# Chemical Looping Combustion, Gasification and Reforming

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# **CO<sub>2</sub> Capture from Fossil Energy**

**Technological Solutions** 



# **Chemical Looping Reaction Systems**





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#### Historical Development of Chemical Looping Technologies for Hydrogen Production and Combustion Application

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Technologies	Bergmann Process	Lane Process & Messerschmitt Process	Lewis and Gilliland Process	IGT HYGAS Process	CO <sub>2</sub> Acceptor Process
Time	1897	1910	1950s	1970s	1970s
Looping Media	MnO <sub>2</sub> /MnO/Mn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Fe/FeO/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Cu₂O/CuO	FeO/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	CaO/CaCO <sub>3</sub>
Reactor Design	Blast Furnace	Fixed Bed	Fluidized Bed	Staged Fluidized Bed	Fluidized Bed
C <sub>x</sub> H <sub>y</sub> O <sub>z</sub> CaO Reducer MnO <sub>2</sub> MnO <sub>2</sub> MnO <sub>2</sub> MnO <sub>2</sub> MnO <sub>3</sub> MnO <sub>5</sub> Mn <sub>2</sub> O Air Oxidizer spent-A Bergmann Process Coke Air Producer gas Retorts filled with iron ore Brick furnace	Recycle CO <sub>2</sub> for aeration Solid Fuel Solid Solid Fuel Solid Fuel Solid Solid Fuel Solid Solid Fuel Solid Solid Fuel Solid Solid Fuel Solid Solid Fuel Solid Solid Fuel Solid Sol	O <sub>2</sub> depleted air MeO <sub>x</sub> Hopper producer ga view Air CO <sub>2</sub> Iron oz	Fuel gas Pretreater Hydrogasifier Gas Gas Coal Fuel gas Residu	Gas purification CO2, aromatics Sulfur, NH3 Spent Sorbent Methanation Sorbent makeup	Fuel Gas Fuel Cao Gasifier Cao Gasifier Cao Steam Air
Lane Process Hydrogen					
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## **Recent Chemical Looping Technology Development**

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Technologies	ARCO GTG	Dupont	Chalmers	Hunosa	Darmstadt
Time	1980's	1990s	2000 onwards	2010 onwards	2010 onwards
Capacity		180M lb/yr	100 kW <sub>th</sub>	2 MW <sub>th</sub>	1 MW <sub>th</sub>
Looping Media	Supported Mn	VPO	Ni; Fe; Mn; Cu	$CaO - CaCO_3$	FeTiO <sub>3</sub>
Reducer Design	Fluidized Bed	Fluidized Bed	Fluidized Bed	Circulating Fluidized Bed	Fluidized Bed
Reactor Product Gas Reduced Catalyst CH <sub>4</sub> Oxidized Catalyst	generator Air Air Air Air Air Air Pagent Air Bupont Process	Riser Riser Butane	Fresh CaCO <sub>3</sub> Coal Coal Coal Coal Coal Hur Pro	NOSA Cess	Darmstadt Process

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## **Evolution of OSU Chemical Looping Technology**



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# A Quick Look at the Periodic Table

#### Cost Range (\$/kg)





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## **Oxygen Carrier Selection**

Primary Metal	Fe	Ni	Cu	Mn	Со	
Potential Supports	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , TiO <sub>2</sub> , MgO, Bentonite, SiO <sub>2</sub> , etc					
Cost	+	_	-	٢	_	
Oxygen Capacity <sup>1</sup> (wt %)	30	21	20	25 <sup>3</sup>	21	
Thermodynamics for CLC	+	~	+	+	+	
Kinetics/Reactivity <sup>2</sup>	_	+	+	+	_	
Melting Points	+	~	_	+	+	
Strength	+	_	~	~	~	
Environmental& Health	~	_	_	2	_	
Hydrogen Production	+	_	_	_	_	

1. Maximum theoretical oxygen carrying capacity; 2. Reactivity with  $CH_4$ ; 3.  $Mn_3O_4$  is the highest oxidation state based on thermodynamics, although not thermodynamically favorable, Mn is assumed to be the lowest oxidation state

## **Structure Variations of Iron Oxide**

#### **Under Redox Reaction**



# **Pellet Reaction Mechanism**

Ionic Diffusion for Unsupported Metal/Metal Oxides

#### $CaO+SO_2+1/2O_2 \rightarrow CaSO_4$



## **Pellet Reaction Mechanism**

Ionic Diffusion for Supported Iron

Partially oxidized Fe with support

Pt mapping



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# **Methane Partial Oxidation Pathway**

Fe Site with Oxygen Vacancy



# **Classical Thermodynamics: CH<sub>4</sub> and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>**



# Methane Partial Oxidation Pathway with CO<sub>2</sub>



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### OSU Chemical Looping Platform Processes Two Basic Modes



# **Reducer Design Concept: Combustion**



## Coal Gasification for Methanol Production: DOE Baseline (Traditional) Process



ASPEN PLUS v8.4 Condensed Flow Diagram with hierarchy blocks



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## Coal Gasification for Methanol Production: OSU Process



Simplified Block Flow diagram

ASPEN PLUS v8.4 Condensed Flow Diagram with hierarchy blocks

# Cost Analysis: Total Plant Capital Cost for 10,000 ton/day Methanol Production from Coal





# **Concluding Remarks**

- With major advances recently in oxygen carrier development and good results obtained in pilot plant demonstration, commercialization of chemical looping technology for combustion, gasification and reforming applications will be expected in the near future
- Metal Oxide Reaction Engineering and Particle Science and Technology are two underpinning science and engineering fields of close relevance to successful chemical looping technology development

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