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Boundary Dam CO₂ Capture Plant History



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 Originally constructed as a joint venture project with SaskPower, Sask Government, and three oil companies in the summer of 1987

- One objective was to test two different solvents from both Union Carbide and Dow Chemicals (now Fluor)
- Other objective was to test the effectiveness of removing SO₂ with the Anderson 2000 SO₂ Scrubber unit



CO₂ Capture Plant Details



- 0.5 MMSCFD Flue Gas(15% CO_2 , 5% O_2 , 15% H_2O , 380ppm SO₂, 350 ppm NOx)
- 4 tonnes/day CO₂
- Major Equipment
 Absorber-18"-64' high
 Stripper 16"-59' high
 Anderson 2000 SO₂
 removal Unit
 2 million Btu/hr boiler



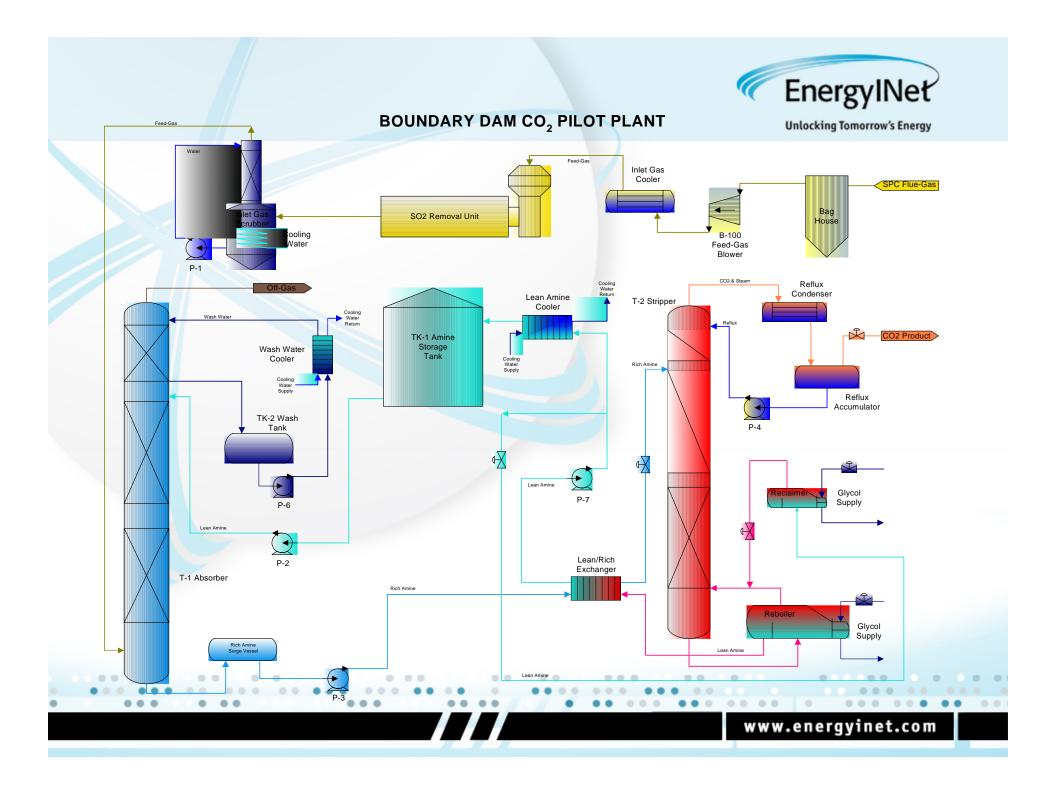
Boundary Dam CO₂ Pilot Plant Major Upgrades



Re-commissioning commenced summer of 2000

- 🐐 Install baghouse
- Various upgraded instrumentation, new control system, data acquisition, and equipment added.
 - Initial startup and shakedown of equipment in summer of 2001





UR CO₂ Capture Plant Details



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 4.8 10³m³/day (170 mscfd) feed gas – 11.6% CO₂, 1.1% O₂, 87.3% N₂

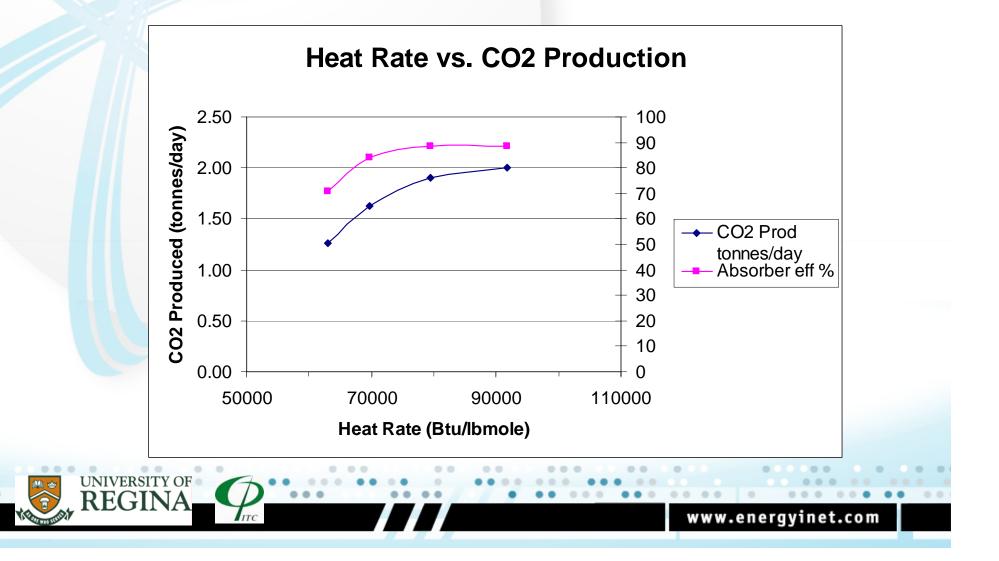
4 1 tonne/day CO₂ production

Absorber and stripper
 columns 305 mm (12") dia x
 10 m (32.8 ft) high

Steam supply to reboiler from boiler skid package

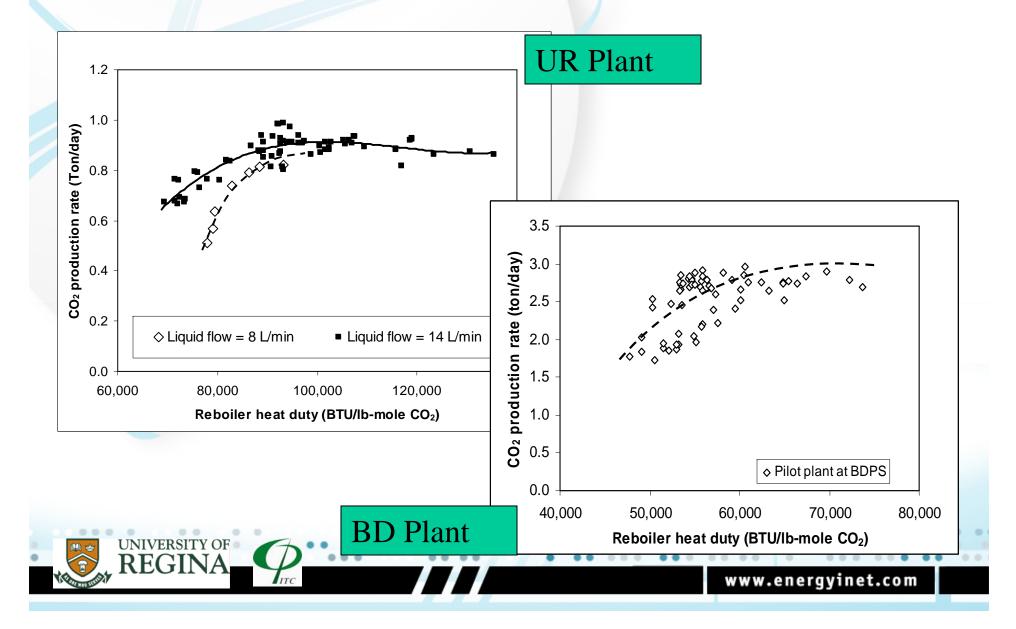


Heat Rate vs. CO₂ Production EnergyINet & Absorber Efficiency



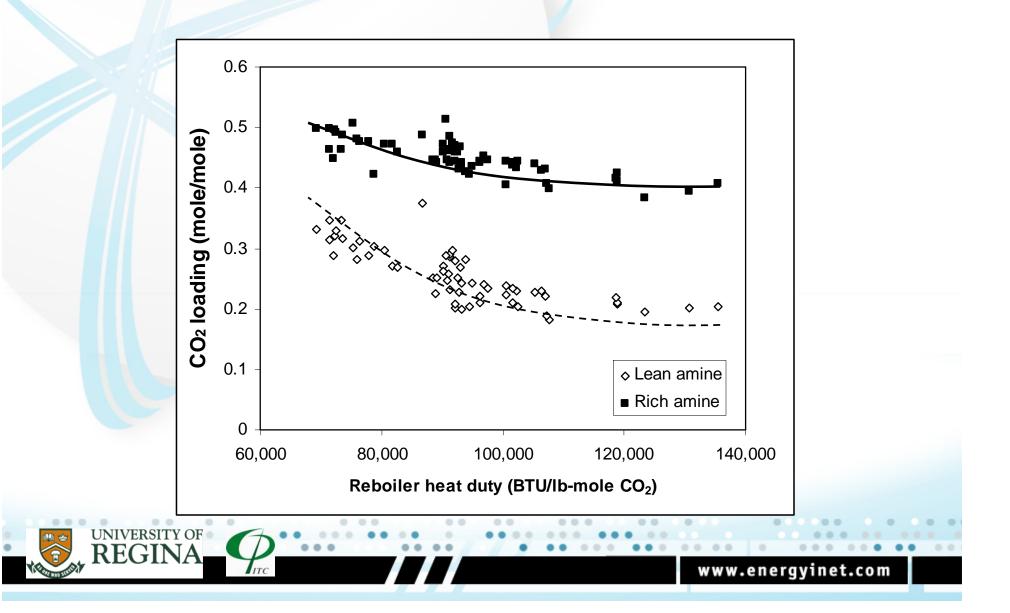
MEA 5 Molar Base (Heat Duty & CO₂ Production)





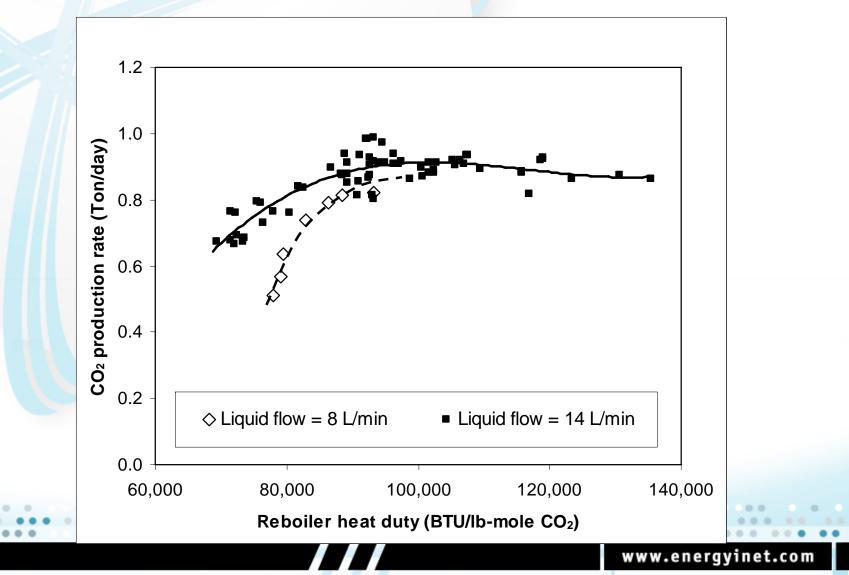
Effect of CO₂ Loading (UR Plant)



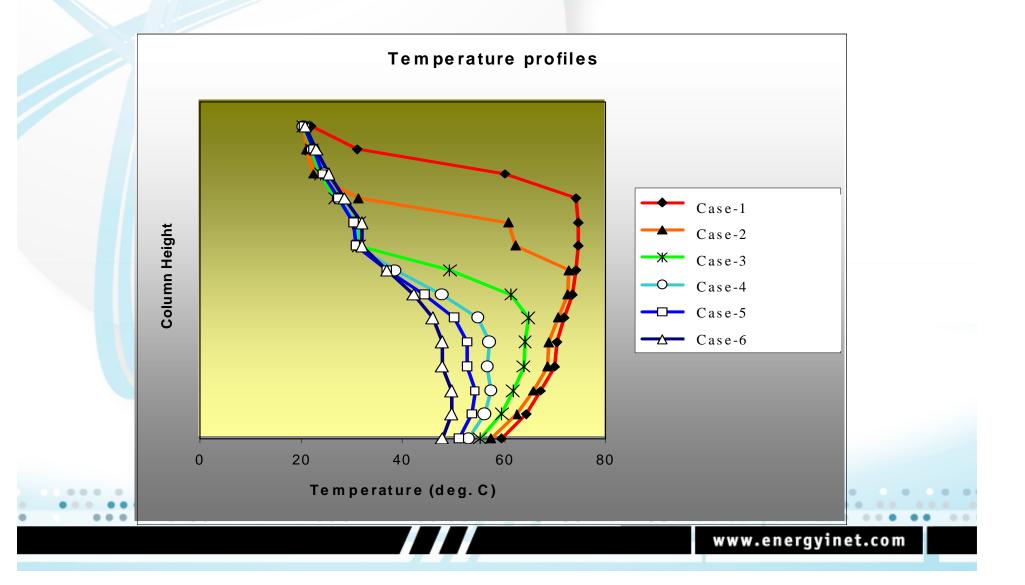


Baseline conditions with 5M MEA: Effect of Circulation Rate





Absorber Column Temperature Profile (UR Plant) Baseline Conditions



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Summary of Test Results

Successful use of UR pilot plant for amine-based tests

- Reboiler heat duty range:
 35,000 to 90,000 BTU/lbmole CO₂
- Low heat duty (35,000) could provide 75% removal
- Higher MEA concentration
 (> 5 Molar) : on-going



Phase 2 Test Program



- Testing of increased concentration
- Mixed amine testing to continue
- Affirm results of changing heat duty
- Comparative testing of "custom amines"
- Look at lower temperature systems
- Economic modeling
- Continued fundamental research
- Training program development

