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Agenda

- CCS : **C**O₂ **C**apture and **S**torage
- CLC status
 - *Concept*
 - *Economics*
 - *Materials*
 - *Pilot plant testing*
- CLC technology and scale-up issues for solid fuels
 - *CLC scales for coal power plants*
 - *Fuel reactor concept*
 - *Control of solid circulation*
 - *Control of PSD*
 - *Attrition procedures for oxygen carrier screening*
 - *Limit ΔP in the Air Reactor to minimize energy penalty*
- Concluding Remarks



CO₂ Capture and Storage status

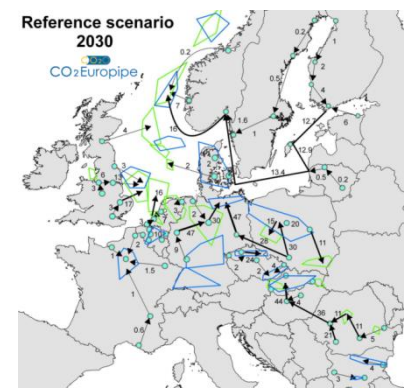
- 2° C Scenario → Avoid 7 Gt by 2050 (50% from coal power plants)
 - 2016 : 15 CCS projects in operation : 28 Mt CO₂ captured

this is about 0.4% of the « 2° C target » !!

- Capture : pre-combustion, post combustion, *oxycombustion*
 - Large additional investment , energy penalty

- Transport by boat or pipeline (≈1 M€/m(φ) /km (L))
 - Infrastructures are not there yet -permitting issue

- Storage in aquifers, oil and gas reservoir, coal beds
 - Storage capacity estimates are very encouraging
 - Public acceptance can be a challenge



CCS is a cost with no benefit (except for EOR projects or CO₂ use)

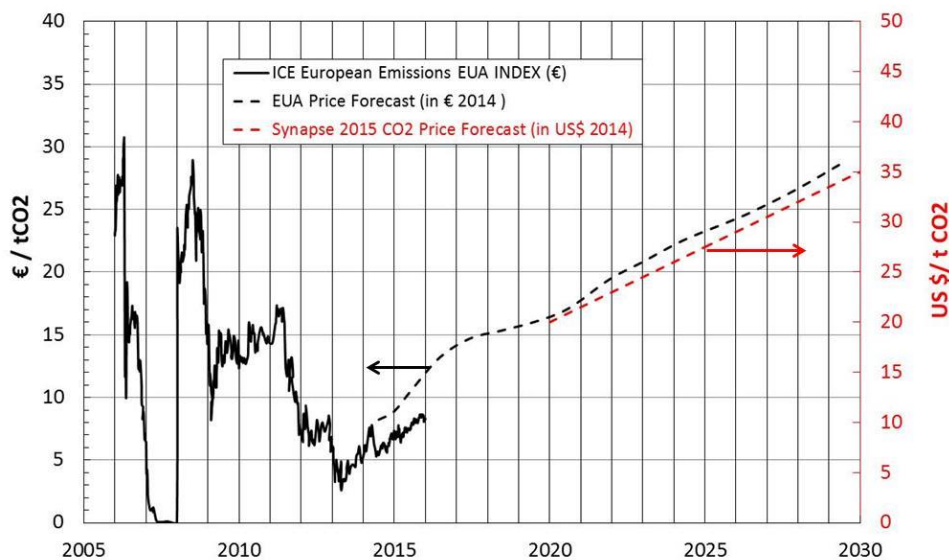
CO ₂ storage cost	15 €/tCO ₂ (1 Mt/an) / 5 €/tCO ₂ (10 Mt/an)
CO ₂ capture cost	> 30-40 €/t CO ₂ avoided
CO ₂ transport cost	> 1- 3 €/t CO ₂ avoided

CCS =45-70 €/t CO₂

CO2 market / policy

- Huge investments will happen only with strong CO2 market perspectives
- There are encouraging signs ...
 - Regional strategies (China, US, EU, Japan...)
 - Recent global COP 21 Consensus reached in Paris

but only 12% of CO2 emissions under local market regulations yet

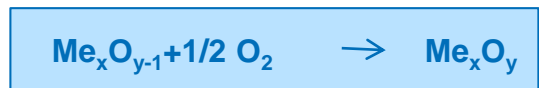
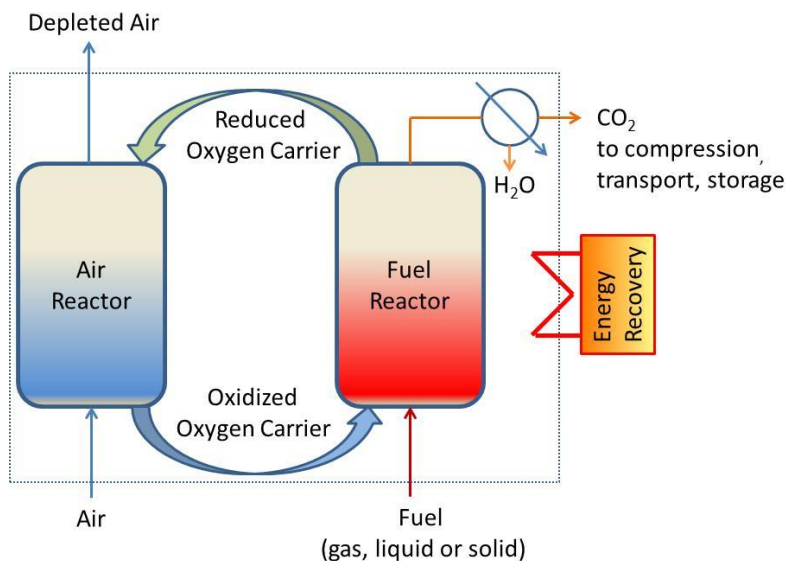


Reaching consensus takes time
 A time to market delay of 10 -15 years is expected for CCS

Chemical Looping Combustion concept

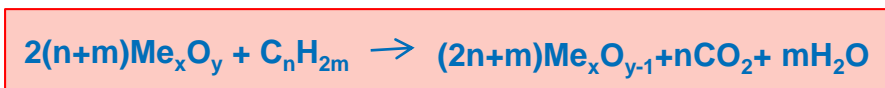
CLC for CCS applications first proposed by Ishida (1987, 1994)

Ref: Fan et al., *AIChE J*, (2015) 61, 1-22 Adanez et al., *Progress in Energy and combustion Science* (2012), 38, 2, 215-282



Me_xO_{y-1}

Me_xO_y



Benefits

- Low energy penalty (5% with 4% related to CO₂ compression cost)
- Low CO₂ avoidance cost
our estimate 37€/t CO₂

	Reference CFB unit	Amine MEA30%	CLC
Net Electric production (MWe)	630	630	630
Net Electric yield (%)	44.9	34.9	40
Coal consumption (t/h)	198	255	222
Capex (M€)	1215	2064	1785
Opex (M€)	156	220	206
Cost of Electricity (€/MWh)	63	98	88
CO ₂ avoidance cost [€/t/CO ₂]		53	37

A promising G2 concept to be demonstrated

*Impacts of CCS for a 630 MWe Coal power plant
IFPEN Total study (basis= France 2012)*



CLC material : oxygen carrier

- Several potential oxygen carrier materials (hundreds evaluated already)

- Metal oxydes : Ni, Fe, Mn, Co, Cu (···) , perovskites ···.

- Several points to consider

Oxygen transfer capacity, Reactivity, Aging , Availability, syn.materials or mining ores ?

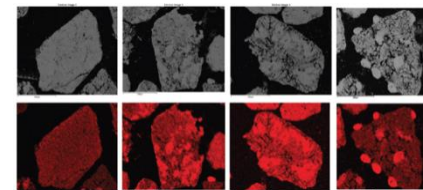
	Mining Ore	Synthetic material
Process	grinding / sieving	spray drying / granulation granulation
Price	0.15 (crude) → 1 €/kg prepared	in the range of 10 €/kg
Recycling	back to the ore industry ?	Treatment (hydro/pyrometallurgy? 3-5 €/kg)
Shape	low sphericity	high sphericity

Redox aging is the issue

- No report of successfull operation > 500 cycles
- Relates to ionic migration and volume changes (Fan, 2015)

- Industrial perspective =15000–30000 cycles per year

- Impact of aging on process economics is significant



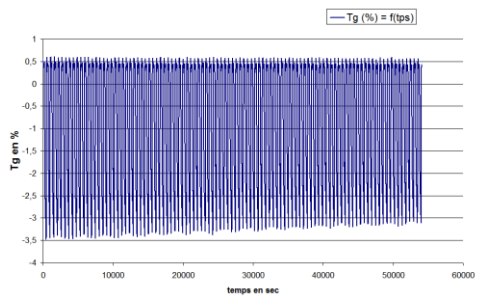
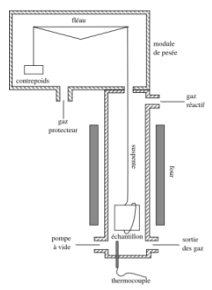
Ilmenite in Chalmers's 100kW_{th} pilot plant (Knutsson et al, (2014)

We need to improve oxygen carrier aging performance

CLC tools for testing

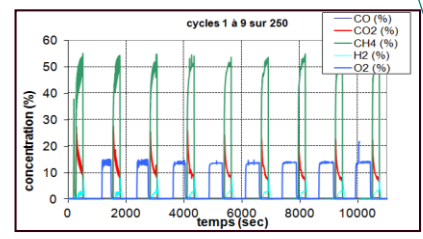
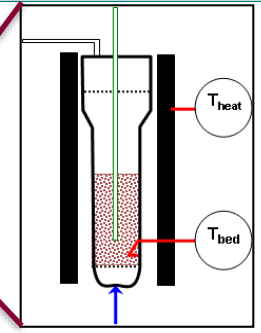
Chemical reactivity

TGA (20 mg)



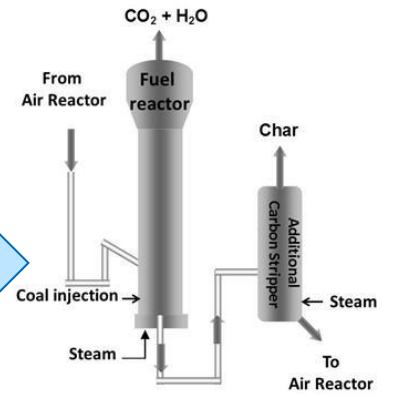
Reactivity In fluidized bed

Batch (200 g)



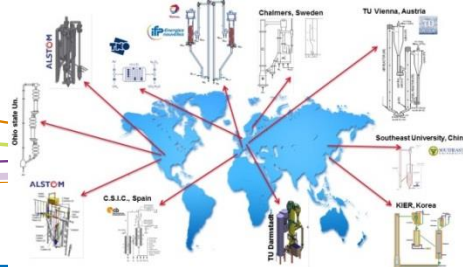
10 kW pilot plant CH4, CO, coal, pet coke continuous combustion

Continuous pilot plant (35 kg)



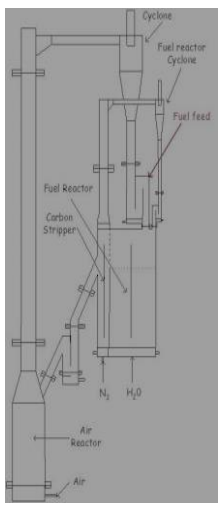
- Nature of the feedstock greatly impacts design aspects
- For solid fuels: gasification is a limiting step and fuel reactor design is critical

Several pilot plants all over the world

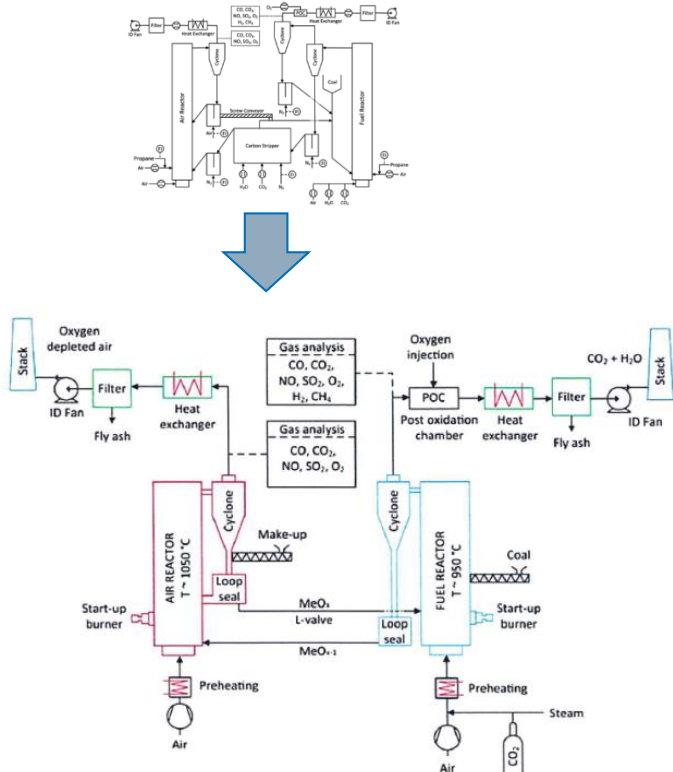


CLC continuous operation successfully achieved (100-200 redox cycles max)
 There is a need for optimisation of technology

Chalmers 10 kW and 100 kW

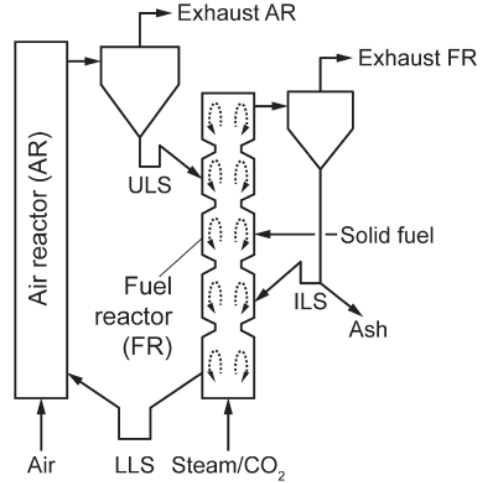


TU Darmstadt 1MW



Investigation of new concepts

- Staged Fluidized bed (TU Hamburg)
- CFB fuel reactor with internals (TU Vienna)
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Combustion of volatile materials is an issue

Autothermal operation. Fuel Reactor design?

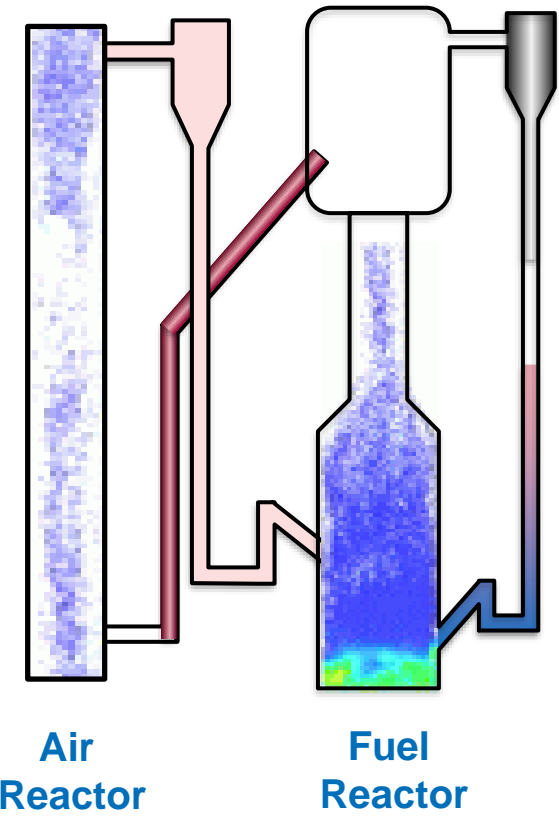
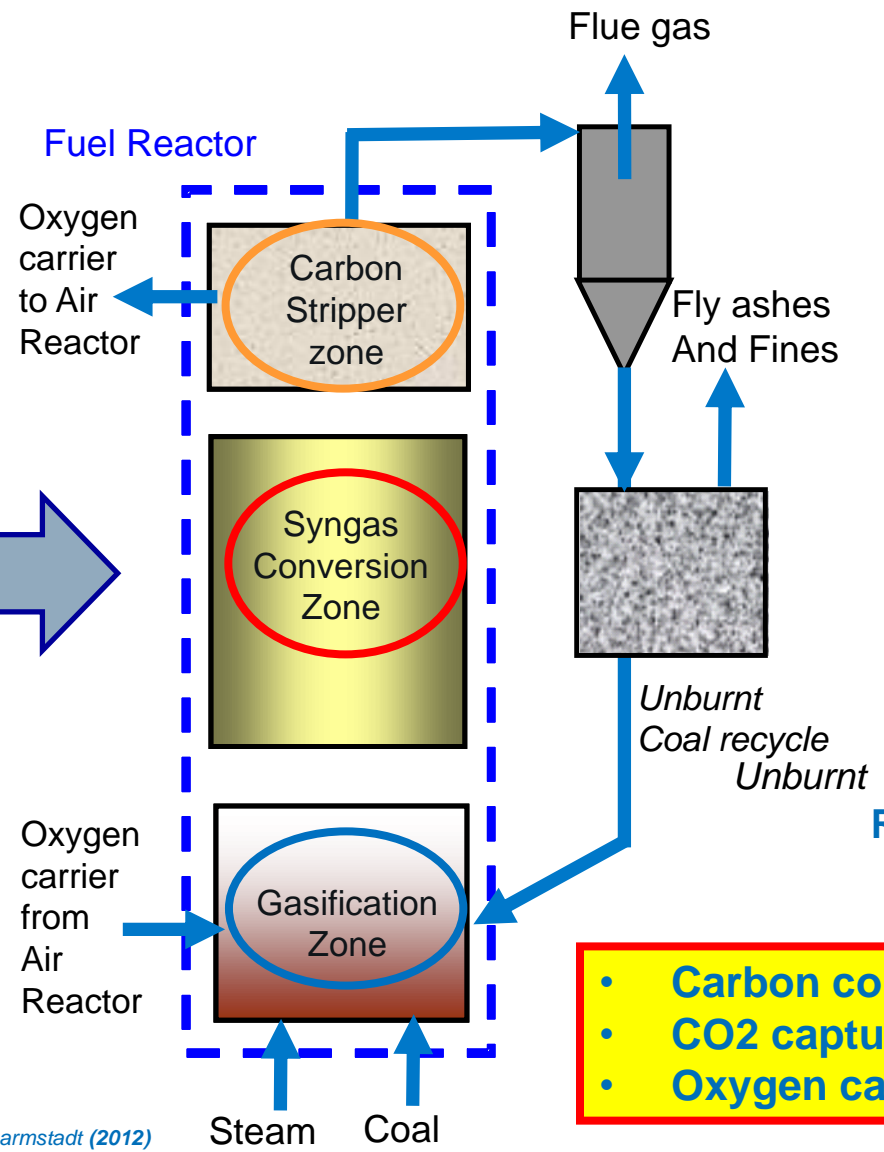
Ifpen–Total CLC process concepts

Process constraints

to maximize CO₂ capture
(coal application)

enough contact for syngas and volatiles combustion

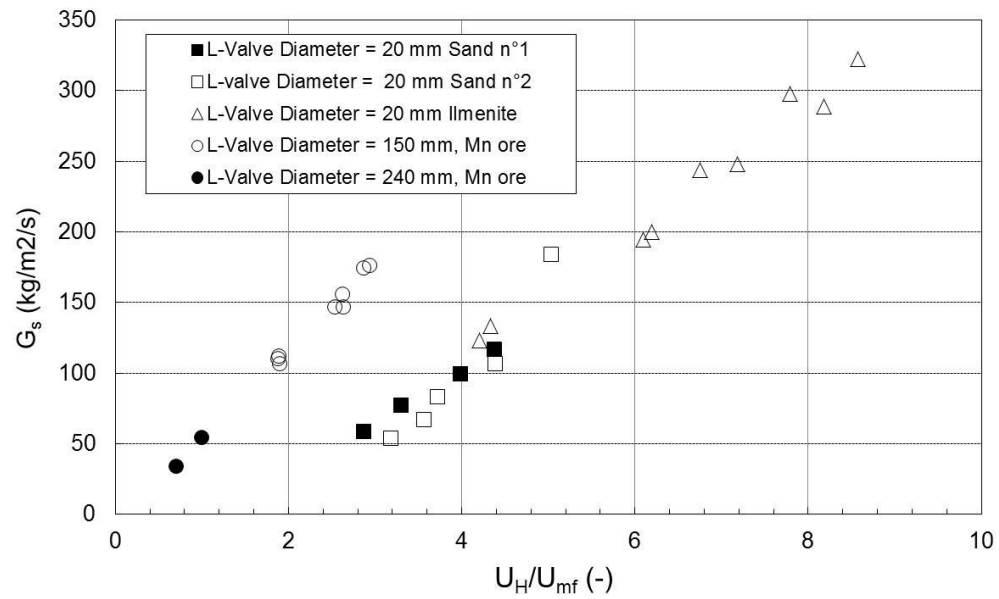
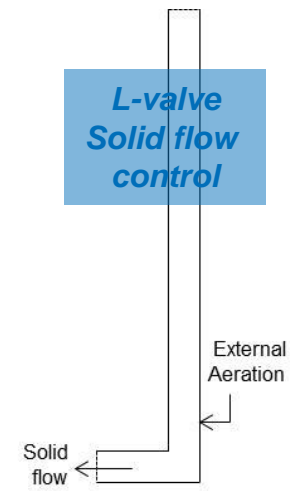
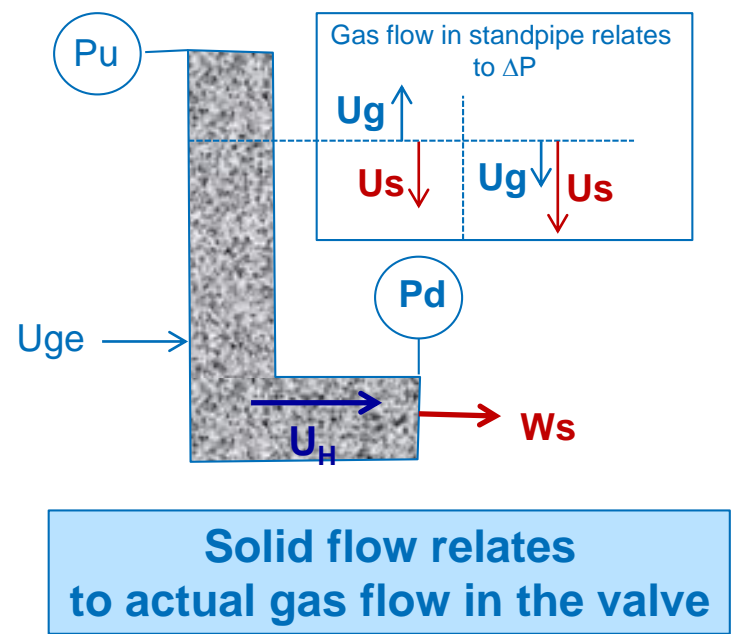
enough time for gasification reaction
(coal application)



- Carbon conversion per pass > 60%
- CO₂ capture rate > 90%
- Oxygen captured from the Air > 90%

Control of solid circulation

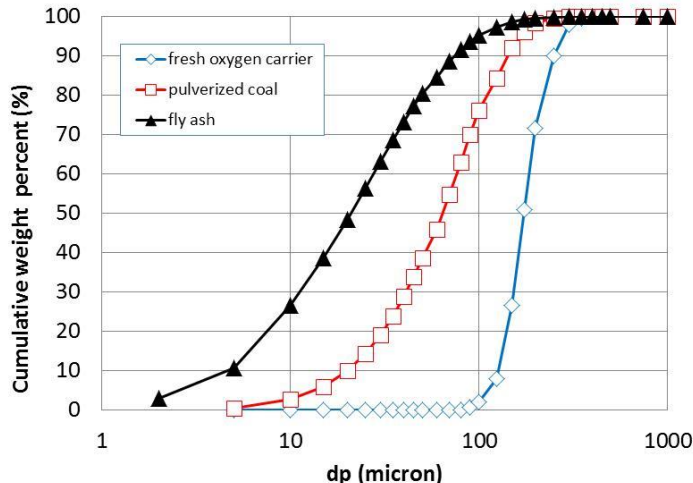
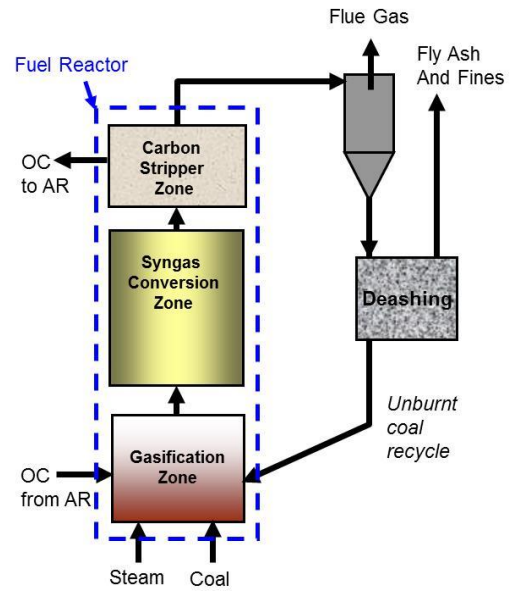
- Large flowrates in between interconnected reactors
 - Control of temperature / oxygen carrier reduction rate
- CLC is high temperature $> 850^{\circ} \text{C}$
 - Not suitable for mechanical valves (FCC Slide valves...)
 - Use of non mechanical L-valves
 - Use group B material oxygen carrier



Control of PSD : 3 different solids to consider

- **Oxygen carrier** (100–300 microns – design choice)
Large PSD (L-Valve, carbon stripper separation)
- **Coal** (50–100 microns – design choice)
Small PSD (Fast gasification, carbon stripper separation)
→ high efficiency cyclones to keep char in the FR
- **Ash**
 - **Fly Ash** (0–100 microns –no choice)
Avoid accumulation in the unit (L-valve)
Fly ash elutriation has to be considered
 - **Agglomerated Ash ?** (depends from coal and $T_{Fuel\ reactor}$)
Relates to coal composition and T fuel reactor
Avoid settling at the fuel reactor bottom

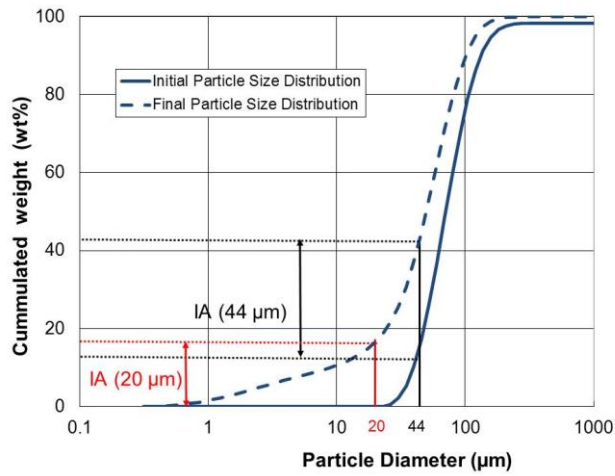
Account for PSD changes: - along the loop
- function of aging



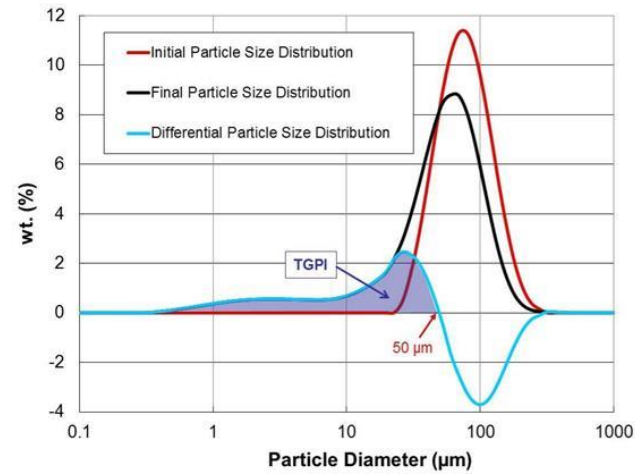
Attrition procedures for oxygen carrier screening

Screening → small samples available with different physical properties (d_{sv} , ρ_p)

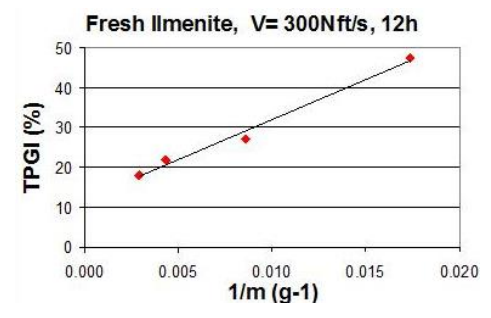
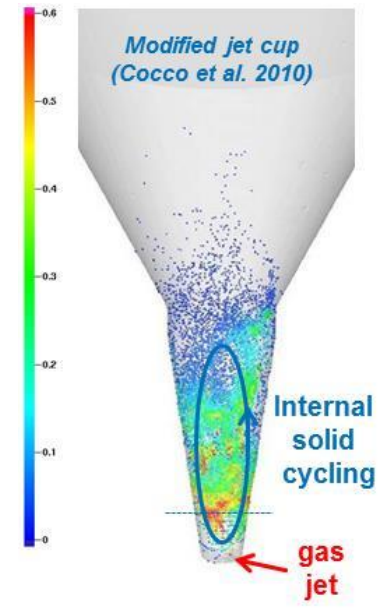
Challenge : use a workable attrition index
use comparable testing conditions
with similar stress



Group A particles



Group B particles



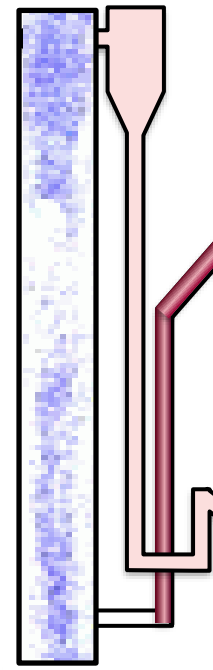
	AI(20) (wt%)	AI(44) (wt%)	TPGI (wt%)
Group A particles	15	26	27
Group B particles	3	5	15

Minimize ΔP in the air reactor

CLC energy penalty is strongly depending upon air compression:

ΔP air reactor = 100 mb \leftrightarrow 0.5% energy penalty

objective: find operating conditions that minimize ΔP in air reactor while maximizing air / oxygen carrier contact



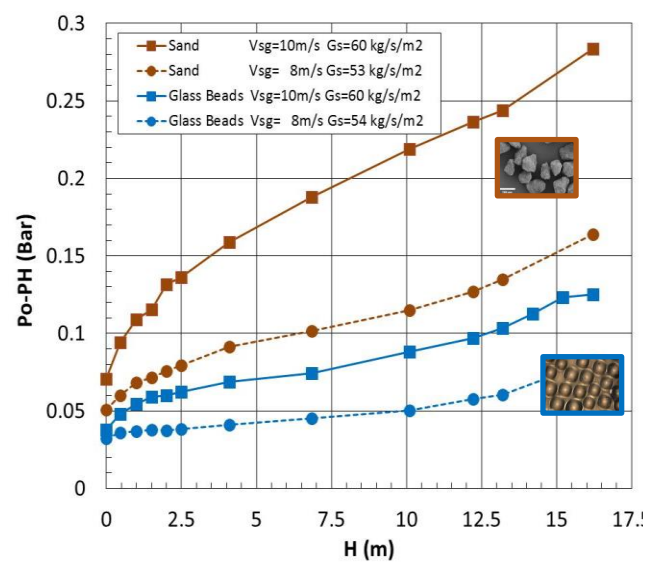
RISER D=0.3m



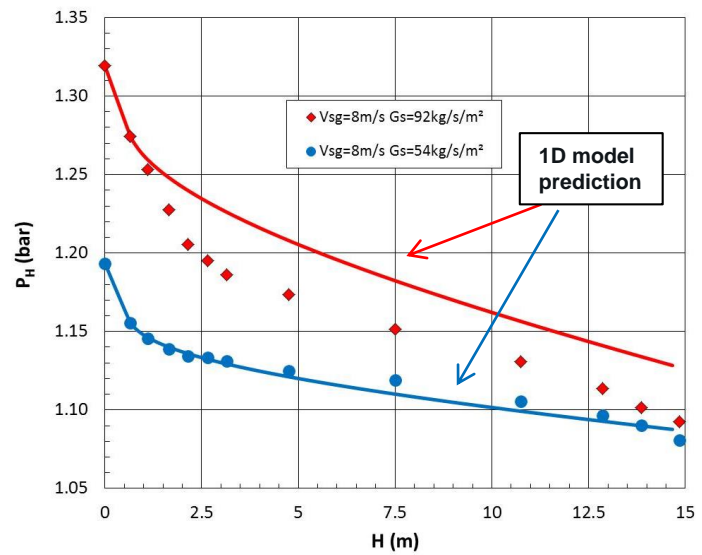
Data collection



Modelling



Strong unexpected impact of particle shape !



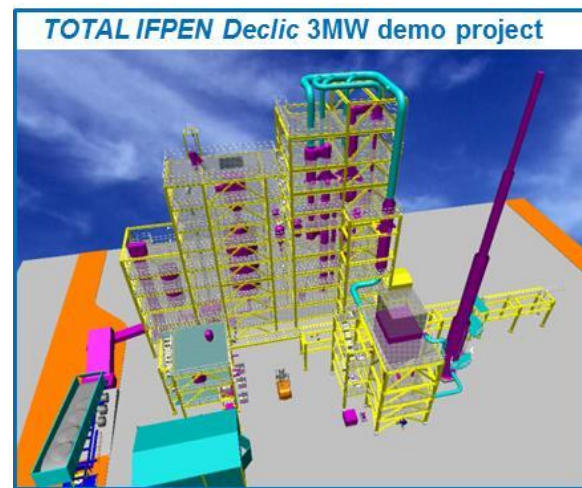
1D : Drag adjustment needed
CFD : Difficulty to well predict Core annulus structure

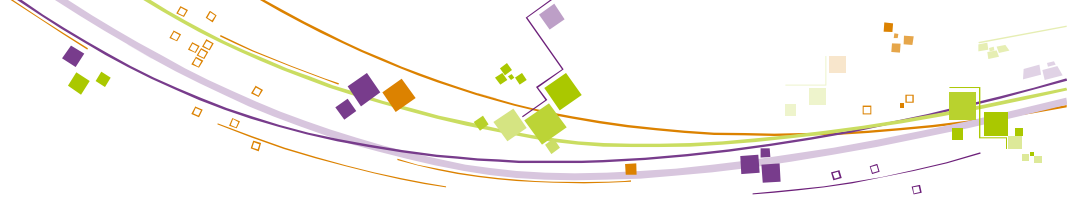
Conclusions

- **CLC is a promising G2 concept for CCS**
 - Favourable economics and limited energy penalty
 - Demonstrated at pilot scale with a limited number of redox cycles (<500)

- **Next step is demonstration:**
 - But aging of oxygen carrier is an important issue to be solved
 - Efforts needed for process optimization, scaling up and other aspects such as flexibility of operation

- **CLC future in the CCS perspective ?**
 - Demos are very expensive
 - We need a clear CO2 market perspective
 - Time to market delay to 2025–2030 for CCS ?
 - Opportunity to optimize oxygen carrier materials and technology





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