Appendix G
Case 7: Texaco gasifier and power production facility
(higher alcohols as by-products and methanol burned to provide peaking power)

CASE 7

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 <u>Houston Area Medium-BTU Coal Gasification Project Final Report</u>, published in June 1982 by Union Carbide [1] (All references to material in this report will be referred to as <u>Houston</u>, and all scaling exponents from the Houston report are 0.65). The plant consumes 1.7 million metric tons of coal, 1.5 million metric tons of oxygen, and produces 0.089 million metric tons of mixed alcohols per year.

COAL PREPARATION

Coal (stream 10) and water (stream 12), are sent to the Coal Preparation Block. The coal is crushed, mixed with the water, and pumped to the gasifier as a ~60% solids mixture by weight (stream 13). The Coal Preparation Block is composed of four plants from the <u>Houston</u> report. Plant 01 is the Coal Slurry Preparation Plant. The cost of this plant was scaled linearly due to its multiple train format; where each train can handle up to 1,150 tons of coal per day. 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.

TEXACO GASIFIER

The coal slurry (stream 13) is mixed with compressed oxygen (stream 9) and burned at 1,200-1,400°C and 8,000 kPa in the Texaco 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. The equivalent of the Texaco Gasifier Block is Plant 03 in the <u>Houston</u> report, and each train can handle up to 958.3 tons of coal per day.

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. H_2S levels are reduced to the ppb range and CO_2 levels to the ppm range. The clean syngas (stream 22) is sent to the alcohol synthesis loop. A CO_2-N_2 mixture (stream 24) and a CO_2 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 Texaco 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 H_2S. 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 Texaco Gasifier Block (stream 8) at 1,300°C and 8,000 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 18), 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].

MoS$_2$ ALCOHOL SYNTHESIS LOOP

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

COMBUSTION GAS TURBINE

The light hydrocarbons extracted from the reactor recycle (stream 27) and the methanol produced (stream 102) in the Alcohol Synthesis Loop in addition to the clean synthesis gas stream from the Rectisol block (stream 101) 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 H_2 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 Rectisol system was chosen for this system for H_2S and CO_2 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 H_2S to the ppm level and beyond. However, there is some evidence that quantities of H_2S are beneficial if the reaction involves the MoS_2 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 H_2S and has lower capital and operating costs.

- The operating pressure for the Texaco gasifiers has been set at 8,000 kPa. This is the highest pressure indicated in the literature at which a Texaco gasifier has been run. Since the pressure required at the reactor is 14,000 kPa, we would of course like to run the gasifiers at as high a pressure as possible.

TOTAL ESTIMATED CAPITAL INVESTMENT (MM$)

Sour Gas Shift	5.3
Coal Preparation	67.8
Texaco Gasifier	274.2
Slag Handling	4.4
Gas Turbines	219.2
Steam Turbines	52.6
Exhaust Gas Heat Recovery	45.8
Synthesis Gas Heat Recovery	6.8
Cryogenic Oxygen Production	152.6
Rectisol (Acid Gas Separation)	62.3
Claus (Sulfur Recovery)	15.2
Beavon	3.3
Alcohol Synthesis Loop	17.9
Other Compressors	72.2
TOTAL	999.6

(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$)		999.6
TOTAL ESTIMATED OPERATING COSTS (MM$/YR)		234.4
Coal ($33/metric ton delivered)	58.3	
Other Expenses	176.1	
TOTAL ESTIMATED CREDITS (EXCLUDING ALCOHOLS) (MM$/YR)		226.9
Power ($0.05/kWh)	213.3	
Slag ($5.5/metric ton) (5)	1.0	
Sulfur ($300/metric ton) (6)	12.6	

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	-57.0	50.4
O2 Prep	2	500	9	8136	-19.8	17.8
Rxtr Prep	22	8030	26	14000	-4.1	4.0
Total compressor needs					-80.9	
Other in plant needs					-20.0	
Total produced in steam and gas turbines					617.5	
Net power output					516.7	
Total installed compressor costs (1992 dollars)						72.2

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Figure G.1: Block Flow Diagram for Case 7
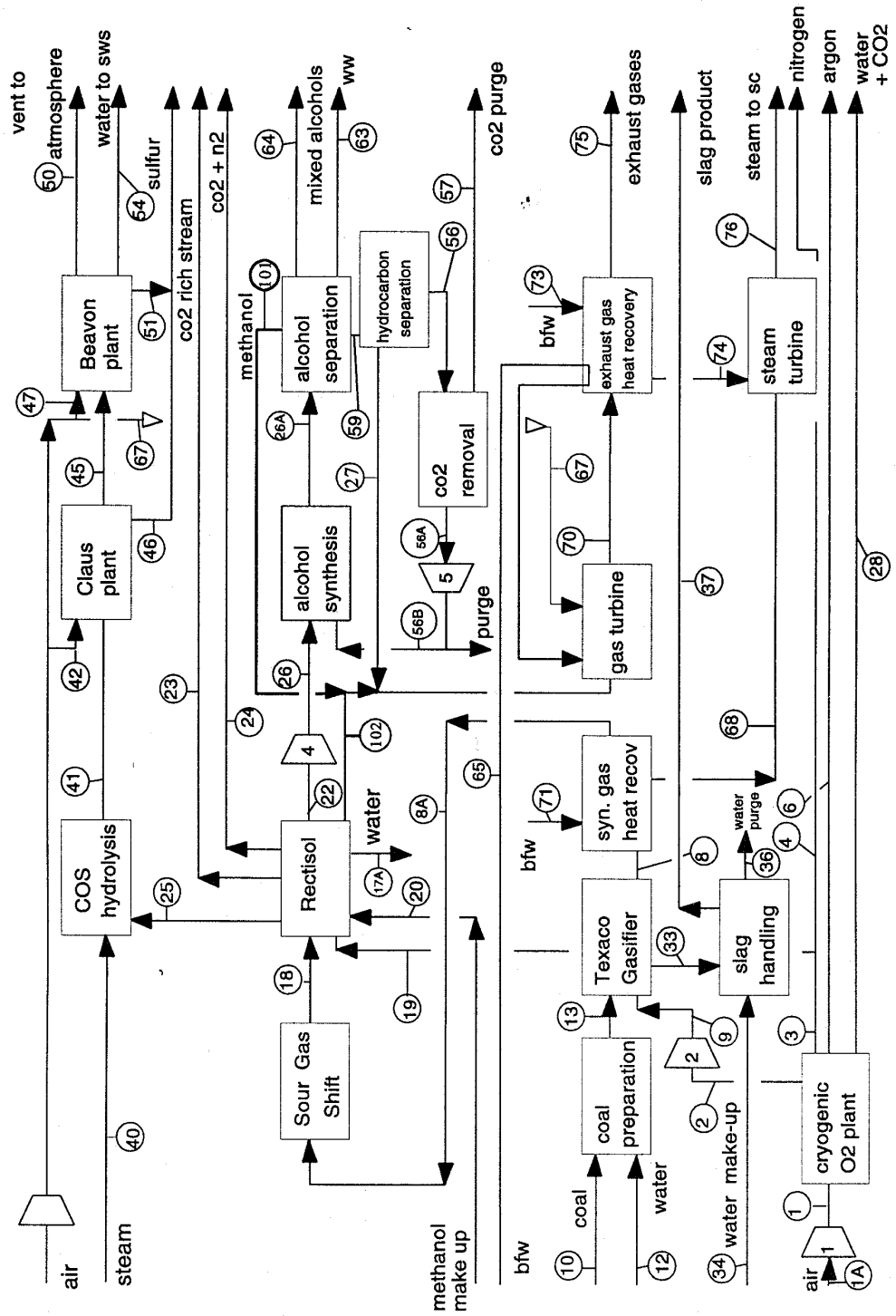
Table G.1 Case 7 Flow Tables

	001	001A	002	003	004	006	008	8A	009
Ar	261.2	261.2							
C						261.2			
CH3OH									
C2H5OH									
C3H7OH									
C4H9OH									
C5H11OH									
CO							8742.6	8742.6	
CO2	9.1	9.1					3411.6	3411.6	
COS							16.3	16.3	
CaCO3									
H2	675.0	675.0					6688.5	6688.5	
H2O							5678.6	5678.6	
H2S							147.4	147.4	
N2	21870.1	21870.1		21870.1	21286.8		99.4	99.4	
NH3							16.6	16.6	
O2	5879.7	5879.7	5879.7						5879.7
S									
Al2O3									
C3H6O2									
C4H8O2									
CH4							10.5	10.5	
C2H6									
kmol/hr	28695.0	28695.0	5879.7	21870.1	21286.8	261.2	24811.5	24811.5	5879.7
kg/hr	823506.8	823506.8	188148.8	612363.0	596029.6	10446.4	519718.9	519718.9	188148.8
Temp.(C)	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	1300.0	300.0	225.0
Press.(KPA)	500.0	101.3	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	8135.8	8135.8	8135.8

Table G.1 Case 7 Flow Tables (cont'd)

	O10	O12	O13	O17A	O18	O19	O20	O22
Air								
C	12181.0		12181.0					
CH3OH								
C2H6O							2.2	
C3H8O								
C4H10O								
C5H12O								
CO					7260.3			3022.5
CO2					4894.0			
COS					16.3			
CaCO3								
H2	4977.6		4977.6		8170.8			3401.6
H2O	140.3	7442.6	7582.8	4196.3	4196.3			
H2S					147.4			
N2	107.7		107.7		99.4	583.3		
NH3					16.6			
O2	959.3		959.3					
S	163.7		163.7					
Al2O3	228.1		228.1					
C3H6O2								
C4H8O2								
CH4					10.5			4.4
C2H6								
kmol/hr	18757.6	7442.6	26200.2	4196.3	24811.5	583.3	2.2	6428.5
kg/hr	220866.9	133965.9	354832.9	75533.1	519718.9	16333.4	71.5	91504.1
Temp. (C)	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	300.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Press. (KPa)	101.3	101.3	8135.8	8030.0	8030.0	500.0	101.3	8030.0

Table G.1 Case 7 Flow Tables (cont'd)

	023	024	025	026	026A	027	028	033	034
Ar									
C									
CH3OH									
C2H6O			2.2		162.7				
C3H8O					169.7				
C4H10O					37.6				
C5H12O					9.5				
CO				3022.5	3.9				
CO2	2818.1	1712.9	363.0		1813.5	1813.5			
COS			16.3		386.9	386.9	9.1		
CaCO3									
H2									
H2O				3401.6	2041.0	2041.0	675.0		14091.6
H2S			147.4		36.3				
N2		682.8							
NH3			16.6						
O2					4.7				
S					3.1				
Al2O3									
C3H6O2								228.1	
C4H8O2									
CH4					118.6	118.6			
C2H6				4.4	4.5	4.5			
kmol/hr	2818.1	2395.7	545.5	6428.5	4792.0	4364.5	684.1	228.1	14091.6
kg/hr	123995.0	94484.9	22314.3	91504.1	91504.1	73917.3	12548.5	23262.9	253648.3
Temp.(C)	25.0	25.0	25.0	100.0	310.0	25.0	25.0	1300.0	25.0
Press.(KPA)	8030.0	8030.0	8030.0	14000.0	12666.0	12666.0	500.0	101.3	101.3

	036	037	040	041	042	045	046	047	050
Ar									
C									
CH3OH				2.2		2.2			2.2
C2H6O									
C3H8O									
C4H10O									
C5H12O									
CO									
CO2				379.3		379.3			379.3
COS									
CaCO3									
H2	14091.6								
H2O			16.3	163.7		155.5			
H2S						8.2			
N2					292.5	292.5		45.8	338.3
NH3				16.6		16.6			
O2					77.7			12.2	8.1
S		228.1					155.5		
Al2O3									
C3H6O2									
C4H8O2									
CH4									
C2H6									
kmol/hr	14091.6	228.1	16.3	561.8	370.2	854.3	155.5	58.0	727.9
kg/hr	253648.3	23262.9	292.7	22607.0	10677.3	28308.5	4975.9	1671.5	26489.6
Temp.(C)	25.0	25.0	450.0	25.0	25.0	200.0	125.0	25.0	100.0
Press.(KPA)	101.3	101.3	10000.0	101.3	101.3	101.3	101.3	101.3	101.3

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Table 6.1   Case 7 Flow Tables (cont'd)

	051	054	063	064	065	067	068	070	071
Ar									
C									
CH3OH									
C2H6O				169.7					
C3H8O				37.6					
C4H10O				9.5					
C5H12O				3.9					
CO									
CO2								6734.7	
COS									
CaCO3									
H2									
H2O		163.7	36.3		4392.3				
H2S		16.6					19454.8	11791.0	19454.8
N2						92746.3		92746.3	
NH3			3.1						
O2									
S	8.2					24654.1		17713.9	
Al2O3									
C3H6O2									
C4H8O2			4.7						
CH4									
C2H6									
kmol/hr	8.2	180.3	44.0	220.7	4392.3	117400.4	19454.8	128985.9	19454.8
kg/hr	261.9	3229.6	1270.4	11108.8	79062.2	3385826.5	350186.0	3672306.0	350186.0
Temp.(C)	125.0	50.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	535.0	590.0	25.0
Press.(KPA)	101.3	101.3	12666.0	12666.0	10000.0	101.3	10000.0	101.3	10000.0

Table G.1 Case 7 Flow Tables (cont'd)

	073	074	075	076	077	078	101	102	103
Ar									
C									
CH3OH							162.7		162.7
C2H6O									
C3H8O									
C4H10O									
C5H12O									
CO								4237.7	6051.2
CO2			6734.7						386.9
COS									
CaCO3									
H2	21007.4	21007.4							
H2O			11791.0	40462.2	40462.2	40462.2		4769.2	6810.2
H2S									
N2			92746.3						
NH3									
O2			17713.9						
S									
Al2O3									
C3H6O2									
C4H8O2									
CH4								6.1	124.7
C2H6									4.5
kmol/hr	21007.4	21007.4	128985.9	40462.2	40462.2	40462.2	162.7	9013.0	13540.3
kg/hr	378133.5	378133.5	3672306.0	728319.5	728319.5	728319.5	5207.5	128292.4	207417.2
Temp.(C)	25.0	535.0	200.0	40.0	380.0	535.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Press.(KPa)	10000.0	10000.0	101.3	7.4	3000.0	3000.0	12666.0	8030.0	8030.0

Table G.2 Case 7 Energy Analysis

ELECTRICITY		
Plant	Electricity Used (MW)	Electricity Produced (MW)
Coal Preparation Plant	3.6	0.0
Cryogenic Oxygen Plant	7.8	0.0
Rectisol Plant	5.6	0.0
Texaco Gasifier	1.1	0.0
Syn. Gas Heat Recovery	1.7	0.0
Claus Plant	0.2	0.0
Gas Turbine	0.0	372.0
Steam Turbine	0.0	245.6
Compressor 1	57.0	0.0
Compressor 2	19.8	0.0
Compressor 4	4.1	0.0
Total	100.9	617.5