real-Time Health Monitoring for Gas Turbine Components using Online Learning and High Dimensional Data (GA Tech)
- In-situ Optical Monitoring of Operating Gas Turbine Blade Coatings under Extreme Environments (UCF)
- Fuel injection dynamics and composition effects on RDE performance (UM)
High Inlet Temperature Combustor for Direct Fired Supercritical Oxy-Combustion

Southwest Research Institute

PROJECT NARRATIVE

- The project team seeks to develop a high inlet temperature oxy-combustor suitable for integration with direct-fired supercritical CO₂ power cycles for fossil energy applications.

- R&D evaluation of direct-fired sCO₂ oxy-combustor has involved system engineering design and thermodynamic analysis to assess plant efficiencies, verify operating conditions and optimize plant configuration in conjunction with technical gap analysis.

- The Phase II effort seeks to build a ‘first-of-a-kind’ 1 MW test facility in order to evaluate the sCO₂ oxy-combustor technology in an integrated system (which enables both component- and system-level testing) to address/reduce technical uncertainties.

- The Phase II R&D testing seeks to increase the TRL of key components (such as the oxy-combustor and related equipment) and reduce uncertainties associated with chemical kinetics, thermal management, water separation, flue gas cleanup, materials, and corrosion.

BENEFITS

- Efficient power generation with integrated carbon capture at up to 99 % of generated CO₂.

- Advances state-of-the-art in high pressure, high temperature combustor design.

SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE

FE0024041
Partners: Thar Energy, GE Global Research, U. of Central Florida, Georgia Tech
10/1/2014 - 3/31/2020

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Direct Fired Supercritical CO₂ Oxy-Combustion: Bench Scale Testing and 1MW Scale Concept
Development of Low-Leakage Shaft End Seals for Utility-Scale sCO₂ Turbo Expanders

General Electric Co.

PROJECT NARRATIVE

• GE and SwRI will develop and test expander shaft end seals for utility-scale supercritical CO₂ power cycles
• Phase I included an evaluation of seal concepts, a thermodynamic optimization and turbomachinery preliminary design of a conceptual utility-scale sCO₂ plant to evaluate the effectiveness of the seal design, and a conceptual design of a rig/facility to test the seals
• Phase II will focus on finalizing the design of the face seals and designing and constructing a rig to test the final seal design
• The testing will consist of subscale and full-scale testing of seals in a graded approach to proving the technology.

BENEFITS

• Enabling technology for thermodynamic cycle efficiencies of 50-52% or greater
• Face seals can enable a 0.55% points benefit over present labyrinth seals technology

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO.

FE0024007
Partners: SwRI
10/1/2014 – 8/31/2019

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Dry Gas Sealing Technology
High Temperature Ceramic Matrix Composite (CMC) Nozzles for 65% Efficiency

General Electric Co.

PROJECT NARRATIVE

• GE will develop cooled high-temperature CMC nozzles (non-rotating airfoils) that leverage existing knowledge of CMC materials and previous DOE investment.

• Phase I included design and analysis of attachment configurations, definition of sealing approaches, design of key sealing features, analysis of sealing effectiveness, and down-selection of an assembly that features a metal support structure with CMC carrying the thermal load.

• Phase II plan is to complete the CMC nozzle design, design a high temperature test rig, fabricate the nozzles and the rig and then conduct full scale high temperature tests.

• Final result will be ready for commercial deployment beyond 2020.

BENEFITS

• Contributes to DOE goal of 65% combined cycle efficiency, allows higher turbine inlet temperatures (~3100°F).

• Leverage advanced manufacturing process.

Downselected nozzle geometry
Advanced Multi-Tube Mixer Combustion for 65% Efficiency

General Electric Co.

**PROJECT NARRATIVE**

- GE will develop and synthesize their multi-tube mixer combustion technology
- Goal of low NOx emissions up to 3100°F while supporting load following grid needs, with an ultra-compact design that minimizes NOx formation and minimizes surface area to be cooled
- Under Phase II, GE will develop a revolutionary fully Integrated Combustor Nozzle (ICN) in a bold yet elegantly simple design that builds on successful DOE/GE programs including the Advanced Hydrogen Turbine program that advanced several technologies, including the Multi-Tube Pre-mixer, Transition Nozzle and Ceramic Matrix Composites (CMCs)

**BENEFITS**

- Contributes to DOE goal of 65+% combined cycle energy efficiency
- Enables robust fuel flexibility
Rotating Detonation Combustion for Gas Turbines—Modeling and System Synthesis to Exceed 65% Efficiency Goal

Aerojet Rocketdyne

PROJECT NARRATIVE

- Aerojet Rocketdyne, Inc. will develop, validate, and integrate a systems model for a rotating detonation combustor in a power plant systems model.
- Under Phase I, Aerojet Rocketdyne assessed the potential of incorporating a rotating detonation engine into a Natural Gas Combined Cycle power plant.
- Under Phase II, a multi-faceted team of researchers will systematically characterize and optimize the fluid and mechanical interface between the RDE and a turbine cascade.
- Multiple test programs will be undertaken using 10 cm, 21 cm and 31 cm combustors using advanced diagnostics.
- CFD models will be developed and anchored as design tools for maximizing RDE and unsteady turbine performance.

BENEFITS

- Alternative path to DOE goal of 65% combined cycle efficiency (2-3% point).
- Advances technology for combustion turbines for combined cycle applications.

Aerojet Rocketdyne

FE0023983
Partners: University of Michigan, University of Alabama, Purdue, SwRI, University of Central Florida, Duke Energy
10/01/2014 – 3/31/2019

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Novel Modular Heat Engines with sCO₂Bottoming Cycle Utilizing Advanced Oil-Free Turbomachinery

**General Electric**

**PROJECT NARRATIVE**
- Develop a conceptual design of a novel, hermetically sealed oil-free sCO₂ drivetrain for a bottoming cycle for a natural gas combustion turbine used for pipeline compression
- A conceptual design for a 10MW sCO₂ bottoming cycle and associated machinery will be developed and include an integrated approach between different disciplines such as thermodynamic cycles, aero design, rotordynamics, bearing design, and electric machine sizing
- Commercial assessment and viability of the concept

**BENEFITS**
- sCO₂ lubricated bearing system allows hermetically sealed drivetrain – preventing loss of efficiency due to CO₂ leakage
- Enable heat engine cycle efficiencies >50% by demonstrating the feasibility of a novel two-machine oil-free drivetrain consisting of a high-speed sCO₂ turbo-compressor with a direct drive starter-generator aerodynamically coupled to an sCO₂ turbo-generator
- Higher efficiency and lower cost system

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General Electric Radial sCO₂ Bearing (L) and Thrust sCO₂ Bearing (R) Technologies
A Modular Heat Engine for the Direct Conversion of Natural Gas to Hydrogen and Power Using Hydrogen Turbines

Gas Technology Institute

PROJECT NARRATIVE

• GTI will design, test, and demonstrate a modular heat engine system for clean and efficient conversion of natural gas to power, hydrogen, and carbon dioxide (CO₂).

• The concept centers on clean power generation using hydrogen produced from GTI’s compact hydrogen generator (CHG), combined with an existing gas turbine modified for hydrogen combustion or with an advanced hydrogen turbine.

• During Phase I, detailed thermodynamic cycle analyses will be performed using commercially available modeling tools; trade studies will be conducted at the component and subsystem levels to define an optimized modular system that may be demonstrated to produce power with load-following capability; and technology gaps will be identified through consultations with system end-users and turbine OEMs.

BENEFITS

• Using the CHG technology, GTI predicts a greater than 15 percent reduction in hydrogen cost.
Integrated Optimization and Control of a Hybrid Gas Turbine/sCO2 Power System

Echogen Power Systems (DE), Inc.

**PROJECT NARRATIVE**

- Echogen will define a hybrid gas turbine sCO2 power cycle design to achieve improved steady-state and transient performance relative to a baseline gas turbine/sCO2 combined cycle plant.
- The cycle optimization code will be extended to include the gas turbine system. With this approach, an integrated optimization process can be used to obtain higher thermodynamic efficiency for the overall plant.
- Transient models of the hybrid system will be updated and converted into functional mockup units for co-simulation using the open-source FMI standard. The individual transient models will be combined into an overall power system and grid model that will be used to create an integrated control system model and control strategy.

**BENEFITS**

- The commercialization of this system will benefit microgrid and remote power installations by improving their efficiency and load-following characteristics. This reduces the need for short-term battery storage to accommodate rapid shifts in power supply due to intermittency of renewable generation sources and in power demand due to changing customer loads.
**PROJECT NARRATIVE**

- Bechtel will develop the Turbo-Compound Reheat Gas Turbine Combined Cycle to a stage of readiness for a small-scale demonstration to prove successful integration of the key components, operability, and multi-fuel compatibility.

- This cycle is based on a combination of technologies to enable thermodynamic cycle performance, including constant volume combustion, reheat, and waste recovery.

- Goals of this project include the development of detailed heat and mass balances using engineering software tools; modules for flexible integration of the components that comprise the power system; and conceptual design of variations of the original patented technology with different fuels including syngas.

**BENEFITS**

- The system is modular, scalable, fuel-flexible, highly efficient, and amenable to distributed generation and cogeneration.
Turbo-Compound Reheat GT Combined Cycle

PROJECT NARRATIVE

• Develop the Turbo-Compound Reheat GT CC for a small-scale demo to prove integration of key components, operability, & multi-fuel compatibility.
• Cycle is based on a combination of technologies to enable constant volume combustion, reheat, and waste recovery for improved performance.
• Goals include detailed mass & energy balances, demonstrate flexibility & use of coal derived syngas.

BENEFITS

• Modular, scalable, fuel-flexible, highly efficient, and amenable to distributed generation and cogeneration.
Advanced Modular Sub-Atmospheric Hybrid Heat Engine
Gas Technology Institute

PROJECT NARRATIVE

• GTI will develop a turbine-based advanced modular sub-atmospheric hybrid heat engine for fossil energy applications to produce electric or mechanical power.

• The engine will be developed as a modular unit that can be used with modular coal or biomass gasifiers, distributed power generation systems, large power plants composed of multiple generating units, and with natural gas compression stations.

• The objectives of this project are to develop a conceptual design of the turbine-based modular sub-atmospheric hybrid heat engine, including thermodynamic cycle analysis; define the nominal engine component boundary conditions; identify technology gaps; and develop a detailed test plan to address these gaps through bench-scale testing in a Phase 2 project.

BENEFITS

• This hybrid heat engine can achieve greater than 65 percent net electrical or mechanical power-conversion efficiency based on lower heating value of the fuel and provide ultra-low pollutant emissions at a competitive cost.
Scale-Up of Coal-Based Supercritical CO2 Cycle Technology

University of North Dakota Energy and Environmental Research Center (UNDEERC)

PROJECT NARRATIVE

• UNDEERC will design, build, and operate a direct-fired, supercritical CO$_2$ cycle pilot plant that uses a variety of domestic coal reserves as the primary feedstock.

• In Phase I, the team will evaluate the appropriate scale and candidate host sites for a large coal-based Allam Cycle pilot plant; develop a preliminary design, cost, and schedule for the pilot; secure commitments for Phase II; and complete an Environmental Information Volume.

• UNDEERC will ensure that key aspects of the coal-based Allam cycle are addressed, including syngas combustion and the impact of impurities.

• Design starting point is a 5-50MW system.

BENEFITS

• The pilots supported by DOE will be used to assess the scalability and commercial potential of transformational coal technologies, helping mitigate risk and aiding in commercial adoption.
Supercritical Carbon Dioxide Primary Power Large - Scale Pilot Plant

Echogen Power Systems, LLC

PROJECT NARRATIVE

• Echogen will design, construct, and operate a 10MWe coal-fired supercritical carbon dioxide (sCO2) large-scale pilot.
• In Phase I, Echogen will complete and refine the pilot conceptual system and key component designs, perform a series of pilot site evaluations to decide primary and alternate host site locations, develop the Phase II team for a front-end engineering design (FEED) study, and identify potential sources of cost share for the Phase II and Phase III activities.

BENEFITS

• The proposed 10 MWe coal-fired sCO2 pilot power plant will reduce the technical and economic risk of this transformational technology; therefore, increasing the potential for commercial deployment.

Echogen Power Systems

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Project Partners: Siemens, Louis Perry Group, EPRI, Paul Weitzel Technical Consulting
04/01/2018 – 07/31/2019

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• The Deloitte/KeyLogic team will produce a market deployment strategy focused on describing cost, performance, schedule, and obstacles/barriers of how sCO\(_2\) technology will penetrate/deploy across the U.S. electrical market.

• The strategy will consider:
  • Characteristics unique to sCO\(_2\)
  • Market applications-gas, nuclear, solar, waste heat recovery, and marine
  • Future energy scenarios for geographical areas where sCO\(_2\) can penetrate
  • Prioritization of markets/applications base on sCO\(_2\) cost, efficiency, and schedule

• Workshops to engage sCO\(_2\) stakeholders
NETL sCO2 Systems Analyses References


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# Overview of US Turbine Population

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Source: EV Database
US Natural Gas, Dry Gas Production
Historical and Projection

Source: EIA
Growth has peaked, now into decline period as predicted.

Source: EV Database, 6/1/2016
Worldwide IGT Turbine Forecast by Class

Predictions not matching actual sales

Source: GTW IGT Forecast, 2016