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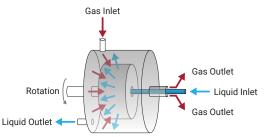
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ROTA-CAP™ is a transformational  $CO_2$  capture process, combining compact rotating packed bed (RPB) technology with advanced solvent technology. ROTA-CAP represents a significant breakthrough in reducing the capital and operating expenditure as well as size requirements for  $CO_2$  capture systems. The technology is suitable for power plant and industrial carbon capture applications.  $CO_2$  capture costs can be reduced by 30-50% compared to conventional process approaches.



#### **Technology Features and Advantages**

ROTA-CAP's rotation of the packing in the RPB increases the mass transfer between the contacting fluids (the flue gas and the CO<sub>2</sub> capture solvent), leading to a highly compact capture system with lower capital expenditures, while opening the door to the application of advanced, low energy solvent systems that are beyond the operating capabilities of conventional solvent columns. The technology outperforms the industry benchmark by delivering enhanced solvent performance and size reductions of the carbon capture unit. RPBs use <20% of the packing height required by conventional columns. Lower solvent circulation rate reduces sizing requirements of heat exchangers, pumps, and coolers by up to 50%. The reduced

size of the RPB contactor results in substantially reduced solvent inventory.

In ROTA-CAP, an advanced solvent is fed into the RPB absorber through the inner radius and flows to the outer radius. The

CO<sub>2</sub>-rich flue gas stream is

introduced into the absorber from the outer radius and flows towards the inner radius, contacting the solvent in a counter-current flow process. The rotation around the axis generates a centrifugal force that is significantly greater than the gravitational force in a conventional packed bed column.

Faster and more efficient CO<sub>2</sub> mass transfer are achieved from the flue gas phase to the solvent liquid phase when compared to a conventional packed bed column.





Installation photo in Alabama is courtesy of National Carbon Capture Center

STATUS: With funding from the U.S. Department of Energy and Low Emission Technology Australia (LETA), GTI Energy and project team members U. S. Steel, Amrize (formerly Holcim US), and Enbridge are demonstrating a 10-tonne CO<sub>2</sub> per day engineering-scale carbon capture system at U. S. Steel Corporation's Edgar Thomson industrial iron and steel production facility in Braddock, Pennsylvania.

The technology was initially developed and tested extensively under simulated conditions at GTI Energy in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Energy NETL. GTI Energy built a skid-mounted carbon capture system which was successfully operated for over 1,600 hours under various flue gas conditions including coal, natural gas-fed power plant flue gas, and a range of typical industrial flue gas compositions at the National Carbon Capture Center in Alabama.

### **Key Features**

- Rotating Packed Bed (RPB) technology for highly efficient solvent / gas contacting
- Solvent flexibility

### **Applications**

- CO<sub>2</sub> capture from industrial flue gas (cement, steel, industrial boilers)
- · Power plant flue gas
- Other acid gas separations

### **Benefits**

- · Compact, modular design
- Low CAPEX & OPEX
- >98%+ CO<sub>2</sub> capture