

# **ALLAM CYCLE COAL – A NEW CLEAN COAL POWER CYCLE**

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# What is the Allam Cycle?

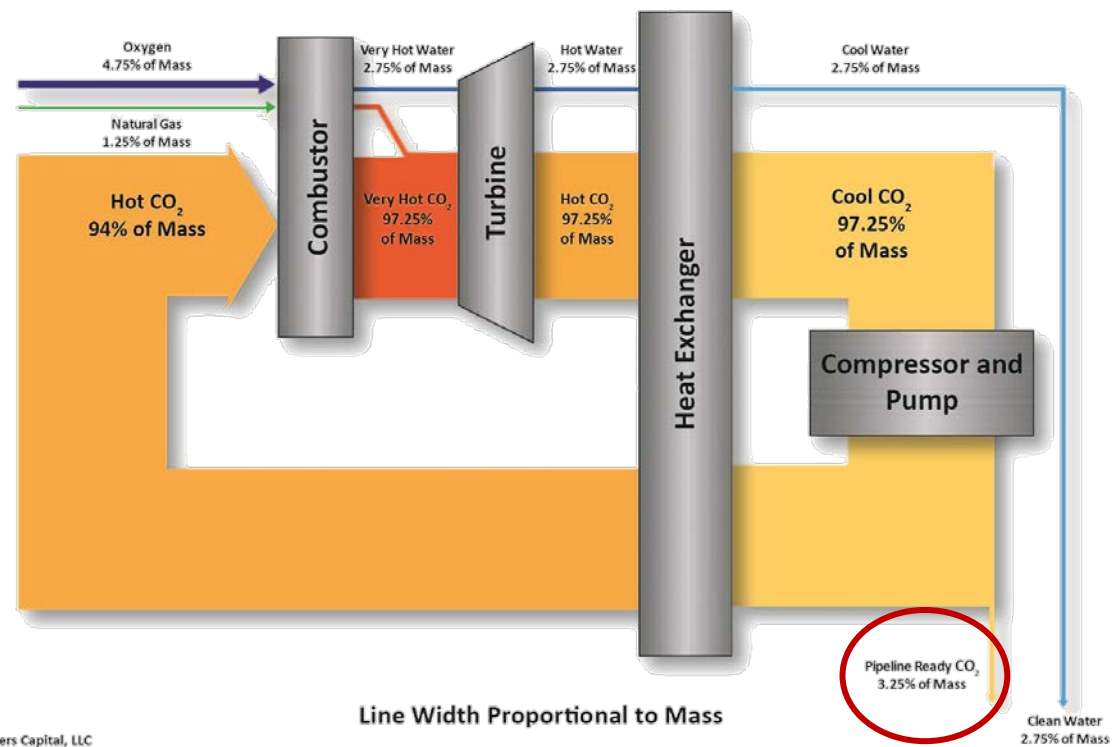
- **The Allam Cycle is**

- A semi-closed, supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Brayton cycle,
- That uses oxy-combustion with natural gas, coal syngas, or other carbonaceous fuels.

- **Historically, CO<sub>2</sub> capture has been expensive, whether using air to combust or oxy-combustion.**

- **The Allam Cycle makes oxy-combustion economic by:**

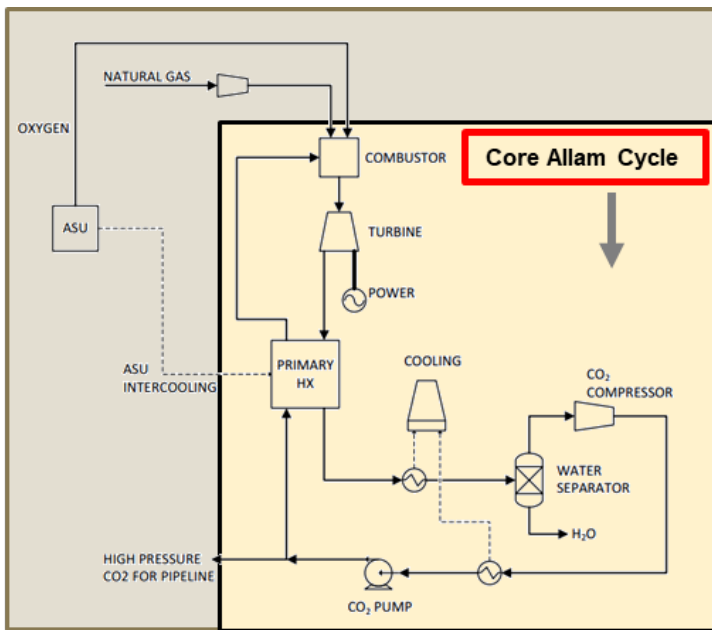
- Relying on a more efficient core power cycle.
- Recycling heat within the system to reduce O<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> consumption, and associated costs of the ASU.



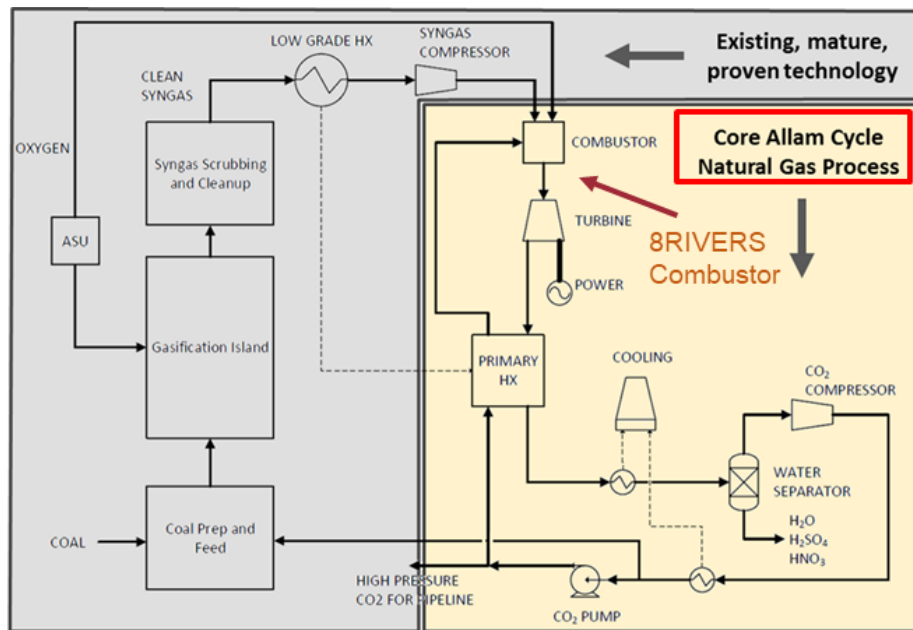
# The Allam Cycle is Being Commercialized in Two Pathways



Efficiency Breakdown	
Gross Turbine Output	82.7%
CO <sub>2</sub> Comp+Pump Power	-11.6%
Other Plant Auxiliary Power	-12.2%
<b>Net Efficiency</b>	<b>58.9%</b>



Efficiency Breakdown	
Gross Turbine Output	76.3%
CO <sub>2</sub> Comp+Pump Power	-15.6%
Other Plant Auxiliary Power	-10.4%
<b>Net Efficiency</b>	<b>50.3%</b>



# NET Power Is Demonstrating the Core Allam Cycle

## 50MWth gas plant in La Porte, TX

- Scaled down from 500MWth design
- Construction nearing completion; commissioning in progress.

## Includes all core components

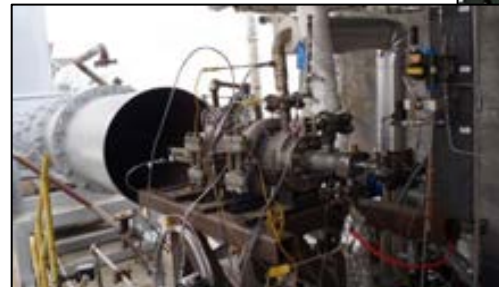
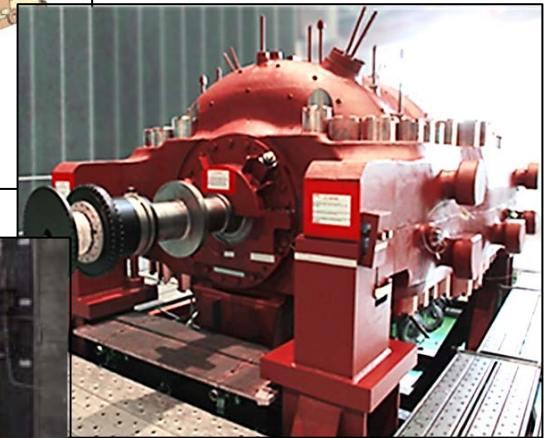
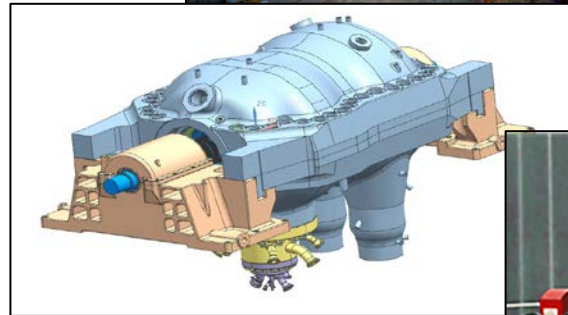
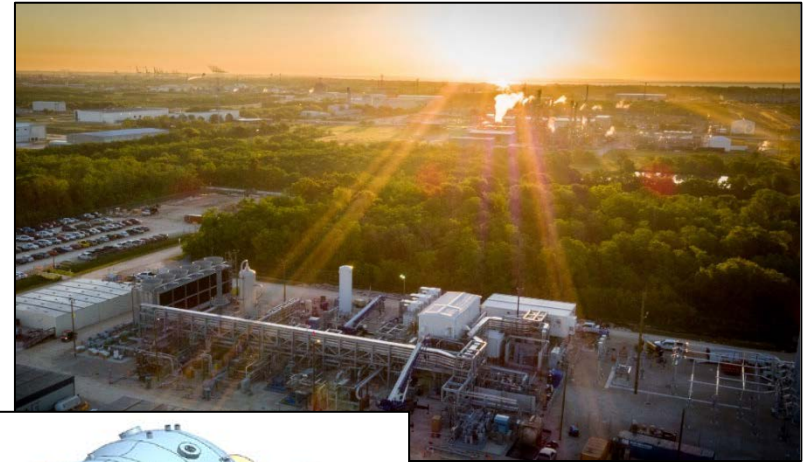
- Combustor/turbine, heat exchangers, pumps/compressors, controls, etc.
- Grid connected and fully operable

## \$140 million (USD) program

- Includes first of a kind engineering, all construction, and testing period
- Partners include Exelon Corporation, CB&I, 8 Rivers and Toshiba

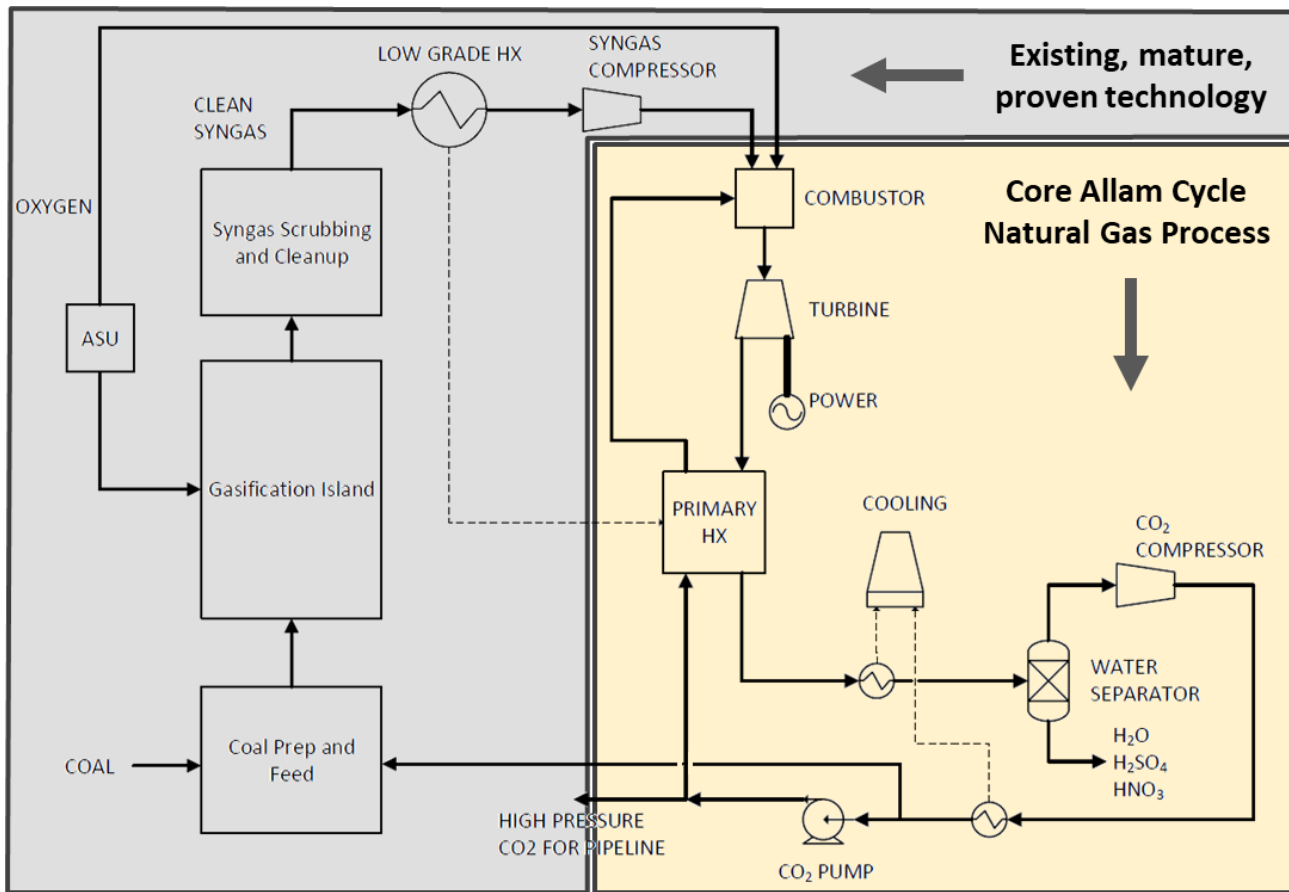
## The coal cycle can utilize the turbine already under development

- Operating conditions, performance and efficiency can be maintained across fuels



# The Core Allam Cycle Platform Is Being Extended to Coal

The Allam Cycle can be used with solid fuels while maintaining all the benefits of the core Allam Cycle.



Efficiency	LHV	HHV
Gross Turbine Output	76.3%	72.5%
Coal prep & feed	-0.2%	-0.2%
ASU	-10.2%	-9.7%
CO <sub>2</sub> , Syngas Comp.	-9.1%	-8.7%
Other Auxiliaries	-6.5%	-6.1%
<b>Net Efficiency</b>	<b>50.3%</b>	<b>47.8%</b>

- **High efficiency** with existing gasifiers.
- **Significant process simplification** vs. IGCC.
- Can use **unique impurity removal methods**.
- Special material considerations to **prevent corrosion**.
- **Zero emissions**, including CO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, Hg, particulates.

# Allam Cycle Coal Achieves High Performance with Various Gasifiers and Feedstocks

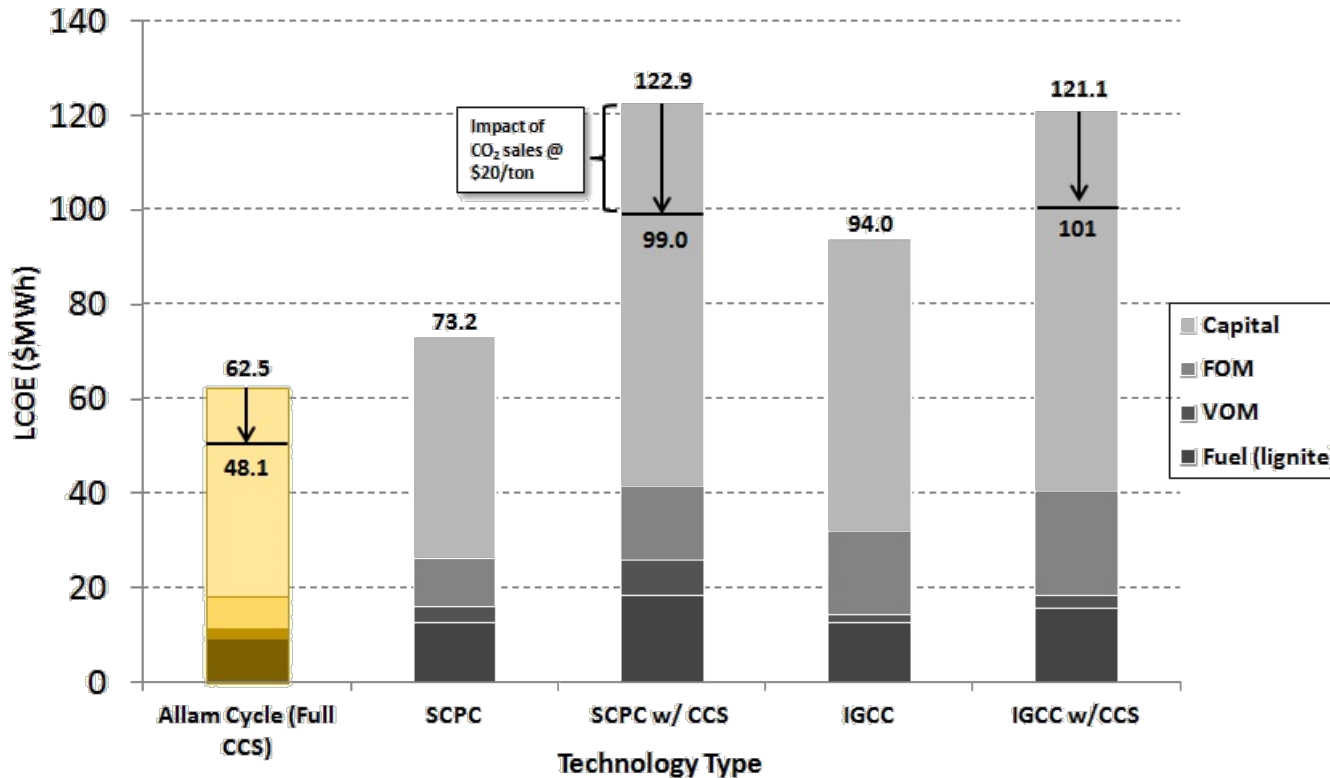
## Allam Cycle Cases

Coal Type	Gasifier Type		Heat Recovery	CCS	Efficiency (%HHV)
Bituminous	Entrained flow, dry-feed	Slagging	Syngas cooler	Y	49.7
Lignite	Moving bed	Slagging	Full water quench	Y	48.2
Bituminous	Entrained flow, dry-feed	Slagging	Full water quench	Y	47.8
Lignite	Entrained flow, dry-feed	Slagging	Full water quench	Y	47.4
Bituminous	Entrained flow, slurry	Slagging	Syngas cooler	Y	46.8
Lignite	Fluidized bed	Non-slagging	Syngas cooler	Y	43.3

## NETL Coal Benchmark Cases

Coal Type	Gasifier Type		Heat Recovery	CCS	Efficiency (%HHV)
Bituminous	Entrained flow, dry-feed	Slagging	Syngas cooler	N	42.1
Lignite	Entrained flow, dry-feed	Slagging	Syngas cooler	N	37.6
Bituminous	SCPC	N/A	N/A	N	39.3
Lignite	SCPC	N/A	N/A	N	38.7

# Increased Performance, Lower Capex, Reduced Complexity Lead to Much Lower LCOE Projections for Allam Cycle Coal



**Reduction in costs from removal of:**

- ~~Steam turbine~~
- ~~HRSG~~
- ~~Steam piping/equipment~~
- ~~Water-gas shift reactor~~
- ~~High Temp syngas cooler~~
- ~~NO<sub>x</sub> control unit/SCR unit~~

**Potential removal of:**

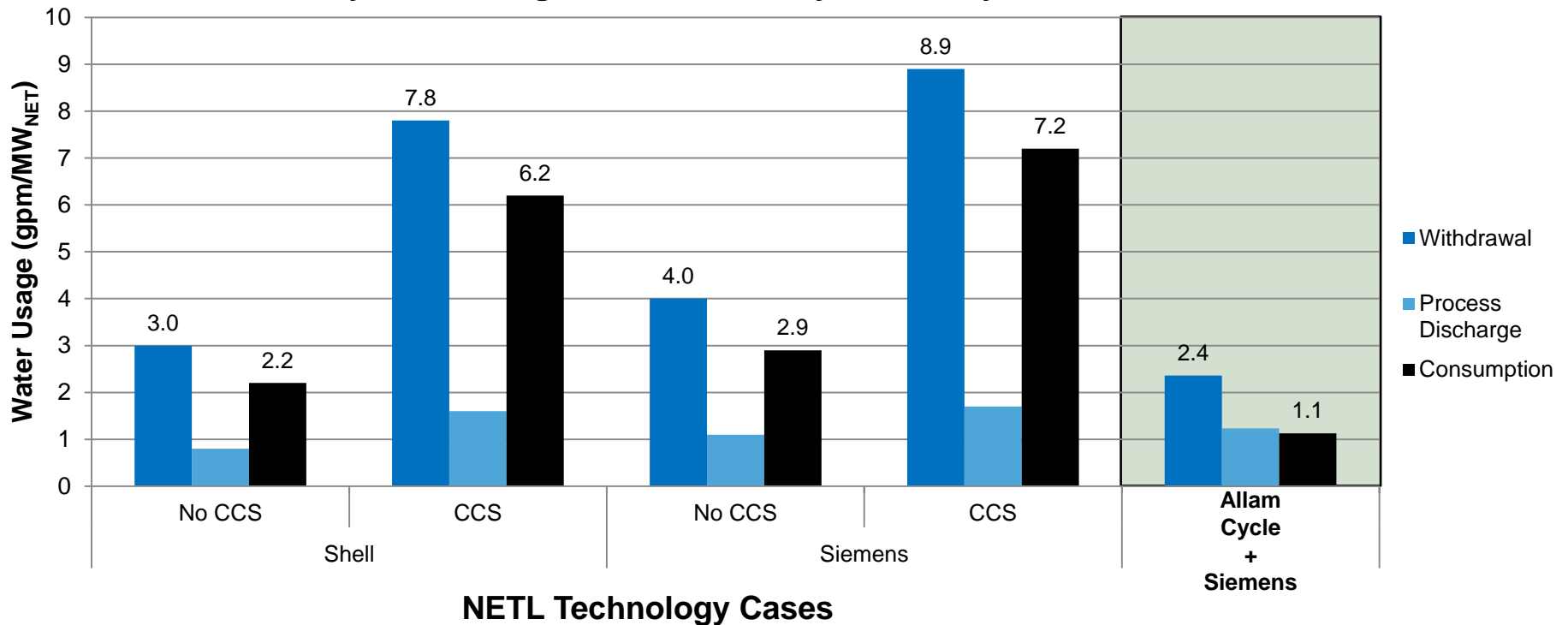
- AGR/sulfur recovery unit
- COS hydrolysis
- Solvents/catalysts

Notes

- Lu et al. Oxy-Lignite Syngas Fueled Semi-Closed Brayton Cycle Process Evaluation (2014)
- Total Plant Cost and O&M costs were estimated for lignite-fired system in conjunction with EPRI; AACE Class 5 estimate
- Cost data for other technologies is taken from NETL baseline reports (Vol. 3, 2011)

# Significant Water Savings Compared to IGCC

Analysis of ND lignite-fired Allam Cycle Coal system vs. NETL baselines



NETL Technology Cases  
Taken from NETL baseline reports (Vol. 3, 2011)

**50-60% reduction in water consumption vs. IGCC non CCS using ND Lignite; Major reductions come from:**  
(1) elimination of steam cycle; (2) reduced cooling duty (higher efficiency, utilization of low-grade heat); (3) semi-closed cycle captures and condenses combustion derived water.

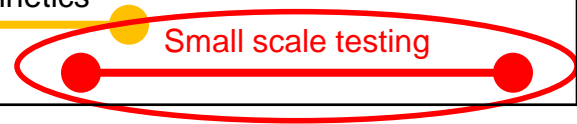


# Development Program Underway



	2016	2017	2018	2019
Task 1 Corrosion				
Task 2 Gasifier Selection				
Task 3 Impurity Removal				
Task 4 Syngas Combustion				

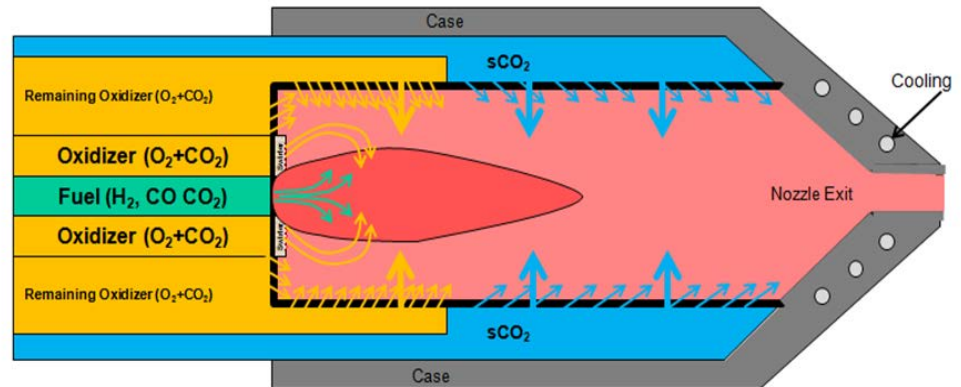
Additional partners needed



# Syngas Combustor Development is a Key Step

## Development status:

- Conceptual commercial syngas combustor design
- Detailed design and CFD modeling for a  $5\text{MW}_{\text{th}}$  test combustor
- Test program and rig development
- Work supported by US DOE.



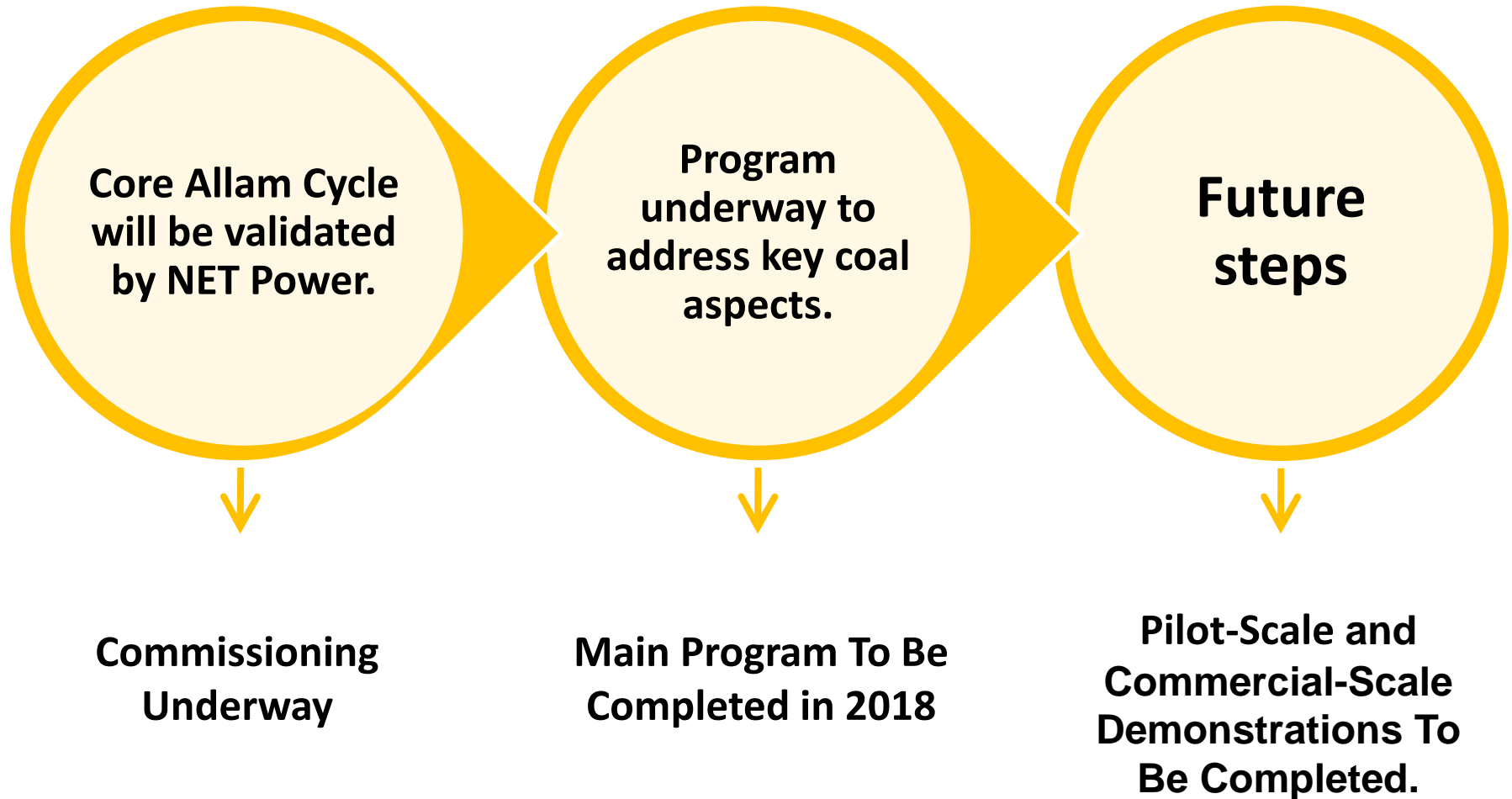
## Work to date indicates a highly promising design:

- Good mixing and negligible pressure oscillations with uniform exit temperatures
- Consistent performance across a wide range of syngas fuels
- No mechanical or liner cooling issues identified

**Program is ready to move to test article developing and operation.**

# Coal Cycle Development Process

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