BrightLoop[™] Technology

For hydrogen, steam or syngas production with CO_2 isolation



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Providing solutions for the low-carbon energy transition

As the world advocates for decarbonization, industry is responding by looking for innovative ways to optimize its processes for a cleaner tomorrow. Emerging technologies to support the continuous drive to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions can form a cornerstone of corporate stewardship.

The BrightLoop™ process from Babcock & Wilcox (B&W) is a versatile and flexible technology which can be used for a wide range of applications. We've demonstrated that BrightLoop can effectively separate carbon dioxide (CO₂) while producing hydrogen, steam and/or syngas, as well as being ready for commercial scale-up.

A particle breakthrough made it happen. Our proprietary particle is an extremely versatile oxide in terms of application, cost and abundance making chemical looping possible for practical implementation in a low-carbon world.



The ultimate in flexibility

The BrightLoop[™] carbon capture system produces clean energy with complete in-situ CO₂ capture. You can simultaneously accomplish low carbon initiatives and energy transition objectives. Just as importantly, there is built-in flexibility to maximize its potential for your specific needs.

- FLEXIBILITY OF FEEDSTOCK Works with a vast array of feedstock (raw material) natural gas, biomass, biogas, petroleum coke (petcoke), coal, methane, municipal solid waste for waste-to-energy (WtE) and syngas.
- FLEXIBILITY OF OFF-TAKE Suitable for a wide range of applications, through the production of hydrogen; synthesis gas (syngas) for transportation; and other uses including steam for power, process or heating.
- FLEXIBILITY OF SCALE Highly scalable to accommodate both larg applications, while applicable to a range of industrial processes capat a net zero outcome.
- FLEXIBILITY OF CARBON UTILIZATION The process inherently isolates carbon dioxide for storage/sequestration, or for beneficial uses such as generating revenue by isolating the CO₂ stream.
- FLEXIBILITY OF CONFIGURATION The BrightLoop system allows a modular deployment, from the feedstock to the off-take. Work with our system experts to configure an on- or off-site implementation designed specifically to your feedstock, scale and off-take requirements.



Other BrightLoop™ chemical looping advantages

In-situ CO₂ capture

BrightLoop enables CO₂ isolation of up to 95% or higher. There is no need for post-combustion scrubbing. Our design significantly reduces both capital expenses and operating costs to achieve a low carbon footprint.

Product purity

Proprietary moving bed design allows for high product purity.

Emissions control

A concentrated exhaust stream results in more efficient and less expensive control equipment.

Economical operation

Simple operation and lower overall costs.

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The BrightLoop[™] process

In the BrightLoop process, the fuel reacts with oxygen-carrier particles in a reducer reactor (fuel reactor), forming combustion byproducts, predominantly CO_2 and H_2O , while reducing the oxygen-carrier particles. The reduced oxygen-carrier particles then move to a partial oxidizer (hydrogen reactor) where they react with steam to partially oxidize the particles and generate a stream of hydrogen.

The oxygen-carrier particles are then transported to a combustor reactor (air reactor) where they are regenerated with air back to their original state. The exothermic oxidation reaction of the oxygen-carrier particles with air releases heat that both reheats the particles for their return to the reducer reactor and heats the air which can be used to heat water and produce steam for power generation or as a heat source for various other processes.

The process can be optimized to produce hydrogen, steam or both products by a the partial oxidizer reactor (System A). If hydrogen is not needed, the oxidizer car Systems C and D below show similar configurations for the generation of syngas or methanol production, all with CO_2 isolation.





Example scenarios

The three examples below (depicted on the following page) illustrate some of the advantages of B&W's BrightLoop technology, comparing typical current configurations with configurations using BrightLoop technology. Each example includes carbon capture/isolation in a low-carbon environment.

Hydrogen Production

This scenario compares hydrogen production using the steam methane reforming (SMR) process to BrightLoop technology. The SMR process includes a boiler for steam production, a water shift reactor and pressure swing adsorption, along with CO_2 capture and boiler nitrogen oxides (NO_X) control. The unsold or unutilized petcoke stream from oil cracking and refining process is shown as a waste product that is commonly landfilled. BrightLoop technology can use waste petcoke as the feedstock to produce hydrogen while inherently isolating CO_2 without the need for separate carbon capture equipment.

Oil & Gas

In this scenario, adding post-combustion carbon capture onto an existing boiler means a significant capital outlay and significant ongoing operating costs. Replacing the boiler with BrightLoop technology provides a concentrated CO₂ stream; steam for process; and the capability to use the waste stream, in this case petcoke, back into BrightLoop, lowering both fuel and waste disposal costs.

Waste- or Biomass-to-Energy

Similar to the oil & gas example, this scenario shows that including post-combustion carbon capture onto a waste- or biomass-to-energy installation, as well as NO_X control, adds considerable capital and operating expenses. Utilizing BrightLoop technology for steam generation isolates the CO_2 while producing zero NO_X emissions.



Comparisons of Typical Scenarios with BrightLoop Technology in a Low-Carbon Environment



- BrightLoop CO₂ isolation and capture while still producing steam
- Potential for carbon negative emissions
- Sales of carbon credits

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Technology Status

Under a DOE-sponsored project, B&W successfully built a 250 kW_t coal-based chemical looping pilot facility to demonstrate the reducer and combustor operation for application to steam and power generation. On another project, our university partner demonstrated full conversion of syngas to hydrogen at its 250 kW_t pilot unit constructed and tested at the National Carbon Capture Center.

Given the success of the 250 kW_t pilot units for application to hydrogen and steam for power generation, B&W is ready to demonstrate the technology at a larger scale, with a thermal input of between 2.5 and 25 MW_t while utilizing the most applicable fuel feedstock.

B&W's BrightLoop technology can combine carbon capture with energy production while reducing or eliminating unused waste. It can help reduce the risk of operating within the uncertainty of a carbon-constrained world.

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