

Appendix E

Case 5: Shell gasifier and sour gas shift converter

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The following report gives a brief description of each of the units in the block flow diagram. All capital cost data in this report, except where otherwise specified, has been estimated from similar installations described in the Houston Area Medium-BTU Coal Gasification Project Final Report, published in June 1982 by Union Carbide [1] (All references to material in this report will be referred to as Houston, and all scaling exponents from the Houston report are 0.65). The plant consumes 1.3 million metric tons of coal, 1.0 million metric tons of oxygen, and produces 0.50 million metric tons of mixed alcohols per year.

COAL PREPARATION

Coal (stream 10) and carbon dioxide (stream 12) are sent to the Coal Preparation Block. The coal is crushed, mixed with the carbon dioxide, and sent to the gasifier (stream 13). The Coal Preparation Block is composed of three plants from the Houston report. Plant 61 is the Reclaiming, Transfer, and Crushing Plant. The cost of this plant was scaled exponentially. Plant 22 is the Barge Terminal. This plant was scaled exponentially. Plant 60 is Coal Receiving and Storage and again the cost for this plant was scaled exponentially.

SHELL GASIFIER

The coal is conveyed by CO₂ to the gasifier, where it mixes with compressed oxygen (stream 9) and is burned at approximately 1,300°C and 2,800 kPa in the Shell Gasifier Block. The hot raw gas (stream 8) is sent to the Syngas Heat Recovery Block, and the slag (stream 33) is sent to the Slag Handling Block. Each train can handle up to 2,541 tons of coal per day, with a scaling exponent of 0.65.

CRYOGENIC OXYGEN PLANT

Compressed air (stream 1) is cooled and sent to the Cryogenic Oxygen Plant Block, and is separated into high purity oxygen (stream 2), nitrogen (stream 3), argon (stream 6), and a water and carbon dioxide waste mixture (stream 28). A small quantity of nitrogen (stream 19) is sent to the Rectisol Block. The Cryogenic Oxygen Plant Block does not include the inlet air compressors or the outlet oxygen compressors. In the cryogenic system, there are provisions for gaseous and liquid oxygen backups sufficient to maintain downstream plant operation in the event of a shutdown in the cryogenic facility. We also

assume that some scale down is possible for this system, so the capital investment has been calculated linearly for the reduction in trains, and exponentially for throughput reduction per train. Each train can produce up to 2,000 tons of oxygen per day. The Houston plants that comprise the Cryoplant Block are 02 and 08.

RECTISOL

The cooled raw gas stream (stream 18), nitrogen gas (stream 19) for methanol regeneration, and methanol make-up (stream 20) for vapor loss all enter the Rectisol Block. H₂S levels are reduced to the ppb range and CO₂ levels to the ppm range. The clean syngas (stream 22) is sent to the alcohol synthesis loop. A CO₂-N₂ mixture (stream 24) and a CO₂ rich stream (stream 23) are produced as byproducts. Condensed water is also removed (stream 17A). This block is the same as Houston Plant 05. The cost for this plant was estimated by using exponential scaling.

SLAG HANDLING

Molten slag from the Shell Gasifier Block (stream 33) is direct quenched with water and sent to slag disposal (stream 37). A small amount of water (stream 36) is purged from the closed loop and is replaced by water make-up (stream 34). This block is the same as Houston Plant 63. The cost for this plant was estimated by exponential scaling.

COS HYDROLYSIS

The sulfide rich stream from the Rectisol Block (stream 25) and steam are sent to the COS Hydrolysis Block where COS is converted to H₂S. The product gas (stream 41) is sent to the Claus Sulfur Recovery Block. The COS Hydrolysis Block cost is assumed to be negligible.

SYNGAS HEAT RECOVERY

The raw gas stream from the Shell Gasifier Block (stream 8) at 1,300°C and 2,800 kPa enters the Syngas Heat Recovery Block and is cooled against process boiler feed water at 25°C (stream 71). The raw gas stream exits at 300°C (stream 8A), and the boiler feed exits as steam at 10,000 kPa and 535°C (stream 68). It is assumed that the raw gas stream is cooled further prior to entering the Rectisol Block. This block is part of Houston Plant 04.

CLAUS PLANT

Hydrogen sulfide rich gas (stream 41) is mixed with air (stream 42) and converted in a two-step reaction to elemental sulfur (stream 46). The unreacted hydrogen sulfide (stream 45) is then sent to the Beavon Plant for further treatment. This block is the same as Houston Plant 06. The cost for this plant was estimated by exponential scaling.

BEAVON PLANT

The Claus tail gas (stream 45) and air (stream 47) go to the Beavon Block. Additional sulfur is made (stream 51), and the gas leaving (stream 50) is sufficiently free from sulfides that it can be vented to the atmosphere. A sour water stream (stream 54) is sent from the plant for treatment. The cost of this block was estimated from data collected from various sources, with a scaling exponent of 0.65 [2].

MoS₂ ALCOHOL SYNTHESIS LOOP

Clean syngas (stream 26) at 140 atmospheres enters the catalytic reactor along with the syngas recycle (stream 56B). The products (stream 26A) are taken to the separations block where the unreacted syngas is removed (stream 59). Part of this stream (stream 27) is sent to power generation while the rest (stream 56) is sent to CO₂ removal. The cost of this block was estimated from the cost of a methanol synthesis loop, with a scaling exponent of 0.565 [3].

CO₂ REMOVAL

This block is very similar to the Rectisol Block. Recycled gas from the alcohol separation block (stream 56) is the only feed. CO₂ free syngas (stream 56A) is then recompressed and sent back to the reactor. CO₂ is taken off as a product (stream 57). The cost of this block is calculated the same way as in the Rectisol block. Its power requirement is included in the Rectisol block.

COMBUSTION GAS TURBINE

The light hydrocarbons extracted from the reactor recycle (stream 27) in the Alcohol Synthesis Loop are sent to a combustion gas turbine with hot gas heat recovery. The power from the combustion gas turbines is assumed to be 35% of the HHV of the fuel in stream 27. This is consistent with recent studies on IGCC plants using medium BTU synthesis gas (7). The cost for this block was estimated from data taken from an EPRI report, where each train can produce up to 200 MW with a scaling exponent of 0.67 [8].

EXHAUST GAS HEAT RECOVERY

The hot exhaust gas stream from the Gas Turbine Block (stream 70) at 590°C and 101 kPa enters the Exhaust Gas Heat Recovery Block and is cooled against process boiler feed water at 25°C (stream 73). The exhaust gas stream exits at 200°C (stream 75), and the boiler feed exits as steam at 10,000 kPa and 535°C (stream 74). The cost for this block was estimated from data taken from an EPRI report, where each train can generate up to 425 tons of steam per hour with a scaling exponent of 0.67 [8]. This block also supplies the reheat between the high pressure and intermediate pressure steam turbines.

POWER GENERATION

The steam from the Syngas Heat Recovery Block and the Exhaust Gas Heat Recovery Block is let down in the steam turbines for power production. The cost for this block was estimated from data taken from an EPRI report, where each train can produce up to 500 MW with a scaling exponent of 0.67 [8]. This is a 3-stage steam turbine system. The high pressure stage inlet is 535°C, 10,000 kPa steam. The exhaust at 3,000 kPa is reheated to 535°C before entering the intermediate pressure stage. The final stage exhausts to a surface condenser at 7.4 kPa. Each turbine has an assumed efficiency of 75%.

SOUR GAS SHIFT CONVERTER

Raw fuel gas (stream 8A) leaving the Heat Recovery Block is shifted to produce the desired H₂ to CO ratio needed in the alcohol synthesis reactor.

IMPORTANT POINTS OF INFORMATION

Several decisions were made for the creation of this case that should be outlined. Also, there are alternatives that have not been fully considered which will be considered in more detail later. They are listed below along with the reasons behind them.

- The traditional method for purifying high quantities of pure oxygen is by cryogenics, which is used for this case. However, recent reports suggest that membrane and catalytic processes are becoming economically competitive with cryogenics. Therefore, we will examine these alternatives.
- The Rectisol system was chosen for H₂S and CO₂ removal. The major alternative to Rectisol is Selexol. The literature indicates that Rectisol has a higher installed capital cost, but a lower fixed operating cost than Selexol. Both of these systems are capable of removing H₂S to the ppm level and beyond. However, there is some evidence that quantities of H₂S are beneficial if the reaction involves the

MoS₂ catalyst. If this is so, then a system such as the Benfield acid gas removal process might be more suitable. The Benfield system does not remove as much H₂S and has lower capital and operating costs.

TOTAL ESTIMATED CAPITAL INVESTMENT (MM\$)

Sour Gas Shift	4.3
Coal Preparation	31.9
Shell Gasifier	193.2
Slag Handling	3.6
Gas Turbines	44.9
Steam Turbines	25.8
Exhaust Gas Heat Recovery	8.7
Synthesis Gas Heat Recovery	5.4
Cryogenic Oxygen Production	103.3
Rectisol (Acid Gas Separation)	54.4
Claus (Sulfur Recovery)	12.2
Beavon	2.6
Alcohol Synthesis Loop	47.2
CO2 Removal	26.9
Other Compressors	65.5

TOTAL 629.9

(sum of individual block costs does not exactly equal the total due to round-off)

OVERALL ECONOMIC EVALUATION

The following table gives the totals and breakdowns for the yearly operating costs as well as the total installed cost for the plant.

TOTAL ESTIMATED INSTALLED CAPITAL COST (MM\$)	629.9
TOTAL ESTIMATED OPERATING COSTS (MM\$/YR)	152.6
Coal (\$33/metric ton delivered)	41.7
Other Expenses	111.0
TOTAL ESTIMATED CREDITS (EXCLUDING ALCOHOLS) (MM\$/YR)	51.0
Power (\$0.05/kWh)	41.3
Slag (\$5.5/metric ton) (5)	0.7
Sulfur (\$300/metric ton) (6)	9.0

Credits for nitrogen, argon, and other rare gases have not been included because prices were not available and potential markets have not yet been identified.

STAND ALONE COMPRESSORS AND POWER SUMMARY

There are 4 compressors that are not included in any of the blocks. Their inlet, outlet, pressure change, power rating, and installed capital cost are listed below. Following that is a summary of the total plant power output/input (4). An efficiency of 70% is assumed for all compressors, with a maximum pressure ratio of 5 for a single stage of compression. Multiple compression stages with intercooling are used for services with pressure ratios greater than 5.

FUNCTION	INLET STREAM	P (kPa)	OUTLET STREAM	P (kPa)	POWER (MW)	COST (MM\$)
Air Prep	1A	101	1	500	-38.9	35.0
O2 Prep	2	500	9	2834	-7.8	7.8
Rxtr Prep	22	2728	26	14000	-21.5	19.0
Recy Comp	56A	12666	56B	14000	-3.6	3.6
Total compressor needs					-71.7	
Other in plant needs					-13.9	
Total produced in steam and gas turbines					188.9	
Net power output					103.3	
Total installed compressor costs (1992 dollars)						65.5

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Figure E.1 : Block Flow Diagram for Case 5

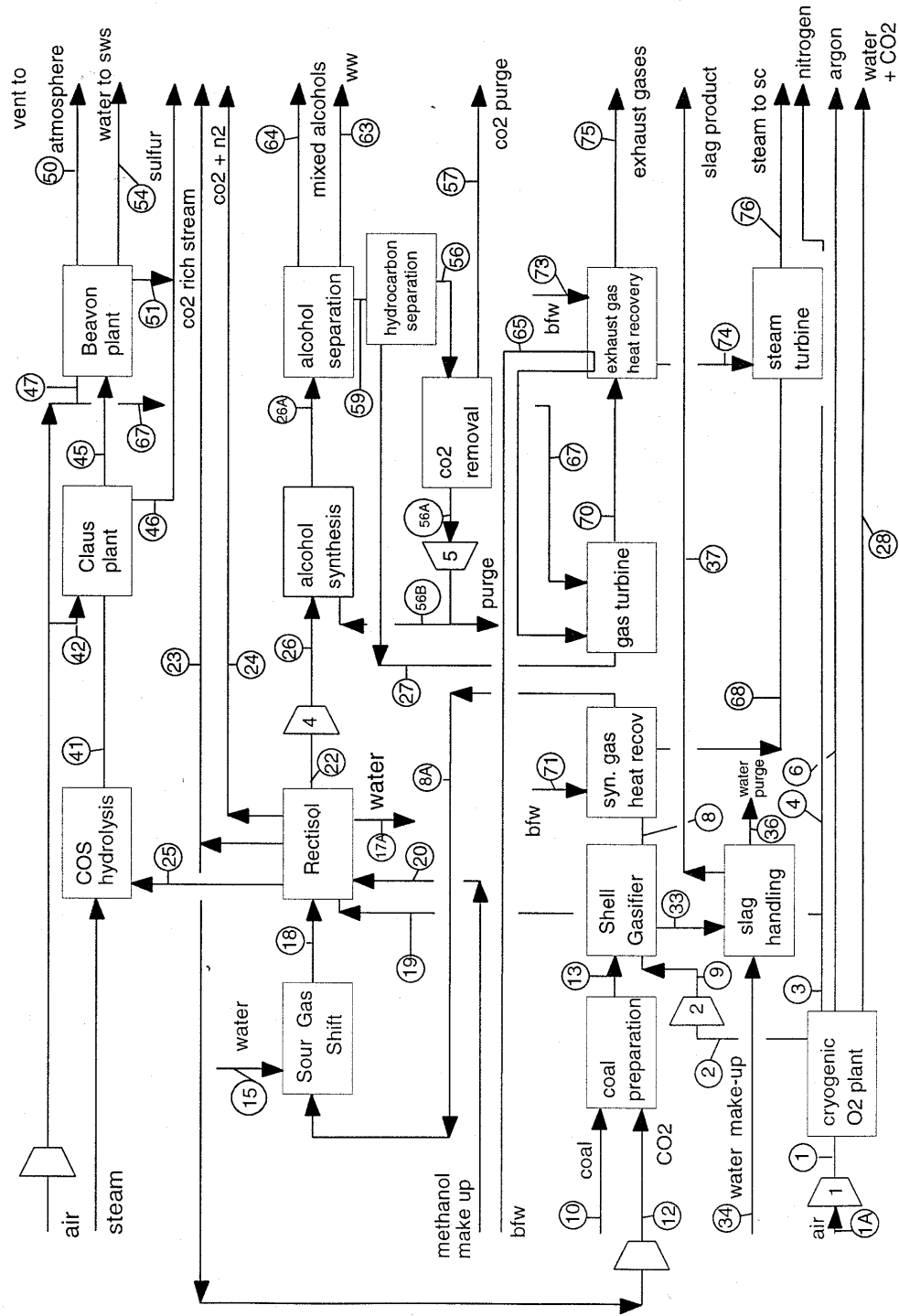


Table E.1 Case 5 Flow Tables

	1	1A	2	3	4	5	6	8	8A	9	10
Ar	171.8	171.8					171.8				
C											8701.0
CH3OH											
C2H5OH											
C3H7OH											
C4H9OH											
C5H11OH											
CO								8868.6	8868.6		
CO2	5.7	5.7						488.1	488.1		
CO5								10.7	10.7		
CaCO3											
H2											
N2O	460.1	460.1						2570.7	2570.7		3555.5
H2S								970.8	970.8		100.2
N2	14911.1	14911.1						106.2	106.2		
NH3					14437.4			75.6	75.6		77.0
O2	4009.4	4009.4	4009.4					2.6	2.6		
S										4009.4	685.2
Al2O3											116.9
C3H6O2											162.9
C4H8O2											
CH4								2.0	2.0		
C2H6											
HCN											
kgmol/hr	19558.2	19558.2	4009.4	14911.1	14437.4	171.8	13095.4	13095.4	13095.4	4009.4	13398.7
kg/hr	561219.3	561219.3	128300.5	417511.3	404246.4	6873.2	298861.2	298861.2	298861.2	128300.5	157767.4
Temp. (C)	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	1300.0	300.0	141.0	25.0
Press. (kPa)	500.0	101.3	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	2833.7	2803.9	2833.7	101.3

Table E.1 Case 5 Flow Tables (cont'd)

	12	13	15	17A	19	20	22	23	24
AF									
C		8701.0				1.8			
CH3OH									
C2H5OH									
C3H7OH									
C4H9OH									
C5H11OH									
CO					5382.1		5382.1		
CO2	668.4	668.4			3974.5			1716.3	1391.1
CO8					10.7				
CACO3									
H2		3555.5			6057.1		6057.1		
H2O		100.2	2522.6	7.0	7.0				
H2S					106.2				
N2		77.0			75.6	473.7			549.4
NH3					2.6				
O2		685.2							
S		116.9							
Al2O3		162.9							
C3H6O2									
C4H8O2									
CR4					2.0		2.0		
C2H6									
HCN									
kgmol/hr	668.4	14067.2	2522.6	7.0	15618.0	473.7	1.8	11441.3	1716.3
kg/hr	29410.2	187177.6	45406.9	125.7	344268.2	13264.9	58.1	162845.7	75517.9
Temp. (C)	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	300.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Press. (KPa)	2833.7	2833.7	2803.9	2727.9	2727.9	500.0	101.3	2727.9	2727.9

Table B.1 Case 5 Flow Tables (cont'd)

	25	26	26A	27	28	33	34	36	37	41
Air										
C										
CH ₃ OH	1.6		628.3							1.9
C ₂ H ₅ OH			555.4							
C ₃ H ₇ OH			145.0							
C ₄ H ₉ OH			36.5							
C ₅ H ₁₁ OH			15.2							
CO		5382.1	7001.9	714.2						
CO ₂	198.7		1493.7	152.4	5.7					209.4
CO ₂	10.7									
C ₆ CO ₃										
H ₂		6057.1	7880.0	803.8						
H ₂ O			140.1		460.1		10065.7	10065.7		
H ₂ S	106.2									116.9
N ₂										
NH ₃	2.6									2.6
O ₂										
S										
Al ₂ O ₃						162.9			162.9	
C ₃ H ₆ O ₂			18.0							
C ₄ H ₈ O ₂			11.9							
CH ₄		2.0	4344.6	443.1						
C ₂ H ₆			171.6	17.5						
HCN										
kgmol/hr	320.1	11441.3	22642.3	2131.0	465.9	162.9	10065.7	10065.7	162.9	330.8
kg/hr	13100.9	162845.7	420099.3	35924.2	8534.3	16616.8	181183.4	181183.4	16616.8	13293.8
Temp. (C)	25.0	139.0	310.0	25.0	25.0	1300.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Press. (KPA)	2727.9	14000.0	12666.0	12666.0	500.0	101.3	101.3	101.3	101.3	101.3

Table E.1 Case 5 Flow Tables (cont'd)

	42	45	46	47	50	51	54	56	56A	56B	57
Air											
C					1.8						
CH3OH		1.8									
C2H5OH											
C3H7OH											
C4H9OH											
C5H11OH											
CO					209.4			6287.7	6287.7	6287.7	1341.4
CO2		209.4						1341.4			
CO3											
CaCO3											
H2							116.9		7076.3	7076.3	
H2O		111.1									
H2S		5.8									
N2	208.9	208.9		30.0	236.9						
NH3		2.6					2.6				
O2	55.5			8.0	5.1						
S			111.1			5.9					
Al2O3											
C3H6O2											
C4H8O2											
CH4								3901.4	3901.4	3901.4	
C2H6								154.1	154.1	154.1	
HCN											
kgmol/hr	264.5	539.7	111.1	38.0	455.2	5.8	119.6	18760.9	17419.5	17419.5	1341.4
kg/hr	7626.9	17366.4	3554.3	1095.4	16125.2	187.1	2149.5	316274.0	257253.6	257253.6	59020.4
Temp. (C)	25.0	200.0	125.0	25.0	100.0	125.0	50.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Press. (kPa)	101.3	101.3	101.3	101.3	101.3	101.3	101.3	12666.0	12666.0	14000.0	12666.0

Table E.1 Case 5 Flow Tables (cont'd)

	75	76	77	78
Al				
C				
CH3OH				
C2H5OH				
C3H7OH				
C4H9OH				
C5H11OH				
CO				
CO2	1346.7			
CO3				
CaCO3				
H2				
H2O	2703.6	17874.6	17874.6	17874.6
H2S				
N2	20293.1			
NH3				
O2	3687.8			
S				
Al2O3				
C3H6O2				
C4H8O2				
CH4				
C2H6				
HCl				
kgmol/hr	28039.3	17874.6	17874.6	17874.6
kg/hr	794050.3	321742.7	321742.7	321742.7
Temp. (C)	200.0	40.0	380.0	595.0
Press. (KPA)	101.3	7.4	3000.0	3000.0

Table B.1 Case 5 Flow Tables (cont'd)

	59	63	64	65	67	68	70	71	73	74
Ar										
C										
CH3OH			628.3							
C2H5OH			655.4							
C3H7OH			145.0							
C4H9OH			38.5							
C5H11OH			15.2							
CO	7001.9									
CO2	1493.7					1344.7				
CO3										
CaCO3										
H2	7880.0									
H2O		140.1		961.1		14890.6	2703.6	14890.6	2984.0	2984.0
H2S										
N2					20293.1					
NH3										
O2					5394.4		3687.8			
S										
Al2O3										
C3H6O2		18.0								
C4H8O2		11.9								
CR4	4344.6									
C2H6	171.6									
HCl										
Kg/mol/hr	20891.9	170.1	1480.4	961.1	25687.5	14890.6	28029.3	14890.6	2984.0	2984.0
kg/hr	352198.2	4905.1	62985.0	17299.0	740827.1	268030.8	794050.3	268030.8	53711.9	53711.9
Temp. (C)	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	535.0	590.0	25.0	25.0	535.0
Press. (kPa)	12666.0	12666.0	12666.0	10000.0	101.3	10000.0	101.3	10000.0	10000.0	10000.0

Table E.2 Case 5 Energy Analysis

ELECTRICITY		
Plant	Electricity Used (MW)	Electricity Produced (MW)
Coal Preparation Plant	2.6	0.0
Cryogenic Oxygen Plant	5.3	0.0
Rectisol Plant	4.6	0.0
Syn. Gas Heat Recovery	1.3	0.0
Claus Plant	0.1	0.0
Gas Turbine	0.0	80.4
Steam Turbine	0.0	108.5
Compressor 1	38.9	0.0
Compressor 2	7.9	0.0
Compressor 4	21.5	0.0
Compressor 5	3.6	0.0
Total	85.6	188.9