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# Update on the NET Power 50 MWth zero emission power station

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# NET Power

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# The NET Power Advantage

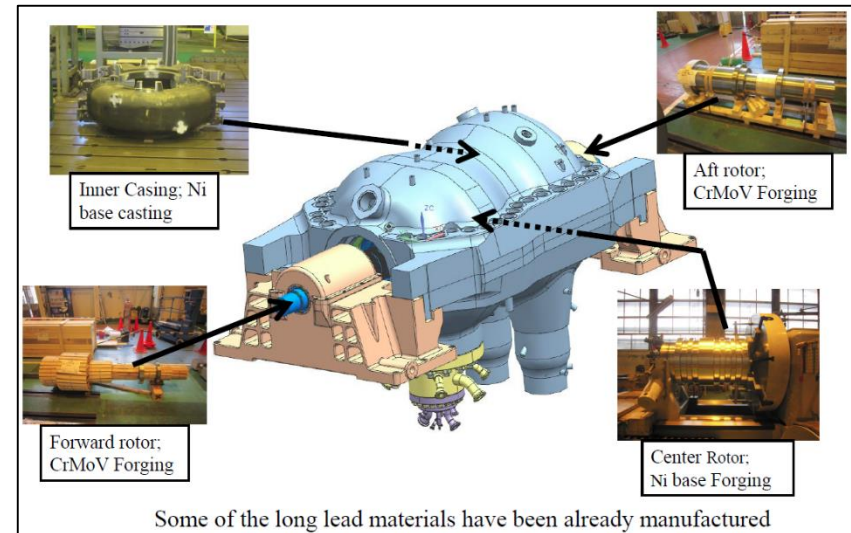
- **NET Power makes electricity from natural gas**
- **NET Power costs the same as, or less than, electricity from existing natural gas power plants**
- **NET Power will capture substantially all of the carbon and non-carbon atmospheric emissions without any additional cost**
- **NET Power also does not need to use water (at a small reduction in efficiency)**

# Readiness

***Every single item of equipment is commercially available, except the turbine***

The turbine is in an advanced state of readiness

- It is being engineered, designed and manufactured by Toshiba.
- The blades, stages and pressure shells are not new.
- Only the combustor is new.
- A 5MWt test combustor has been operating since January 2013.

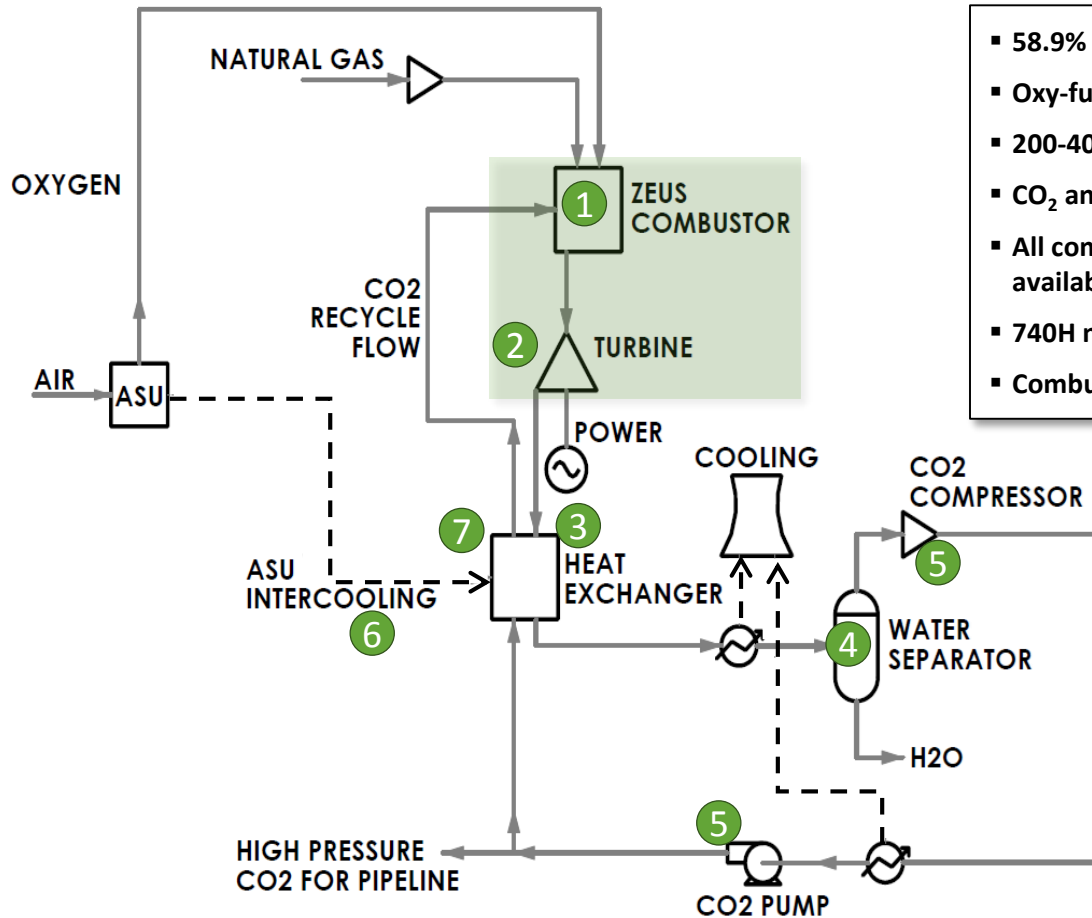


# Technology Overview and Status

The Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Allam Cycle



# NET Power is based on the Allam Cycle platform

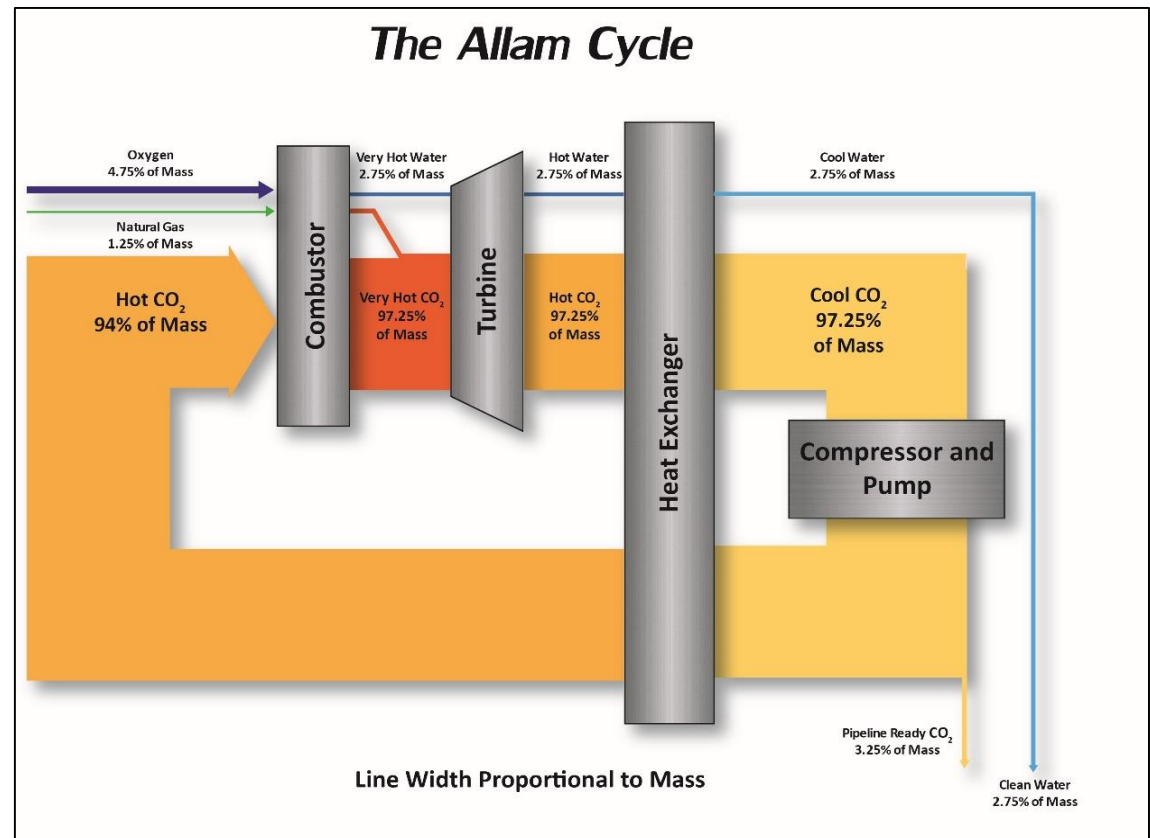


- 58.9% (LHV) net efficiency, with capture of >97% of carbon
- Oxy-fuel, closed-loop, CO<sub>2</sub> working fluid
- 200-400 bar; 6-12 pressure ratio
- CO<sub>2</sub> and water are the only byproducts
- All components, other than combustor and turbine, currently available
- 740H now in commercial use at two facilities
- Combustor and turbine under development by Toshiba

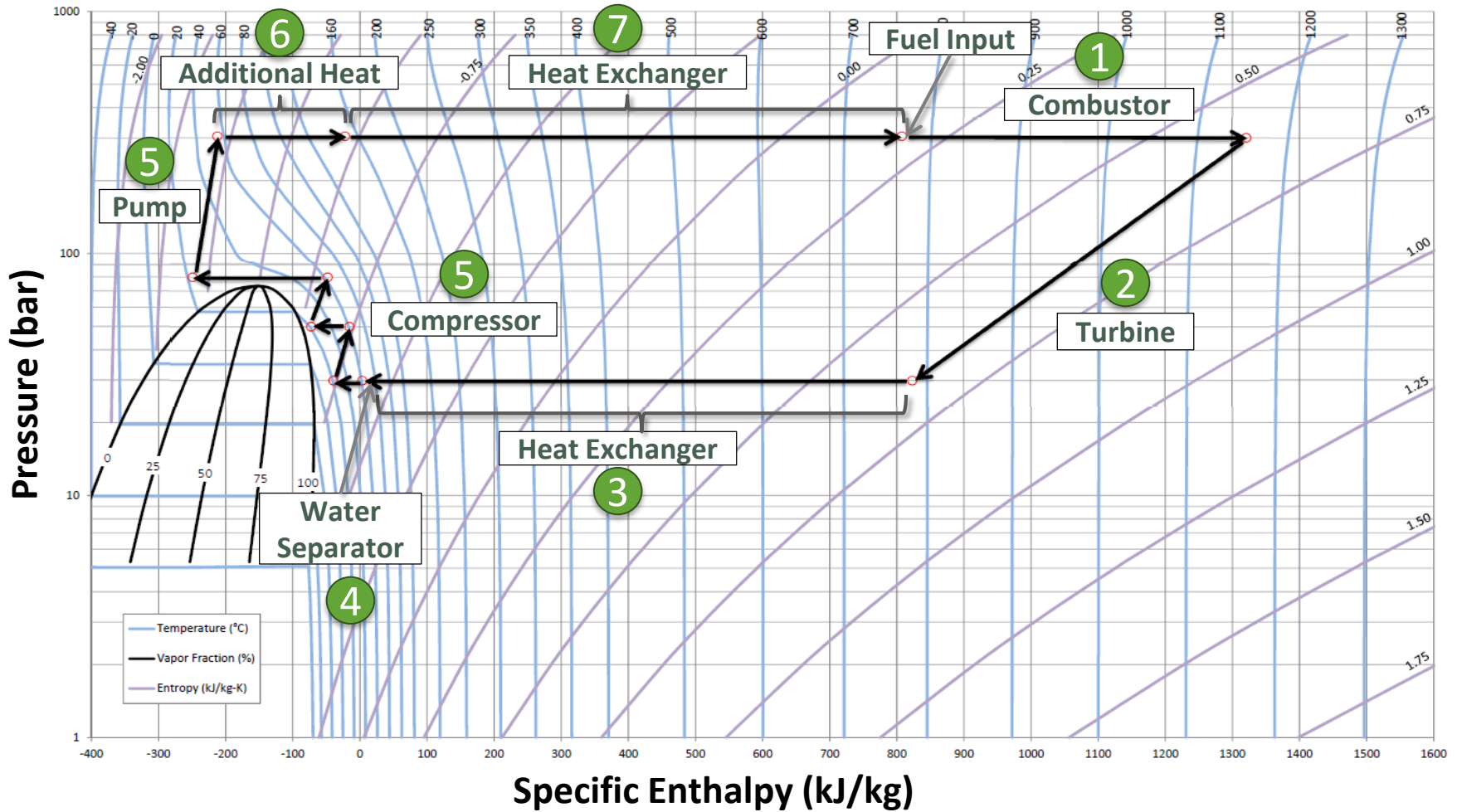
- 1 Fuel Combustion
- 2 CO<sub>2</sub> Turbine
- 3 Heat Rejection
- 4 Water Separation
- 5 Compression and Pumping
- 6 Additional Heat Input
- 7 Heat Recuperation

# The supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Allam Cycle is simple

- Oxy-combustion is a well-known method for simplifying carbon capture
- The main problem is that oxygen is too expensive to produce to make the process economic
- The Allam Cycle makes oxy-combustion economic by:
  - Relying on a more efficient core power cycle
  - Reducing ASU and O<sub>2</sub> costs by requiring less O<sub>2</sub> through recycling heat within the system



# The Allam Cycle natural gas power system



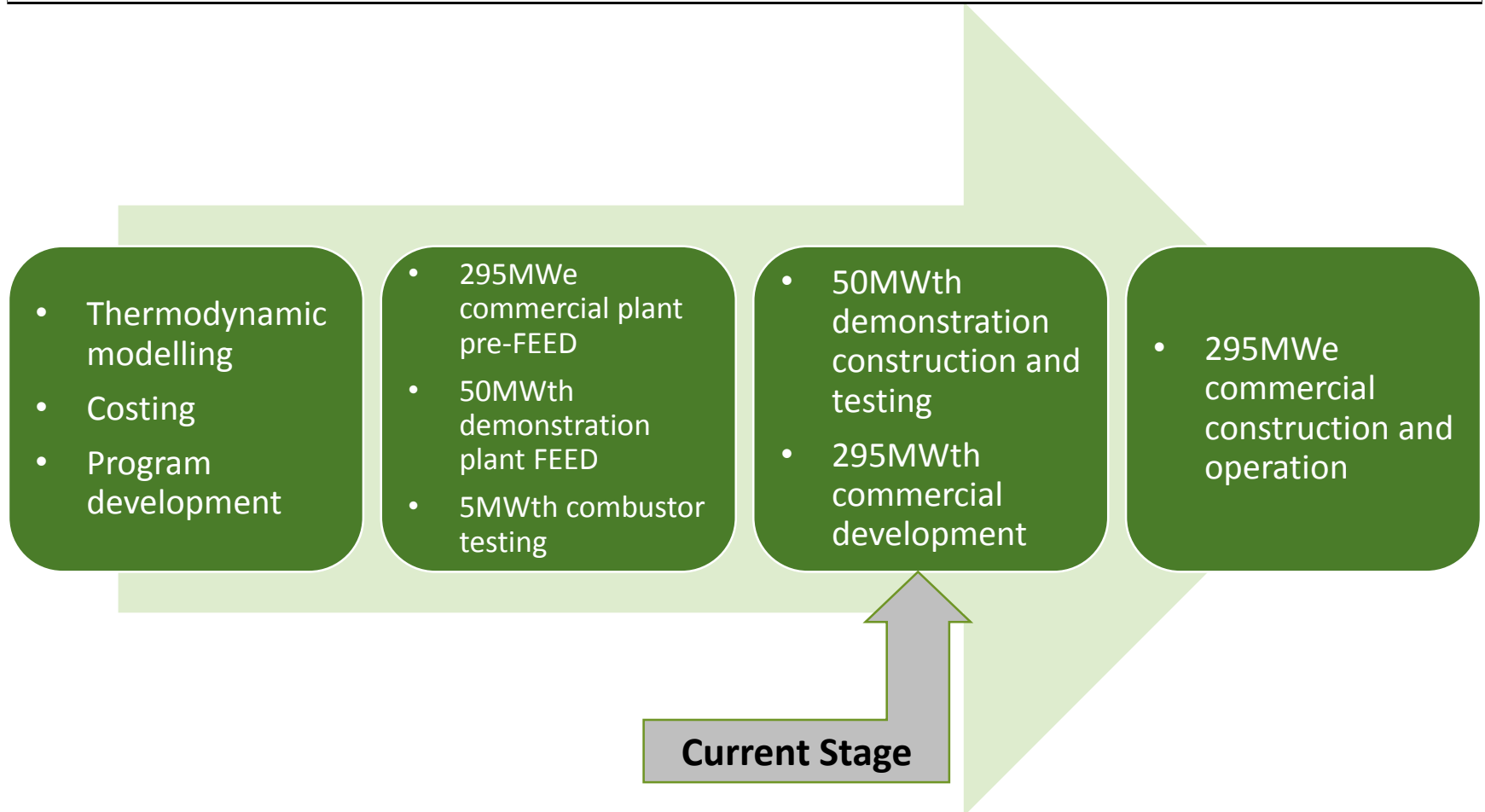


# NET Power's Development Program

Performance and Economics Overview



# Development pathway



# Construction is underway on NET Power's 50MW demonstration plant

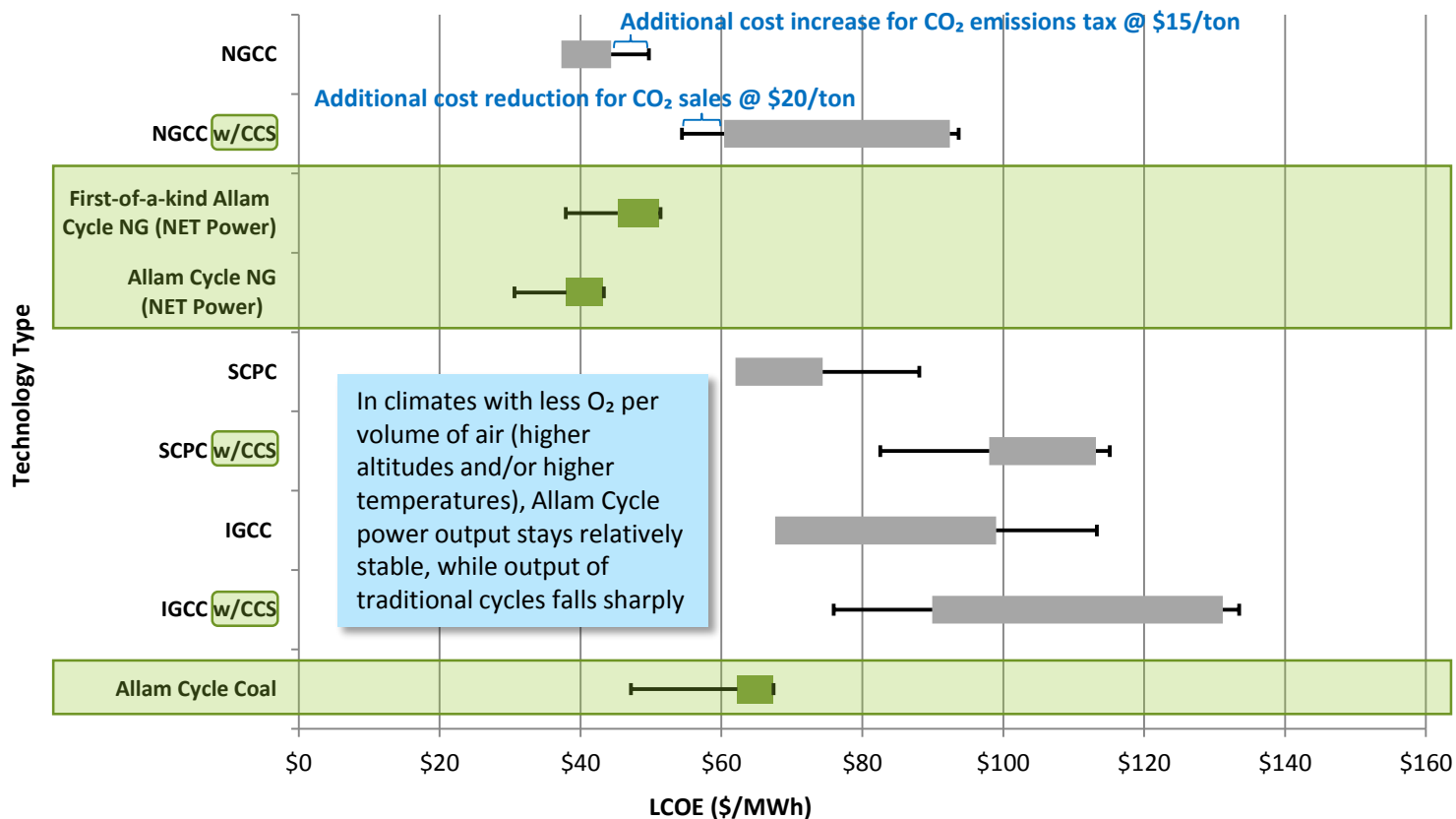
- **50MWth natural gas demonstration plant**
  - Plant design scaled down from 500MWth pre-FEED design to ensure scalability to commercial size
  - Site is in La Porte, TX
- **Plant includes all core components of the Allam Cycle**
  - Combustor/turbine, heat exchangers, pumps and compressors, control system, and ancillary equipment
  - Plant will undergo full performance evaluation (startup, shutdown, ramping, hot/warm/cold starts, emergency operations)
  - Oxygen will be pulled from a pipeline as opposed to a dedicated ASU
  - CO<sub>2</sub> will be generated at high pressure and quality, but will be emitted
    - CO<sub>2</sub> off-take found to be impractical for variable testing operation period
    - CO<sub>2</sub> quality will be confirmed and monitored to ensure viability for commercial facility
- **Program is fully funded**
  - \$140 million program includes first of a kind engineering, all construction, and testing period

# NET Power's Benefits

Performance and Economics Overview



# NET Power is competitive without CO<sub>2</sub> sales



- LCOE calculated using EPRI methodology
- Assumes natural gas at \$2.85/MMBTU and coal at \$1.73/MMBTU
- Every move of \$1 in natural gas moves LCOE \$6
- Cost ranges represent range of data combined from: EIA (2013), Parsons Brinkerhoff (2013); Black & Veatch (2012); DOE NETL (2012)

# NET Power plants are highly efficient

NET Power and Combined Cycle: Efficiency Comparison				
	HHV		LHV	
Energy Components	F-Class US NGCC Plant (0% CC)*	NET Power NG Plant (100% CC)	F-Class US NGCC Plant (0% CC)*	NET Power NG Plant (100% CC)
Gross Turbine Output	51.06%	74.65%	58.7%	82.7%
CO <sub>2</sub> Compressor Power (Compressors mechanically coupled)		-10.47%	(Compressors mechanically coupled)	-11.6%
Plant Parasitic Auxiliary Power	-0.86%	-11.01%	-1.2%	-12.2%
<b>Net Efficiency</b>	<b>50.20%</b>	<b>53.17%</b>	<b>57.5%</b>	<b>58.9%</b>

Parasitic Load Provides Opportunity for Efficiency Improvement	
ASU	91.8%
NG Compressor	8.2%

\*Performance data from NETL Cost and Performance Baseline Report, 2013.

# NET Power's low cost-of-capture solves the CO<sub>2</sub> utilization and storage problem

- **CO<sub>2</sub> capture**
  - at no extra cost
  - already at pressure (available from 30 bar/450 psi to 300 bar/4500 psi)
  - already high quality
- **Cheaper than geologic CO<sub>2</sub> used for Enhanced Oil Recovery (no associated lifting costs or mineral lease costs)**
- **Significantly lower-cost CO<sub>2</sub> enables much more economic utilization in a variety of ways**
  - Sequestration
  - Enhanced oil recovery
  - Enhanced coal bed methane recovery
  - Building materials
  - Biomass production
  - Chemical processes

# The NET Power advantage summarized

## Low-Cost

- Utilizes abundant, low-cost natural gas
- Produces electricity that is equal to, or less than, NGCC's cost of electricity
- No additional cost for CO<sub>2</sub> capture

## Cleaner

- Near-100% capture of all carbon emissions (>97%)
- No other air emissions, including NO<sub>x</sub>
- Water usage can be eliminated

## Flexible

- Less sensitive to changes in siting conditions (high altitude and temp)
- Siting not water or air permit constrained
- Capable of full electrical turndown without emissions issues, enabling fast response



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