Clean Coal Technology – R&D program

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1. Profile of the Institute for Chemical Processing of Coal

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MISSION STATEMENT

To deliver the innovative knowledge strengthening the competitiveness of industry, particularly: oil and gas processing, pyrolysis of coal, low-emission energy generation from coal and biomass, and waste processing sectors.

VISION STATEMENT

The Institute is striving to achieve a leading position as a centre of technological innovations creation, having competent and highly qualified staff capable of competing on the European markets in the fields of fuels thermal processing and raw materials and products properties.
Heat & power production

ICPC R&D activities

Fuels

Cokemaking

Waste processing
80% of installed power is coal based!
1. Polish production of coal for energy: 11 mln Mg, coking coal: 2 mln Mg (2012).
2. In 2011 hard coal and lignite based electricity production amounted to 89% of the total electricity production. According to „Polish Energy Policy to 2030” share of coal based net electricity should reach 88% in 2010 and 82% in 2015.
3. Lignite fired utilities offer cheaper electricity comparing to hard coal fired units (lower production costs, also because of technological and capital integration with power plants), although the investment costs are higher.
4. Electricity consumption in Feb, 13 decreased almost by 10% comparing to Feb, 12.
5. In Polish conditions, according to the simulations done in ICPC, only at the price level of abt. 55 EUR/Mg CO2, total cost of lignite based electricity would equal to the total cost of hard coal based electricity.
6. Polish hard coal reserves at the end of 2012 amounted to 8.4 mln Mg.
7. What then will be the future of coal.....clean coal technologies? production of chemicals and fuels?
**National Center for Research and Development** (NCBiR) is a state owned unit created for realization of Polish national scientific and innovative policy.

**Mission:** support of Polish scientific units and companies for developing their ability to produce and use solutions based on the results of scientific research to provide economic development and for the benefit of society.

**Program of Strategic Projects** is resulting from the scientific and innovative policy of Poland, serving the development of the Polish economy and the public sector.

**1-st call for Strategic Projects (September 2009):** „Advanced techniques for energy generation”
Task No.1:
“Development of technologies for high-efficiency zero-emission coal-fired boilers integrated with CCS units”
Duration: 60 months, budget: 70 M PLN (22 M USD)

Task No.2:
“Development of oxy-combustion technology for pulverized and fluidized bed boiler integrated with CCS”
Duration: 60 months, budget: 80 M PLN (25 M USD)

Task No.3:
“Development of coal gasification technology for highly efficient production of fuels and electricity”
Duration: 60 months, budget: 80 M PLN (25 M USD)

Task No.4:
“Development of integrated technology of fuels and energy production from biomass, agricultural waste and other”
Duration: 60 months, budget: 70 M PLN (22 M USD)
Clean Coal Technology Center – unique infrastructure in Zabrze

Just commissioned!
## Carbon capture activities

### Scaling-up CO₂ capture technology:

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<td>Experimental apparatus for measurement of CO₂ absorption kinetics and equilibriums in amine blends</td>
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### Technical Details:

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**Specification:**

Solution flow: up to 750 dm³/h  
Gas flow: 20-100 m³/h  
Examined gas: real gas mixtures  
Work regime: short continuous tests (absorption-desorption)  
Columns diameter: 265 mm  
Columns height: 7.0 m  
Desulphurisation: Solid adsorbent  
Device count: 34

**Control System:**

Measurements: approx. 130 analogs  
Online gas analysis: Ultramat 23 analyzers  
Solution analysis: Ion chromatograph

The first test using flue gas was conducted on 12.12.2013
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The Mobile Pilot Plant – ICPC and TAURON cooperation
The Mobile Pilot Plant - connection to the power plant infrastructure

Fuel → Power Unit → Dedusting → Desulphurization → Flue gas → 200 m³/h
The Mobile Pilot Plant location – Łaziska Power Plant

Flue gas
Use of CO₂ in coal gasification as a co-gasifying agent

Circulating fluidized bed reactor

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\begin{align*}
C + CO_2 & \leftrightarrow 2CO + 172 \text{ kJ/mol} \\
C + O_2 & \rightarrow CO_2 - 396 \text{ kJ/mol} \\
C + H_2O & \leftrightarrow CO + H_2 + 131 \text{ kJ/mol} \\
C + \frac{1}{2}O_2 & \rightarrow CO - 110 \text{ kJ/mol}
\end{align*}
\]

Effects:
- utilization of CO₂ removed from fossil fuels conversion,
- increase of process yield and improvement of syngas synthesis economy,
- reduction of fossil fuels consumption in syngas production,
- decrease of oxygen consumption (CO₂ as oxidation agent).
Use of CO2 in coal gasification as a co-gasifying agent – first trials

First technological test (trial @ 130 kg/h coal, max. 200 kg/h)
Gas composition: 50% CO2, 50% O2
Ambient pressure

Coal gasification & Oxy-combustion demo installation located in ICPC (pressure conditions).
Thermodynamic modeling – integration with oxy-combustion
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<td><strong>Pressurized oxy-fuel combustion</strong></td>
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<td>University of Nevada (USA)/ThermoEnergy Power Systems (USA)/CANMET (Canada)</td>
<td>(15 MWe), coal/biomass, up to 89.6 bar</td>
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<td>Enel Ingegneria e Innovazione (Italy)</td>
<td>5 MWt, up to 4 bar</td>
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<td><strong>Institute for Chemical Processing of Coal, Zabrze (Poland)</strong></td>
<td>Laboratory scale (3 kg of coal/h) and pilot scale, up to 10 bar</td>
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<td>Department of Chemical Engineering, Imperial College London</td>
<td>Laboratory scale, up to T=1000°C and p=30 bar</td>
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<tr>
<td>New Power Generation Technology Center of Thermal Power Research Institute of China</td>
<td>Feed up to 16 kg/h, up to p=30 bar, T=1360-1400°C</td>
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A simplified scheme of the experimental setup

**Reactor:**
diameter 0.075m,  
height 1m,  
bed height 0.25m  
fuel tank capacity 0.004 m³

**Exhaust gas analysis:**
FTIR analyzer (GASMET DX4000)  
O₂ analyzers:  
paramagnetic (Oxymat 61) and  
zirconium sensor (AMS Analysen)

**Experimental conditions:**
T=750-900°C  
p= 1-4.5 bar  
Δp= 10-16 mbar  
O₂=20-30 vol.%  
CO₂=70-80 vol.%  
Fuel input: 0.4-1.34 kg/h

1- pressurized fuel tank, 2- decompression, cooling and cleaning module, 3- gas analyzers, 4- decompression
1. PRESSURIZED OXY-FUEL, Flexi-Burn™ test, FIRST TIME UNDER HIGHER PRESSURE (2.4 bar, „Ziemowit” coal)

FLEXI-BURN™: IDEA

Low NOx!
National Energy Technology Laboratory, United States Department of Energy

§ Obtaining new oxygen carrier
§ Reactivity study (TGA, MS, flow reactor)
§ Material characteristics by XRD, PSD, SEM

University of Utah
§ Cu oxygen carriers preparation

Projects ongoing:
§ Study of combustion and gasification process in chemical looping, 2010-2013
§ Center of Clean Coal Technologies (CCTW) - 7kW CLC installation, methane - fuel
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF FOSSIL FUELS BETWEEN
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
NATIONAL ENERGY TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY
AND
POLAND’S CENTRAL MINING INSTITUTE
AND
POLAND’S INSTITUTE FOR CHEMICAL PROCESSING OF COAL

I. PURPOSE
This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) reflects a mutual interest on the part of the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) and the Główny Instytut Gornictwa (GIG, hereafter known as the Central Mining Institute, CMI) and Instytut Chemicznego Przetwórstwa Węgla (ICPhW, hereafter known as the Institute for Chemical Processing of Coal, ICPC) of Poland to pursue collaborative work to advance the technical, environmental, and cost performance of fossil energy technologies.

II. AREAS OF COOPERATION
Cooperative activities may include, but are not limited to, research on base and enabling technologies and assessments of technology options and economics. Cooperative topics may include:

a) Gasification
b) Carbon management, especially storage technologies
c) Chemical looping
d) Oxy-Combustion
e) Multi-phase flow processes, including fluidization

Other areas of cooperation may be added by mutual written agreement of each Party’s Lead Coordinator.

III. FORMS OF COOPERATION
Specific cooperative projects will be defined in supplemental agreements between the Parties. Cooperation may include:

a) Exchange of information, publications, reports, technical data, samples, materials, and instruments.

b) Exchange of scientists, engineers and other specialists for participation in training, project definition activities, research, and technology transfer. Each Party agrees to abide by the other’s safety and security requirements.

c) Jointly funded research and development activities in which NETL, CMI, and ICPC share the cost of performance.

V. LEAD COORDINATOR
Each Party shall designate a Lead Coordinator who shall serve as that Party’s principle representative for activities under this MOU.

VI. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS
NETL’s commitments in furtherance of this MOU are contingent on the availability of funds appropriated by the Congress of the United States. CMI’s and ICPC’s commitments in furtherance of this MOU are contingent on the availability of funds to pursue collaborative activities. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, each Party shall be responsible for its own costs incurred in furtherance of this MOU.

VII. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
Each Party will retain rights to its own background intellectual property. The allocation of rights to newly generated intellectual property will be determined on a project-by-project basis.

VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION
This MOU is effective upon the date of the last signature by the Parties and shall remain effective for a 5-year period unless terminated in accordance with the terms set forth herein. The MOU may be modified by mutual consent of the Parties.

Either Party may terminate this MOU by providing written notice to the other Party at least 90 calendar days in advance.
- 100 different new oxygen carriers of lower manufacture cost were obtained,
- **Six patent applications**, two patents awarded
- Grants awarded by:
  - Polish Ministry of Higher Education & Science (CCTW, PBZ-MiN 2/2/2006)
  - U.S. D.O.E.
  - Polish Ministry Of Affairs & Partners Poland Foundation
  - British Embassy
- New both national and international agreements for cooperation in the field of CLC/CLG are proceed.
- Selling produced oxygen carriers to University of Utah
- Exchange of knowledge, exchange of experience,
  - Polish scientist carrying out CLC research in NETL DOE,
  - US partners visiting IChPW, common publications,
  - Samples exchange
The largest in the history of Polish Science training program for researchers in the best academic centers in the world.

Aim: development of qualifications of R&D, technology transfer, commercialization of the scientific results.

Internships: NASA, AutoDesk, PAX Water, Mozilla, HP, Synopsis, Internet2

Site visits: Crosslink Capital, oDesk, Intel Corporation, Plug and Play Tech Center, Stanford Linear Accelerator, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
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Questions?

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