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ABSTRACT

This Phase I SBIR project investigated the economic and technical feasibility of advanced amine scrubbing systems for post-combustion CO_2 capture at coal-fired power plants. Numerous combinations of advanced solvent formulations and process configurations were screened for energy requirements, and three cases were selected for detailed analysis: a monoethanolamine (MEA) base case and two "advanced" cases: an MEA/Piperazine (PZ) case, and a methyldiethanolamine (MDEA) / PZ case. The MEA/PZ and MDEA/PZ cases employed an advanced "double matrix" stripper configuration. The basis for calculations was a model plant with a gross capacity of 500 MWe. Results indicated that CO_2 capture increased the base cost of electricity from 5 cents/kWh to 10.7 c/kWh for the MEA base case, 10.1 c/kWh for the MEA / PZ double matrix, and 9.7 c/kWh for the MDEA / PZ double matrix. The corresponding cost per metric tonne CO_2 avoided was 67.20 \$/tonne CO_2, 60.19 \$/tonne CO_2, and 55.05 \$/tonne CO_2, respectively. Derated capacities, including base plant auxiliary load of 29 MWe, were 339 MWe for the base case, 356 MWe for the MEA/PZ double matrix, and 378 MWe for the MDEA / PZ double matrix. When compared to the base case, systems employing advanced solvent formulations and process configurations were estimated to reduce reboiler steam requirements by 20 to 44%, to reduce derating due to CO_2 capture by 13 to 30%, and to reduce the cost of CO_2 avoided by 10 to 18%. These results demonstrate the potential for significant improvements in the overall economics of CO_2 capture via advanced solvent formulations and process configurations.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Phase I SBIR project investigated the economic and technical feasibility of advanced amine scrubbing systems for post-combustion CO_2 capture at coal-fired power plants. Amine-based scrubbing is one of the most likely near-term options for post-combustion CO_2 capture. Conventional amine scrubbing with monoethanolamine (MEA) and simple absorption and stripping flow configurations can achieve 90% CO_2 capture. However, the capital and operating costs are very high; work conducted under a previous DOE SBIR grant (DE-FG02-04ER84111) estimated that amine-based CO_2 capture would increase the cost of electricity by 3.8 cents/kWh in 2004 dollars and material costs. Therefore, this project investigated systems employing advanced amine solvent formulations and process configurations in order to reduce capital and operating costs. Trimeric Corporation completed this project with a subcontract to the University of Texas and with in-kind assistance from the Dow Gas Treating Services Group and Luminant.

First, the energy requirements for a large array of solvents and process configurations were evaluated in a screening study. Then, three cases were selected for detailed, rigorous analysis: one base case and two "advanced" cases, which employed methyldiethanolamine (MDEA) and piperazine (PZ).

Cases Selected for Detailed Analysis

Case Name	Solvent	Configuration
Base Case	7 m MEA	Conventional
MEA / PZ double matrix	7 m MEA, 2 m PZ	Double Matrix
MDEA / PZ double matrix	Proprietary concentrations	Double Matrix

Note: "m" equals molal.

Next, rigorous process simulations with mass and energy balances were prepared. Then, equipment was sized and selected, and purchased equipment costs were developed. Finally, capital costs, operating costs, incremental cost of electricity, and cost of avoided CO_2 emissions were estimated.

The design basis for these evaluations was a 500 MW gross conventional coal-fired power plant using Illinois #6 subbituminous coal. A wet flue gas desulfurization (FGD) unit was assumed to be located upstream of the CO_2 capture unit. The target CO_2 removal was 90%. Any captured CO_2 was delivered at pipeline pressure (15.2 MPa, 2200 psia). The entire CO_2 capture systems consisted of a single inlet gas train, multiple parallel amine units, and a single, common CO_2 compression train.

Results estimated that CO_2 capture increased the base cost of electricity from 5 cents/kWh to 10.7 c/kWh for the MEA base case, 10.1 c/kWh for the MEA / PZ double matrix, and 9.7 c/kWh for the MDEA / PZ double matrix. The corresponding cost per metric tonne CO_2

avoided was 67.20 \$/tonne CO_2, 60.19 \$/tonne CO_2, and 55.05 \$/tonne CO_2, respectively. Derated capacities, including base plant auxiliary load of 29 MWe, were 339 MWe for the base case, 356 MWe for the MEA/PZ double matrix, and 378 MWe for the MDEA / PZ double matrix. When compared to the base case, systems employing advanced solvent formulations and process configurations were estimated to reduce reboiler steam requirements by 20 to 44%, to reduce derating due to CO_2 capture by 13 to 30%, and to reduce the cost of CO_2 avoided by 10 to 18%. These results, summarized in the table below, demonstrate the potential for significant improvements in the overall economics of CO_2 capture via advanced solvent formulations and process configurations.

Summary Results of Derating, Cost of Electricity, and Cost of CO_2 Avoided

Description	Units	MEA Base Case	MEA / PZ Double Matrix	MDEA / PZ Double Matrix
Gross generating capacity	MWe	500	500	500
Net generating capacity without CO_2 capture	MWe	471	471	471
Net generating capacity with CO_2 capture	MWe	339	356	378
Derating due to CO_2 capture	MWe	132	115	93
Reduction in derating due to CO_2 capture	%		13	30
Base plant cost of electricity	c/kWh	5.0	5.0	5.0
Total COE	c/kWh	10.7	10.1	9.7
Increase in COE	%	113	102	95
Cost of CO_2 avoided	\$/tonne	67.20	60.19	55.05
Reduction in cost of CO_2 avoided	%		10	18

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report documents the methodology and results of Trimeric Corporation's Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Phase I project, "Advanced Amine Solvent Formulations and Process Integration for Near-Term CO_2 Capture Success" (DOE Grant No. DE-FG02-06ER84625). This section provides background information on the issues that are driving this type of research, a discussion of the research goals and objectives, the project participants, and an overview of the remainder of the document.

1.1 Background

The United States has vast reserves of coal. These abundant resources will play a key role in meeting our country's near-term energy demand while maintaining economic security. However, the use of coal in conventional coal-fired power plants emits large quantities of the greenhouse gas (GHG) carbon dioxide (CO_2) . Climate change science suggests that higher atmospheric GHG concentrations may cause changes in the global climate. Since the consequences of changes in global climate are potentially very significant, there is strong interest in reducing the amount of anthropogenic CO_2 emissions. As a result of these concerns, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) is supporting the development of technologies that improve the environmental soundness and economic viability of fossil fuel extraction and use.

To address global warming concerns, President Bush committed the United States to pursuing a range of strategies. These initiatives were summarized in February 2002 during President Bush's announcement of the Global Climate Change Initiative (GCCI), which has an overall goal of reducing U.S. greenhouse gas intensity by 18% by 2012 (NETL, 2007). CO_2 emissions from electric power production contributes about 33% of U.S. GHG emissions (DOE May 2005); any effort to reduce greenhouse gas intensity virtually must address this sector. Therefore, the DOE's NETL is supporting the development of technologies that capture and subsequently sequester CO_2 from coal-fired power plants. Specifically, the DOE's goal is to

achieve 90% CO_2 capture with 99% storage permanence at less than a 20% increase in the cost of energy services by 2012 (DOE May 2005).

CO_2 capture technologies are divided into three broad categories: post-combustion, pre-combustion, and oxy-fuel. Of these, post combustion capture may be the most challenging, because the flue gas is at a low pressure and the CO_2 is dilute, which makes CO_2 capture more difficult and increases sequestration compression costs. However, post-combustion technology is the only category that applies to over 98% of existing fossil power production assets. Thus, in order to meet the President's goal of 18% reduction in GHG intensity by 2012, a key practical target is a post-combustion technology that achieves the DOE's performance and cost goals. The technology research conducted under this contract addresses this post-combustion category and works toward the achievement of the DOE's goals.

Amine-based scrubbing is one of the most likely near-term options for post-combustion CO_2 capture. Conventional amine scrubbing can achieve 90% CO_2 capture; however, the capital and operating costs are very high. In a FY2005 SBIR project, Integrating MEA Regeneration with CO_2 Compression and Peaking to Reduce CO_2 Capture Costs (DE-FG02-04ER84111), Trimeric and the University of Texas (UT) demonstrated that using heat integration and alternate process configurations can decrease overall monoethanolamine (MEA) scrubbing costs by nearly 10% (Fisher, 2005). While this was encouraging, further reductions in capital and operating costs are required to meet the DOE performance goals.

The economic analysis from the previous SBIR project indicates what areas to target for capital and operating cost savings. The operating costs dominate the overall capture costs because CO_2 capture with a conventional MEA system derates a 500 MWe gross capacity plant by an additional 173 MWe beyond the base plant auxiliary loads, which corresponds to a gross capacity derating of more than one third (Fisher, 2005). For a conventional MEA system, energy requirements of the stripper reboiler and the compressor account for nearly 90% of the derating. Process configurations that will have the greatest impact on cost focus on lowering stripper reboiler and compressor energy costs. Details of the analysis carried out under the previous SBIR grant may be found in the final report for that project (Fisher 2005).

In addition to the current high cost of amine treatment, some operational challenges impede the adoption of flue gas amine scrubbing. First, residual oxygen, sulfur dioxide (SO_2), and other species in the flue gas can chemically degrade the amine (Goff, 2005). Process heat also thermally degrades amine solvents over time. Second, the amine liquid solution can corrode process equipment and often requires corrosion inhibitors. Alternate amine solvents can avoid these problems; for example, solvents formulated with piperazine do not undergo the same thermal and chemical degradation mechanisms as the conventional monoethanolamine solvent.

1.2 Research Objectives

This project studied improved amine-based CO_2 capture system, where a system comprises a solvent and a process configuration. These systems sought to reduce stripper reboiler energy costs and reduce solvent degradation costs. Specifically, the research objectives for this SBIR project included the following:

- Establish the two most promising systems of solvent formulation and process scheme based on a screening of several systems;
- Estimate the capital and operating costs of these top two systems;
- Compare these economics with an "updated" baseline MEA configuration and with DOE targets;
- Resolve how the amine and the compression systems will integrate with the power plant; and
- Select the best process configuration and solvent formulation for future pilot testing.

These technical objectives in Phase I lay the groundwork for continued commercialization efforts. In addition, the current research leverages extensive laboratory work already conducted or scheduled for completion by a research group at the University of Texas led by Dr. Gary T. Rochelle.

1.3 Project Participants

Trimeric Corporation (Trimeric) served as the prime contractor for this project. The University of Texas (UT) subcontracted to Trimeric. Dr. Gary Rochelle of the University of Texas and his research group performed the process simulations and provided general technical insight and guidance. Dr. Craig Schubert of the Dow Gas Treating Services group provided input on industrial solvents and provided process simulations. Luminant provided input on coal-fired power plant operations and integration of the CO_2 capture system into an existing plant.

1.4 Report Organization

The remainder of this document presents the research performed under this project and is organized as follows:

- Section 2: Conceptual Approach describes the overall design basis, the screening study, and the cases selected for detailed analysis;
- Section 3: Process Simulation and Design provides a description of the process modeling and results, including heat and material balances;
- Section 4: Equipment Sizing and Selection discusses how the results of the process simulation were used in selecting equipment and presents the equipment details for each case that was evaluated;
- Section 5: Capital and Operating Costs summarizes the cost of the equipment and operations for the various cases;
- Section 6: Economic Analysis and Results presents the costs of the three detailed cases in terms of the DOE NETL metrics, cost of electricity and cost of avoided CO_2 emissions; and
- Section 7: Summary and Conclusions presents the findings of the research.

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2.0 CONCEPTUAL APPROACH

This section discusses the conceptual approach that was used on the project. Early in the project, the UT group performed a screening study to evaluate energy requirements for a large array of solvents and process configurations. Then, the project team selected three cases for detailed, rigorous analysis: one base case and two "advanced" cases. Next, team members prepared rigorous process simulations with mass and energy balances. Trimeric then sized and selected equipment and developed purchased equipment costs. Finally, Trimeric calculated capital costs, operating costs, incremental cost of electricity, and cost of avoided CO_2 emissions.

The following sections provide more detail on the solvents and configurations considered in the screening study, the design basis, and the engineering and economic analysis approach.

2.1 Improved Solvents and Process Configurations

2.1.1 Solvents

Monoethanolamine (MEA) is the conventional amine solvent selected for CO_2 scrubbing. However, MEA has several disadvantages when treating flue gas: chemical degradation, thermal degradation, and corrosivity. The UT research group led by Dr. Gary Rochelle has studied several improved solvent formulations that seek to overcome the obstacles associated with conventional MEA. A solvent formulation refers to a mixture of solvents with specific concentrations for each component. The important alternative solvents include piperazine-promoted potassium carbonate (K_2CO_3) or "KPIP" solvents, piperazine-promoted MEA or MEA/PZ solvents, promoted tertiary amines including piperazine-promoted methyl diethanolamine (MDEA / PZ), and mildly hindered amines. Many of the solvent formulations researched by Dr. Rochelle's group include solvent components initially developed by the Dow Gas Treating Services Group, which has decades of experience developing alkanolamine solvents, marketing these solvents, and providing technical services to clients with gas treating facilities. As part of Dow's ongoing research into amine scrubbing, the company has developed the potassium carbonate/piperazine (KPIP) solvents. Under research programs funded by the

DOE (DE-FC26-02NT41440), Dr. Rochelle's group has performed extensive laboratory, bench, and pilot testing with the Dow solvents.

Monoethanolamine promoted piperazine (MEA / PZ) should provide faster CO_2 absorption rates and greater capacity for CO_2. Piperazine is less prone to thermal degradation than MEA (Rochelle, 2007). Therefore, the capacity of 7 m MEA can be increased substantially by adding 2 m PZ. Because piperazine is currently more expensive than MEA, management of thermal and oxidative degradation of the MEA/PZ solvent formulation will contribute to lower operating costs.

MDEA promoted piperazine (MDEA / PZ) has been used commercially for a number years to remove CO_2 from natural gas and hydrogen at CO_2 partial pressures greater than those of flue gas. As a tertiary amine, MDEA has the potential for greater CO_2 capacity than MEA. The addition of piperazine significantly improves the rate of CO_2 absorption. This solvent has not been used with a high-oxygen concentration, so oxidative degradation may be a major concern.

The KPIP solvents have three main differences from MEA: lower heat of CO_2 desorption, faster rates of CO_2 absorption, and thermal resiliency. The lower heat of CO_2 desorption can decrease the reboiler steam requirements. The faster absorption kinetics can create richer solutions given the same absorber capital costs. Thermal resiliency means that the KPIP solvents can operate at higher temperature and pressure without degrading at the same rate MEA would under similar conditions. Thus, KPIP solvents may be more suited to process configurations such as multipressure stripping. However, optimum solvent formulation is yet to be determined and is one piece of the optimization puzzle.

Through DOE cooperative agreement DE-FC26-02NT41440, The UT research group is developing rigorous process models, verified by pilot testing, for absorption and stripping of CO_2 with the KPIP solvents. The group is conducting pilot tests to verify the models. The UT contract will also investigate solvent losses, solvent reclamation, and corrosivity. Solvent degradation and reclamation studies will indicate how the KPIP solvents are affected by other

contaminants such as SO_2, HCl, NO_x, etc. Through research to date, the UT team has prioritized the list of promising solvent formulations to two mixtures with varying concentration of piperazine (PZ) and potassium carbonate (K_2CO_3): 5 m K+ / 2.5 m PZ ("KPIP5"), and 6.4 m K+ / 1.6 m PZ ("KPIP6.4"). In these formulations, "m" signifies molal concentration.

2.1.2 Process Configurations

Several process configurations were considered in this research: conventional, vacuum stripping, double matrix stripping ("double matrix" or "DM"), double matrix vacuum with heat recovery ("DMVHR"), multipressure stripping without heat recovery, and multipressure stripping with heat recovery. Section 2.1.2 introduces these configurations with brief, qualitative descriptions. Specific values for operating conditions vary according to solvent selection; these data are provided for specific cases later in the report.

Figure 2-1 shows a simplified process flow diagram (PFD) for the conventional MEA CO_2 capture system. Flue gas flows from the FGD scrubber to the CO_2 capture system. Inlet flue gas enters the bottom of the absorber. Cool lean amine enters the top of the absorber. The amine absorbs CO_2 as it flows downward and contacts the gas. Rich amine exits the bottom of the absorber. Flue gas exits from the top of the absorber and flows to the stack. Rich amine exchanges heat with hot lean amine. The preheated rich amine then flows to the stripper, where CO_2 desorbs from the amine solution. Warm stripper overheads flow to the stripper condenser, where the vapor is cooled and water is condensed. The remaining low-pressure CO_2 vapor then flows to compression. A stripper reboiler provides heat for the CO_2 desorption. Hot lean amine exits from bottom of the stripper and is cooled through cross exchange with the rich amine. Water enters the system at the top of the absorber, where it serves as a water wash section and decreases amine losses with the sweet gas. Steam provides heat to the reboiler.

Vacuum stripping is essentially the same as the conventional configuration except that the stripper is operated at lower, vacuum pressures.

Figure 2-2 shows a simplified PFD for the double matrix configuration. This configuration reduces compression work because a large portion of the CO_2 is stripped at higher pressures. The energy required for separations in the double matrix stripper system may more closely approach the ideal energy requirements because the solvent is more isothermal.

Rich amine exits the bottom of the absorber. Downstream of the rich amine pump, the flow splits into two separate streams: one sent to the Low Pressure (LP) Stripper and one sent to the High Pressure (HP) stripper. The split between LP and HP streams is optimized according to the selected pressures and solvent formulation. The "LP" rich amine is preheated via exchange with warm semi-lean amine. LP rich amine enters the top of the LP stripper upper section and contacts gas from the bottom section as the liquid falls through the packed section. Semi-lean amine exits from the bottom of the upper section of the LP Stripper. Warm, semi-lean amine is cooled via exchange with the LP rich amine. The semi-lean amine then flows to the middle of the absorber. Vapors from the upper section of the LP Stripper flow to the LP Condenser. LP Condensate flow to the makeup water system, and remaining vapor flows to the first stage of compression. A rich amine booster pump provides additional driving force to move the rich amine into the HP stripper. The "HP" rich amine is preheated via exchange with hot lean amine. The warm, HP rich amine enters the top of the HP stripper. Vapors exiting the top of the HP stripper combine with gas exiting the first stage of compression. This combined vapor stream flows to the 1st interstage cooler. Condensate from this cooler also returns to the makeup water system, and the remaining vapor flows to the latter stages of compression. The HP reboiler provides heat to desorb CO2 in the HP Stripper. Hot, HP lean amine exits the bottom of the HP Stripper and flows to the top of the bottom LP stripper section, where the liquid flows down through a packed bed and contacts gas generated by the LP Reboiler. Vapor from the bottom section of the LP Stripper flow to the upper section off the LP Stripper. Hot LP lean amine exits from the bottom of the lower section of the LP Stripper and is cooled via exchange with HP rich amine. Then, the LP lean amine flows to the top of the absorber. Steam provides heat for both reboilers.

Figure 2-3 shows the simplified PFD for the Double Matrix Vacuum with Heat Recovery (DMVHR) flow scheme. The configuration is very similar to the double matrix except that the lower pressure stripper is run at vacuum conditions and the outlet gas from the 1st stage of compression provides some reboiler heat before mixing with the HP Stripper overheads. Steam provides the remaining heat for the HP Reboiler and all the heat for the LP Reboiler.

The PFD for multipressure stripping without heat recovery is shown in Figure 2-4. In this case, stripping occurs at several pressure increments. The vapor streams exiting lower-pressure stripper segments are compressed and serve as the entering vapor streams to the next higher pressure stripper segment. The reboiler provides heat for the lowest pressure stripping segment, and the heat of compression provides stripping heat for the higher-pressure segments. In comparison, the matrix stripping configurations have separate reboilers for each stripper and do not compress overhead vapors from lower pressure strippers to provide vapor for higher pressure strippers. In multipressure stripping, the liquid streams exit higher-pressure stripper segments and enter lower-pressure segments. The highest pressure stripper has a reflux condenser. Vapor exits this condenser and flows to the remaining stages of compression, which have water-cooled interstage coolers.

The PFD for multipressure stripping with heat recovery is shown in Figure 2-5. This configuration is similar to the multipressure stripping without heat recover except that the reflux condenser is eliminated and hot outlet gas from the latter compression stages provides some heat for the reboiler. In this configuration, water cooling does supplement any interstage cooling of the CO_2 after it provides heat to the reboiler. Thus the interstage cooling temperature is higher in this configuration when compared to configurations with water-cooled interstage cooling.

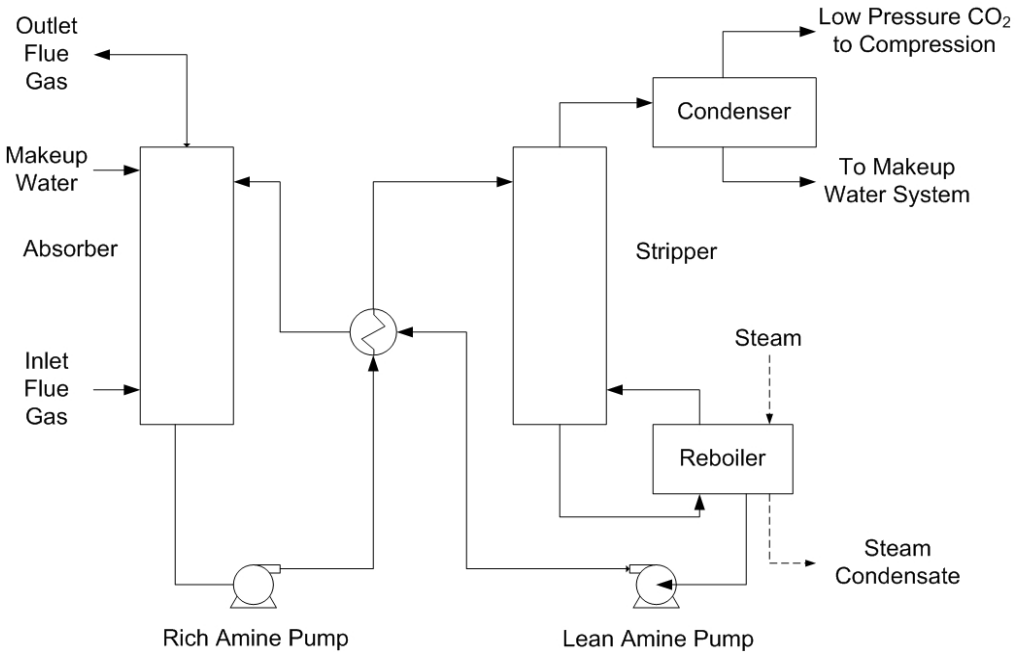
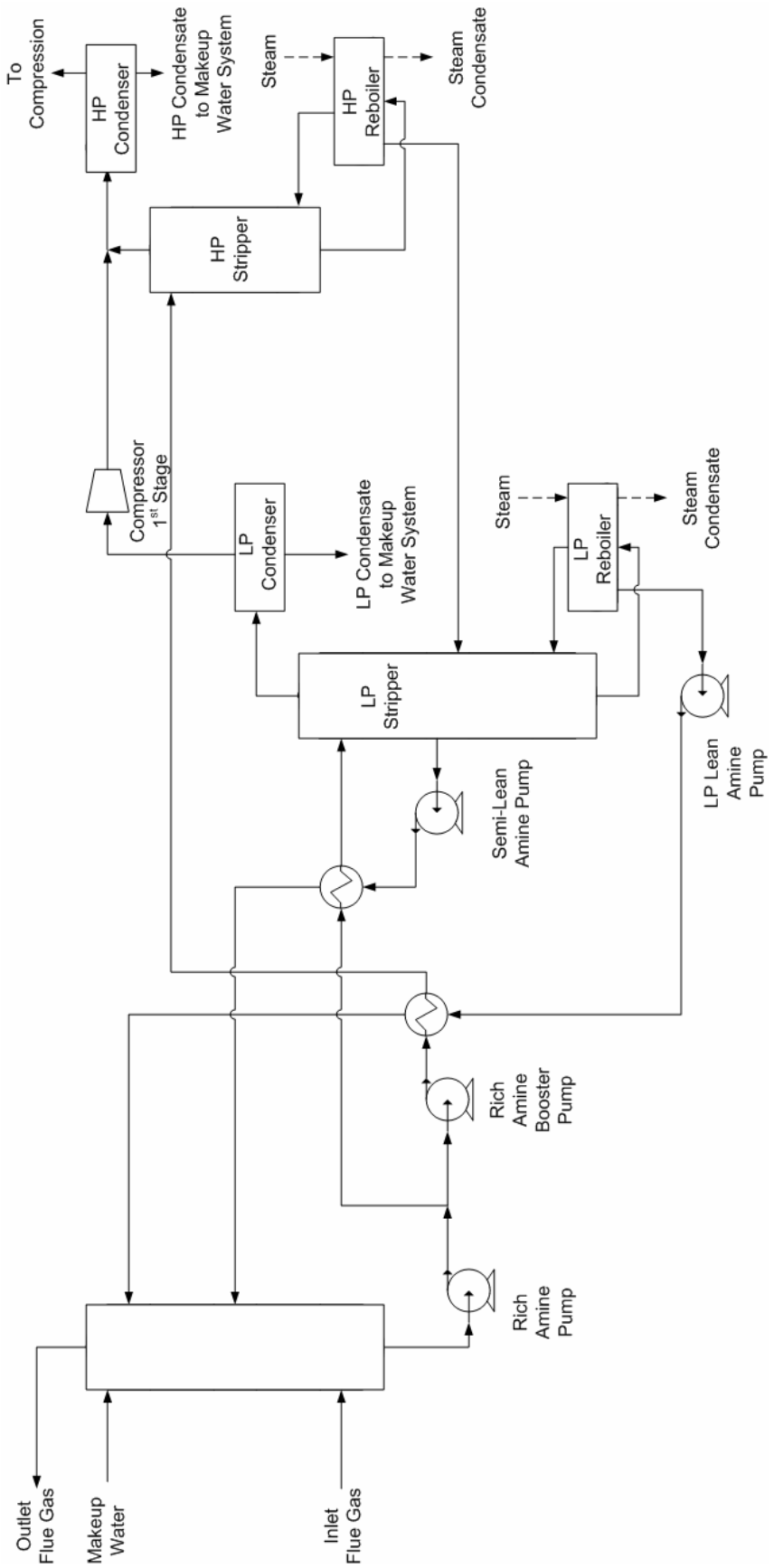


Figure 2-1. Base Case - Simplified PFD



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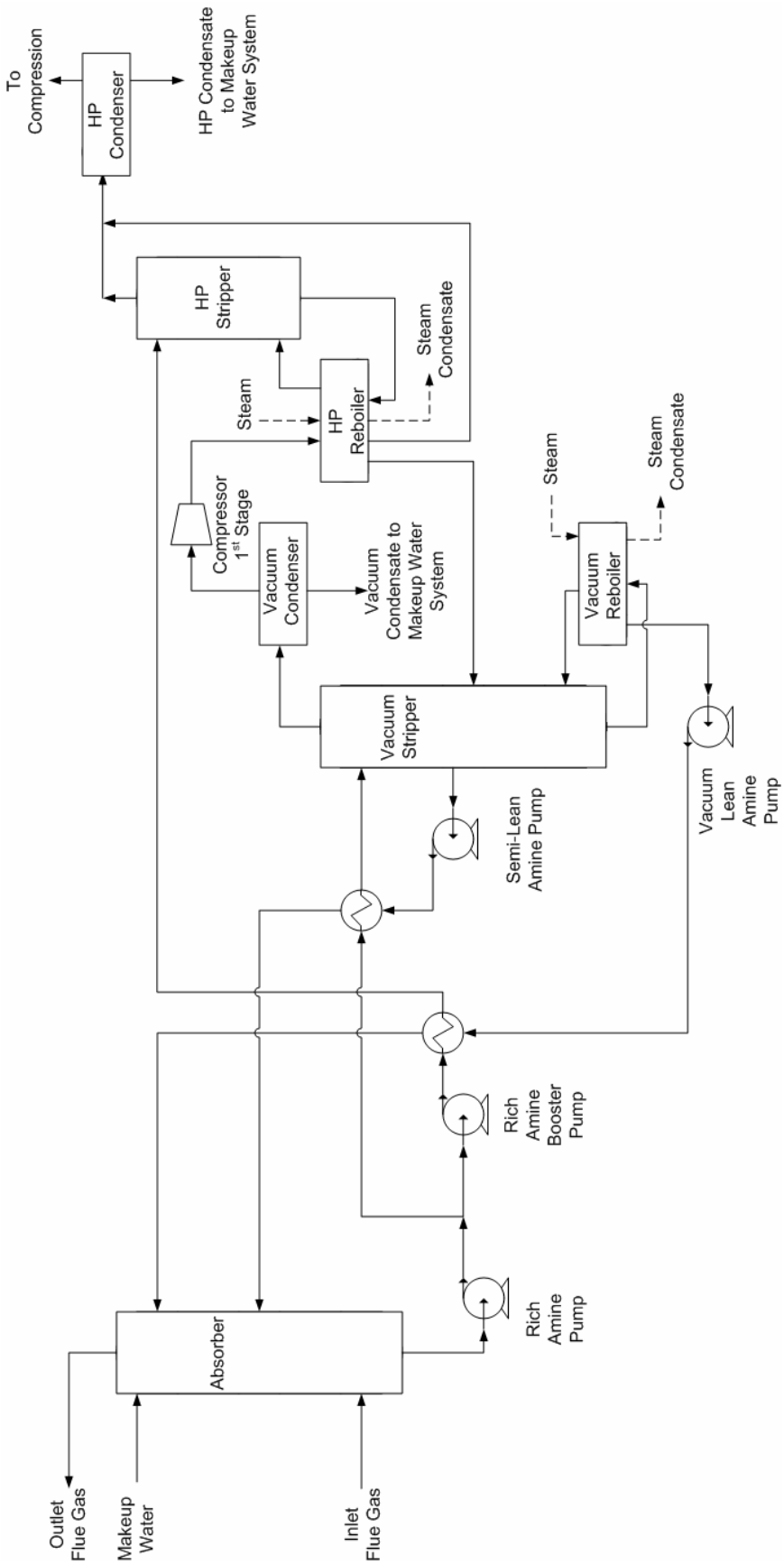

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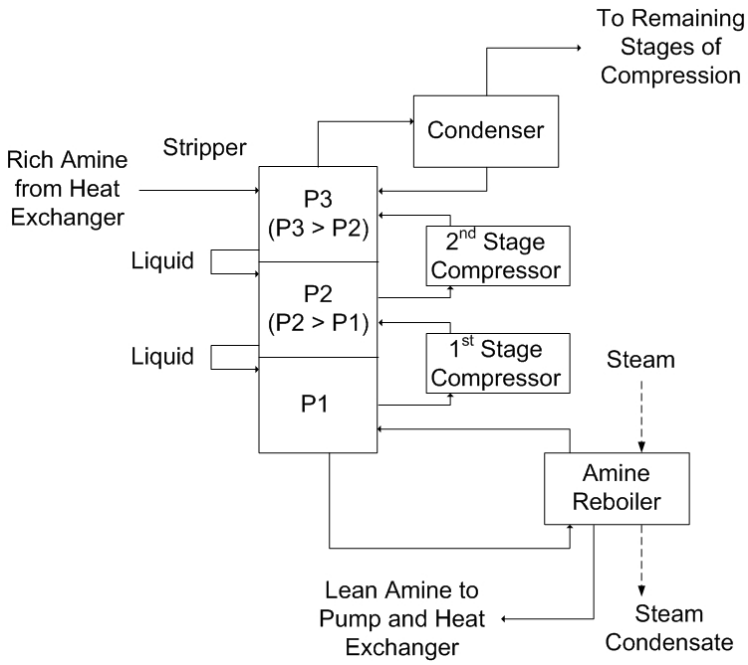

Figure 2-4. Multipressure Stripping without Heat Recovery – Simplified PFD

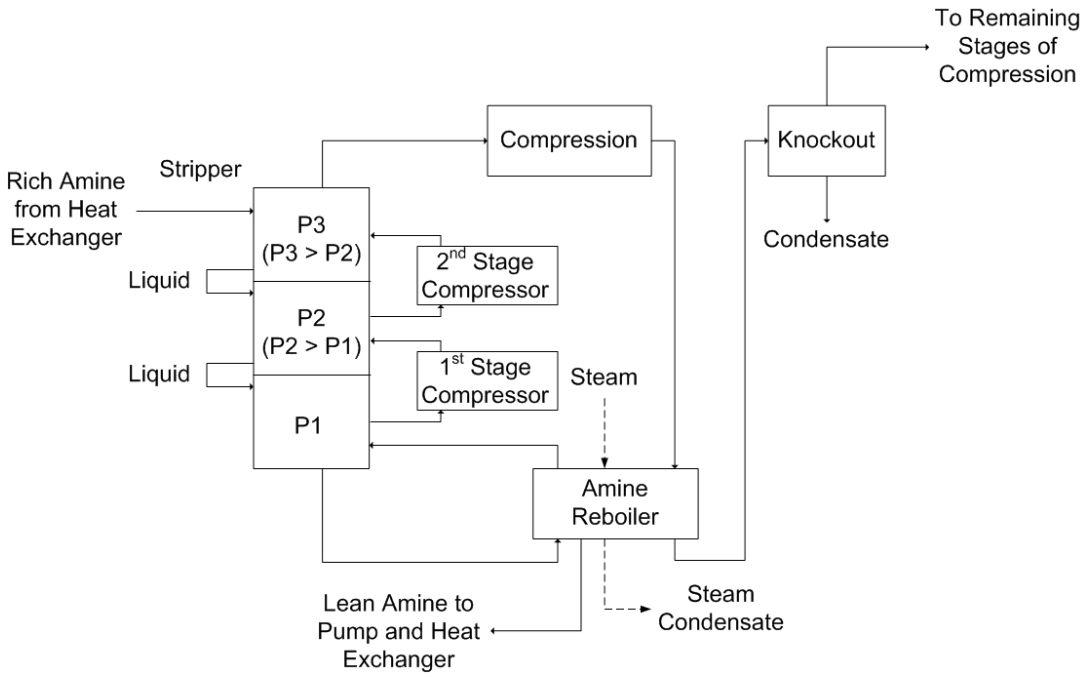

Figure 2-5. Multipressure Stripping with Heat Recovery – Simplified PFD

2.2 Process Simulation Design Basis

The design basis consists of power plant type, gross generating capacity, fuel, FGD type, CO_2 removal, CO_2 product specifications, and operating parameters for the CO_2 capture system. Table 2-1 shows the design basis.

The primary analyses are based on a 500 MW, pulverized-coal-fired supercritical boiler with a wet FGD system. The unit fires Illinois #6 subbituminous coal, and calculations were based on the ultimate analysis provided in the NETL Systems Analysis Guidelines (DOE 2005). The inlet flue gas composition was calculated using a gross heat rate of 9,674 Btu/kWh and 28% excess air. The resulting flue gas composition, flow rate, and conditions are shown in Table 2-2. Sulfur dioxide is not included in this composition; any remaining sulfur dioxide will be scrubbed with caustic in a direct-contact cooler prior to entering the CO_2 capture scrubber.

Table 2-1. Design Basis – Process Inputs

Description	SI Units	Value	English Units	Value
General				
Type	-	Pulverized coal-fired supercritical boiler		
Gross Capacity	MWe	500		
FGD	-	Yes, wet FGD		
Capacity Factor	%	80		
Combustion excess air	%	28		
Gross heat rate	-		Btu/kWh	9,674
CO2 removal	%	90		
Stream Data				
Solvent				
Solvents for Detailed Analysis:				
Conventional MEA	-	MEA (7 m, ~30 wt%)		
Promoted MEA	-	MEA / PZ (7 m MEA, 2 m PZ)		
MDEA	-	MDEA (~50 wt%)		
Solvents for Screening Study Only:				
Potassium Carbonate / Piperazine 1		KPIP 4545 (4.5 m K+, 4.5 m PZ)		
Potassium Carbonate / Piperazine 2		KPIP 6416 (6.4 m K+, 1.6 m PZ)		
Solvent degradation, leaks, spills	kg/tonne CO2 captured	1.5		
Coal				
General Data				
Rank	-	High Volatile Bituminous		
Seam	-	Illinois #6 (Herrin)		
Sample Location	-	St Clair Co., IL		
Ultimate Analyses (wt%)				
Moisture	wt%	7.97		
Carbon	wt%	60.42		
Hydrogen	wt%	3.89		
Nitrogen	wt%	1.07		
Chlorine	wt%	0.05		
Sulfur	wt%	4.45		
Ash	wt%	14.25		
Oxygen (BD)	wt%	7.90		
Amine Absorber Inlet Flue Gas				
Temperature	C	40.0	F	104.0
Pressure	kPa	111.67	psia	16.20
Ambient air				
Relative humidity	%	60		
Temperature	C	15	F	59
Pressure	kPa	101.325	psia	14.696
Wet bulb temperature	C	7.2	F	45
Outlet CO_2 Specification				
Pressure	bar	152		
	kPa	15200	psia	2205
Water content	Dew point (K)	233	Dew point (°F)	-40
N_2	ppmv	<300		
O_2	ppmv	<40		
Ar	ppmv	<10		
Cooling water				
Supply temperature	C	29.4	F	85
Return temperature	C	43.3	F	110
Steam to Turbine (Compressor Driver)				
This steam will drive a turbine joined by a common crankshaft to the capture compressors.				
Source of steam		Intermediate pressure steam		
Temperature	C	316	F	600
Pressure	kPa	1103	psia	160
Superheated?	-	superheated		

Table 2-2. Inlet Flue Gas Conditions

			SI		English	
			Units	Value	Units	Value
FGD Outlet Flue Gas						
	Composition					
		N_2	mol%	70.03		
		O_2	mol%	4.65		
		CO_2	mol%	12.38		
		H_2O	mol%	12.94		
	Flow rate - total		kmol/s	23.5463		
	Flow rate - per train		kmol/s	5.887	lbmol/h	46,719
			sm3/s	139.4	MMSCFD	425.5
			dm3/s	156,706	acfm	332,042
	Temperature		C	51.2	F	124.2
	Pressure		kPa	101.325	psia	14.696

2.3 Engineering and Economic Analysis Approach

The following subsections describe in greater detail the screening study, the process simulations, and the engineering and economic analysis approach.

2.3.1 Screening Study

Early in the project, the UT group performed a screening study to evaluate energy requirements for a large array of solvent and process configuration combinations. Then, the project team selected three cases for detailed, rigorous analysis: one base case and two "advanced" cases. The base case has been updated with the following changes to the base case used in the previous SBIR (DE-FG02-04ER84111).

- Inlet flue gas is cooled to 40°C (104°F) prior to entering the absorber.
- Rich/lean amine exchanger temperature approach is reduced from 10°C (18°F) to 5°C (9°F).
- Stripper operates at 172 kPa (25 psia) instead of 203 kPa (29.4 psia).

These minor changes were made to ensure that the base case is as representative of an actual MEA-based process design as possible. The flue gas was cooled so that the absorber would

operate at a lower temperature and achieve a higher CO2 loading in the rich amine. This higher loading would in turn decrease the circulation rate and reduce energy requirements in the reboiler. The temperature approach in the rich/lean exchanger was decreased because this change was estimated to decrease the total required energy of the unit by ~12% (Oyenekan, 2007). The stripper pressure was decreased slightly to be consistent with low pressure strippers in matrix configurations and thus allow easier comparison between process configurations.

As with the original base case, 7 m (30wt%) MEA was also the solvent in the updated base case. The two "advanced" cases were selected based on the screening study and input from industry advisors as described later in this section. An advanced case uses a novel solvent and process configuration. The following process configurations were considered in the initial screening study:

- Double matrix stripping,
- Vacuum stripping,
- Multipressure stripping without heat recovery,
- Multipresure stripping with heat recovery, and
- Additional combinations thereof.

These configurations were described earlier in Section 2.1.2. The following solvents were included in the screening study:

- MEA (7 m MEA),
- MEA PZ (7 m MEA, 2 m PZ),
- MDEA PZ (proprietary formulation),
- KPIP 4545 (4.5 m K+, 4.5 m PZ), and
- KPIP 6416 (6.4 m K+, 1.6 m PZ).

Total equivalent work was estimated for all screening cases and provided the basis of selection for detailed analysis. The screening study was based largely on material included in the

dissertation of Oyenekan while at the University of Texas (Oyenekan, 2007). The double matrix screening cases generally showed the largest decrease in total energy requirements of all configurations, which corresponds to ~20% savings in equivalent work over the previous MEA base case from the 2004 SBIR (DE-FG02-04ER84111) and ~15% over the revised MEA base case. The double matrix configuration was, therefore, selected as one of the configurations that warranted detailed analysis. MEA/PZ and MDEA/PZ decreased total energy requirements by at least 10% when compared to MEA for several different configurations. The best combination of solvent and process configuration was double matrix with MDEA/PZ; thus, this case was selected for detailed study. The concentrations of the MDEA / PZ formulation are proprietary, yet the results from this case will indicate what costs may be anticipated for the range of MDEA / PZ solvent formulations. The systems that were competitive with the MDEA/PZ double matrix were the MEA/PZ double matrix and a KPIP double matrix. MEA/PZ is more developed than the KPIP solvent and has lower perceived risk to industry. Therefore, 7m MEA/ 2m PZ double matrix was selected as the other "advanced" case. To summarize, the cases selected for detailed analysis are shown in Table 2-3.

Table 2-3. Cases Selected for Detailed Analysis

Case Name	Solvent	Configuration
Base Case	7 m MEA	Conventional
MEA / PZ double matrix	7 m MEA, 2 m PZ	Double Matrix
MDEA / PZ double matrix	Proprietary concentrations	Double Matrix

2.3.2 Process Simulation

UT performed rigorous modeling of the CO_2 absorption and stripping for the MEA base case and the MEA/PZ double matrix case. The calculations use AspenONE® and RateSep™ software with advanced calculation methods developed under previous DOE funding (DE-FC26-02NT41440). AspenONE® and RateSep™ are commercial process modeling software supplied by Aspen Technology, Inc. The model accounts for mass transfer with fast reaction in the liquid boundary layer, gas film diffusion, liquid film diffusion for reactants and products, and gas phase heat transfer. The vapor/liquid equilibrium (VLE) and solution speciation was represented in

AspenONE® with the NRTL electrolyte model regressed on the data of Cullinane (2005) by Hilliard (2005). Base case performance of MEA is calculated with the AspenONE® and RateSep™ model by Freguia (2002).

Dow simulated the MDEA/PZ double matrix case using an in-house simulation package, ProComp (v.8.0.6.0).

Trimeric simulated the compression system and ancillary systems (e.g., steam desuperheating, cooling water) using Design II WinSim (v9.33), a commercial process simulator. The Peng-Robinson equation of state was the thermodynamic model used for the inlet gas blower and direct contact cooler as well as the compression unit operations; ASME steam tables were used for the steam system simulations.

Using stream and unit operations reports from the various simulators, Trimeric prepared overall heat and material balances for the three cases. Additional details on the process simulations are provided in Section 3.

2.3.3 Equipment Sizing

After completing the heat and material balances, Trimeric prepared equipment specifications, sized and selected equipment. Sections 4 and 5 of this report provide an in-depth discussion of the methodologies used.

2.3.4 Economic Analysis

Sections 5 and 6 of this report provide greater detail on the development of capital and operating costs and the economic comparison of the different cases. However, in developing these costs, certain assumptions were made about the site and type of utility operations involved. These assumptions included the following:

- The coal-fired power plant is a base-load power plant that is central to the utility's electrical generating system rather than an intermediate (or "swing") load unit or a peaking unit. Based on this, an 80% capacity factor was used for the economic analyses.
- The CO_2 capture system installation is a retrofit to an existing power plant, since this would describe the bulk of the systems that may be installed.
- The CO_2 removed by the MEA unit is compressed to a pipeline pressure of 15.2 MPa (2200 psia) for transport and injection at an off-site location.
- Dehydration is included for all cases.

Economic metrics, such as the cost per tonne CO_2 avoided and the effect of CO_2 removal systems on the cost of electricity, were developed and are presented in Section 6.

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3.0 PROCESS SIMULATION AND DESIGN

This section describes the results of the process simulation and design task. The goal of the process simulation work was to generate heat and material balances for the multiple stripper configurations investigated in this study. The heat and material balances were then used as a basis for the subsequent equipment sizing, selection, and economic evaluation tasks.

3.1 Process Simulation Approach

Process simulations were divided into four "blocks":

- Inlet gas train (inlet gas blower, inlet direct contact cooler)
- CO_2 capture train
- CO_2 compression train
- Steam system

Trimeric used WinSim's Design II, version 9.33, to simulate the inlet gas train, the CO_2 compression train, and the steam system for all cases. UT developed the primary process simulations for MEA- and KPIP-based CO_2 capture trains using Aspen Technology Inc.'s AspenOne® 2006 with the RateSep™ module for modeling the absorber and the stripper. Dow used an in-house process simulator package, ProComp, version 8.0.6.0, for the MDEA / PZ double matrix case. All of the process calculations were based on steady-state conditions at the full design capacity of the unit for each case. The following subsections describe the scope of the simulations, the thermodynamic and physical property specifications, and the major process specifications used to build the simulations.

3.1.1 Simulation Scope

The scope of the simulations was limited to the CO_2 capture and compression equipment. The scope excluded simulations of the utility power generation system and non-CO_2 pollution control equipment such as flue-gas desulfurization (FGD) units, electrostatic precipitators

(ESPs), and selective catalytic reduction (SCR) units. The feed stream for the simulation of the inlet gas train was a flue gas stream exiting a wet FGD scrubber. The output of the inlet gas train simulation was the input for the primary CO_2 capture simulations conducted by UT and Dow. These simulations included the entire amine system, which consists of an absorber, regenerator, associated process heat exchangers and pumps. The outputs from the UT and Dow simulations were used as inputs for Trimeric's CO_2 compression train simulations, which included all interstage coolers and separators. CO_2 dehydration equipment was not simulated but was included in the capital costs, as described in Section 4. Operating costs for the dehydration unit were estimated to be negligible ($0.01/MCF CO_2 or $0.19/tonne CO_2) in comparison with the overall cost of CO_2 avoided ($67.20 /tonne CO_2 for the current base case) (Tannehill, 1994). The simulation terminated with a CO_2 product delivered to the battery limits at 15.2 MPa (2200 psia) and approximately 40°C (104˚F).

3.1.2 Thermodynamic and Physical Properties Specifications

The details of the MEA and MEA / PZ models developed by UT are described first, followed by a description of the MDEA / PZ model.

The absorber is modeled with RadFrac™ using a RateSep™ model, which is a rate-based model framework in AspenONE®. The stripper is a reboiled column with two equilibrium stages, one of which is a reboiler The model uses instantaneous reactions in the stripper due to the high temperatures present; however, finite reaction rates are required to accurately model the absorber due to the lower temperatures found in that unit operation. The model includes the effects of liquid-phase and gas-phase diffusion resistances for both the absorber and the stripper.

The model represents vapor-liquid equilibrium and solution speciation with the NRTL electrolyte model regressed on the MEA data of Jou and Mather (1995). The reactions included in the absorber RateFrac model are shown in the following seven equations:

$$H_2O + MEA^+ \longleftrightarrow H_3O^+ + MEA \quad (1)$$

$$2\ H_2O \longleftrightarrow H_3O^+ + OH^- \quad (2)$$

$H_2O + HCO_3^- \longleftrightarrow H_3O^+ + CO_3^{2-}$ (3)

$H_2O + CO_2 + MEA \longrightarrow MEA^+ + HCO_3^-$ (4)

$HCO_3^- + MEA^+ \longrightarrow H_2O + CO_2 + MEA$ (5)

$H_2O + CO_2 + MEA \longrightarrow MEACO_2^- + H_3O^+$ (6)

$MEACOO^- + H_3O^+ \longrightarrow H_2O + CO_2 + MEA$ (7)

Equations one through three are equilibrium equations; equations four through seven are kinetic equations. Equations four and five are amine-catalyzed bicarbonate formation. The rate coefficients are assumed equal to that of the MDEA catalyzed reaction; these coefficients are based on a model provided by Little at al. (1971). For equations six and seven, the rate expression began with the model of Hikita et al. (1977) and was modified according to experimental data provided by Aboudheir (2002). For the 7 m MEA / 2 m PZ double matrix case, 11 m MEA was used to simulate 7 m MEA / 2 m PZ. The rate constant for carbamate formation was increased by a factor of four to represent the rate enhancement provided by 2 m piperazine. The reactions included in the stripper model are shown in the following five equations:

$H_2O + MEA^+ \longleftrightarrow H_3O^+ + MEA$ (1)

$2\ H_2O \longleftrightarrow H_3O^+ + OH^-$ (2)

$H_2O + HCO_3^- \longleftrightarrow H_3O^+ + CO_3^{2-}$ (3)

$2\ H_2O + CO_2 \longleftrightarrow H_3O^+ + HCO_3^-$ (8)

$H_2O + MEACOO^- \longleftrightarrow MEA + HCO_3^-$ (9)

All five equations are equilibrium equations, which corresponds to instantaneous reactions in the stripper. Equations one through three are common to both the absorber and the stripper.

The physical and thermodynamic property methods used are summarized below:

- Vapor heat capacities – Vapor heat capacities were based on the Design Institute for Physical Properties (DIPPR) correlation for non-electrolyte species and on a polynomial form for electrolyte species.

- Heats of vaporization- Heats of vaporization were based on the DIPPR correlation for non-electrolytes and on the Watson correlation for electrolytes.
- Liquid densities – Liquid densities were based on the DIPPR correlation.
- Vapor and supercritical fluid densities – Soave-Redlich-Kwong (SRK) equation of state
- Diffusivities – Diffusivities used the Chapman-Enskog-Wilke-Lee model for mixtures.
- Thermal conductivities – Thermal conductivities used DIPPR correlations.
- Viscosities – Viscosities were based on the DIPPR model for non-electrolytes and on the Andrade correlation with the Jones-Dole correction for electrolyte species.
- Surface tension – Surface tensions were based on the DIPPR correlation.
- Solubility of supercritical components - Henry's Law components included CO_2, N_2, and O_2.

Dow used an in-house process simulation package, ProComp v.8.0.6.0. The Dow simulation for the MDEA / PZ case uses the Electrolyte NRTL model to calculate vapor-liquid equilibrium. The model is regressed using data that Dow has obtained through years of laboratory and field data and that is validated through commercial-scale production and use of their proprietary solvent formulations. Historically, the acid gas treating systems have used low pressure strippers. The use of higher pressure strippers does represent a departure from Dow's typical applications and is an area where some extrapolation from historical VLE data sets is required. The absorber and stripper models account for the effects of mass transfer as well as reaction kinetics. The heat transfer and mass transfer calculations are extensively supported by commercial-scale operations. Additional details of the Dow models are proprietary and cannot be disclosed here.

3.1.3 Key Process Simulation Specifications

Process simulation inputs are presented in Tables 3-1 (Metric units) and Table 3-2 (English units). These inputs supplement the design basis presented in Table 2-1.

Table 3-1. Summary of Process Simulation Inputs (Metric Units)

Description	Units	Base Case	MEA / PZ Double Matrix	MDEA / PZ Double Matrix
Equipment Data - Inlet Gas Conditioning Train (Common to all configurations)				
Inlet Booster Fan				
Flow rate	std m3/s	558	=	=
Pressure increase	kPa	10	=	=
Efficiency	%	75	=	=
Direct Contact Cooler		0	=	=
Outlet gas temperature	C	40	=	=
Equipment Data - CO2 Capture				
Absorber				
CO_2 removal	%	90	=	=
Approach to flooding	%	80	=	=
Absorber maximum diameter	m	12	=	=
Packing type	-	CMR#2	=	Flexipac
Height of packing	m	23	=	15.2
Rich Amine Pump				
Pressure increase	kPa	483	=	=
Efficiency	%	65	=	=
Rich Amine Carbon Filter				
Slipstream fraction of rich circulation rate	%	15	=	=
Total filtration allowable pressure drop	kPa	69	=	=
Particulate Filter				
Slipstream fraction of rich circulation rate	%	15	=	=
Rich Amine High Pressure Booster Pump				
Pressure increase	kPa	-	107	124
Efficiency	%	-	65	65
Rich/Lean Amine Exchanger				
Cold-side temperature approach	C	5	=	=
Allowable pressure drop - lean	kPa	138	=	=
Allowable pressure drop - rich	kPa	138	=	=
Rich/Semi-Lean Amine Exchanger				
Cold-side temperature approach	C	-	5	5
Allowable pressure drop - lean	kPa	-	138	138
Allowable pressure drop - rich	kPa	-	138	138
Low Pressure Stripper				
Bottom Pressure	kPa	172	=	=
Approach to flooding	%	80	=	=
Packing type	-	CMR#2	=	Flexipac 1Y
Total height of packing	m	2	5.3	13.7
Low Pressure Reboiler				
Number	-	One per stripper	=	=
Low Pressure Condenser				
Number	-	One per stripper	=	=
Process-side outlet temperature	C	40	=	=
Allowable pressure drop - process	kPa	14	=	=
Allowable pressure drop - cooling water	kPa	207	=	=
Low Pressure Condenser Accumulator				
Number	-	One per condenser	=	=
Low Pressure Stripper Condensate Pump				
Pressure increase	kPa	207	276	=
Efficiency	%	65	=	=

Note: "=" indicates a value equal to the base case.

Table 3-1. Summary of Process Simulation Inputs (Metric Units, continued)

Description	Units	Base Case	MEA / PZ Double Matrix	MDEA / PZ Double Matrix
Low Pressure Lean Amine Pump				
Pressure increase	kPa	414	=	345
Efficiency	%	65	=	=
Low Pressure Semi-Lean Pump				
Pressure increase	kPa	-	324	296
Efficiency	%	-	65	65
High Pressure Stripper				
Bottom Pressure	kPa	-	279	296
Approach to flooding	%	-	80	80
Packing type	-	-	CMR#2	Flexipac 1Y
Height of packing	m	-	1.5	12.2
High Pressure Reboiler				
Number	-	-	One per stripper	One per stripper
High Pressure Stripper Condensate Pump				
Pressure increase	kPa	-	138	69
Efficiency	%	-	65	65
High Pressure Lean Amine Pump - ELIMINATED				
Lean Cooler				
Process outlet temperature	C	40	=	=
Allowable process-side pressure drop	kPa	69	=	=
Allowable shell-side pressure drop	kPa	207	=	=
Semi-lean Cooler				
Process outlet temperature	C	-	40	40
Allowable process-side pressure drop	kPa	-	69	69
Allowable shell-side pressure drop	kPa	-	207	207
Equipment Data - CO2 Compression				
Compressors				
Number of stages	-	4	5	5
Compressor discharge pressure	kPa	9653	=	=
Polytropic efficiency	%	80	=	=
Maximum discharge temperature	C	149	=	=
Compressor Pump (last stage)				
Discharge pressure	kPa	15200	=	=
Efficiency	%	60	=	=
Compressor Interstage Coolers				
Type		Water-cooled shell and tube	=	=
Process-side outlet temperature	C	40	=	=
Allowable process-side pressure drop	kPa	69	=	=
Allowable shell-side pressure drop	kPa	207	=	=
Steam Turbine - CO_2 Compressor Driver				
Isentropic efficiency	%	72	=	=
Inlet temperature	C	316	=	=
Inlet pressure	kPa	1103	=	=
Turbine discharge pressure	kPa	239	=	308

Note: "=" indicates a value equal to the base case.

Table 3-2. Summary of Process Simulation Inputs (English Units)

Description	Units	Base Case	MEA / PZ Double Matrix	MDEA / PZ Double Matrix
Equipment Data - Inlet Gas Conditioning Train (Common to all configurations)				
Inlet Booster Fan				
Flow rate	MMSCFD	1702	=	=
Pressure increase	psi	2	=	=
Efficiency	%	75	=	=
Direct Contact Cooler		0	=	=
Outlet gas temperature	F	104	=	=
Equipment Data - CO2 Capture				
Absorber				
CO_2 removal	%	90	=	=
Approach to flooding	%	80	=	=
Absorber maximum diameter	ft	40	=	=
Packing type	-	CMR#2	=	Flexipac 1Y
Height of packing	ft	74	=	50
Rich Amine Pump				
Pressure increase	psi	70	=	=
Efficiency	%	65	=	=
Rich Amine Carbon Filter				
Slipstream fraction of rich circulation rate	%	15	=	=
Total filtration allowable pressure drop	psi	10	=	=
Particulate Filter				
Slipstream fraction of rich circulation rate	%	15	=	=
Rich Amine High Pressure Booster Pump				
Pressure increase	psi	-	15.5	17.9
Efficiency	%	-	65	65
Rich/Lean Amine Exchanger				
Cold-side temperature approach	F	9	=	=
Allowable pressure drop - lean	psi	20	=	=
Allowable pressure drop - rich	psi	20	=	=
Rich/Semi-Lean Amine Exchanger				
Cold-side temperature approach	F	-	9	9
Allowable pressure drop - lean	psi	-	20	20
Allowable pressure drop - rich	psi	-	20	20
Low Pressure Stripper				
Bottom Pressure	psia	25	=	=
Approach to flooding	%	80	=	=
Packing type	-	CMR#2	=	Flexipac 1Y
Total height of packing	ft	5	17.2	45
Low Pressure Reboiler				
Number	-	One per stripper	=	=
Low Pressure Condenser				
Number	-	One per stripper	=	=
Process-side outlet temperature	F	104	=	=
Allowable pressure drop - process	psi	2	=	=
Allowable pressure drop - cooling water	psi	30	=	=
Low Pressure Condenser Accumulator				
Number	-	One per condenser	=	=
Low Pressure Stripper Condensate Pump				
Pressure increase	psi	30	40	=
Efficiency	%	65	=	=

Note: "=" indicates a value equal to the base case.

Table 3-2. Summary of Process Simulation Inputs (English Units, continued)

Description		Base Case	MEA / PZ Double Matrix	MDEA / PZ Double Matrix
Low Pressure Lean Amine Pump				
Pressure increase	psi	60	=	50
Efficiency	%	65	=	=
Low Pressure Semi-Lean Pump				
Pressure increase	psi	-	47	43
Efficiency	%	-	65	65
High Pressure Stripper				
Bottom Pressure	psia	-	40.5	42.9
Approach to flooding	%	-	80	80
Packing type		CMR#2	=	Flexipac 1Y
Height of packing	ft	-	4.9	40
High Pressure Reboiler				
Number	-	-	0	0
High Pressure Stripper Condensate Pump				
Pressure increase	psi	-	20	10
Efficiency	%	-	65	65
High Pressure Lean Amine Pump - ELIMINATED				
Lean Cooler				
Process outlet temperature	F	104	=	=
Allowable process-side pressure drop	psi	10	=	=
Allowable shell-side pressure drop	psi	30	=	=
Semi-lean Cooler				
Process outlet temperature	F	-	104	104
Allowable process-side pressure drop	psi	-	10	10
Allowable shell-side pressure drop	psi	-	30	30
Equipment Data - CO2 Compression				
Compressors				
Number of stages	-	4	5	5
Compressor discharge pressure	psia	1400	=	=
Polytropic efficiency	%	80	=	=
Maximum discharge temperature	F	300	=	=
Compressor Pump (last stage)				
Discharge pressure	psia	2205	=	=
Efficiency	%	60	=	=
Compressor Interstage Coolers				
Type		Water-cooled shell and tube	=	=
Process-side outlet temperature	F	104	=	=
Allowable process-side pressure drop	psi	10	=	=
Allowable shell-side pressure drop	psi	30	=	=
Steam Turbine - CO_2 Compressor Driver				
Isentropic efficiency	%	72	=	=
Inlet temperature	F	600	=	=
Inlet pressure	psia	160	=	=
Turbine discharge pressure	psia	35	=	45

Note: "=" indicates a value equal to the base case.

3.2 Process Simulation Results

The process simulation flow diagrams, process simulation results summary, and material balances are given in the following subsections.

3.2.1 Process Simulation Flow Diagrams

The following two figures present process flow diagrams for the base case and the double matrix CO_2 capture trains and associated steam systems. The flow diagrams for the MEA / PZ double matrix and the MDEA / PZ double matrix are identical. The single compressor train has multiple stages, interstage coolers, and separators as indicated by "n" that are not all shown on the diagram for clarity. Similarly, multiple parallel amine absorber and regenerator trains are shown as one train on the diagram. The MEA base case and the MEA / PZ double matrix had four parallel amine trains; the MDEA / PZ double matrix case had eight parallel amine trains.

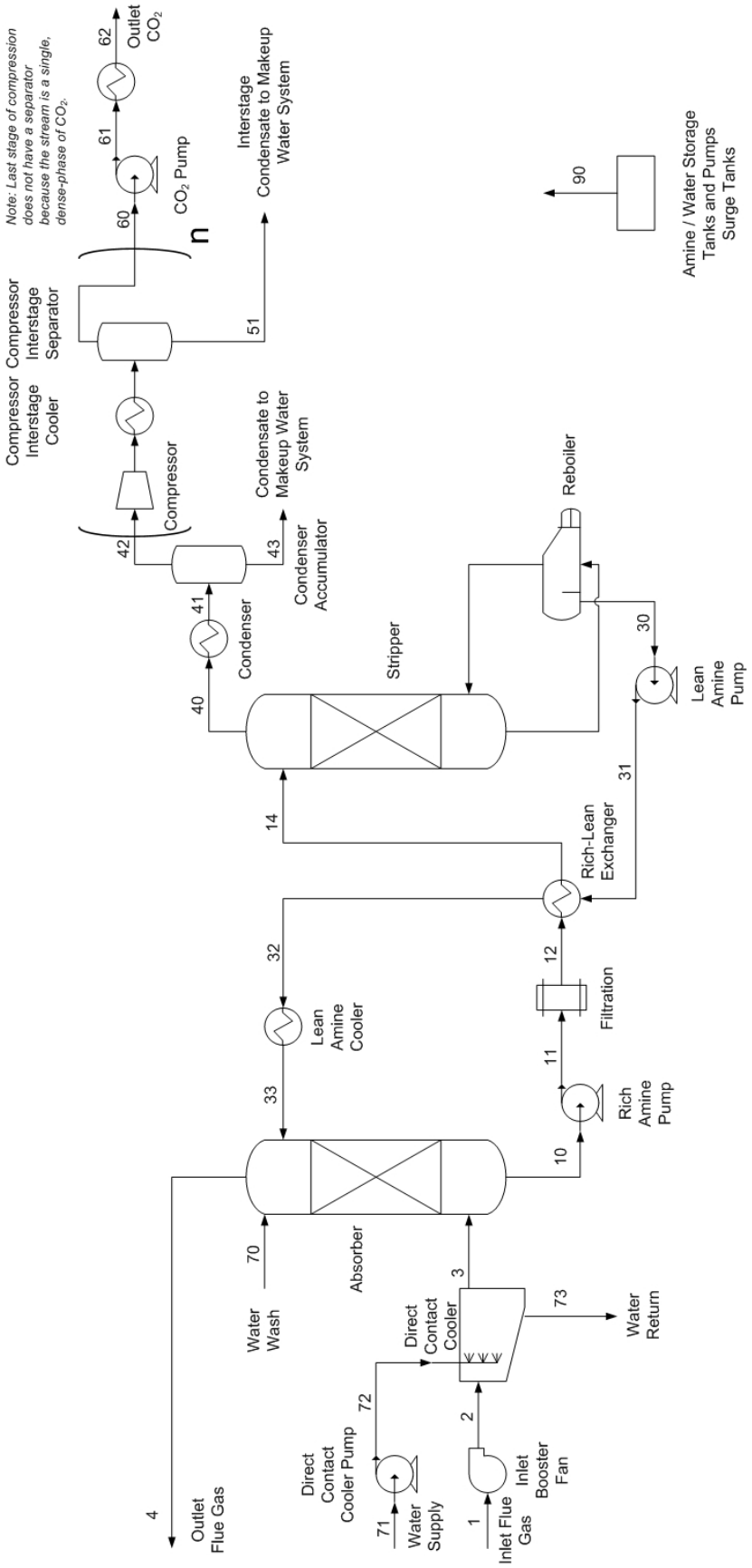

Figure 3-1. Base Case – Detailed PFD

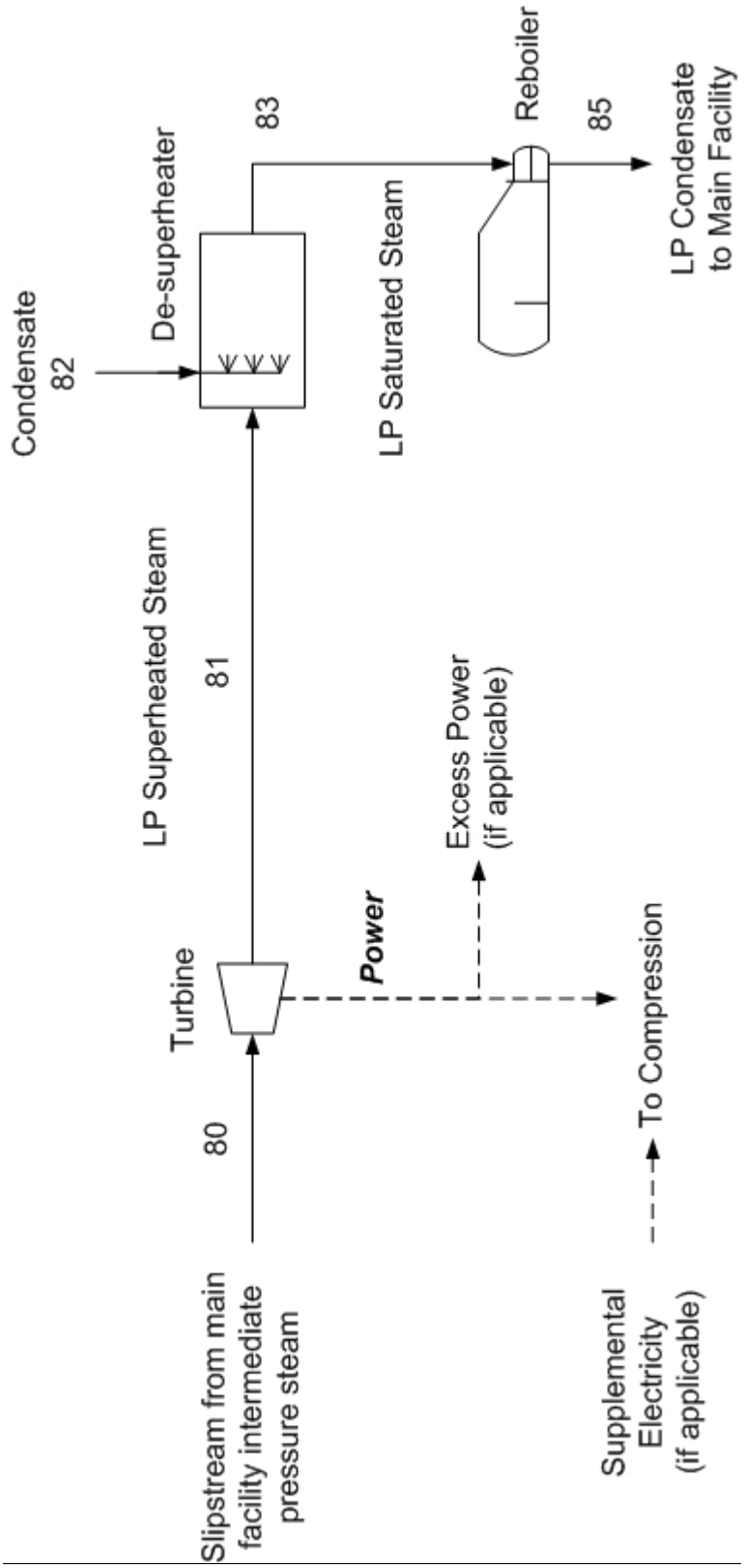

Figure 3-2. Base Case – Steam System PFD

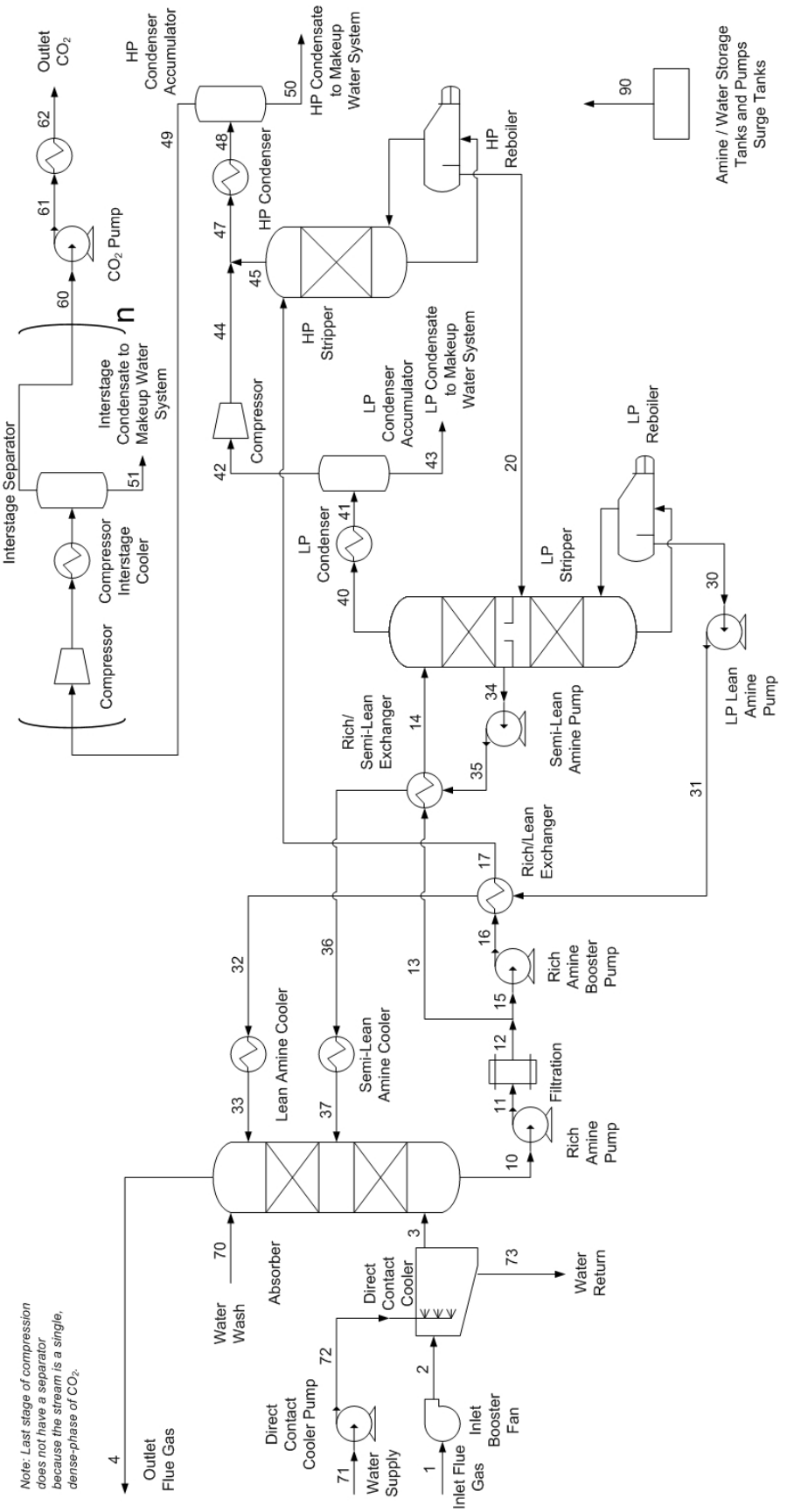

Figure 3-3. Double Matrix – Detailed PFD

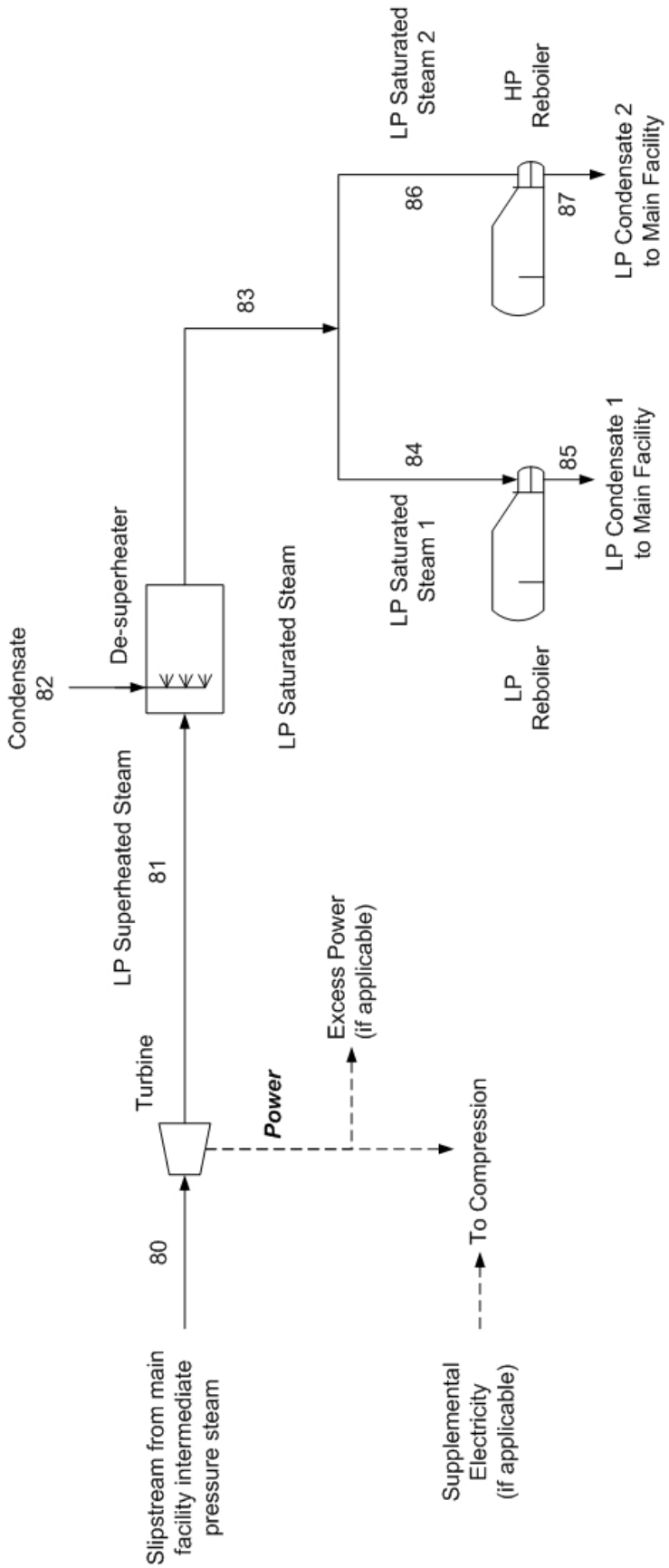

Figure 3-4. Double Matrix – Steam System PFD

3.2.2 Summary of Process Simulation Results

Key process simulation results are summarized in Table 3-3 (metric units) and 3-4 (English units). For each of the cases, the key simulation parameters (e.g. amine circulation rates, reboiler duties, and compression power) are given. Results for the amine train are given on a per train basis; the MEA cases have four amine trains and the MDEA / PZ case has eight amine trains. The selection of number of trains is determined by maximum absorber size of 40 ft. Several factors contribute to the difference in number and size of absorbers: different packing types, different correlations for flooding, liquid loading (i.e. circulation rates), and different solvent properties. The rich amine pump rate is the overall amine circulation rate. Comparisons between the cases are made in Section 4 in conjunction with the equipment sizing information.

Table 3-3. Process Simulation Results (Metric)

Description	Units	Base Case	MEA/PZ Double Matrix	MDEA/PZ Double Matrix
Number of inlet gas trains	-	1	1	1
Number of CO2 capture trains	-	4	4	8
Number of CO2 compression trains	-	1	1	1
Equipment Data - CO2 Capture				
Absorber				
CO2 removal	%	90	90	90
Absorber selected diameter	m	9.8	10.7	11.9
Height of packing	m	22.5	22.5	15.2
Rich Amine Pump				
Flow rate per unit	m3/h	26,129	22,931	8,456
Brake power per unit	kW/unit	5,393	4,733	1,692
Rich Amine High Pressure Booster Pump				
Flow rate per unit	m3/h per unit	-	19262	6063
Percent of flow to HP stripper	%	-	84	72
Brake power per unit	kW/unit	-	881	311
Rich/Lean Amine Exchanger				
Duty per unit	kW/unit	1,197,809	715,633	351,711
Rich/Semi-Lean Amine Exchanger				
Duty per unit	kW/unit	-	109,199	143,511
Low Pressure Stripper				
Bottom Pressure	kPa	172	172	172
Low Pressure Reboiler				
Duty per unit	kW/unit	485,548	193,687	35,172
Low Pressure Condenser				
Duty per unit	kW/unit	146,712	38,969	38,707
Low Pressure Lean Amine Pump				
Flow rate per unit	m3/h	25,933	18,886	787
Brake power per unit	kW/unit	4,588	3,341	898
Low Pressure Semi-Lean Pump				
Flow rate per unit	m3/h	-	3,741	342
Flow rate per unit	kW/unit	-	496	470
High Pressure Stripper				
Bottom Pressure	kPa	-	279.0	296.0
High Pressure Reboiler				
Duty per unit	kW/unit	-	192,700	234,480
Steam pressure	kPa	-	240	310
Lean Cooler				
Duty per unit	kW/unit	352,184	288,692	82,560
Semi-lean Cooler				
Duty per unit	kW/unit	-	55,596	37,081
Equipment Data - CO2 Compression				
Compressors				
Number of stages	-	4	5	5
Total brake power required (total unit)	kW	40,668	38,618	35,369
Driver	-	steam	steam	steam and electric
Power available from steam	kW	51,441	40,936	25,370
Power from electric driver	kW		0	9,999
Excess available power	kW	10,773	2,317	0
Compressor Pump (last stage)				
Total brake power required (total unit)	kW	1878	1879	1883
Compressor Interstage Coolers				
Total cooler duty	MW(therm)/unit	75	92	112
Equipment Data - Ancillary Equipment				
Cooling Water System - Utility				
Total	m3/h-unit	35732	29,611	16,795

Table 3-4. Process Simulation Results (English)

Description	Units	Base Case	MEA/PZ Double Matrix	MDEA/PZ Double Matrix
Number of inlet gas trains	-	1	1	1
Number of CO2 capture trains	-	4	4	8
Number of CO2 compression trains	-	1	1	1
Equipment Data - CO2 Capture				
Absorber				
CO2 removal		90	90	90
Absorber selected diameter	ft	32.0	35	39
Height of packing	ft	74.0	74	50
Rich Amine Pump				
Flow rate per unit	gpm	115,043	100,964	37,230
Brake power per unit	hp/unit	7,233	6,347	2,268
Rich Amine High Pressure Booster Pump				
Flow rate per unit	gpm per unit	-	84807	26696
Percent of flow to HP stripper	%	-	84	72
Brake power per unit	hp/unit	-	1,181	416
Rich/Lean Amine Exchanger				
Duty per unit	MMBtu/h-unit	4,087	2,442	1,200
Rich/Semi-Lean Amine Exchanger				
Duty per unit	MMBtu/h-unit	-	373	490
Low Pressure Stripper				
Bottom Pressure	psia	25	25	25
Low Pressure Reboiler				
Duty per unit	MMBtu/h-unit	1,657	661	120
Low Pressure Condenser				
Duty per unit	MMBtu/h-unit	501	133	132
Low Pressure Lean Amine Pump				
Flow rate per unit	gpm	114,178	83,155	3,466
Brake power per unit	hp/unit	6,153	4,481	1,205
Low Pressure Semi-Lean Pump				
Flow rate per unit	gpm	-	16,473	104
Flow rate per unit	hp/unit	-	665	630
High Pressure Stripper				
Bottom Pressure	psia	-	40.5	42.9
High Pressure Reboiler				
Duty per unit	MMBtu/h-unit	-	658	800
Steam pressure	psia	-	35	45
Lean Cooler				
Duty per unit	MMBtu/h-unit	1,202	985	282
Semi-lean Cooler				
Duty per unit	MMBtu/h-unit	-	190	127
Equipment Data - CO2 Compression				
Compressors				
Number of stages		4	5	5
Total brake power required (total unit)	hp	54,536	51,788	47,431
Driver		steam	steam	
Power available from steam	hp	68,984	54,895	34,022
Power from electric driver	hp		0	13,408
Excess available power	hp	14,447	3,108	0
Compressor Pump (last stage)				
Total brake power required (total unit)	hp	2518	2520	2525
Compressor Interstage Coolers				
Total cooler duty	MMBtu/h-unit	256	315	381
Equipment Data - Ancillary Equipment				
Cooling Water System - Utility				
Total	gpm per unit	157325	130,373	73,948

3.2.3 Material Balances

Material balances for each of the three cases are given in the Tables 3-5 through 3-7. Each material balance gives the stream composition, flow rate, temperature, pressure, vapor fraction, density, and average molecular weight. The stream numbers at the top of the table correspond to flow diagrams presented in Section 3.2.1.

Also, the MDEA / PZ solvent formulation is proprietary. To make a mass balance, it was assumed that all amine was MDEA.

Table 3-5. Material Balance for MEA Base Case

Stream Number		-	1	2	3	4	10	11	12	14	30
Stream Name		-	Inlet Flue Gas	Compressed Gas	Cooled Inlet Gas	Outlet Flue Gas	Rich Amine	Rich Amine - Pump Out	Rich Amine - Filter Out	Rich Amine - Warm to LP Strip	Lean Amine - Hot
Temperature		C	51.3	62.8	40.0	40.2	50.8	51.0	51.1	103.9	109.0
Pressure		kPa	101.3	111.7	111.7	102.5	111.7	594.7	525.7	387.7	172.0
Vapor fraction		-	1	1	1	1					
Component molar flow											
	H2O	kgmol/h	10,964.4	10,964.4	5,235.2	4,415.4	868,341.7	868,333.4	868,329.6	865,242.4	858,869.6
	CO2	kgmol/h	10,493.9	10,493.9	10,493.6	1,049.5	6.7	6.8	6.8	662.1	226.3
	MEA	kgmol/h				1.1	9,843.4	9,854.9	9,859.8	14,689.5	27,564.5
	N2	kgmol/h	59,360.2	59,360.2	59,360.5	59,353.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	
	O2	kgmol/h	3,941.9	3,941.9	3,941.1	3,943.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	
	MEA+	kgmol/h					54,093.3	54,090.1	54,089.1	53,001.9	43,951.5
	MEACOO-	kgmol/h					46,283.2	46,274.9	46,271.0	42,528.5	38,695.3
	HCO3-	kgmol/h					6,677.7	6,689.0	6,693.8	10,213.0	5,046.8
	CO3--	kgmol/h					565.9	562.8	561.9	129.9	104.1
	H3O+	kgmol/h									
	OH-	kgmol/h					0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.2
	HCOO-	kgmol/h									
Component mass flow											
	H2O	kg/h	197,528	197,528	94,314	79,544	15,643,425	15,643,267	15,643,195	15,587,582	15,472,771
	CO2	kg/h	461,837	461,837	461,824	46,187	295	300	302	29,140	9,959
	MEA	kg/h				66	601,269	601,974	602,272	897,290	1,683,740
	N2	kg/h	1,662,881	1,662,881	1,662,890	1,662,692	83	83	83	83	
	O2	kg/h	126,137	126,137	126,112	126,172	12	12	12	12	
	MEA+	kg/h					3,358,714	3,358,516	3,358,454	3,290,947	2,728,997
	MEACOO-	kg/h					4,817,442	4,816,574	4,816,171	4,426,628	4,027,643
	HCO3-	kg/h					407,460	408,150	408,442	623,176	307,945
	CO3--	kg/h					33,960	33,775	33,717	7,794	6,249
	H3O+	kg/h									
	OH-	kg/h					10	10	10	10	19
	HCOO-	kg/h									
Total molar flow		kgmol/h	84,761	84,761	79,031	68,762	985,816	985,816	985,816	986,471	974,459
Total mass flow		kg/h	2,448,384	2,448,384	2,345,143	1,914,660	24,862,665	24,862,665	24,862,665	24,862,665	24,237,331
Total volumetric flow		m3/h	2,253,703	2,117,645	1,840,649	1,746,788	26,129	26,127	26,128	26,833	25,933
		m3/h std	2,007,704	2,007,704	1,871,978	1,628,859					
Molecular weight		kg/kgmol	28.9	28.9	29.7	27.8	25.2	25.2	25.2	25.2	24.9
Density		kg/m3	1.09	1.16	1.27	1.10	951.53	951.60	951.56	926.58	934.63

Table 3-5. Material Balance for MEA Base Case (continued)

Stream Number		-	31	32	33	40	41	42	43	51	60
Stream Name		-	Lean Amine - Pump Out	Lean Amine - Cool	Lean Amine to Absorber	Stripper Overheads	Stripper Condenser Out	Stripper Condenser Outlet Gas	Stripper Condenser Outlet Liquid	Compression Interstage Condensate	Dense Phase CO2 1
Temperature		C	109.1	56.1	40.0	101.5	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
Pressure		kPa	586.0	448.0	379.0	168.0	154.2	154.2	154.2	Varies	9618.2
Vapor fraction		-				1	0.47	1			
Component molar flow											
	H2O	kgmol/h	858,862.6	861,100.0	861,444.8	11,564.2	11,555.6	483.8	11,071.8	452.1	31.8
	CO2	kgmol/h	229.0	1.7	0.3	9,461.0	9,452.4	9,445.8	6.9	1.6	9,444.2
	MEA	kgmol/h	27,577.4	24,531.5	23,933.1	8.6					
	N2	kgmol/h				3.0	3.0	3.0		0.0	3.0
	O2	kgmol/h				0.4	0.4	0.4		0.0	0.4
	MEA+	kgmol/h	43,948.2	44,529.3	44,780.9		8.6		8.6		
	MEACOO-	kgmol/h	38,685.6	41,150.5	41,497.3						
	HCO3-	kgmol/h	5,054.2	2,463.2	1,867.2		8.6		8.6		
	CO3--	kgmol/h	103.6	457.1	707.4						
	H3O+	kgmol/h									
	OH-	kgmol/h	1.2	1.4	1.5						
	HCOO-	kgmol/h									
Component mass flow											
	H2O	kg/h	15,472,656	15,512,961	15,519,168	208,332	208,176	8,716	199,461	8,144.7	572
	CO2	kg/h	10,079	76	14	416,379	415,999	415,708	302	70.0	415,636
	MEA	kg/h	1,684,529	1,498,474	1,461,921	529	1		1		
	N2	kg/h				83	83	83		0.0	84
	O2	kg/h				12	12	12		0.0	13
	MEA+	kg/h	2,728,794	2,764,875	2,780,496		536		536		
	MEACOO-	kg/h	4,026,637	4,283,192	4,319,290		1		1		
	HCO3-	kg/h	308,398	150,301	113,933		526		526		
	CO3--	kg/h	6,218	27,430	42,455		0		0		
	H3O+	kg/h									
	OH-	kg/h	19	25	26						
	HCOO-	kg/h									
Total molar flow		kgmol/h	974,462	974,235	974,233	21,037	21,029	9,933	11,096	453.7	9,479
Total mass flow		kg/h	24,237,331	24,237,331	24,237,302	625,334	625,334	424,518	200,828	8,214.7	416,305
Total volumetric flow		m3/h	25,931	25,129	24,958	386,913	166,740	166,542	227		760
		m3/h std				498,335		235,295			224,534
Molecular weight		kg/kgmol	24.9	24.9	24.9	29.7	29.7	42.7	18.1	18.1	43.9
Density		kg/m3	934.67	964.53	971.13	1.62	3.75	2.55	991.22	842.3	548.11

Table 3-5. Material Balance for MEA Base Case (continued)

Stream Number		-	61	62	70	71	72	73	90
Stream Name		-	ESP Outlet	Product	Water Wash (Recycled from Condensate System)	DCC Water Supply	DCC Water Supply - Pump Out	DCC Water Return	Amine Makeup
Temperature		C	58.8	40.0	40.0	29.5	29.5	40.0	40.0
Pressure		kPa	15237.4	15202.9	111.7	101.3	446.1	111.7	101.3
Vapor fraction		-							
Component molar flow									
	H2O	kgmol/h	31.8	31.8	10,721.5	391,446.0	391,446.0	397,175.0	
	CO2	kgmol/h	9,444.2	9,444.2	6.7	25.9	25.9	26.3	
	MEA	kgmol/h							1.4
	N2	kgmol/h	3.0	3.0		3.2	3.2	3.2	
	O2	kgmol/h	0.4	0.4		54.1	54.1	54.9	
	MEA+	kgmol/h			8.4				
	MEACOO-	kgmol/h							
	HCO3-	kgmol/h			8.4				
	CO3--	kgmol/h							
	H3O+	kgmol/h							
	OH-	kgmol/h							
	HCOO-	kgmol/h							
Component mass flow									
	H2O	kg/h	572	572	193,151.4	7,052,040	7,052,040	7,155,247	
	CO2	kg/h	415,636	415,636	292.9	1,139	1,139	1,156	
	MEA	kg/h			0.7				82.7
	N2	kg/h	84	84		89	89	90	
	O2	kg/h	13	13		1,732	1,732	1,757	
	MEA+	kg/h			519.2				
	MEACOO-	kg/h			1.1				
	HCO3-	kg/h			509.4				
	CO3--	kg/h			0.1				
	H3O+	kg/h							
	OH-	kg/h							
	HCOO-	kg/h							
Total molar flow		kgmol/h	9,479	9,479	10,744.9	391,530	391,530	397,260	1.4
Total mass flow		kg/h	416,305	416,304	194,474.7	7,055,010	7,055,010	7,158,260	82.7
Total volumetric flow		m3/h	710		219.4	8,341	8,341	8,525	
		m3/h std	224,534						
Molecular weight		kg/kgmol	43.9	43.9	18.1	18.0	18.0	18.0	61.1
Density		kg/m3	586.18		991.22	845.77	845.77	839.68	

Table 3-5. Material Balance for MEA Base Case (steam system)

Stream Number	-	80	81	82	83	85
Stream Name	-	Intermediate Pressure Steam	LP Superheated Steam	Condensate	LP Saturated Steam	LP Condensate
Temperature	C	316	184	40	126	126
Pressure	kPa	1103	239	446	239	239
Vapor fraction	-	1	1	0	1	0
Total molar flow	kgmol/h	42,400	42,400	2,100	44,400	44,400
Total mass flow	kg/h	763,000	763,000	37,000	800,000	800,000
Total volumetric flow	m3/h	183,000	663,000	37	599,000	853
Molecular weight	kg/kgmol	18	18	18	18	18
Density	kg/m3	4.16	1.15	992	1.34	938

Table 3-6. Material Balance for MEA / PZ Double Matrix

Stream Number		-	1	2	3	4	10	11	12	13	14
Stream Name		-	Inlet Flue Gas	Compressed Gas	Cooled Inlet Gas	Outlet Flue Gas	Rich Amine	Rich Amine - Pump Out	Rich Amine - Filter Out	Rich Amine to LP	Warm Rich Amine to LP
Temperature		C	51.3	62.8	40.0	40.8	54.8	55.0	54.9	54.9	93.1
Pressure		kPa	101.3	111.7	111.7	101.7	111.7	594.7	525.7	525.7	387.0
Vapor fraction		-	1	1	1	1					
Component molar flow											
	H2O	kgmol/h	10,964.4	10,964.4	5,235.2	4,118.4	619,676.2	619,663.2	619,665.7	99,146.5	98,755.8
	CO2	kgmol/h	10,493.9	10,493.9	10,493.6	1,049.5	12.4	12.7	12.6	2.0	82.8
	MEA	kgmol/h				2.0	10,055.3	10,070.6	10,067.8	1,610.8	2,192.8
	N2	kgmol/h	59,360.2	59,360.2	59,360.5	59,354.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.3	0.3
	O2	kgmol/h	3,941.9	3,941.9	3,941.1	3,943.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
	MEA+	kgmol/h					60,160.2	60,158.0	60,158.4	9,625.4	9,514.9
	MEACOO-	kgmol/h					53,053.2	53,040.0	53,042.4	8,486.8	8,015.4
	HCO3-	kgmol/h					6,526.1	6,540.8	6,538.1	1,046.1	1,466.6
	CO3--	kgmol/h					290.4	288.5	288.9	46.2	16.4
	H3O+	kgmol/h									
	OH-	kgmol/h					0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
	HCOO-	kgmol/h									
Component mass flow											
	H2O	kg/h	197,528	197,528	94,314	74,194	11,163,639	11,163,407	11,163,450	1,786,152	1,779,114
	CO2	kg/h	461,837	461,837	461,824	46,187	546	558	556	89	3,641
	MEA	kg/h				119	614,214	615,149	614,976	98,396	133,941
	N2	kg/h	1,662,881	1,662,881	1,662,890	1,662,728	47	47	47	8	8
	O2	kg/h	126,137	126,137	126,112	126,177	7	7	7	1	1
	MEA+	kg/h					3,735,412	3,735,279	3,735,305	597,649	590,788
	MEACOO-	kg/h					5,522,096	5,520,727	5,520,976	883,357	834,289
	HCO3-	kg/h					398,205	399,104	398,938	63,830	89,486
	CO3--	kg/h					17,424	17,313	17,335	2,773	987
	H3O+	kg/h									
	OH-	kg/h					4	4	4	1	1
	HCOO-	kg/h									
Total molar flow		kgmol/h	84,761	84,761	79,031	68,468	749,776	749,776	749,776	119,964	120,045
Total mass flow		kg/h	2,448,384	2,448,384	2,345,143	1,909,405	21,451,593	21,451,593	21,451,593	3,432,256	3,432,256
Total volumetric flow		m3/h	2,253,703	2,117,645	1,840,649	1,756,692	22,931	22,931	22,931	3,669	3,734
		m3/h std	2,007,704	2,007,704	1,871,978	1,621,879					
Molecular weight		kg/kgmol	28.9	28.9	29.7	27.9	28.6	28.6	28.6	28.6	28.6
Density		kg/m3	1.09	1.16	1.27	1.09	935.47	935.50	935.50	935.50	919.13

Table 3-6. Material Balance for MEA / PZ Double Matrix (continued)

Stream Number		-	15	16	17	20	30	31	32	33	34
Stream Name		-	Rich Amine to Booster Pump	Rich Amine - Booster Out	Rich Amine to HP Strip	HP Lean Amine	Hot Lean LP Lean Amine	Lean Amine - Pump Out	Cool Lean Amine	Lean Amine to Absorber	Semi-Lean Amine to Pump
Temperature		C	54.9	55.0	101.7	107.2	107.2	107.3	60.0	40.0	97.2
Pressure		kPa	525.7	632.7	494.0	279.0	172.0	586.0	448.0	379.0	168.0
Vapor fraction		-									
Component molar flow											
	H2O	kgmol/h	520,519.1	520,516.8	518,212.2	518,779.0	515,558.9	515,552.4	517,268.3	517,689.5	101,306.4
	CO2	kgmol/h	10.6	10.7	857.2	680.0	255.5	259.3	2.2	0.2	62.0
	MEA	kgmol/h	8,456.9	8,459.8	12,630.2	17,427.9	24,963.1	24,977.5	22,591.2	22,008.3	2,944.0
	N2	kgmol/h	1.4	1.4	1.4						
	O2	kgmol/h	0.2	0.2	0.2						
	MEA+	kgmol/h	50,533.1	50,532.7	49,513.3	46,088.8	41,219.6	41,215.5	41,628.7	41,788.3	8,973.3
	MEACOO-	kgmol/h	44,555.6	44,553.2	41,402.2	40,027.3	37,351.6	37,341.3	39,314.4	39,737.8	7,813.8
	HCO3-	kgmol/h	5,492.0	5,494.7	7,972.1	5,942.9	3,749.7	3,756.4	1,884.5	1,305.6	1,129.1
	CO3--	kgmol/h	242.6	242.3	69.4	59.2	59.0	58.6	214.6	372.1	15.1
	H3O+	kgmol/h									
	OH-	kgmol/h	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.0
	HCOO-	kgmol/h									
Component mass flow											
	H2O	kg/h	9,377,299	9,377,255	9,335,739	9,345,950	9,287,938	9,287,821	9,318,732	9,326,323	1,825,063
	CO2	kg/h	467	469	37,725	29,927	11,244	11,412	97	9	2,728
	MEA	kg/h	516,579	516,752	771,498	1,064,559	1,524,839	1,525,720	1,379,955	1,344,347	179,833
	N2	kg/h	40	40	40						
	O2	kg/h	5	5	5						
	MEA+	kg/h	3,137,655	3,137,630	3,074,335	2,861,703	2,559,371	2,559,115	2,584,770	2,594,680	557,162
	MEACOO-	kg/h	4,637,624	4,637,369	4,309,389	4,166,286	3,887,784	3,886,713	4,092,088	4,136,154	813,313
	HCO3-	kg/h	335,107	335,274	486,439	362,622	228,796	229,210	114,988	79,666	68,897
	CO3--	kg/h	14,561	14,540	4,166	3,550	3,537	3,518	12,875	22,328	908
	H3O+	kg/h									
	OH-	kg/h	4	4	4	5	8	8	11	12	1
	HCOO-	kg/h									
Total molar flow		kgmol/h	629,812	629,812	630,658	629,005	623,158	623,162	622,905	622,903	122,244
Total mass flow		kg/h	18,019,339	18,019,339	18,019,339	17,834,601	17,503,517	17,503,517	17,503,517	17,503,517	3,447,907
Total volumetric flow		m3/h	19,262	19,262	19,696	19,458	18,886	18,886	18,361	18,198	3,741
		m3/h std									
Molecular weight		kg/kgmol	28.6	28.6	28.6	28.4	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.2
Density		kg/m3	935.50	935.51	914.88	916.57	926.77	926.79	953.28	961.83	921.56

Table 3-6. Material Balance for MEA / PZ Double Matrix (continued)

Stream Number		-	35	36	37	40	41	42	43	44	45
Stream Name		-	Semi-Lean Amine - Pump Out	Cool Semi-Lean Amine	Semi-Lean to Absorber	LP Stripper Overheads	LP Condenser Out	LP Condenser Outlet Gas	LP Condenser Outlet Liquid	LP Compressor Out	HP Stripper Overheads
Temperature		C	97.3	59.9	40.0	91.7	40.0	40.0	40.0	113.5	100.7
Pressure		kPa	478.0	340.0	271.0	160.5	126.0	126.0	126.0	275.0	275.0
Vapor fraction		-				1	0.69	1		1	1
Component molar flow											
	H2O	kgmol/h	101,305.4	101,672.0	101,831.1	3,201.5	3,200.1	370	2,830.1	370	1472.6
	CO2	kgmol/h	62.7	1.6	0.2	5,854.6	5,853.3	5,851.8	1.4	5,851.8	3,591.5
	MEA	kgmol/h	2,946.6	2,431.2	2,239.2	1.4					1.7
	N2	kgmol/h				0.3	0.3	0.3		0.3	1.4
	O2	kgmol/h				0.0	0.0				0.2
	MEA+	kgmol/h	8,972.6	9,060.2	9,091.7		1.4		1.4		
	MEACOO-	kgmol/h	7,812.1	8,239.8	8,400.4						
	HCO3-	kgmol/h	1,130.3	737.2	547.9		1.4		1.4		
	CO3--	kgmol/h	15.1	41.6	71.7						
	H3O+	kgmol/h									
	OH-	kgmol/h	0.0	0.1	0.1						
	HCOO-	kgmol/h									
Component mass flow											
	H2O	kg/h	1,825,044	1,831,650	1,834,515	57,675	57,651	6,666	50,985	6,666	26,529
	CO2	kg/h	2,758	69	7	257,662	257,602	257,537	63	257,537	158,062
	MEA	kg/h	179,988	148,510	136,775	84	0		0.1		103
	N2	kg/h				8	8	8		8	39
	O2	kg/h				1	1				6
	MEA+	kg/h	557,115	562,554	564,514		85		85		
	MEACOO-	kg/h	813,129	857,650	874,359		0		0		
	HCO3-	kg/h	68,966	44,981	33,431		84		84		
	CO3--	kg/h	904	2,493	4,303						
	H3O+	kg/h									
	OH-	kg/h	1	1	1						
	HCOO-	kg/h									
Total molar flow		kgmol/h	122,245	122,184	122,182	9,058	9,056	6,222	2,834	6,222	5,067
Total mass flow		kg/h	3,447,907	3,447,907	3,447,907	315,430	315,430	264,211	51,217	264,211	184,740
Total volumetric flow		m3/h	3,741	3,671	3,644	170,059	127,880	127,752	52	72,219	56,607
		m3/h std				214,564		147,391		147,391	120,038
Molecular weight		kg/kgmol	28.2	28.2	28.2	34.8	34.8	42.5	18.1	42.5	36.5
Density		kg/m3	921.57	939.20	946.20	1.85	2.47	2.07	991.36	3.66	3.26

Table 3-6. Material Balance for MEA / PZ Double Matrix (continued)

Stream Number		-	47	48	49	50	51	60	61	62	70
Stream Name		-	LP/HP Vapor Mix	Cool LP/HP Mix	Cool LP/HP Vapor	Cool LP/HP Liquid (1st Stage Condensate)	Interstage Condensate (Stages 2, 3, and 4)	Dense Phase CO2 1	ESP Pump Out	CO2 Product	Water Wash (Recycled from Condensate System)
Temperature		C	107.8	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	58.9	40.0	40.0
Pressure		kPa	275.0	261.2	261.2	261.2	Varies	9618.2	15237.4	15168.5	111.7
Vapor fraction		-	1	0.86	1			1	1		
Component molar flow											
	H2O	kgmol/h	1842.6	1,840.9	274.724	1,566.2	245.0	29.7107	29.7107	29.7107	3,547.2
	CO2	kgmol/h	9,443.3	9,441.6	9,441.5	0.1	1.2	9,440.3	9,440.3	9,440.3	1.4
	MEA	kgmol/h	1.7								
	N2	kgmol/h	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.7	1.7	
	O2	kgmol/h	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	
	MEA+	kgmol/h		1.7		1.7					2.3
	MEACOO-	kgmol/h									
	HCO3-	kgmol/h		1.7		1.7					2.3
	CO3--	kgmol/h									
	H3O+	kgmol/h									
	OH-	kgmol/h									
	HCOO-	kgmol/h									
Component mass flow											
	H2O	kg/h	33,195	33,165	4,949	28,216	4,414.0	535	535	535	63,901
	CO2	kg/h	415,599	415,525	415,521	4	53.7	415,467	415,467	415,467	62
	MEA	kg/h	103								0
	N2	kg/h	48	48	48	0	0.0	48	48	48	
	O2	kg/h	6	6	6	0	0.0	6	6	6	
	MEA+	kg/h		104.7		104.7					145
	MEACOO-	kg/h									0
	HCO3-	kg/h		102.7		102.7					142
	CO3--	kg/h									0
	H3O+	kg/h									
	OH-	kg/h									
	HCOO-	kg/h									
Total molar flow		kgmol/h	11,289	11,288	9,718	1,570	246	9,472	9,472	9,472	3,553.2
Total mass flow		kg/h	448,951	448,951	420,524	28,427	4,468	416,056	416,056	416,055	64,252
Total volumetric flow		m3/h	128,875	95,629	95,629			760	710		64.8
		m3/h std	267,428	267,389	230,206	37,182		224,374	224,374	224,374	
Molecular weight		kg/kgmol	39.8	39.8	43.3	18.1	18.1	43.9	43.9	43.9	18.1
Density		kg/m3	3.48	4.40	4.40			547.45	585.60		991.7

Table 3-6. Material Balance for MEA / PZ Double Matrix (continued)

Stream Number		-	71	72	73	90
Stream Name		-	DCC Water Supply	DCC Water Supply - Pump Out	DCC Water Return	Makeup Amine
Temperature		C	29.5	29.5	40.0	40.0
Pressure		kPa	101.3	446.1	101.3	101.3
Vapor fraction		-				
Component molar flow						
	H2O	kgmol/h	391,446.0	391,446.0	397,175.0	
	CO2	kgmol/h	25.9	25.9	26.3	
	MEA	kgmol/h				2.4
	N2	kgmol/h	3.2	3.2	3.2	
	O2	kgmol/h	54.1	54.1	54.9	
	MEA+	kgmol/h				
	MEACOO-	kgmol/h				
	HCO3-	kgmol/h				
	CO3--	kgmol/h				
	H3O+	kgmol/h				
	OH-	kgmol/h				
	HCOO-	kgmol/h				
Component mass flow						
	H2O	kg/h	7,052,040	7,052,040	7,155,247	
	CO2	kg/h	1,139	1,139	1,156	
	MEA	kg/h				148.9
	N2	kg/h	89	89	90	
	O2	kg/h	1,732	1,732	1,757	
	MEA+	kg/h				
	MEACOO-	kg/h				
	HCO3-	kg/h				
	CO3--	kg/h				
	H3O+	kg/h				
	OH-	kg/h				
	HCOO-	kg/h				
Total molar flow		kgmol/h	391,530	391,530	397,260	2.4
Total mass flow		kg/h	7,055,010	7,055,010	7,158,260	148.9
Total volumetric flow		m3/h	8,341	8,341	8,525	
		m3/h std				
Molecular weight		kg/kgmol	18.0	18.0	18.0	61.1
Density		kg/m3	845.77	845.77	839.68	

Table 3-6. Material Balance for MEA / PZ Double Matrix (steam system)

Stream Number	-	80	81	82	83	84	85	85	86
Stream Name	-	Intermediate Pressure Steam	LP Superheated Steam	Condensate	LP Saturated Steam	LP Saturated Steam 1 (To LP Stripper)	LP Condensate 1	LP Saturated Steam 2 (To HP Stripper)	LP Condensate 2
Temperature	C	316	184	40	126	126	126	126	126
Pressure	kPa	1103	239	446	239	239	239	239	239
Vapor fraction	-	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Total molar flow	kgmol/h	33,700	33,700	1,600	35,300	17,650	17,650	17,650	17,650
Total mass flow	kg/h	607,000	607,000	29,000	636,000	318,000	318,000	318,000	318,000
Total volumetric flow	m3/h	146,000	528,000	29	476,000	238,000	339	238,000	339
Molecular weight	kg/kgmol	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
Density	kg/m3	4.16	1.15	992	1.34	1.34	938	1.34	938

Table 3-7. Material Balance for MDEA / PZ Double Matrix

Stream Number	-	1	2	3	4a	4b	10	11	11b	12
Stream Name	-	Inlet Flue Gas	Compressed Gas	Cooled Inlet Gas	Outlet Flue Gas	Outlet Flue Gas (Corrected for Water Wash)	Rich Amine	Rich Amine - Pump Out	Rich Amine - Control Out	Rich Amine - Filter Out
Temperature	C	51.3	62.8	40.0	56.0	52.9	49.5	49.5	49.5	49.5
Pressure	kPa	101.3	111.7	111.7	109.9	109.9	112.2	594.9	594.9	525.9
Vapor fraction	-	1	1	1	1	1				
Total molar flow	kgmol/h	84,761	84,761	79,031	74,187	73,880	273,920	273,920	284,864	284,864
Total volumetric flow	m3/h	2,253,703	2,117,645	1,840,649	1,848,448	1,821,056	8,456	8,456	8,662	8,662
Total volumetric flow	m3/h std	2,007,704	2,007,704	1,871,978	1,757,368					

Table 3-7. Material Balance for MDEA / PZ Double Matrix (continued)

Stream Number	-	13	14	15	16	17	20	30	31	32
Stream Name	-	Rich Amine to LP	Warm Rich Amine to LP	Rich Amine to Booster Pump	Rich Amine - Booster Out	Rich Amine to HP Strip	HP Lean Amine	Hot Lean LP Lean Amine	Lean Amine - Pump Out	Cool Lean Amine
Temperature	C	49.5	96.7	49.5	49.6	104.8	126.7	116.2	116.3	54.6
Pressure	kPa	525.9	388.0	525.9	649.6	511.7	296.0	172.4	517.1	379.2
Vapor fraction	-									
Total molar flow	kgmol/h	85,458	85,458	199,406	199,406	199,406	189,960	182,231	182,231	182,231
Total volumetric flow	m3/h	2,599	43,542	6,063	6,063	33,926	6,501	6,298	6,299	5,936
	m3/h std									

Table 3-7. Material Balance for MDEA / PZ Double Matrix (continued)

Stream Number	-	33	34	35	36	37	40	41	42	43
Stream Name	-	Lean Amine to Absorber	Semi-Lean Amine to Pump	Semi-Lean Amine - Pump Out	Cool Semi-Lean Amine	Semi-Lean to Absorber	LP Stripper Overheads	LP Condenser Out	LP Condenser Outlet Gas	LP Condenser Outlet Liquid
Temperature	C	40.0	110.3	110.3	54.5	40.0	96.5	40.0	40.0	40.0
Pressure	kPa	310.3	158.6	468.8	330.9	262.0	157.9	144.1	144.1	144.1
Vapor fraction	-						1	0.545	1	
Total molar flow	kgmol/h	182,231	86,819	86,819	86,819	86,819	6,377	6,377	3,478	2,899
Total volumetric flow	m3/h	5,867	2,827	2,827	2,678	2,649	123,357	62,483	62,382	53
	m3/h std						151,061		82,381	

Table 3-7. Material Balance for MDEA / PZ Double Matrix (continued)

Stream Number	-	44	45	47	48	49	50	51	60	61
Stream Name	-	LP Compressor Out	HP Stripper Overheads	LP/HP Vapor Mix	Cool LP/HP Mix	Cool LP/HP Vapor	Cool LP/HP Liquid (1st Stage Condensate)	Interstage Condensate (Stages 2, 3, and 4)	Dense Phase CO2 1	ESP Pump Out
Temperature	C	107.0	104.8	105.4	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	58.9
Pressure	kPa	295.0	295.0	295.0	281.2	281.2	281.2	Varies	9618.2	15237.4
Vapor fraction	-	1	1	1	0.75	1			1	1
Total molar flow	kgmol/h	3,478	9,438	12,916	12,916	9,717	3,199	226.9	9,490	9,490
Total volumetric flow	m3/h	36,966	99,269	136,243	88,733	88,731	69	2	762	712
	m3/h std	82,381	223,577			230,183			224,809	224,809

Table 3-7. Material Balance for MDEA / PZ Double Matrix (continued)

Stream Number	-	62	70	71	72	73	90
Stream Name	-	CO2 Product	Water Wash (Corrected Makeup plus Recycled Condensate)	DCC Water Supply	DCC Water Supply - Pump Out	DCC Water Return	Makeup (Corrected for Water Wash)
Temperature	C	40.0	40.0	29.5	29.5	40.0	40.0
Pressure	kPa	15168.5	109.9	101.3	446.1	111.7	109.9
Vapor fraction	-						
Total molar flow	kgmol/h	9,490	10,638.5	391,530	391,530	397,260	4,307
Total volumetric flow	m3/h			8,341	8,341	8,525	
	m3/h std	224,809					

Table 3-7. Material Balance for MDEA / PZ Double Matrix (steam system)

Stream Number	-	80	81	82	83	84	85	85	86
Stream Name	-	Intermediate Pressure Steam	LP Superheated Steam	Condensate	LP Saturated Steam	LP Saturated Steam 1 (To LP Stripper)	LP Condensate 1	LP Saturated Steam 2 (To HP Stripper)	LP Condensate 2
Temperature	C	316	203	40	134	134	134	134	134
Pressure	kPa	1103	308	446	308	308	308	308	308
Vapor fraction	-	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Total molar flow	kgmol/h	23,800	23,800	1,300	25,100	12,550	12,550	12,550	12,550
Total mass flow	kg/h	429,000	429,000	23,900	452,900	59,100	59,100	393,800	393,800
Total volumetric flow	m3/h	103,000	301,000	24	268,000	35,000	63	233,000	423
Molecular weight	kg/kgmol	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
Density	kg/m3	4.16	1.43	992	1.69	1.69	931	1.69	931

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4.0 EQUIPMENT SIZING AND SELECTION

This section describes the general approach used to size and select the equipment in the CO_2 capture and compression system for this study. Equipment is sized for a 500 MW unit. The design basis for the unit was described earlier in Section 2; stream and unit operations data were provided in Section 3. A combination of spreadsheet calculations and simulation tools (Aspen Plus, ProComp, Design II, and PDQ$) were used to help size the equipment in the process. The basis of the study is a single, common inlet gas train; multiple parallel amine units; and a single, common CO_2 compression train. The inlet gas train consists of the inlet gas booster fan and direct contact cooler. The two MEA cases had four amine trains, and the MDEA case had eight amine trains.

The general approach in selecting and sizing the equipment in the process was first to use equipment that is considered "standard" to most MEA unit designs and CO_2 compression systems as well as to investigate the possibility of using new approaches in key areas to help reduce overall costs. Some of these alternative equipment types may help reduce the overall cost of the process but do not impact the case-by-case comparison results for reducing the parasitic energy demand on the unit since the equipment selections are common to all cases.

The key assumptions used to size the equipment are discussed in the subsections below. A summary table comparing the size requirements and type of equipment for each case is provided at the end of this section.

4.1 Inlet Gas Blower

The inlet gas blower will increase the pressure of the flue gas to overcome pressure drop through the absorber packing. This blower is quite large and may require alloy materials of construction (e.g., Inconel 625, AL-6XN, 2205). The maximum pressure increase is 1.5 psi, and the design flow rate is 558 std m3/s (1,700 MMSCFD) at a nominal suction pressure of 101 kPa (14.7 psia). We assumed a 75% efficiency for this blower, which yielded a power requirement of 8,370 kW/unit (11,200 hp). This is a very unusual application because of the large volume,

large pressure increase, and materials requirements. For this application, either axial or centrifugal blowers would be appropriate. Later studies may consider the cost tradeoffs for placing the blower downstream of a direct contact cooler. The tradeoffs would be between a relaxation of materials requirements for the fan, additional water flow or lower water temperature for the direct contact cooler, and an increase in gas temperature to the amine absorber. Absorber intercooling could also reduce the cooling requirements of the direct contact cooler.

4.2 Direct Contact Cooler and Water Pump

The direct contact cooler (DCC) sprays water concurrently and horizontally into the FGD outlet flue gas stream. The DCC water cools the flue gas not by evaporation, but by direct contact, as implied by the name. Water condenses from the flue gas when the appropriate water circulation rate is used. Caustic is added to maintain a pH such that SO_2 absorbs and CO_2 does not absorb. The SO_2 absorbs and is neutralized by the caustic. Sulfuric acid may condense in areas not wetted by the caustic solution; therefore, alloy materials (e.g., Inconel 625, AL-6XN, 2205) may be required for the ductwork in this section. The cooler consists of a spray nozzle grid and a larger section of the duct with a sloped liquid collection area, similar to horizontal FGD scrubbers. Because the water sprays in the same direction as the flue gas, the spray transfers momentum to the flue gas and the outlet gas is actually at a higher pressure than the inlet gas. The degree of momentum transfer is site specific, so it was not considered in sizing the inlet gas blower for this study. However, the momentum transfer could reduce pressure increase requirements of the inlet gas blower. The required water circulation rate is 7,050 m3/h (31,100 gpm). A dedicated cooling tower provides evaporative cooling for the recirculating DCC water.

4.3 Absorber

The amine-based sorbent contacts the flue gas and absorbs CO_2 inside the absorber vessel. The cross sectional area of the absorber is determined from the flue gas flow rate, a target maximum pressure drop of 1.5 psi, and an 80% approach to flooding. A maximum

practical diameter of 12.8 meters (42 feet) was chosen; absorber diameters reported in the literature ranged from 7.9 to 12.8 meters (26 to 42 ft) (Rao, 2004).

The absorber is a vertical, packed column with a water wash section at the top to remove vaporized amine from the overhead stream. The packing consists of two sections of equal height. For the MEA cases (improved base case and MEA / PZ double matrix), the height of the packing is approximately 22.5 meters (74 ft) and was optimized in previous work by the University of Texas (Freguia, 2002). For the MDEA / PZ double matrix case, the total height of packing was 50 ft, which was an initial best guess for the MDEA system. Although tray absorbers have been operated successfully in the field, packed columns tend to allow for reduced pressure drop, increased gas throughput, improved gas contacting efficiency, and reduced potential for foaming. Carbon steel was selected for the vessel and stainless steel was selected for the packing (GPSA, 1998; Chinn, 2004).

4.4 Rich Amine Pump

Rich amine solution from the bottom of the absorber is pumped to an elevated pressure to avoid acid gas breakout in the rich/lean exchanger, to account for pressure drop through the lines, and to overcome the operating pressure and height requirements in the stripper. The pressure increase provided by rich amine pump is 483 kPa (70 psi). Flow rate per pump varies according to case. A pump efficiency of 65% was used in the study with 50% sparing of equipment. Stainless steel metal components were selected for the pump.

4.5 Filtration

A filtration step is needed to minimize operating problems caused by solids and other contaminants in the amine solution. There is considerable variation from plant to plant regarding the placement of filters (i.e., before or after the regenerator), the fraction of the stream routed to the filter, and the type of filters used (Skinner, 1995). For this study, it was assumed that a slipstream of the circulating amine (typically 15%) is filtered to remove suspended solids then sent to an activated carbon bed filter that adsorbs impurities (degradation products of MEA) and

other contaminants from the sorbent stream. This filtration step was also assumed to occur on the dirtier rich amine stream although the difference in size and cost would not vary significantly if installed on the lean stream instead. It was assumed that carbon steel vessels could be used with this application.

Many different types of mechanical filters are commonly used in amine systems, including leaf-type precoat filters, sock filters, canister or cartridge filters. These filters remove iron sulfide particles, which may enter with the gas or result from corrosion within the system, down to 10-25 micron size. In a well-running system, the filters may need to be replaced on a monthly basis. More frequent replacement may be necessary if the amine is especially dirty or severe foaming is an issue. The mechanical filters remove particulate matter but cannot remove heat stable salts, degradation products, chlorides and other soluble contaminants, or hydrocarbons.

Activated carbon beds can remove hydrocarbons (if present in a utility plant setting) and high-molecular weight degradation products. Activated carbon cannot remove heat stable salts and chlorides. Carbon filters generally need at least 15 minutes of contact time and a maximum superficial velocity of four gpm per square foot (Skinner, 1995). Over a period of time (3-6 months) the carbon bed needs to be replaced and the used bed can be sent back to the suppliers or regenerated on site depending on the plant.

4.6 Rich Amine Booster Pump

The rich amine booster pump is present in the double matrix configuration only. The pump provides additional pressure required to transport the rich amine into the high pressure stripper. For the MEA / PZ double matrix case, the pressure increase is 107 kPa (15.5 psi), and for the MDEA / PZ double matrix case, the pressure increase is 124 kPa (17.9 psi). The other specifications are similar to the rich amine pump. Pump efficiency is 65%, process-wetted materials are 316 stainless steel, and sparing is 50%.

4.7 Rich/Lean Exchanger

In the rich/lean exchanger, the rich amine is preheated prior to regeneration by heat exchange with the hot lean amine flowing from the regenerator. For the base case flow scheme, the rich amine is flowing to the sole stripper. For the double matrix flow scheme, the rich amine in this exchanger is flowing to the high pressure stripper. In contrast to previous work, the current study used a temperature approach of 5°C (9°F) on the "cold" end in order to reduce reboiler steam requirements. The previous work used an approach of 10°C (18°F) (Fisher, 2005).

Because of this aggressive temperature approach, plate and frame heat exchangers were selected for the heat exchanger type. Since the plates are generally designed to form channels giving highly turbulent flow, the plate and frame heat exchangers produce higher heat transfer coefficients for liquid flow than most other types. The high heat transfer coefficients are developed through the effective use of pressure drop. For large-scale applications such as the one being considered in this study, plate and frame exchangers offer large surface areas and high heat transfer rates in a relatively small volume and at reduced cost per unit of heat transferred. Because the approach temperature has decreased, the total amount of heat transferred has increased. The corresponding capital cost for the exchanger will increase, but the operating costs due to steam requirements and derating will decrease.

The materials contacted by the rich amine are stainless steel; the materials contacted by the lean side are carbon steel. The allowable pressure drop is 20 psi for both sides of the exchanger. The heat exchanger is operated at elevated pressure to prevent acid gas breakout and to prevent corrosion of the heat exchanger, control valves, and down-stream piping. A heat transfer coefficient of 651 Btu/h-ft2-F was used for the plate and frame heat exchangers.

4.8 Rich/Semi-Lean Exchanger

The rich/semi-lean exchanger applies only to the double matrix flow scheme. In this exchanger, rich amine is preheated prior to entering the top of the LP stripper upper section by

semi-lean amine that exits from the bottom of the LP stripper upper section. The specifications for the rich/semi-lean exchanger are similar to those of the rich/lean exchanger. The temperature approach is 5°C (9°F); the materials contacted by the rich amine are stainless steel; the materials contacted by the semi-lean side are carbon steel; and the allowable pressure drop for both sides is 20 psi. Plate and frame heat exchangers were selected for this exchanger as well.

4.9 Regeneration

Regeneration of the rich amine solution involves one or more stripper columns and reboiler sections. Each of these areas is discussed below.

4.9.1 Stripper

The main function of any amine stripper is to remove CO_2 from rich amine solution by steam stripping. The absorption reactions are reversed with heat supplied by a reboiler. In the base case, only one stripper is present. The rich solution flows down through the stripper, which is typically a packed column. Steam rising up through the column strips the CO_2 from the amine solution. The base case reboiler pressure is 172 kPa (25.0 psia).

In the double matrix case, both a low pressure (LP) stripper and a high pressure (HP) stripper are present. In the HP stripper, rich amine enters the top of the HP stripper and flows downward through a packed bed. Heat supplied in the HP reboiler generates steam that flows upward and strips out CO_2. High pressure lean amine exits from the reboiler and flows to the LP stripper. The LP stripper has two sections: an “upper” section and a “lower” section. The sections may be separate vessels because of their large size. Both sections typically contain packed beds. In the upper section of the LP stripper, rich amine flows downward and contacts vapors that have risen from the lower section. This partially-stripped semi-lean amine is collected at the base of the upper LP stripper section and is pumped back to the middle of the absorber. In the lower section of the LP stripper, HP lean amine enters at the top and flows downward, contacting steam generated by the LP Reboiler. Any vapor that exits the lower section of the LP stripper then flows to the base of the upper section. For the MEA / PZ double

matrix case, the LP reboiler operates at the same pressure as the base case reboiler (172 kPa, 25.0 psia), and the HP reboiler operates at 279 kPa (40.5 psia). For the MDEA / PZ double matrix case, the LP Reboiler also operates at 172 kPa (25.0 psia), but the HP reboiler operates at a slightly higher pressure (296 kPa, 42.9 psia) when compared to the MEA / PZ double matrix case.

Each stripper section is sized for 80% approach to flooding in that section; thus, the two sections of the LP stripper may have different diameters. The stripper vessels are carbon steel, and all packing is stainless steel. (GPSA, 1998).

4.9.2 Reboiler

Heat supplied in the reboiler vaporizes part of the lean amine solution and generates steam for stripping. Kettle reboilers are used for this study. Solution flows by gravity from the base of the stripper into the reboiler. A weir maintains the liquid level in the reboiler such that the tube bundle is always submerged. Vapor disengaging space is provided in the exchanger. The vapor is piped back to the regenerator column to provide stripping vapor, while bottom product is drawn from the reboiler. Kettle reboilers are relatively easy to control and no two-phase flow or circulation rate considerations are required. Because of the vapor disengagement requirement, kettles are built with a larger shell. For the base case, one reboiler is present. For the double matrix flow scheme, two reboilers are present: one for the LP stripper and one for the HP stripper. In all cases, the process fluid, lean amine, flows on the shell side of the reboiler, and utility steam from the main power plant flows on the tube side. Utility steam was supplied at 20 psig for the MEA base case and MEA / PZ double matrix case; utility steam was supplied at 30 psig for the MDEA / PZ double matrix case. The log mean temperature differences (LMTD) ranged from 13^{o}C to 22^{o}C (23^{o}F to 40^{o}F). The reboiler tube bundle is stainless steel, and the shell is carbon steel (GPSA, 1998). A heat transfer coefficient of 852 W/m^2-K (150 Btu/hr-ft^2-°F) was used to size the reboiler tubes when steam is used as the heat source (GPSA, 1998).

4.9.3 Stripper Condenser and Accumulator

The stripper condenser cools hot overhead vapors that exit from the top of the stripper. This cooling reduces amine losses and condenses water for subsequent recycling via the absorber water wash stage. Condensed liquids are separated from the CO_2 and water vapor in the stripper condenser accumulator, a horizontal vessel located downstream of the condenser. Each stripper condenser has an associated condenser accumulator.

For the base case, one stripper condenser and one condenser accumulator are present. Vapor exiting the condenser accumulator flows to the first stage of compression. Condensed liquids are sent to the makeup water system and, ultimately, are recycled via the water wash system. For the double matrix case, the LP stripper and the HP stripper each have an overhead stripper condenser and condenser accumulator. The HP stripper condenser is also the compressor 1st stage intercooler, and the HP condenser accumulator is also the 1st interstage knockout. Vapor from the LP condenser accumulator flows to the first stage of compression. Hot gas exiting from the first stage compressor combines with HP stripper overheads and flows to the HP condenser, and then on to the HP condenser accumulator. CO_2 vapor then exits the HP condenser accumulator and flows to the second stage of compression. Liquids from both accumulators flow to the makeup water system.

The stripper overhead condensers are shell and tube exchangers. Air-cooled exchangers were considered but are not the preferred choice due to the large heat requirements for this application and resulting size of the coolers. Thus, cooling water is the cooling medium. Process materials flow on the tube side, and cooling water flows on the shell side. The tubes are constructed of stainless steel, and the shell is constructed of carbon steel. Cooling water supply temperature is 29°C (85°F), and the return temperature is 43°C (110°F). Process outlet temperature is 40°C (104°F) for all stripper condensers. A heat transfer coefficient of 454 W/m^2-K (80 Btu/hr-ft^2-°F) was used for the condensers (GPSA, 1998).

The condenser accumulators were sized using the Design II process simulator and assuming a horizontal vessels with minimum liquid residence time of five minutes. The accumulators were constructed from stainless steel.

4.9.4 Condensate Pumps

Condensate pumps transport condensed water and recovered amine from the condenser accumulators through the makeup water system and to the absorber water wash. These pumps supply enough power to overcome line losses and the elevation of the absorber water wash. For the base case, the water condensed in the LP condenser is sufficient to meet the absorber water wash requirements. No other condensate or makeup water pumps are required. The condensate pump pressure increase is 30 psi. For the double matrix case, LP condensate pumps accept water from the LP condenser accumulator and increase the pressure by 40 psi. HP condensate pumps accept water from the HP condenser accumulator (1^{st} stage knockout) and increase the pressure by 20 psi. All condensate pumps are centrifugal, are constructed from stainless steel, and have an efficiency of 65%.

4.10 Lean Amine Pump

Lean amine solution from the bottom of the stripper is pumped to an elevated pressure to overcome line losses, pressure drops in the rich/lean amine exchanger and lean amine cooler, and the elevation at the top of the absorber. For the base case, the lean amine pump accepts amine from the sole reboiler and the pressure increase is 414 kPa (60 psi). For the double matrix cases, the pump accepts liquid from the LP stripper, and the pressure increases are 414 kPa (60 psi) for the MEA / PZ double matrix and 345 kPa (50 psi) for the MDEA / PZ double matrix. A pump efficiency of 65% was used with 50% sparing of equipment. Pumps are constructed from stainless steel.

4.11 Semi-Lean Amine Pump

Semi-lean amine solution flows from the base of the LP stripper upper section, and the semi-lean amine pump provides energy to overcome line losses, pressure drops in the rich/semi-lean amine exchanger and semi-lean amine cooler, and the elevation at the middle of the absorber. Semi-lean amine pumps are only present in the double matrix cases. For the double matrix cases, the pump accepts liquid from the LP stripper, and the pressure increases are 324 kPa (47 psi) for the MEA / PZ double matrix and 345 kPa (50 psi) for the MDEA / PZ double matrix. A pump efficiency of 65% was used with 50% sparing of equipment. Pumps are constructed from stainless steel.

4.12 Surge Tank

The surge tank for the lean amine solution was sized based on a 15-minute residence time. Carbon steel was selected for the surge tank.

4.13 Lean Amine Cooler

After the rich/lean amine exchanger, the lean amine must be further cooled in a trim cooler before it is pumped back into the absorber column. The trim cooler lowers the lean amine temperature to 40^{o}C (104^{o}F) using cooling water in a counter-current, shell and tube exchanger. Higher temperatures can result in excessive amine evaporative loss and decreased acid gas absorption effectiveness. The exchanger shell is carbon steel, and the tubes are stainless steel. A heat transfer coefficient of 795 W/m^2-K (140 Btu/hr-ft^2-°F) was used to size the exchanger (GPSA, 1998).

4.14 Semi-Lean Amine Cooler

The semi-lean amine cooler is present only in the double matrix flow scheme. As with the lean amine, the semi-lean amine requires trim cooling after cross-exchange in the rich/semi-

lean amine exchanger and prior to entering the absorber between the two packed beds. The semi-lean cooler is water cooled with a process outlet temperature of 40°C (104°F). The exchanger shell is carbon steel, and the tubes are stainless steel. A heat transfer coefficient of 795 W/m^2-K (140 Btu/hr-ft^2-°F) was used to size the exchanger (GPSA, 1998).

4.15 Compressors

The CO_2 compression equipment and the approach for selecting and sizing it are described below.

- *Compression Process Equipment.* The CO_2 from the amine unit is compressed in a single train to 8.6 MPa (1400 psia), at which point the supercritical CO_2 forms a dense liquid-like phase. Then, the CO_2 is pumped with multistage centrifugal pumps to 15.2 MPa (2210 psia) pipeline pressure. The isentropic efficiency for this type of pump is 60%. Process wetted materials are stainless steel. After passing through an aftercooler, the final CO_2 product pressure is 15.2 MPa (2200 psia)

- *Axial versus Centrifugal Compression for First Stage.* The total CO_2 capture flow rate for the 500 MW base case is approximately 2,780 m^3/min (98,000 acfm). For this size range, either a small axial compressor or a large centrifugal compressor could be used (GPSA 1998). Axial compressors are expected to be similar in cost to centrifugals and may even be somewhat higher since they are not as widely used in industry. The efficiency of an axial compressor is approximately the same as that of a multistage centrifugal compressor (79.5% polytropic efficiency) for this application. Given the lack of any apparent cost or efficiency advantages, and the complexities of maintaining and operating different compressor types with differing maintenance schedules, centrifugal compressors were used in all of the cases.

- *Compression Stages for Various Cases.* The number of compression stages was determined based on a maximum temperature limit of 149°C (300°F). For the MEA base case, there were four compression stages and the final pump stage. For both double matrix cases, there were five compression stages and the final pump stage. The compression in the double matrix cases required five stages because the compression ratio of the first stage is set by the pressure of the HP Stripper. The compression ratio for all of the double matrix compression stages was lower than the ratios for the base case configuration.

4.16 Compressor Drivers

The decision to use steam or electric drivers for the compressors is directly related to the overall strategy for heat integration. If one assumes a constant power output from the power plant, it is necessary to bring in new boiler capacity and power generation dedicated to the operation of the CO_2 capture equipment. An alternate approach is to hold the heat input to the power plant constant, and de-rate the power generation capacity. Because this technology is ultimately a retrofit technology, the second approach was taken in this analysis.

Figures 3-2 and 3-4 show the steam subsystem flow diagram for the base case and double matrix flow schemes, respectively. Superheated steam is taken from the power plant at an intermediate pressure of 1103 kPa and 316˚C (160 psia and 600˚F) to provide the necessary reboiler heat for each of the cases. This steam drives the compressor train with a steam turbine, where the steam pressure drops to 239 kPa (34.7 psia) for both MEA cases and 308 kPa (44.7 psia) for the MDEA case. The turbine exhaust steam is superheated and must be desuperheated with condensate to provide saturated steam to the reboilers. Steam condensate that exits the reboilers then returns to the main facility. The flow rate of steam is somewhat fixed by the heat required in the reboiler(s). In cases where the power delivered from the steam turbine is not enough to drive the compressors, an electric motor will provide the remaining compressor load. In cases where the power supplied by the steam turbine exceeded the energy requirements of the compressor, the excess energy was assumed available to drive a generator.

4.17 Interstage Coolers

For all cases, water-cooled exchangers were used for interstage compression cooling. The target outlet CO_2 temperature is 40^{o}C (104^{o}F) on the tube side of the exchanger based on the availability of cooling water at 29.4^{o}C (85^{o}F). Cooling water flow to the intercoolers is done in parallel. The exchanger shell is constructed from carbon steel, and the tubes are constructed from stainless steel. The heat transfer coefficients were calculated as a function of pressure

using data from the literature (GPSA, 1998); values ranged from 230 W/m^2-°C (40 Btu/h-ft^2-°F) to 1650 W/m^2-°C (290 Btu/h-ft^2-°F).

4.18 Interstage Separators

Separators are required to separate condensed liquids from the gas downstream of the interstage coolers. The separators were sized with Design II as horizontal vessels with a 5-minute liquid residence time. The sizing calculations are based on general principles that take into account gravity settling for separating the liquid and gas phases and can be used as a preliminary estimate of the size requirements for the separators. The vessels are constructed of stainless steel.

4.19 Makeup Systems

Because of vaporization losses it is usually necessary to add make-up amine and water to maintain the desired solution strength. The makeup requirement depends on a number of factors such as the reboiler temperature, the stripper condenser temperatures, the compressor interstage cooler temperatures, and the outlet flue gas temperature. In addition to vaporization, losses of the amine solution may also occur from degradation, entrainment, and mechanical sources. All of the amine entering the stripper does not get regenerated. Flue gas impurities (oxygen, sulfur oxides and nitrogen dioxide) react with the amine to form heat stable salts and reduce the absorption capacity of the amine. Although caustic in the direct contact cooler is assumed to capture much of the remaining SO_x , this study assumed that some minimal amount of SO_x will slip through. Thus, the nominal loss of all solvents was conservatively estimated at 1.5 kg amine/tonne CO_2 based on a review of the literature (Rao, 2004). There are only minor differences in the evaporative losses among the cases since the condensate from interstage cooling is recycled back to the amine unit and the absorbers are equipped with a water wash at the top. The amine makeup tank was sized to hold one month's worth of chemical and the makeup water about one day. One tank serves all four trains. A makeup amine pump was also included. For the MEA base case and the MEA / PZ double matrix case, recycled interstage condensate eliminated the need for makeup water. However, for these two cases, a water

holding tank as well as makeup water pumps were included for operational reasons. The MDEA / PZ double matrix case did require makeup water on a regular basis. The makeup water tank was sized for 12 hour supply for this case.

4.20 Cooling Water Systems

Two separate cooling towers were included for the unit. One system, the "DCC" system, provides water to the direct contact cooler. The water that circulates through this system will contain caustic and will absorb species from the gas. The second system, the "utility" system, provides cooling water to all other water-cooled exchangers; this water never directly contacts process material. The DCC system will have different needs with regard to materials of construction, cooling tower chemical addition, etc. Therefore, the two systems were isolated. However, the design and costing for both systems was conducted in a similar manner.

Mechanical draft cooling towers are used with cooling water return and supply temperatures of 43°C to 29°C (110°F to 85°F). Wet bulb temperature was set at 7 °C (45 °F) per the Systems Analysis Guidelines (DOE 2005). For all case, the DCC cooling water flow rate was 7,050 m^3/h (31,000 gpm). The flow rate to the utility cooling towers vary depending on the case. The utility cooling water flow rates were 35,700 m^3/h (157,000 gpm) for the MEA base case; 29,600 m^3/h (130,000 gpm) for the MEA / PZ double matrix; and 16,800 m^3/h (73,900 gpm) for the MDEA / PZ double matrix.

4.21 Dehydration Unit

DOE/NETL systems analysis guidelines stipulate that studies such as this one include the cost of dehydrating the CO_2, even though in some cases it may not be necessary to dehydrate the CO_2. Since this cost is relatively small and the same for all of the options studied, a detailed effort to size and select this equipment was not necessary. Instead, an allowance for the cost of a standard dehydration unit using triethylene glycol was provided for each of the cases studied.

4.22 Reclaimer

As degradation products build in the system, solution reclamation will become necessary. Generally, amines may be thermally reclaimed, though other methods are available. The reclaimer system would be used to remove high boiling point degradation products and sludge. For this study, the cost for a thermal reclaimer system was included. The reclaimer design and cost was assumed to be the same for all cases. In a conventional reclamation system, a small slipstream of the amine solution in circulation (0.5 to 3%) would be routed from the reboiler to a batch distillation reclaimer. MEA solvents may be reclaimed by low pressure steam, and the MEA-laden steam can flow directly back into the LP stripper. MDEA solvents are typically reclaimed under vacuum conditions. Vacuum reclamation is usually conducted on a contract basis. (Kohl and Nielsen, 1997) However, because the degradation rates and solvent losses are not well-defined, this study assumed equivalent solvent reclamation costs for all three cases.

4.23 Equipment Not Included in Study

When the absorber is operated at higher pressures, as is common in gas-treating applications, the pressure of the rich amine is typically reduced in a flash tank causing a fraction of the absorbed hydrocarbons and acid gases to be removed from solution prior to the amine stripper. For this application, the inlet flue gas is at low pressure and an amine flash tank will not be needed.

4.24 Equipment Comparison for Cases

Tables 4-1 and 4-2 show a comparison of the equipment size requirements for the various cases in this study. Table 4-1 is in metric units, and Table 4-2 is in English units. The tables show the major equipment used in each case along with a brief description of the key sizing parameters. The main differences between the cases are discussed below.

Significant Equipment Differences:

- The base case and double matrix configurations have different major equipment lists.

- The MEA cases use a higher circulation rate and do not strip the solvent as lean as the MDEA / PZ case does. The MDEA / PZ solvent has a lower heat of desorption and a lower circulation rate. The MEA base case circulation rate is 26,100 m^3/h (115,000 gpm) for the entire unit (all trains); the MEA / PZ double matrix circulation rate is 12% lower at 22,900 m^3/h (101,000 gpm), and the MDEA / PZ double matrix circulation rate is 67% lower at 8,500 m^3/h (37,000 gpm). The difference in circulation rate affects most unit operations in the CO_2 capture trains. The lower circulation rate of the MDEA / PZ double matrix case cannot maintain the flue gas temperature near 40 C (104 F); the outlet flue gas is 53 C (127 F). The hotter outlet gas carries more water, and makeup water is required to supplement condensate recycled from the interstage coolers.

- In the MEA / PZ double matrix, the rich amine booster pumps send 84% of the rich amine to the HP stripper; in the MDEA / PZ double matrix, 70% of the rich amine is pumped to the HP stripper.

  The MEA base case and MEA / PZ double matrix case have four amine trains; the MDEA / PZ double matrix case has eight amine trains. This is primarily due to limits on the absorber diameter. The MEA base case absorber diameter is 9.8 m (32 ft); the MEA / PZ double matrix is 10.7 m (34 ft), and the MDEA / PZ double matrix is 11.9 m (39 ft). The differences in number and diameter of absorbers results from different packing types, flooding correlations, liquid loading, and solvent properties.

- The absorbers in the two MEA cases use 22.5 m (75 ft) of packing, and the MDEA absorbers use 15.2 m (50 ft) of packing. The MEA base case stripper needs minimal packing in the stripper; just enough for one to two equilibrium stages. An alternative to packing might be considered for this configuration in future studies. The MEA / PZ double matrix LP stripper requires less than 6 m (<20 ft) of packing in the LP stripper and minimal packing (1.5 m, 5 ft) in the HP stripper, whereas the MDEA LP stripper uses 13.7 m (45 ft) in the LP stripper and 14.6 m (40 ft) in the HP stripper. The MEA / PZ double matrix HP stripper might use an alternative to packing in order to achieve the one to two equilibrium stages required for that unit operation.

- The stripper diameters vary with case as well. The base case diameter is 7.9 m (26 ft). The MEA / PZ double matrix LP stripper diameter is 4.0 m (13 ft) for the upper section and 6.1 m (20 ft) for the bottom section, and the HP stripper diameter is 6.7 m (22 ft). In part because the MDEA / PZ double matrix case has eight trains yet handles a similar amount of CO_2 in the stripping section, the strippers are much smaller than those for the MEA / PZ double matrix. The MDEA stripper diameters

are 3.7 m (12 ft) for the entire LP stripper and 4.6 m (15 ft) for the HP stripper. All strippers were sized for an 80% approach to flooding.

- The compression configurations and sizes differ for each case. The base case has one inlet gas stream that flows from the stripper condenser accumulator to the first stage inlet, and the flow rate is 235,000 std m3/h (199 MMSCFD). The MEA / PZ double matrix has two feed streams to the compression train; the gas from the LP stripper condenser accumulator feeds the 1st stage, and HP stripper overheads combine with the 1st stage outlet gas, where the combined stream flows through the 1st stage cooler and on to the 2nd stage of compression. The 1st stage feed gas is 147,000 std m3/h (125 MMSCFD), which is 63% of the base case flow. The combined 2nd stage inlet gas for the MEA / PZ double matrix is 230,000 std m3/h (195 MMSCFD), which is essentially equivalent to the base case. For the double matrix, the 1st stage outlet pressure is tied to the operating pressure of the HP stripper, and there is a tradeoff between extent of stripping in the HP stripper with compression energy as a function of the 1st stage outlet pressure. The MEA / PZ double matrix 1st stage outlet pressure is less than the base case value. Because of this difference, the double matrix case must use five stages of compression instead of four in order to achieve the ESP suction pressure yet remain below the maximum interstage temperature of 149 C (300 F). The MDEA / PZ double matrix LP stripper operates at a slightly higher pressure than the MEA / PZ double matrix; this reduces the 1st stage standard volumetric flow rate ~45% from 128,000 std m3/h (125 MMSCFD) to 62,000 std m3/h (70 MMSCFD). All of this translates into brake power requirements of 40,700 kW (54,500 hp) for the base case, 38,600 kW (51,800 hp) for the MEA / PZ double matrix, and 35,400 kW (47,400 hp) for the MDEA / PZ double matrix.

- The reboiler sizes varied significantly from case to case. The base case has a single reboiler per train, for a total of four large reboilers, each which transfer 121,000 kW (414 MMBtu/h) with a LMTD of 21 C (37 F). The MEA / PZ double matrix has four LP reboilers that transfer 48,400 kW (165 MMBtu/h) each with a LMTD of 21 C (37 F) and four HP reboilers that transfer 48,200 kW (164 MMBtu/h) each with a LMTD of 22 C (40 F). The MDEA / PZ double matrix has eight LP reboilers that transfer 4,400 kW (15 MMBtu/h) with a LMTD of 19 C (34 F) and eight HP reboilers that transfer 29,300 kW (100 MMBtu/h) with a LMTD of 13 C (23 F). The MDEA / PZ double matrix runs the reboilers hotter and uses a higher pressure steam. Also, the heat transfer is evenly divided between the LP and HP reboilers for the MEA / PZ double matrix, but the MDEA / PZ double matrix transfers 87% of the total heat in the HP reboiler.

- In all cases, the amine cross exchangers duties and corresponding sizes were quite large despite the high heat transfer coefficient attained with the plate and frame heat exchangers. The total area of all amine cross exchangers are largest for the MEA base case (68,200 m^2 or 735,000 ft^2) and decrease in size for the MEA / PZ double matrix (42,900 m^2 or 461,000 ft^2) and again for the MDEA / PZ double matrix (16,700 m^2 or 180,000 ft^2).

Other:

- The utility cooling water requirements (excluding the direct contact cooler) are 35,700 m^3/h (157,000 gpm) for the MEA base case. The MEA / PZ double matrix uses 17% less cooling water, and the MDEA / PZ double matrix cases uses 53% less cooling water than the base case.

- Essentially the same CO_2 pump size is required for each case.

Table 4-1. Equipment Comparison Table (Metric Units)

Description	Units	Base Case	MEA/PZ Double Matrix	MDEA/PZ Double Matrix
Number of inlet gas trains	-	1	1	1
Number of CO2 capture trains	-	4	4	8
Number of CO2 compression trains	-	1	1	1
Equipment Data - Inlet Gas Conditioning Train (Common to all configurations)				
Inlet Booster Fan				
Quantity per unit	-	1	1	1
Flow rate	std m3/s	558	558	558
Pressure increase	kPa	10.3	10.3	10.3
Brake power	kW	8,365	8,365	8,365
Direct Contact Cooler				
Water flow rate	m3/h	7,053	7,053	7,053
Outlet gas temperature	C	40	40	40
Direct Contact Cooler Water Pump				
Flow rate	m3/h	7,053	7,053	7,053
Brake power	kW/unit	1,039	1,039	1,039
Cooling Water System - DCC				
Duty to cool inlet gas	kW	85,637	85,637	85,637
Water Rates	m3/h	7,053	7,053	7,053
Equipment Data - CO2 Capture				
Absorber				
CO2 removal	%	90	90	90
Absorber selected diamter	m	9.8	10.7	11.9
Height of packing	m	22.5	22.5	15.2
Rich Amine Pump				
Flow rate per train	m3/h	6,532	5,733	1,057
Flow rate per unit	m3/h	26,129	22,931	8,456
Brake power per train	kW/train	1,348	1,183	211
Brake power per unit	kW/unit	5,393	4,733	1,692
Rich Amine Carbon Filter				
Slipstream fraction of rich circulation rate	%	15	15	15
Flow rate per train	m3/h-train	980	860	159
Flow rate per unit	m3/h-unit	3,919	3,440	1,268
Particulate Filter				
Slipstream fraction of rich circulation rate	%	15	15	15
Flowrate per train	m3/h-train	980	860	159
Flow rate per unit	m3/h-unit	3,919	3,440	1,268
Rich Amine High Pressure Booster Pump				
Flow rate per train	m3/h per train	-	4815	758
Flow rate per unit	m3/h per unit	-	19262	6063
Brake power per train	kW/train	-	220	39
Brake power per unit	kW/unit	-	881	311
Rich/Lean Amine Exchanger				
Duty per train	kW/train	299,452	178,908	43,964
Duty per unit	kW/unit	1,197,809	715,633	351,711
Heat transfer coefficient	W/m2-C	3,696	3696	3696
LMTD	C	5.1	5.3	7.8
Area per train	m2	17,060	9,102	1,524
Area per unit	m2	68,239	36,409	12,195
Rich/Semi-Lean Amine Exchanger				
Duty per train	kW/train	-	27,300	17,939
Duty per unit	kW/unit	-	109,199	143,511
Heat transfer coefficient	W/m2-C	-	3,696	3,696
LMTD	C	-	4.6	8.6
Area per train	m2	-	1,619	567
Area per unit	m2	-	6,477	4,538

Table 4-1. Equipment Comparison Table (Metric Units, continued)

Description	Units	Base Case	MEA/PZ Double Matrix	MDEA/PZ Double Matrix
Low Pressure Stripper				
Bottom Pressure	kPa	172	172	172
Packing type	-	CMR#2	CMR#2	Flexipac 1Y
Diameter	m	7.9	4.0	3.7
Height of packing	m	1.5	1.5	6.1
T-T height	m	8	8	7
Diameter	m	-	6.1	3.7
Height of packing	m	-	3.75	7.62
T-T height	m	-	12	20
Low Pressure Reboiler				
Number	-	One per stripper	One per stripper	One per stripper
Duty per train	kW/train	121,387	48,422	4,397
Duty per unit	kW/unit	485,548	193,687	35,172
Heat transfer coefficient	W/m2-C	852	852	852
Steam pressure	kPa	240	240	310
LMTD	C	21	21	19
Area	m2	6,904	2,675	277
Low Pressure Condenser				
Number	-	One per stripper	One per stripper	One per stripper
Duty per train	kW/train	36,678	9,742	4,838
Duty per unit	kW/unit	146,712	38,969	38,707
Heat transfer coefficient	W/m2-C	454	454	454
LMTD	C	28	25	26
Area per train	m2	2,896	863	404
Low Pressure Condenser Accumulator				
Number	-	One per condense	One per condense	One per condense
Diameter	m	2.7	1.2	1.8
Length	m	11.6	4.9	7.3
Low Pressure Stripper Condensate Pump				
Flow rate per train	m3/h per train	57	13	7
Flow rate per unit	m3/h per unit	227	52	53
Brake power per train	kW/train	5.0	1.5	0.6
Brake power per unit	kW/unit	20.0	6	5
Low Pressure Lean Amine Pump				
Flow rate per train	m3/h	6,483	4,722	6,298
Flow rate per unit	m3/h	25,933	18,886	787
Brake power per train	kW/train	1,147	835	112
Brake power per unit	kW/unit	4,588	3,341	898
Low Pressure Semi-Lean Pump				
Flow rate per train	m3/h	-	935	353
Flow rate per unit	m3/h	-	3,741	342
Brake power per train	kW/train	-	124	59
Flow rate per unit	kW/unit	-	496	470
High Pressure Stripper				
Bottom Pressure	kPa	-	279.0	296.0
Packing type	-	-	CMR#2	Flexipac 1Y
Diameter	m	-	6.7	4.6
T-T Length	m	-	13.4	14.6
Height of packing	m	-	1.5	12.2
High Pressure Reboiler				
Number	-		One per stripper	One per stripper
Duty per train	kW/train	-	48,175	29,310
Duty per unit	kW/unit	-	192,700	234,480
Heat transfer coefficient	W/m2-C	-	852	852
Steam pressure	kPa	-	240	310
LMTD	C	-	22	13
Area	m2	-	2,567	2,694

Table 4-1. Equipment Comparison Table (Metric Units, continued)

Description	Units	Base Case	MEA/PZ Double Matrix	MDEA/PZ Double Matrix
High Pressure Stripper Condensate Pump				
Flow rate per unit	m3/h per unit	-	28	69
Brake power per train	kW/train	-	1.7	1.3
Lean Cooler				
Duty per train	kW/train	88,046	72,173	10,320
Duty per unit	kW/unit	352,184	288,692	82,560
Heat transfer coefficient	W/m2-C	795	795	795
LMTD	C	12	13	11
Area	m2	9,540	6,789	1,190
Semi-lean Cooler				
Duty per train	kW/train	-	13,899	4,635
Duty per unit	kW/unit	-	55,596	37,081
Heat transfer coefficient	W/m2-C	-	795	795
LMTD	C	-	13	11
Area	m2	-	1,310	536
Lean Surge Tank				
Tank capacity	m3	1,560	1,137	11,001
Makeup Amine Tank				
Tank volume	m3	446	462	447
Makeup Amine Pumps				
Flow rate per unit	m3/h-unit	0.66	0.7	0.7
Water Tank				
Capacity	m3	379	379	930
Water Pump				
Flow rate per train	m3/h-train	23	23	78
Equipment Data - CO2 Compression				
Compressors				
Number of stages	-	4	5	5
Compressor discharge pressure	kPa	9,653	9,653	9,653
Total brake power required (total unit)	kW	40,668	38,618	35,369
Inlet gas flow rate - Stage 1	m3/h	166,542	127,828	62,429
	std m3/h	235,295	147,392	82,380
Inlet gas pressure - Stage 1	kPa	154	126	144
Inlet gas flow rate - Stage 2	m3/h	61,624	95,629	88,731
	std m3/h	228,236	230,206	230,183
Inlet gas pressure - Stage 2	kPa	399	261	281
Driver	-	steam	steam	steam and electric
Power available from steam	kW	51,441	40,936	25,370
Balance of power required from electric driver	kW		0	9,999
Excess available power	kW	10,773	2,317	0
Compressor Pump (last stage)				
Discharge pressure	kPa	15200	15237	15200
Total brake power required (total unit)	kW	1878	1879	1883
Compressor Interstage Coolers				
Type		Water-cooled shell and tube	Water-cooled shell and tube	Water-cooled shell and tube
Total cooler duty	MW(therm)/unit	75	92	112
Compressor Interstage Separators				
Total capacity	m3	51.0	88.9	88.9
Steam Turbine - CO2 Compressor Driver				
Isentropic efficiency	%	72	72	72
Inlet temperature	C	315.6	316	316
Inlet pressure	kPa	1,103	1103	1103
Turbine discharge pressure	kPa	239	239	308

Table 4-1. Equipment Comparison Table (Metric Units, continued)

Description	Units	Base Case	MEA/PZ Double Matrix	MDEA/PZ Double Matrix
Equipment Data - Ancillary Equipment				
Cooling Water System - Utility				
Water Rates				
Stage 1 cooler	m3/h	902	1,680	2,939
Stage 2 cooler	m3/h	836	720	697
Stage 3 cooler	m3/h	819	677	661
Stage 4 cooler	m3/h	1678	711	700
Stage 5 cooler	m3/h	421	1,529	1,514
Stage 6 cooler	m3/h	-	420	421
Lean amine cooler	m3/h per train	5484	4,496	643
Semi-lean amine cooler	m3/h per train	-	866	289
LP stripper condenser	m3/h per train	2285	607	301
Total	m3/h-unit	35732	29,611	16,795

Table 4-2. Equipment Comparison Table (English Units)

Description	Units	Base Case	MEA/PZ Double Matrix	MDEA/PZ Double Matrix
Number of inlet gas trains	-	1	1	1
Number of CO2 capture trains	-	4	4	8
Number of CO2 compression trains	-	1	1	1
Equipment Data - Inlet Gas Conditioning Train (Common to all configurations)				
Inlet Booster Fan				
Quantity per unit				
Flow rate	MMSCFD	1702	1,702	1,702
Pressure increase	psi	1.5	1.5	1.5
Brake power	hp	11,218	11,218	11,218
Direct Contact Cooler				
Water flow rate	gpm	31,054	31,054	31,054
Outlet gas temperature	F	104	104	104
Direct Contact Cooler Water Pump				
Flow rate	gpm	31,054	31,054	31,054
Brake power	hp/unit	1,393	1,393	1,393
Cooling Water System - DCC				
Duty to cool inlet gas	MMBtu/h	292	292	292
Water Rates	gpm	31,054	31,054	31,054
Equipment Data - CO2 Capture				
Absorber				
CO2 removal		90	90	90
Absorber selected diamter	ft	32.0	35	39
Height of packing	ft	74.0	74	50
Rich Amine Pump				
Flow rate per train	gpm	28,761	25,241	4,654
Flow rate per unit	gpm	115,043	100,964	37,230
Brake power per train	hp/train	1,808	1,587	284
Brake power per unit	hp/unit	7,233	6,347	2,268
Rich Amine Carbon Filter				
Slipstream fraction of rich circulation rate				15
Flow rate per train	gpm/train	4,314	3,786	698
Flow rate per unit	gpm/unit	17,256	15,145	5,584
Particulate Filter				
Slipstream fraction of rich circulation rate				15
Flowrate per train	gpm/train	4314	3786	698
Flow rate per unit	gpm/unit	17,256	15,145	5,584
Rich Amine High Pressure Booster Pump				
Flow rate per train	gpm per train	-	21202	3337
Flow rate per unit	gpm per unit	-	84807	26696
Brake power per train	hp/train	-	295	52
Brake power per unit	hp/unit	-	1,181	416
Rich/Lean Amine Exchanger				
Duty per train	MMBtu/h-train	1,022	610	150
Duty per unit	MMBtu/h-unit	4,087	2,442	1,200
Heat transfer coefficient	Btu/hr-ft2-F	651	651	651
LMTD	F	9.2	9.6	14.0
Area per train	ft2	183,629	97,945	16,402
Area per unit	ft2	734,515	391,779	131,219
Rich/Semi-Lean Amine Exchanger				
Duty per train	MMBtu/h-train	-	93	61
Duty per unit	MMBtu/h-unit	-	373	490
Heat transfer coefficient	Btu/hr-ft2-F	-	651	651
LMTD	F	-	8.2	15.4
Area per train	ft2	-	17,424	6,104
Area per train	ft2	-	69,697	48,830

Table 4-2. Equipment Comparison Table (English Units, continued)

Description	Units	Base Case	MEA/PZ Double Matrix	MDEA/PZ Double Matrix
Low Pressure Stripper				
Bottom Pressure	psia	25	25	25
Packing type				
Diameter	ft	26.0	13.0	12.0
Height of packing	ft	4.9	4.9	20.0
T-T height	ft	26	26	n/a
Diameter	ft	-	20.0	12.0
Height of packing	ft	-	12.3	25.0
T-T height	ft	-	40	65
Low Pressure Reboiler				
Number				
Duty per train	MMBtu/h-train	414.2	165.2	15.0
Duty per unit	MMBtu/h-unit	1,657	661	120
Heat transfer coefficient	Btu/h-ft2-F	150	150	150
Steam pressure	psia	35	35	45
LMTD	F	37	38	34
Area	ft2	74,312	28,789	2,982
Low Pressure Condenser				
Number				
Duty per train	MMBtu/h-train	125	33.2	16.5
Duty per unit	MMBtu/h-unit	501	133	132
Heat transfer coefficient	Btu/h-ft2/F	80	80	80
LMTD	F	50	45	47
Area per train	ft2	31,171	9292	4352
Low Pressure Condenser Accumulator				
r Number				
Diameter	ft	9.0	4	6
Length	ft	38.0	16	24
Low Pressure Stripper Condensate Pump				
Flow rate per train	gpm per train	249	57	29
Flow rate per unit	gpm per unit	998	228	234
Brake power per train	hp/train	6.7	2.0	0.8
Brake power per unit	hp/unit	26.9	8	6
Low Pressure Lean Amine Pump				
Flow rate per train	gpm	28,545	20,789	27,731
Flow rate per unit	gpm	114,178	83,155	3,466
Brake power per train	hp/train	1,538	1,120	151
Brake power per unit	hp/unit	6,153	4,481	1,205
Low Pressure Semi-Lean Pump				
Flow rate per train	gpm	-	4,118	1,556
Flow rate per unit	gpm	-	16,473	104
Brake power per train	hp/train	-	166	79
Flow rate per unit	hp/unit	-	665	630
High Pressure Stripper				
Bottom Pressure	psia	-	40.5	42.9
Packing type				
Diameter	ft	-	22.0	15.0
T-T Length	ft	-	44.0	48.0
Height of packing	ft	-	4.9	40.0
High Pressure Reboiler				
Number				
Duty per train	MMBtu/h-train	-	164	100
Duty per unit	MMBtu/h-unit	-	658	800
Heat transfer coefficient	Btu/h-ft2-F	-	150	150
Steam pressure	psia	-	35	45
LMTD	F	-	40	23
Area	ft2	-	27,632	28,993

Table 4-2. Equipment Comparison Table (English Units, continued)

Description	Units	Base Case	MEA/PZ Double Matrix	MDEA/PZ Double Matrix
High Pressure Stripper Condensate Pump				
Flow rate per unit	gpm per unit	-	124	302
Brake power per train	hp/train	-	2.2	1.8
Lean Cooler				
Duty per train	MMBtu/h-train	300	246	35
Duty per unit	MMBtu/h-unit	1,202	985	282
Heat transfer coefficient	Btu/h-ft2/F	140	140	140
LMTD	F	21	24	20
Area	ft2	102,690	73,081	12,813
Semi-lean Cooler				
Duty per train	MMBtu/h-train	-	47	16
Duty per unit	MMBtu/h-unit	-	190	127
Heat transfer coefficient	Btu/h-ft2/F	-	140	140
LMTD	F	-	24	20
Area	ft2	-	14,097	5,773
Lean Surge Tank				
Tank capacity	gal	412,073	300,467	48,436
Makeup Amine Tank				
Tank volume	gal	117,758	121,945	118,050
Makeup Amine Pumps				
Flow rate per unit	gpm per unit	2.92	3.0	2.9
Water Tank				
Capacity	gal	100,000	100,000	245,775
Water Pump				
Flow rate per train	gpm per train	100	100	341
Equipment Data - CO2 Compression				
Compressors				
Number of stages		4	5	5
Compressor discharge pressure	psia	1,400	1,400	1,400
Total brake power required (total unit)	hp	54,536	51,788	47,431
Inlet gas flow rate - Stage 1	acfm	98,023	75,237	36,745
	MMSCFD	199	125	70
Inlet gas pressure - Stage 1	psia	22.4	18	21
Inlet gas flow rate - Stage 2	acfm	36,270	56,285	52,225
	MMSCFD	193	195	195
Inlet gas pressure - Stage 2	psia	57.9	38	41
Driver		steam	steam	
Power available from steam	hp	68,984	54,895	34,022
Balance of power required from electric driver	hp		0	13,408
Excess available power	hp	14,447	3,108	0
Compressor Pump (last stage)				
Discharge pressure	psia	2205	2210	2205
Total brake power required (total unit)	hp	2518	2520	2525
Compressor Interstage Coolers				
Type				
Total cooler duty	MMBtu/h-unit	256	315	381
Compressor Interstage Separators				
Total capacity	gal	13,475	23,491	23,491
Steam Turbine - CO2 Compressor Driver				
Isentropic efficiency				72
Inlet temperature	F	600	600	600
Inlet pressure	psia	160	160	160
Turbine discharge pressure	psia	35	35	45

Table 4-2. Equipment Comparison Table (English Units, continued)

Description	Units	Base Case	MEA/PZ Double Matrix	MDEA/PZ Double Matrix
Equipment Data - Ancillary Equipment				
Cooling Water System - Utility				
Water Rates				
Stage 1 cooler	gpm	3973	7,399	12,941
Stage 2 cooler	gpm	3681	3,172	3,069
Stage 3 cooler	gpm	3605	2,981	2,908
Stage 4 cooler	gpm	7389	3,129	3,082
Stage 5 cooler	gpm	1853	6,733	6,665
Stage 6 cooler	gpm	-	1,849	1,855
Lean amine cooler	gpm per train	24147	19,794	2,830
Semi-lean amine cooler	gpm per train	-	3,812	1,271
LP stripper condenser	gpm per train	10059	2,672	1,327
Total	gpm per unit	157325	130,373	73,948

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5.0 CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS

This section describes the approach used to estimate the capital and operating costs for the CO_2 capture and compression process approaches evaluated in this study. The cost methodology is discussed first, followed by a presentation of the results.

5.1 Capital Costs

The purchased equipment costs for the amine unit and downstream compression train were obtained from a combination of vendor quotes and costing software using the size parameters discussed in Section 4. PDQ$ (Preliminary Design and Quoting Service) is a commercially available software package that estimates current purchased equipment costs for chemical process equipment. (The costs are in November 2006 dollars.) The software estimates costs for fabricated equipment and catalog items that are based on vendor information. The list below shows the source of the purchased equipment costs by type.

- Inlet gas blower – Vendor quote for blower, PDQ$ for motor
- Absorber and Stripper – PDQ$
- Packing for absorber and stripper – Vendor quote
- Pumps (rich/lean/semi-lean, condensate, makeup water and amine, DCC water pump) – PDQ$
- Filtration – PDQ$
- Pressure vessels (reflux accumulator and interstage compression separators) – PDQ$
- Exchangers (reflux condenser, lean amine cooler, reboiler and compressor interstage coolers) – PDQ$
- Amine cross-exchangers (rich/lean exchanger, rich/semi-lean exchanger) – Vendor quote
- Storage tanks (amine and water) – PDQ$
- CO_2 compressors and drivers – PDQ$ and vendor estimates for select cases

- CO_2 pump – Vendor quote
- Cooling tower system – PDQ$

Tables 5-1 through 5-3 show the major equipment list and purchased equipment costs for the three cases. The major differences in cost stem from the costs of absorbers, amine cross exchangers, and reboilers. The MEA baseline and the MEA / PZ double matrix case use high circulation rates and small CO_2 loading changes in the strippers to reduce steam requirements when compared with the previous approaches. This approach transfers costs from the operating domain (derating costs due to reboiler steam requirements) to the capital domain (larger cross exchanger costs). Additionally, the decrease in the steam turbine driver discharge pressure extracts more energy per pound of steam for use in driving the compressor, but this change results in lower temperature steam to the reboilers and thus larger reboilers. Again, this approach has shifted cost from the operating cost domain to the capital cost domain.

The installed costs for purchased equipment (everything but compression) were estimated using a factor methodology similar to that reported in chemical engineering literature (Peters and Timmerhaus, 1991). The installed cost factor for compression was based on vendor recommendations for this type of application. Table 5-4 shows the total process plant cost (PPC) for the different cases. PPC is equivalent to installed equipment cost.

Engineering/home office, project contingency, and process contingency were then added to the total process plant cost to arrive at the total plant cost (TPC). The process plant cost was increased by 10% to account for engineering and home office expenses per the DOE/NETL Systems Analysis Guidelines (SAG) (DOE 2005). A project contingency of 30% was used since the level of project definition seemed to fall in the AACE Estimate Class 3 for budget authorization (DOE 2005). A process contingency of 5% was used for all of the cases since the technology is a commercial process and this same factor was used by EPRI in other CO_2 capture studies (DOE 2005; EPRI, 2000). An interest and adjustment factor of 10% of the PPC was used to arrive at the total plant investment (TPI); this factor was also similar to other EPRI work in the CO_2 capture area (EPRI, 2000).

Per the DOE/NETL SAG (DOE 2005), the total capital requirement (TCR) is the total of the total plant investment and:

- Prepaid royalties – 0.5% of PPC for new technology and capital charge;
- Initial catalyst and chemical inventory – 30 days inventory;
- Startup costs – 2% of TPI, 30 days of chemical and operating labor, 7.5 days of fuel (discussed in Section 5.2);
- Spare parts – 0.5% of TPC
- Working capital – 30 days of fuel and consumables, 30 days of byproduct inventory, and 30 days direct expenses (discussed in Section 5.2); and
- Land – 1960 $/acre in 2006 dollars.

Table 5-5 shows how the total capital requirement was derived from the process plant cost as described above.

Table 5-1. Purchased Equipment Costs for MEA Base Case

Description	Type	Material of Construction	Design Condition (Per Train Basis)	Number of Trains	Cost per Train	Total Cost
Inlet Gas Blower	Centrifugal blower, SS or alloy process-wetter components	SS or alloy process-wetted parts	2.45 MMkg/h at 10.3 kPa pressure increase (5.40 MMlb/h at 1.5 psi pressure increase)	1	4,350,000	4,350,000
Direct Contact Cooler Water Pump	Centrifugal, 316SS	316 SS	7,050 m3/h at 35 m head (31,100 gpm at 115 ft)	1	456,112	456,112
Absorber	Packed tower, carbon steel vessel, Diameter = 9.8 m (32 ft), Total packed height = 22.5 m (74 ft), 316SS CMR #2 packing	CS vessel, 316SS packing	308 kPa and 149 C (300 F and 45 psia)	4	4,870,623	19,482,493
Rich Amine Pump	Centrifugal, 316SS	316SS	6530 m3/h at 52 m head (28,800 gpm at 170 ft)	4	502,095	2,008,380
Rich Amine Carbon Filter	Carbon steel with teflon gasket	CS with teflon gasket	Treats 15% of rich amine flow	4	150,195	600,780
Particulate Filter	Carbon steel with teflon gasket	CS with teflon gasket	Treats 15% of rich amine flow	4	150,195	600,780
Rich Amine Booster Pump		316SS				
Rich/Lean Amine Exchanger	Plate and frame, 316SS rich side, carbon steel lean side	316SS rich side, CS lean side	Duty = 299 MW (1,020 MMBtu/h) 1140 kPa and 110 C (165 psia and 230 F)	4	7,354,839	29,419,355
Rich/Semi-Lean Amine Exchanger		316SS rich side, CS semi-lean side		n/a	n/a	n/a
LP Stripper - Upper Section	Packed tower, carbon steel vessel, Diameter = 7.9 m (26 ft), Total packed height = 1.5 m (5 ft), 316SS CMR#2 packing	CS vessel, 316SS packing	260 kPa and 149 C (38 psia and 300 F)	4	551,681	2,206,723
LP Stripper - Lower Section		CS vessel, 316SS packing				
LP Reboiler	Kettle-type shell and tube, 316SS tubes and carbon steel shell	316SS tubes and CS shell	Duty = 121 MW (414 MMBtu/h) 446 kPa and 177 C (65 psia and 350 F)	4	3,882,142	15,528,568
LP Condenser	Shell and tube, 316SS tubes and carbon steel shell	316SS tubes and CS shell	Duty = 36.7 MW (125 MMBtu/h) 446 kPa and 177 C (65 psia and 350 F)	4	925,456	3,701,824
LP Condenser Accumulator	Horizontal 316SS vessel	316SS	446 kPa and 177 C (65 psia and 350 F)	4	113,893	455,572
LP Condensate Pump	Centrifugal, 316SS	316SS	57 m3/h at 21 m head (249 gpm at 70 ft)	4	11,064	44,256
Lean Amine Pump	Centrifugal, 316SS	316SS	6480 m3/h at 45 m head (28,500 gpm at 148 ft)	4	367,980	1,471,920
Semi-Lean Amine Pump		316SS		n/a	n/a	n/a

Table 5-1. Purchased Equipment Costs for MEA Base Case (continued)

Description	Type	Material of Construction	Design Condition (Per Train Basis)	Number of Trains	Cost per Train	Total Cost
HP Stripper		CS vessel, 316SS packing		n/a	n/a	n/a
HP Reboiler		316SS tubes and CS shell		n/a	n/a	n/a
HP Condenser				n/a	n/a	n/a
HP Condenser Accumulator				n/a	n/a	n/a
HP Condensate Pump		316SS		n/a	n/a	n/a
Lean Cooler	Shell and tube, 316SS tubes and carbon steel shell, water cooled	316SS tubes and CS shell	Duty = 88.0 MW (300 MMBtu/h) 791 kPa and 177 C (115 psia and 350 F)	4	2,679,761	10,719,044
Semi-Lean Cooler		316SS tubes and CS shell		n/a	n/a	n/a
Compressors	Centrifugal, four stages (plus pump, separate line item), 316SS	316SS	Discharge pressure = 9650 kPa, (1400 psia)	1	9,346,310	9,346,310
Compressor Driver - steam turbine			Discharge pressure = 239 kPa (34.7 psia)	1	12,300,000	12,300,000
Compressor Driver - electric				n/a	n/a	n/a
Compressor Pump (last stage)	Electric submersible Pump (ESP), 316SS	316SS	Discharge pressure = 15,200 kPa (2205 psia)	1	669,786	669,786
Compressor Interstage Coolers	Shell and tube, 316SS tubes and carbon steel shell, water cooled	316SS tubes and CS shell	Total duty = 75 MW (therm) (256 MMBtu/h)	1	2,148,968	2,148,968
Compressor Interstage Separators	316SS horizontal vessels	316SS	5 minute residence time	1	222,537	222,537
Makeup Amine Tank	Fixed roof tank	CS	446 m3 (118,000 gal)	1	89,871	89,871
Makeup Amine Pumps	Centrifugal	CS	4.5 m3/h at 37 m head (20 gpm at 120 ft head)	1	5,406	5,406
Water Tank	Fixed roof tank	CS	379 m3 (100,000 gal)	1	89,871	89,871
Water Pump	Centrifugal	CS	23 m3/h at 31 m head (100 gpm at 100 ft head)	1	8,000	8,000
Surge Tank	Fixed roof tank	CS	1,560 m3 (412,000 gal)	4	400,892	1,603,568
Reclaimer				4	2,774,916	11,099,662
Cooling Water System - DCC	Includes cooling tower, basin, fans, and pumps		7,050 m3/h (31,100 gpm)	1	1,227,690	1,227,690
Cooling Water System - Utility	Includes cooling tower, basin, fans, and pumps		35,700 m3/h (157,000 gpm)	1	11,613,560	11,613,560
Dehydration Unit			225,000 std m3/h (190 MMSCFD)	1	1,557,110	1,557,110
						143,028,147

Table 5-2. Purchased Equipment Costs for MEA / PZ Double Matrix

Description	Type	Materials of Construction	Design Condition (Per Train Basis)	Number of Trains	Cost Per Train	Total Cost
Inlet Gas Blower	Centrifugal blower	SS or alloy process-wetted parts	2.45 MMkg/h at 10.3 kPa pressure increase (5.40 MMlb/h at 1.5 psi pressure increase)	1	4,350,000	4,350,000
Direct Contact Cooler Water Pump	Centrifugal	316 SS	7,050 m3/h at 35 m head (31,100 gpm at 115 ft)	1	456,112	456,112
Absorber	Packed tower, Diameter = 10.7 m (35 ft), Total packed height = 22.5 m (74 ft), CMR #2 packing	CS vessel, 316SS packing	308 kPa and 149 C (300 F and 45 psia)	4	5,758,980	23,035,919
Rich Amine Pump	Centrifugal	316SS	5730 m3/h at 53 m head (25,200 gpm at 173 ft)	4	435,149	1,740,596
Rich Amine Carbon Filter		CS with teflon gasket	Treats 15% of rich amine flow	4	145,902	583,608
Particulate Filter		CS with teflon gasket	Treats 15% of rich amine flow	4	145,902	583,608
Rich Amine Booster Pump	Centrifugal	316SS	4820 m3/h at 12 m head (21,200 gpm at 38 ft)	4	259,932	1,039,728
Rich/Lean Amine Exchanger	Plate and frame	316SS rich side, CS lean side	Duty = 179 MW (610 MMBtu/h) 1140 kPa and 110 C (165 psia and 230 F)	4	4,179,743	16,718,971
Rich/Semi-Lean Amine Exchanger	Plate and frame	316SS rich side, CS semi-lean side	Duty = 27.3 MW (93 MMBtu/h) 1140 kPa and 110 C (165 psia and 230 F)	4	779,227	3,116,906
LP Stripper - Upper Section	Packed tower, Diameter = 4 m (13 ft), Total packed height = 1.5 m (5 ft), CMR#2 packing	CS vessel, 316SS packing	260 kPa and 149 C (38 psia and 300 F)	4	197,340	789,359
LP Stripper - Lower Section	Packed tower, Diameter = 6.1 m (20 ft), Total packed height = 3.8 m (12 ft), CMR#2 packing	CS vessel, 316SS packing	260 kPa and 149 C (38 psia and 300 F)	4	552,338	2,209,354
LP Reboiler	Kettle-type shell and tube	316SS tubes and CS shell	Duty = 48.4 MW (165 MMBtu/h) 446 kPa and 177 C (65 psia and 350 F)	4	1,573,520	6,294,080
LP Condenser	Shell and tube	316SS tubes and CS shell	Duty = 9.7 MW (33 MMBtu/h) 446 kPa and 177 C (65 psia and 350 F)	4	338,790	1,355,160
LP Condenser Accumulator	Horizontal vessel	316SS	446 kPa and 177 C (65 psia and 350 F)	4	23,049	92,196
LP Condensate Pump	Centrifugal	316SS	13 m3/h at 28 m head (57 gpm at 93 ft)	4	8,924	35,696
Lean Amine Pump	Centrifugal	316SS	4,720 m3/h at 46 m head (20,800 gpm at 148 ft)	4	306,650	1,226,600
Semi-Lean Amine Pump	Centrifugal	316SS	681 m3/h at 36 m head (3,000 gpm at 118 ft)	4	78,588	314,352

Table 5-2. Purchased Equipment Costs for MEA / PZ Double Matrix (continued)

Description	Type	Materials of Construction	Design Condition (Per Train Basis)	Number of Trains	Cost Per Train	Total Cost
HP Stripper	Packed tower, Diameter = 6.7 m (22 ft), Total packed height = 1.5 m (5 ft), CMR#2 packing	CS vessel, 316SS packing	446 kPa and 177 C (65 psia and 350 F)	4	512,565	2,050,261
HP Reboiler	Kettle-type shell and tube	316SS tubes and CS shell	Duty = 48.2 MW (164 MMBtu/h) 446 kPa and 177 C (65 psia and 350 F)	4	1,519,425	6,077,700
HP Condensate Pump	Centrifugal	316SS	28 m3/h at 14 m head (124 gpm at 47 ft)	1	8,088	8,088
Lean Cooler	Shell and tube, water cooled	316SS tubes and CS shell	Duty = 72.2 MW (246 MMBtu/h) 791 kPa and 177 C (115 psia and 350 F)	4	1,921,255	7,685,020
Semi-Lean Cooler	Shell and tube, water cooled	316SS tubes and CS shell	Duty = 13.9 MW (47.4 MMBtu/h) 791 kPa and 177 C (115 psia and 350 F)	4	474,177	1,896,708
Compressors	Centrifugal, five stages (plus pump, separate line item)	316SS	Discharge pressure = 9650 kPa, (1400 psia)	1	8,943,740	8,943,740
Compressor Driver - steam turbine			Discharge pressure = 239 kPa (34.7 psia)	1	10,724,660	10,724,660
Compressor Driver - electric				n/a	n/a	n/a
Compressor Pump (last stage)	Electric submersible Pump (ESP)	316SS	Discharge pressure = 15,200 kPa (2205 psia)	1	669,786	669,786
Compressor Interstage Coolers	Shell and tube, water cooled	316SS tubes and CS shell	Total duty = 92 MW (therm) (315 MMBtu/h)	1	3,608,784	3,608,784
Compressor Interstage Separators	Horizontal vessels	316SS	5 minute residence time	1	493,786	493,786
Makeup Amine Tank	Fixed roof tank	CS	462 m3 (122,000 gal)	1	89,871	89,871
Makeup Amine Pumps	Centrifugal	CS	4.5 m3/h at 37 m head (20 gpm at 120 ft head)	1	5,406	5,406
Water Tank	Fixed roof tank	CS	379 m3 (100,000 gal)	1	89,871	89,871
Water Pump	Centrifugal	CS	23 m3/h at 31 m head (100 gpm at 100 ft head)	1	8,000	8,000
Surge Tank	Fixed roof tank	CS	1,140 m3 (300,000 gal)	4	147,548	590,192
Reclaimer				4	2,774,916	11,099,662
Cooling Water System - DCC	Includes cooling tower, basin, fans, and pumps		7,050 m3/h (31,100 gpm)	1	1,227,690	1,227,690
Cooling Water System - Utility	Includes cooling tower, basin, fans, and pumps		29,600 m3/h (130,000 gpm)	1	9,443,780	9,443,780
Dehydration Unit			225,000 std m3/h (190 MMSCFD)	1	1,558,732	1,558,732
Total						130,213,982

Table 5-3. Purchased Equipment Costs for MDEA / PZ Double Matrix

Description	Type	Materials of Construction	Design Condition (Per Train Basis)	Number of Trains	Cost per Train	Total Cost
Inlet Gas Blower	Centrifugal blower	SS or alloy process-wetted parts	2.45 MMkg/h at 10.3 kPa pressure increase (5.40 MMlb/h at 1.5 psi pressure increase)	1	4,350,000	4,350,000
Direct Contact Cooler Water Pump	Centrifugal	316 SS	7,050 m3/h at 35 m head (31,100 gpm at 115 ft)	1	456,112	456,112
Absorber	Packed tower, Diameter = 11.9 m (39 ft), Total packed height = 15 m (50 ft), Flexipac 1Y	CS vessel, 316SS packing	308 kPa and 149 C (300 F and 45 psia)	8	5,080,455	40,643,639
Rich Amine Pump	Centrifugal	316SS	1,060 m3/h at 45 m head (4,650 gpm at 147 ft of head)	8	91,995	735,960
Rich Amine Carbon Filter		CS with teflon gasket	Treats 15% of rich amine flow	8	25,684	205,472
Particulate Filter		CS with teflon gasket	Treats 15% of rich amine flow	8	25,684	205,472
Rich Amine Booster Pump	Centrifugal	316SS	758 m3/h at 12 m head (3,340 gpm at 38 ft of head)	8	49,920	399,360
Rich/Lean Amine Exchanger	Plate and frame	316SS rich side, CS lean side	Duty = 44 MW (150 MMBtu/h) 1140 kPa and 110 C (165 psia and 230 F)	8	751,478	6,011,826
Rich/Semi-Lean Amine Exchanger	Plate and frame	316SS rich side, CS semi-lean side	Duty = 18 MW (61 MMBtu/h) 1140 kPa and 110 C (165 psia and 230 F)	8	415,273	3,322,180
LP Stripper - Upper Section	Packed tower, Diameter = 3.7 m (12 ft), Total packed height = 6.1 m (20 ft), Flexipac 1Y packing	CS vessel, 316SS packing	260 kPa and 149 C (38 psia and 300 F)	8	158,336	1,266,690
LP Stripper - Lower Section	Packed tower, Diameter = 3.7 m (12 ft), Total packed height = 7.6 m (25 ft), Flexipac 1Y packing	CS vessel, 316SS packing	260 kPa and 149 C (38 psia and 300 F)	8	371,391	2,971,131
LP Reboiler	Kettle-type shell and tube	316SS tubes and CS shell	4.4 MW (15 MMBtu/h), 791 kPa and 204 C (115 psia and 400 F)	8	242,637	1,941,096
LP Condenser	Shell and tube	316SS tubes and CS shell	4.8 MW (16.5 MMBtu/h), 446 kPa and 149 C (65 psia and 300 F)	8	209,091	1,672,728
LP Condenser Accumulator	Horizontal vessel	316SS	4.8 MW (16.5 MMBtu/h), 446 kPa and 149 C (65 psia and 300 F)	8	70,764	566,112
LP Condensate Pump	Centrifugal	316SS	7m3/h at 21 m of head (29 gpm at 70 ft of head)	8	8,088	64,704
Lean Amine Pump	Centrifugal	316SS	787 m3/h at 36 m of head (27,700 gpm at 119 ft of head)	8	71,778	574,224
Semi-Lean Amine Pump	Centrifugal	316SS	353 m3/h at 32 m of head (3,470 gpm at 104 ft of head)	8	42,214	337,712

Table 5-3. Purchased Equipment Costs for MDEA / PZ Double Matrix (continued)

Description	Type	Materials of Construction	Design Condition (Per Train Basis)	Number of Trains	Cost per Train	Total Cost
HP Stripper	Packed tower, Diameter = 4.6 m (15 ft), Total packed height = 12 m (40 ft), Flexipac 1Y packing	CS vessel, 316SS packing	446 kPa and 149 C (65 psia and 300 F)	8	712,284	5,698,271
HP Reboiler	Kettle-type shell and tube	316SS tubes and CS shell	29 MW (100 MMBtu/h), 791 kPa and 204 C (115 psia and 400 F)	8	1,597,095	12,776,760
HP Condensate Pump	Centrifugal	316SS	69 m3/h at 8 m of head (302 gpm at 27 ft of head)	1	11,680	11,680
Lean Cooler	Shell and tube, water cooled	316SS tubes and CS shell	10.3 MW (35.2 MMBtu/h) 791 kPa and 177 C (115 psia and 350 F)	8	442,628	3,541,024
Semi-Lean Cooler	Shell and tube, water cooled	316SS tubes and CS shell	4.6 MW (15.8 MMBtu/h) 791 kPa and 177 C (115 psia and 350 F)	8	257,498	2,059,984
Compressors	Centrifugal, five stages (plus pump, separate line item)	316SS	Discharge pressure = 9650 kPa, (1400 psia)	1	6,938,700	6,938,700
Compressor Driver - steam turbine				1	8,701,782	8,701,782
Compressor Driver - electric				1	7,800,000	7,800,000
Compressor Pump (last stage)	Electric submersible Pump (ESP)	316SS	Discharge pressure = 15,200 kPa (2205 psia)	1	670,979	670,979
Compressor Interstage Coolers	Shell and tube, water cooled	316SS tubes and CS shell	Total duty = 112 MW (therm) (381 MMBtu/h)	1	4,483,757	4,483,757
Compressor Interstage Separators	Horizontal vessels	316SS	5 minute residence time	1	493,786	493,786
Makeup Amine Tank	Fixed roof tank	CS	447 m3 (118,000 gal)	1	89,871	89,871
Makeup Amine Pumps	Centrifugal	CS	4.5 m3/h at 37 m head (20 gpm at 120 ft head)	1	5,406	5,406
Water Tank	Fixed roof tank	CS	930 m3 (246,000 gal)	1	127,094	127,094
Water Pump	Centrifugal	CS	78 m3/h (341 gpm)	1	31,936	31,936
Surge Tank	Fixed roof tank	CS	183 m3 (48,400 gal)	8	64,121	512,968
Reclaimer				8	1,387,458	11,099,662
Cooling Water System - DCC	Includes cooling tower, basin, fans, and pumps		7,050 m3/h (31,100 gpm)	1	1,227,690	1,227,690
Cooling Water System - Utility	Includes cooling tower, basin, fans, and pumps		16,800 m3/h (73,900 gpm)	1	5,060,320	5,060,320
Dehydration Unit				1	1,560,417	1,560,417
Total						138,616,505

Table 5-4. Process Plant Costs

	Factors		Costs			
Description	Units	Value	Units	MEA Base Case	MEA / PZ Double Matrix	MDEA / PZ Double Matrix
Process Plant Cost (PPC)						
CO2 capture purchased equipment costs			$	118,341,000	105,773,000	109,528,000
Installation						
Total installation	% of capture PEC	104	$	123,074,000	132,217,000	136,909,000
CO2 capture installed equipment costs			$	241,415,000	237,990,000	246,437,000
CO2 compression purchased equipment costs			$	24,688,000	24,441,000	29,089,000
Installation	% of compression PEC	180	$	44,438,000	43,993,000	52,360,000
CO2 compression installed equipment costs			$	69,125,000	68,434,000	81,449,000
Process Plant Cost (PPC)			$	310,540,000	306,424,000	327,886,000

Table 5-5. Total Capital Requirement

	Factors		Costs			
Description	**Units**	**Value**	**Units**	**MEA Base Case**	**MEA / PZ Double Matrix**	**MDEA / PZ Double Matrix**
Process Plant Cost (PPC)			$	310,540,000	306,424,000	327,886,000
Total Plant Cost (TPC)						
Engineering cost	% of PPC	10	$	31,054,000	30,642,000	32,789,000
Process Contingency	% of PPC	5	$	15,527,000	15,321,000	16,394,000
Project Contingency	% of PPC	30	$	93,162,000	91,927,000	98,366,000
Total Plant Cost (TPC)			$	450,283,000	444,315,000	475,435,000
Total Plant Investment (TPI)						
Interest and Inflation Factor	% of PPC	10	$	31,054,000	30,642,000	32,789,000
Total Plant Investment			$	481,337,000	474,957,000	508,223,000
Total Capital Requirement (TCR)						
Prepaid royalties	% of PPC	0.5	$	1,553,000	1,532,000	1,639,000
Initial catalyst and chemical inventory	days inventory	30	$	557,000	571,000	600,000
Startup Costs						
Component 1	% of TPI	2	$	9,627,000	9,499,000	10,164,000
Component 2	days chemicals and operating labor	30	$	641,000	623,000	599,000
Component 3	days fuel inventory	7.5	$			
Spare parts	% of TPC	0.5	$	2,251,000	2,222,000	2,377,000
Working Capital						
Component 1	days fuel and consumables	30	$	634,000	616,000	592,000
Component 2	days byproduct inventory	30	$			
Component 3	days direct expenses	30	$	871,000	859,000	919,000
Land	1960	$/acre				
	20	acres	$	39,000	39,000	39,000
Total Capital Requirement			$	497,509,000	490,918,000	525,154,000

5.2 Operating Costs

The major operating and maintenance (O&M) costs for the CO_2 capture and compression process include consumables, maintenance costs, plant labor, and byproduct credits as shown in Table 5-6. This process does not have byproduct credits. The operating costs are based on a generic site location and should represent a reasonable average of those in various regions of the country.

Table 5-6. Operating and Maintenance Cost Parameters and Values

Consumables O&M Cost Components	**Value**	**Units**
Solvent cost	1200	$/tonne
Water cost	0.92	$/1000 gal
Solid waste disposal cost	175	$/tonne
Maintenance Costs		
Total maintenance cost	2.2	% of total plant cost
Labor Costs		
Maintenance cost allocated to labor	12	% of maintenance costs
Administration and support labor cost	30	% of operating labor
Operating labor	1	# operators

The O&M cost factors, except for operating labor, were obtained from the Systems Analysis Guidelines (DOE 2005). The variable O&M costs were specific to the operation of the CO_2 capture and compression system and depend on the capacity factor (or load factor) of the plant. A capacity factor of 80% was used as recommended in the Systems Analysis Guidelines.

The variable O&M components include costs of chemicals consumed, utilities, and services used. Solvent losses were estimated assuming a factor of 1.5 kg MEA/tonne CO_2 based on a review of the literature (Rao, 2004). This includes vaporization losses and degradation of the solvent for electric utility type operations. Quantifying solvent degradation losses is still a major technical unknown for these systems. Therefore, similar degradation rates and solvent unit costs were assumed for all solvents. The solid waste disposal cost includes such items as

activated carbon replacement. An activated carbon bed in the amine circulation path removes some of the compounds formed from the degenerated amine. These carbon beds need to be replaced, usually every 3-6 months at an estimated consumption rate of about 0.075 kg C/tonne CO_2 and the cost for solid waste disposal is $175/tonne waste (Rao, 2004). A cooling water system is included in the capital costs and so only makeup water requirements are considered as an operating expense. The estimated cost of makeup water is $0.92/1000 gallons (Rao, 2004). The total annual cost for each item is calculated by multiplying the unit cost by the total annual quantity used or consumed and the hours per year, given the plant capacity factor. The O&M costs are shown in Table 5-7.

Table 5-7. Summary of Operating and Maintenance Costs

Description	Units	MEA Base Case	MEA / PZ Double Matrix	MDEA / PZ Double Matrix
Total Operating Costs (TOC)				
Consumables (1 year at capacity factor)				
Chemicals				
Solvent unit cost	$/tonne	1,200		
Solvent usage	kg/h	644	661	695
Solvent cost per year - CO2 capture	$/year	5,417,000	5,556,000	5,841,000
Water				
Water unit cost	$/1000 gal	0.92	=	=
Makeup water rate	gpm	5845	4915	3433
Water cost per year - CO2 capture	$/year	2,261,000	1,901,000	1,328,000
Mercury removal (activated carbon)	$/year	0	=	=
Waste disposal				
	$/tonne	175	=	=
	kg waste/ tonne CO2 captured	0.075	=	=
	tonne/year	218	=	=
	$/year	38,000	38,000	38,000
Fuel	$/year	0	0	0
Total consumables - CO2 Capture	$/year	7,717,000	7,496,000	7,207,000
Maintenance Costs				
Factor	% of TPC	2.2	=	=
Total maintenance costs	$/year	9,906,000	9,775,000	10,460,000
Plant Labor				
Operating labor	1 operator/year	80,000	80,000	80,000
Supervisory and clerical labor				
Component 1	% of operating labor	30	=	=
	$/year	24,000	24,000	24,000
Component 2	% of maintenance cost	12		
	$/year	1,189,000	1,173,000	1,255,000
Total labor costs	$/year	1,293,000	1,277,000	1,359,000
Total Operating Costs	$/year	18,916,000	18,548,000	19,026,000
Byproduct Credits				
Unit price for CO2	$/tonne	0	=	=
Total byproduct credits	$/year	0	0	0
Net Operating Cost - CO2 Capture	$/year	18,916,000	18,548,000	19,026,000

"=" indicates equal to the base case.

The amine CO_2 capture unit and downstream compression also require electricity and steam to operate. However, these utilities are taken into account with the derating of the power plant and, therefore, no explicit cost is associated with them. This approach is the same as that used when describing the operating costs for a utility power plant without CO_2 capture. That is, the cost of electricity includes the fuel costs for the utility boiler but does not explicitly include a cost for the high-pressure steam that is produced in the boiler. The next section describes the derating calculations.

5.3 Derating

The energy requirements to operate the main facility and the CO_2 capture unit are withdrawn from the main power facility output either through electricity or steam. These energy draws decrease the net electrical output of the plant; they derate the plant. Power requirements of electric motors translate directly to electrical derating (a decrease in MWe). Energy requirements that are supplied using steam, such as the heat requirements for the reboilers, must be converted into electrical derating by calculating the amount of electrical generating capacity that the steam would have supplied to the main power facility had the steam not been diverted to the CO_2 capture system. The derating factor used for this study was 70 W derating for every 1 lb/h of steam diverted from the LP turbine of the main facility (145 W/(kg/h)). Table 5-8 summarizes the energy requirements for the three cases and then shows the electrical derating that results from each of the energy requirements. Finally, Table 5-8 shows the net generating capacity for the 500 MWe gross plant with and without CO_2 capture. Table 5-9 lists how the various energy demands correlate to electrical derating.

The MEA base case and the MEA / PZ double matrix case both use 20 psig steam (239 kPa, 34.7 psia). The energy provided by the CO_2 capture steam turbine exceeded the energy requirements to drive the CO_2 compressors. This energy was added back to the net generating capacity. The MDEA / PZ double matrix case required 30 psig steam (308 kPa, 44.7 psia). The energy supplied by the CO_2 capture steam turbine was not enough to drive the compressors; therefore, a supplemental electrical motor was included for this case.

The base plant has auxiliary power requirements of ~29 MW, so the net capacity without capture is 471 MWe. With CO_2 capture, the MEA base case net capacity is 339 MWe, the MEA / PZ double matrix net generating capacity is 356 MWe, and the MDEA / PZ double matrix is 378 MWe. Thus, when compared to the MEA base case, the MEA / PZ double matrix decreases the derating due to CO_2 capture by an estimated 13% (from 132.0 MWe to 115.2 MWe), and the MDEA / PZ double matrix decreases the derating due to CO_2 capture by an estimated 30% (from 132.0 MWe to 93.0 MWe).

Table 5-8. Derating Results

Description	Units	MEA Base Case	MEA / PZ Double Matrix	MDEA / PZ Double Matrix
Base Plant Gross Capacity	MWe	500.0	500.0	500.0
Pumps and Compressors Note 1				
Inlet gas blower	MW	8.4	8.4	8.4
Direct contact water cooler pump	MW	1.0	1.0	1.0
Rich amine pump	MW	5.4	4.7	1.7
Rich amine booster pump	MW	-	0.9	0.3
LP lean amine pump	MW	4.6	3.3	0.8
LP semi-lean pump	MW	-	0.5	0.9
HP lean pump	MW	-	-	-
Cooling tower pumps	MW	3.7	3.1	1.9
Compression - 1st Stage	MW	10.7	4.9	2.5
Compression - 2nd Stage	MW	11.2	9.3	9.1
Compression - 3rd Stage	MW	10.1	9.1	8.8
Compression - 4th Stage	MW	8.7	8.2	8.0
Compression - 5th Stage	MW	-	7.1	6.9
Compression - ESP	MW	1.9	1.9	1.9
Heat Exchangers Note 1				
Lean cooler	MW	352.2	288.7	82.6
Semi-lean cooler	MW	-	55.6	37.1
Rich-lean exchanger	MW	1197.8	715.6	351.7
Rich/semi-lean exchanger	MW	-	109.2	143.5
LP stripper condenser	MW	146.7	39.0	38.7
Stg 1 cooler	MW	14.5	27.1	47.3
Stg 2 cooler	MW	13.5	11.6	11.2
Stg 3 cooler	MW	13.1	10.9	10.6
Stg 4 cooler	MW	27.0	11.4	11.3
Stg 5 cooler	MW		24.6	24.4
ESP cooler	MW	6.8	6.8	6.8
HP reboiler	MW		192.7	234.5
LP reboiler	MW	485.5	193.7	35.2
Subtotals Note 1				
Inlet blower work	MW	8.4	8.4	8.4
Total pump work	MW	14.7	13.6	6.6
Total compressor work	MW	40.7	38.6	35.4
CO2 pump work	MW	1.9	1.9	1.9
Total cooling water duty	MW	573.9	475.7	270.0
Total reboiler heat duty	MW	485.5	386.4	269.7
Auxiliary Loads				
Base plant, PC	MWe	29.1	29.1	29.1
FGD system	MWe	0.0	0.0	0.0
ESP	MWe	0.0	0.0	0.0
SCR	MWe	0.0	0.0	0.0
Main facility derating	*MWe*	*29.1*	*29.1*	*29.1*
Inlet blower work (direct electricity usage)	MWe	8.4	8.4	8.4
Pump work (direct electricity usage)	MWe	14.7	13.6	6.6
Reboiler heat (steam derating)	MWe	117.8	93.7	66.2
Compressor work (supplemental electric driver)	MWe	0.0	0.0	10.0
CO2 pump work	MWe	1.9	1.9	1.9
Excess energy from turbine	MWe	-10.8	-2.3	0.0
CO2 capture derating	*MWe*	*132.0*	*115.2*	*93.0*
Total derating	*MWe*	*161.0*	*144.3*	*122.1*
Plant Net Electrical Capacity - without capture	**MWe**	**471**	**471**	**471**
Plant Net Electrical Capacity - with capture	**MWe**	**339**	**356**	**378**

Note 1: These MW values are not all directly related to MWe derating. See Table 5-9.

Table 5-9. Effect of Energy Requirements on Derating

Equipment	Type of Energy	Effect on Derating
Inlet blower work	Electricity	Directly related to derate
Total pump work	Electricity	Directly related to derate
Total compressor work	Steam driver	Must be converted
CO2 pump work	Electricity	Directly related to derate
Total cooling water duty	Cooling water	Does not derate
Total reboiler heat duty	Steam	Must be converted

5.4 Annualized Cost Summary

Once the total capital requirement (TCR) and the total O&M costs are known, the total annualized cost of the power plant was estimated as follows.

Total annual revenue requirement, TRR ($/yr) = (TCR * CRF) + TOM

where, TCR =total capital requirement of the power plant, $ and

CRF = capital recovery factor (fraction).

A capital recovery factor of 14% is used in the analysis for the cases as recommended by the DOE/NETL SAG (DOE 2005). Table 5-10 shows how these parameters vary for the different cases. The MEA base case and MEA / PZ double matrix only differ by a few percent, and the MDEA / PZ double matrix annual revenue requirement is less than 5% greater than the baseline. However, as will be discussed in Section 6, the differences in net generating capacity will affect the final economic analysis based on cost of electricity and cost of avoided CO_2 emissions.

Table 5-10. Total Annual Revenue Requirement

Description	Units	MEA Base Case	MEA / PZ Double Matrix	MDEA / PZ Double Matrix
Levelized capital charge factor	% / year	14	14	14
Annual CO_2 capture capital costs	MM$/yr	69.7	68.7	73.5
Annual CO_2 capture operating costs	MM$/yr	18.9	18.5	19.0
Total Annual CO_2 capture Revenue Requirement	MM$/yr	88.6	87.3	92.5

References (Section 5)

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6.0 ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

This section utilizes the annualized cost summary from Section 5 to compare the cost of electricity and the cost of CO_2 avoidance for the three cases.

6.1 Cost of Electricity

Table 6-1 presents the cost of electricity with and without CO_2 capture for the three cases. The base plant cost of electricity is assumed as 5 cents/kWh. The basis for these costs was previously presented in Section 5.

Table 6-1. Cost of Electricity

Description	Units	MEA Base Case	MEA / PZ Double Matrix	MDEA / PZ Double Matrix
Gross generating capacity	MWe	500	500	500
Net generating capacity without CO_2 capture	MWe	471	471	471
Net generating capacity with CO_2 capture	MWe	339	356	378
Base plant cost of electricity	c/kWh	5.0	5.0	5.0
Annual base plant costs	MM$/yr	165.0	165.0	165.0
Total annual CO_2 capture costs	MM$/yr	88.6	87.3	92.5
Total annual costs with CO_2 capture	MM$/yr	253.6	252.3	257.6
Total COE	c/kWh	10.7	10.1	9.7
Increase in COE	%	113	102	95

As shown in the table, the cost of electricity is highest (10.7 c/kWh) for the MEA base case. The increase in cost of electricity for the base case is estimated at 113%. For the MEA / PZ double matrix, the estimated increase is 102%. Finally, the estimated increase in cost of electricity for the MDEA / PZ double matrix is 95%, which is the smallest increase of the three cases. Generally speaking, addition of these CO_2 capture systems doubles the cost of electricity.

6.2 Cost of CO_2 Avoidance

Table 6-2 illustrates the cost of CO_2 avoidance for the three cases. The cost of CO_2 avoided is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Cost of } CO_2 \text{ avoided} = \frac{\left(\text{COE}_{\text{with capture}} - \text{COE}_{\text{without capture}}\right)}{\left(CO_2 \text{ emissions with capture} - CO_2 \text{ emissions without capture}\right)}$$

$$\frac{\$}{\text{tonne } CO_2}\left[=\right]\frac{\frac{cents}{kWh}\times\frac{1000\text{ kW}}{1\text{ MW}}\times\frac{1\$}{100\text{ cents}}}{\frac{\text{tonne } CO_2}{\text{MWh}}}$$

As shown in the table, the base case cost of CO_2 avoidance is 67.2 \$/tonne CO_2. The MEA / PZ double matrix cost of CO_2 avoidance is 60.2 \$/tonne CO_2, which represents a 10% decrease in cost of avoided CO_2 emissions. The MDEA / PZ double matrix cost of CO_2 avoidance is 55.0 \$/tonne CO_2 , which represents a savings of 18% in cost of avoided CO_2 emissions. Thus the range of cost savings achieved through use of the advanced solvent formulations and process configurations studied in this effort range from 10 to 18%.

6.3 Sensitivity to Plant Size

The DOE Systems Analysis Guidelines suggest that technologies and their costs be evaluated for different base plant sizes ranging from 200 MW to 1000 MW (DOE 2005). The size of these amine units is so large that multiple parallel trains are required due to size limitations for individual pieces of equipment (e.g. absorbers, pumps, heat exchangers, etc.). Therefore, smaller and larger plants would use additional or fewer amine trains and increase or decrease the pieces of equipment in equipment banks. The capital and operating costs scale linearly with respect to gross generating capacity in the range of 200 to 1,000 MW.

Table 6-2. Cost of CO_2 Avoided

Description	Units	No Capture	MEA Base Case	MEA / PZ Double Matrix	MDEA / PZ Double Matrix
Plant Net Electrical Capacity - without capture	MWe	471	471	471	471
Cost of electricity - without capture	c/kWh	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
CO_2 emitted - without capture	tonne/h	462	462	462	462
	tonne/MWh	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98
Plant Net Electrical Capacity - with capture	MWe		339	356	378
Cost of electricity - with capture	c/kWh		10.7	10.1	9.7
CO_2 emitted - with capture	tonne/h		46	46	46
	tonne/MWh		0.14	0.13	0.12
Cost of CO_2 avoided	$/tonne		67.20	60.19	55.05
Percent reduction in cost of CO_2 avoided	%			10.4	18.1

Note: "=" indicates a value equal to the MEA base case.

References (Section 6)

Department of Energy (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL). "Carbon Capture and Sequestration Systems Analysis Guidelines", April 2005.

7.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

This section summarizes the work completed under this Phase I SBIR project and presents the major findings and conclusions.

This project furthers previous work done by Trimeric and the University of Texas at Austin that proposed novel solvent formulations and process configurations. These novel systems could theoretically reduce energy costs of amine-based CO_2 capture at coal-fired power plants by 5% to 20% when compared to conventional systems employing monoethanolamine (MEA). The specific technical objectives for Phase I of this SBIR project include the following:

- Establish the two most promising systems of solvent formulation and process scheme,
- Estimate the capital and operating costs of these top two systems,
- Compare these economics with baseline MEA configuration and with Office of Fossil Energy (OFE) targets,
- Resolve how the amine and compression systems will integrate with the power plant, and
- Select the best process configuration and solvent formulation for pilot testing in Phase II.

The Phase I work plan included six tasks to achieve the above technical objectives. First, a process screening study selected the two most promising advanced systems based on the calculated energy requirements for numerous combinations of solvent formulations and process configurations. Second, simulations were prepared for the inlet gas train, amine units, and compression trains in order to prepare heat and material balances. Third, equipment was sized and selected based on the simulation output. Input from industry sponsors was used to make appropriate assumptions and calculations for integrating the CO_2 capture system with the main power facility. Then, capital and operating costs were estimated. Finally, cost of electricity and cost of avoided CO_2 emissions were calculated in order to compare the two advanced cases with the updated base case.

An updated base case and two advanced cases were evaluated in detail:

Case Name	Solvent	Configuration
Base Case	7 m MEA	Conventional
MEA / PZ double matrix	7 m MEA, 2 m PZ	Double Matrix
MDEA / PZ double matrix	Proprietary concentrations	Double Matrix

Note: "m" equals molal.

The design basis for these evaluations was a 500 MW gross conventional coal-fired power plant using Illinois #6 subbituminous coal. A wet flue gas desulfurization (FGD) unit was assumed to be located upstream of the CO_2 capture unit. The target CO_2 removal is 90%. Any captured CO_2 is delivered at pipeline pressure (15.2 MPa, 2200 psia).

The major conclusions of this work are summarized in the following paragraphs:

- Estimates for the reductions in the cost of CO_2 capture ($/tonne CO_2 avoided) when compared to the base case MEA system ranged from 10 to 18 percent among the cases;
- Estimates for increases in the cost of electricity were 113% for the MEA base case, 102% for the MEA / PZ double matrix, and 95% for the MDEA / PZ double matrix. The base electricity cost used in this study was 5 cents/kWh.
- The configuration with the lowest estimated cost per tonne avoided was the MDEA / PZ double matrix (55.05 $/tonne CO_2 avoided);
- The derating due to CO_2 capture could be reduced by an estimated 13 to 30% (17 to 39 MWe) by employing advanced solvent formulations and process configurations; and
- Estimated reboiler steam requirements were reduced by 20 to 44 percent, which is desirable from the utility operating perspective though the capital costs to achieve these changes are large.

These results represent improvements in the economics; however, the results do not meet the DOE's goal of achieving CO_2 capture with less than a 20 % increase in the cost of electricity. Consequently, this Phase I report marks the end of this particular SBIR research project.