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(54) **HIGH PRESSURE PROCESS FOR CO₂ CAPTURE, UTILIZATION FOR HEAT RECOVERY, POWER CYCLE, SUPER-EFFICIENT HYDROGEN BASED FOSSIL POWER GENERATION AND CONVERSION OF LIQUID CO₂ WITH WATER TO SYNGAS AND OXYGEN**

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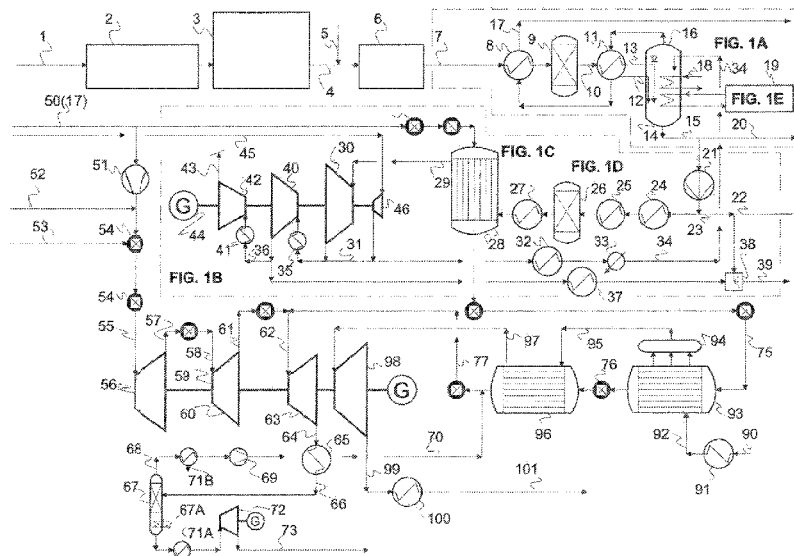
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to a high pressure process for Pre-Combustion and Post-Combustion CO₂ capture (HP/MP/LP gasification) from a CO₂ gas stream (CO₂-Stream) by way of CO₂ total subcritical condensation (CO₂-CC), separation of liquid CO₂, higher pressure elevation of obtained liquid CO₂ via HP pump, superheating of CO₂ up to high temperature for driving of a set of CO₂ expander turbines for additional power generation (CO₂-PG), EOR or sequestration (First new Thermodynamic Cycle). The obtained liquid CO₂ above, will be pressurized at a higher pressure and blended with HP water obtaining high concentrated electrolyte, that is fed into HP low temperature electrochemical reactor (HPLTE-Syngas Generator) wherefrom the cathodic syngas and anodic oxygen will be performed. In particular the generated HP oxygen/syngas will be utilized for sequential combustion (“H₂/O₂-torches”) for super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power generation (Second new Thermodynamic Cycle).

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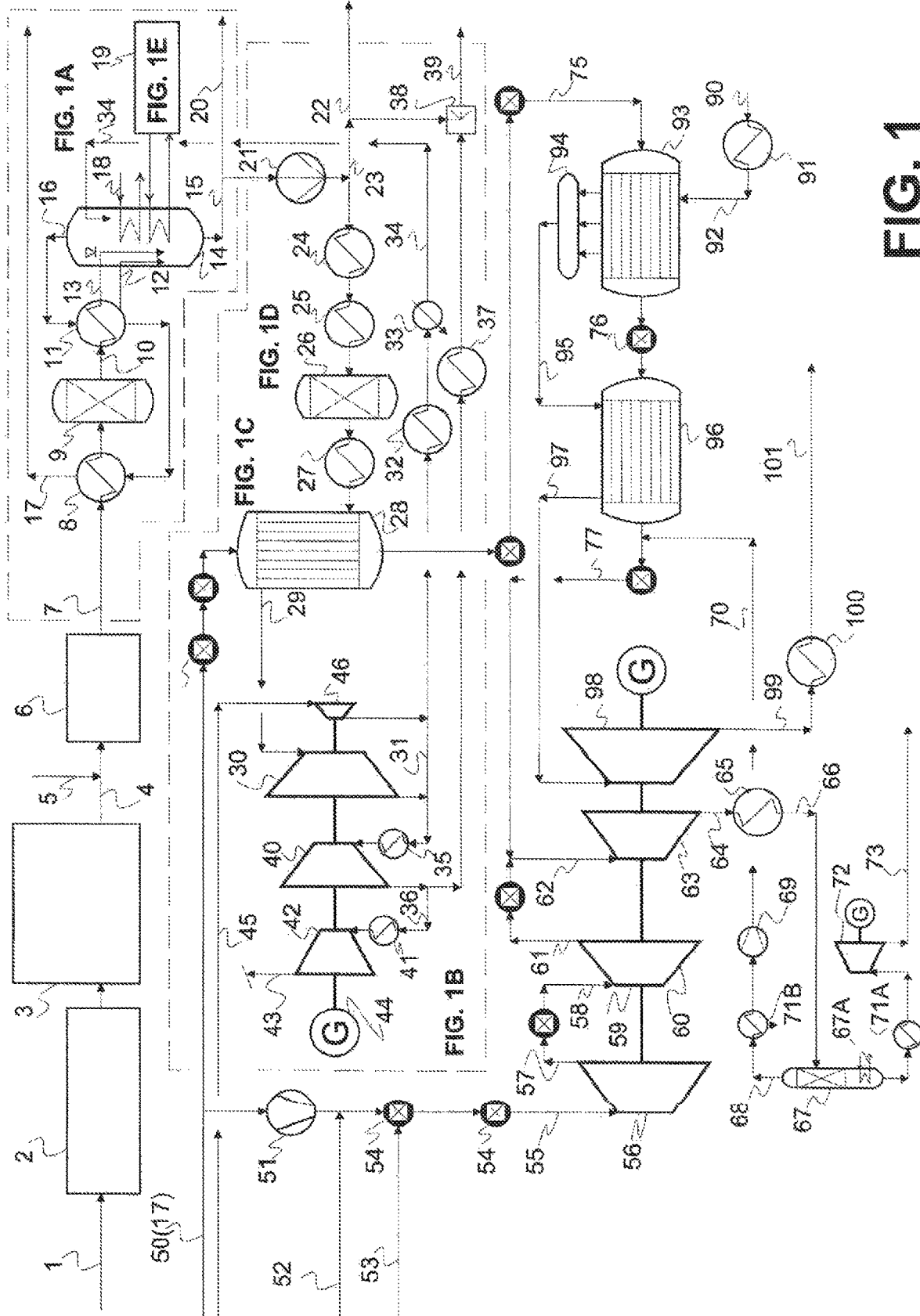


FIG. 1

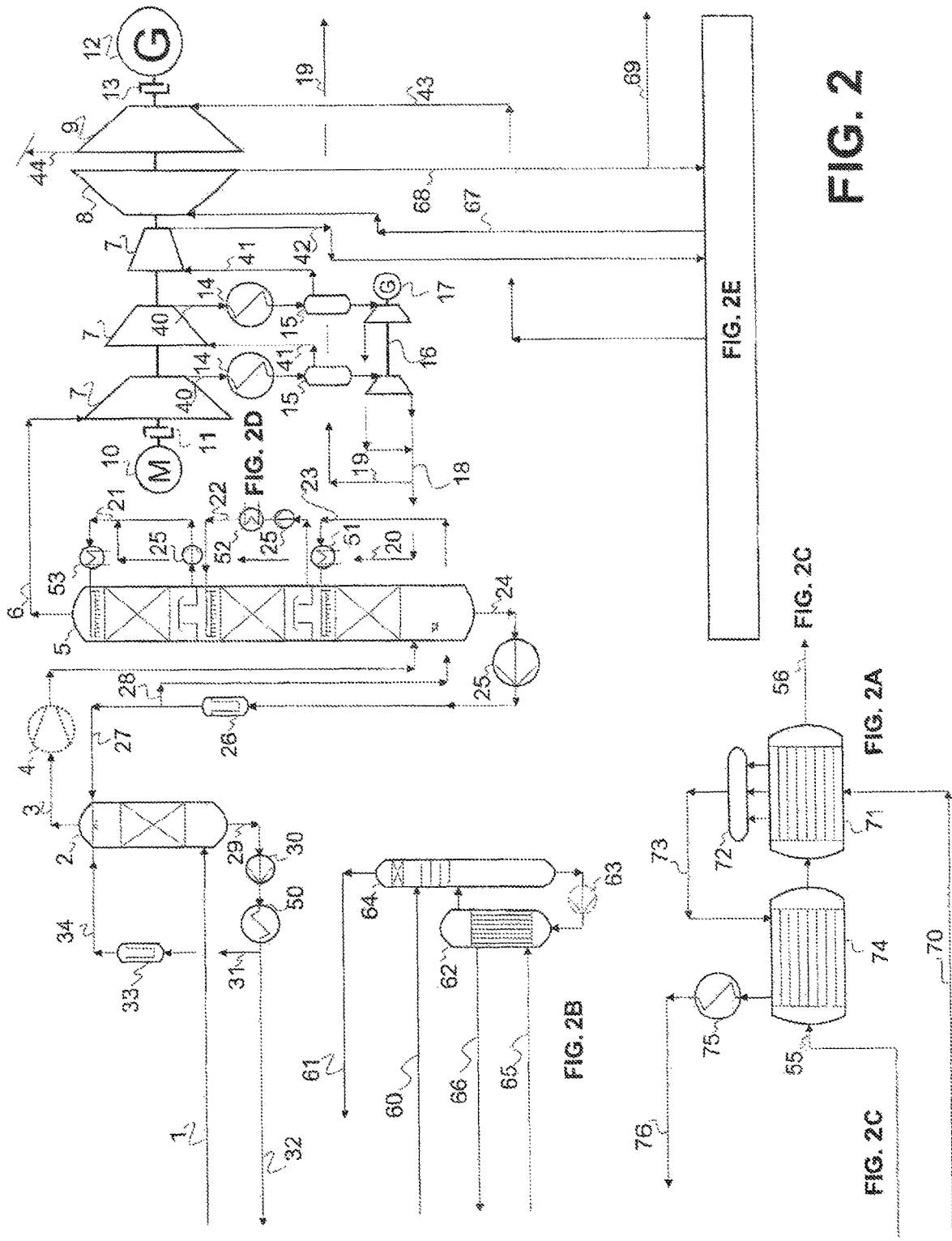


FIG. 2

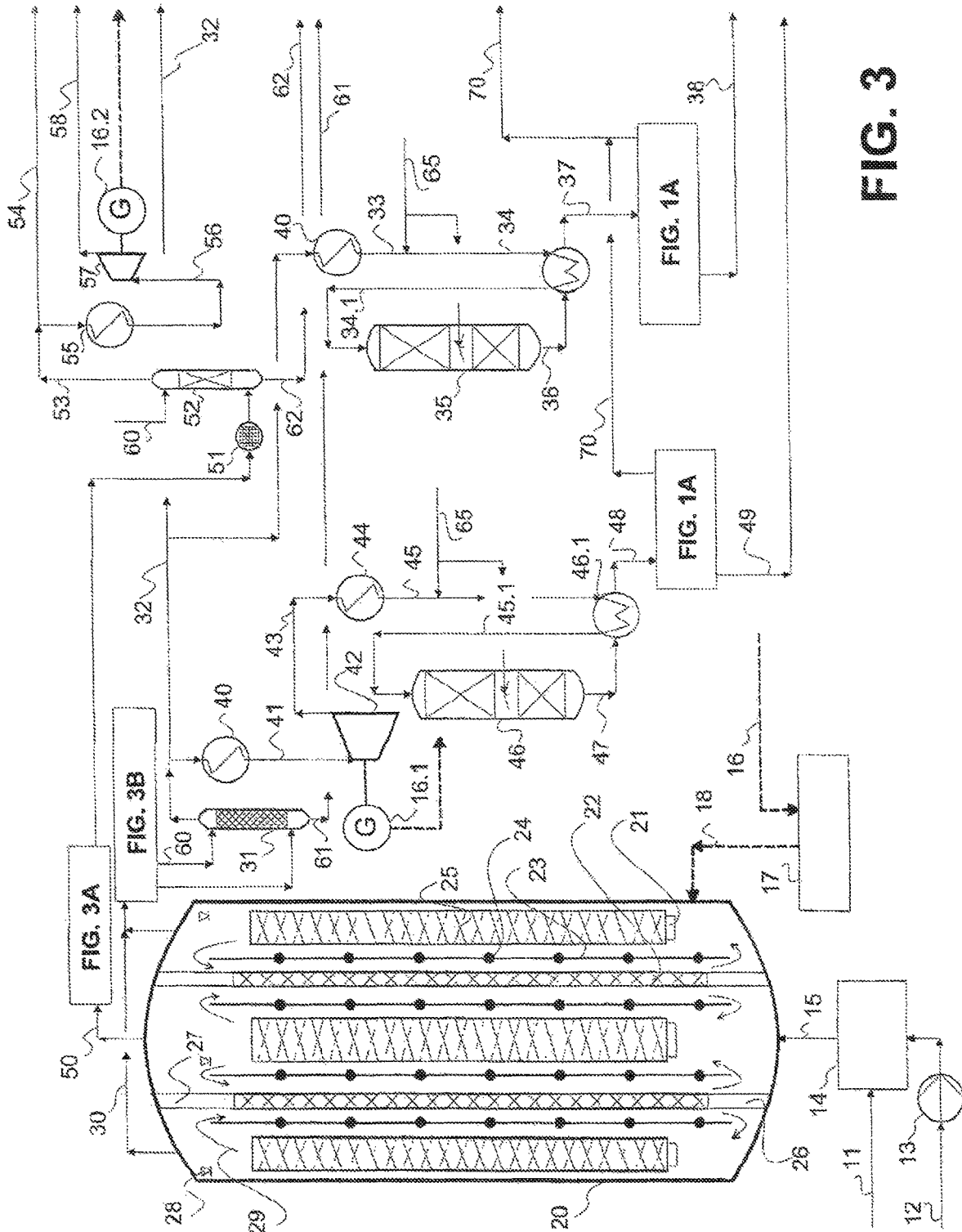


FIG. 3

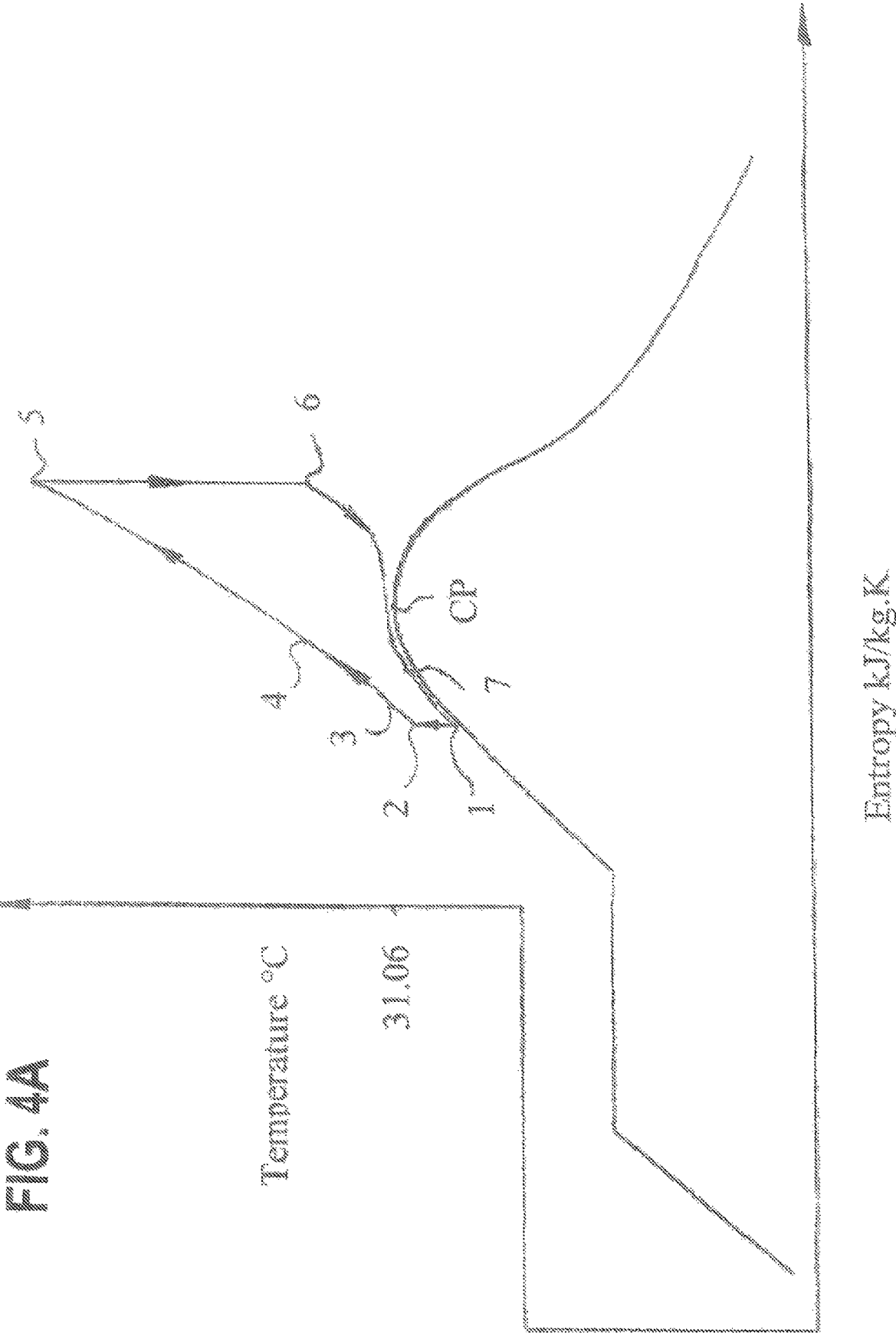
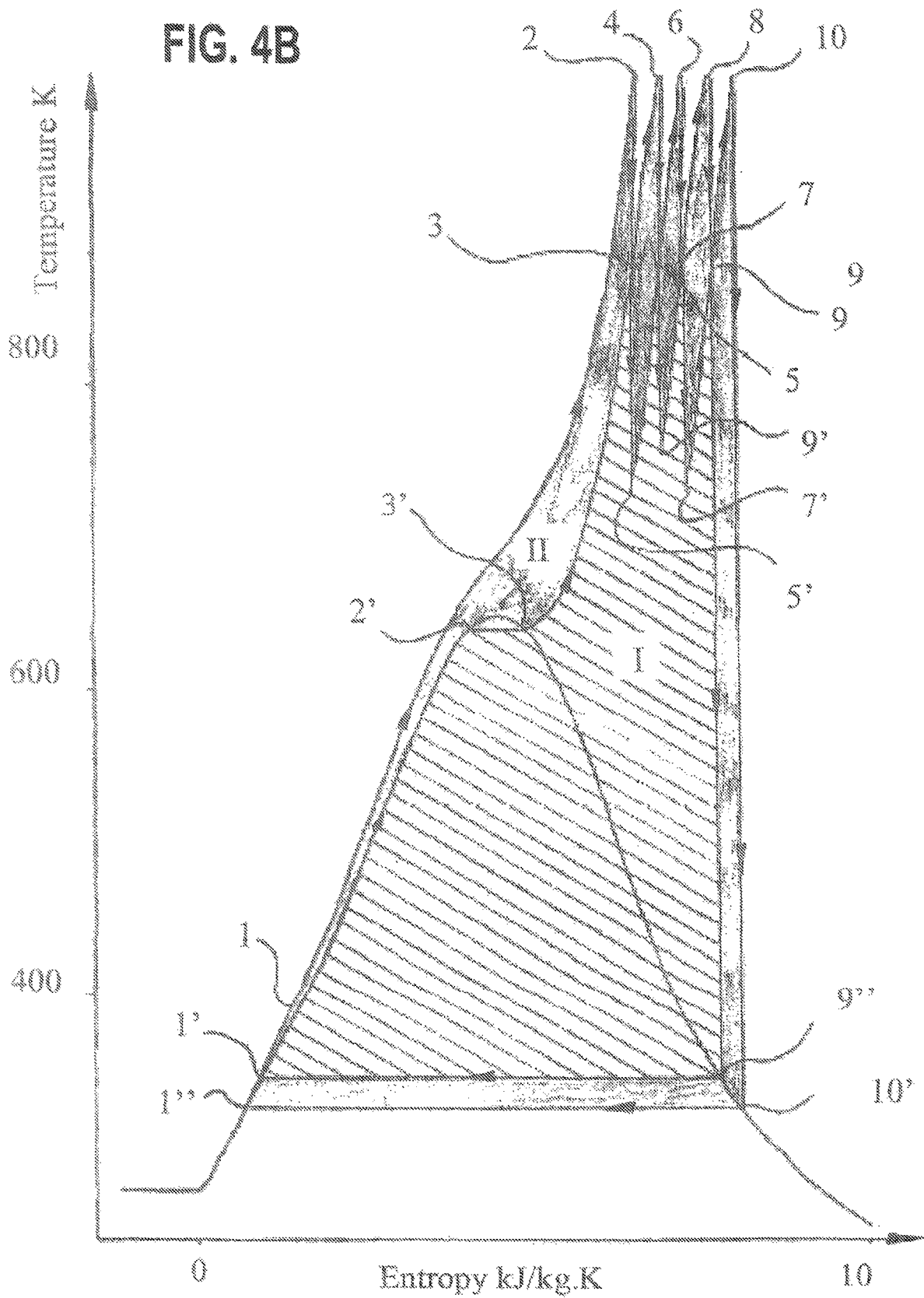


FIG. 4A

FIG. 4B



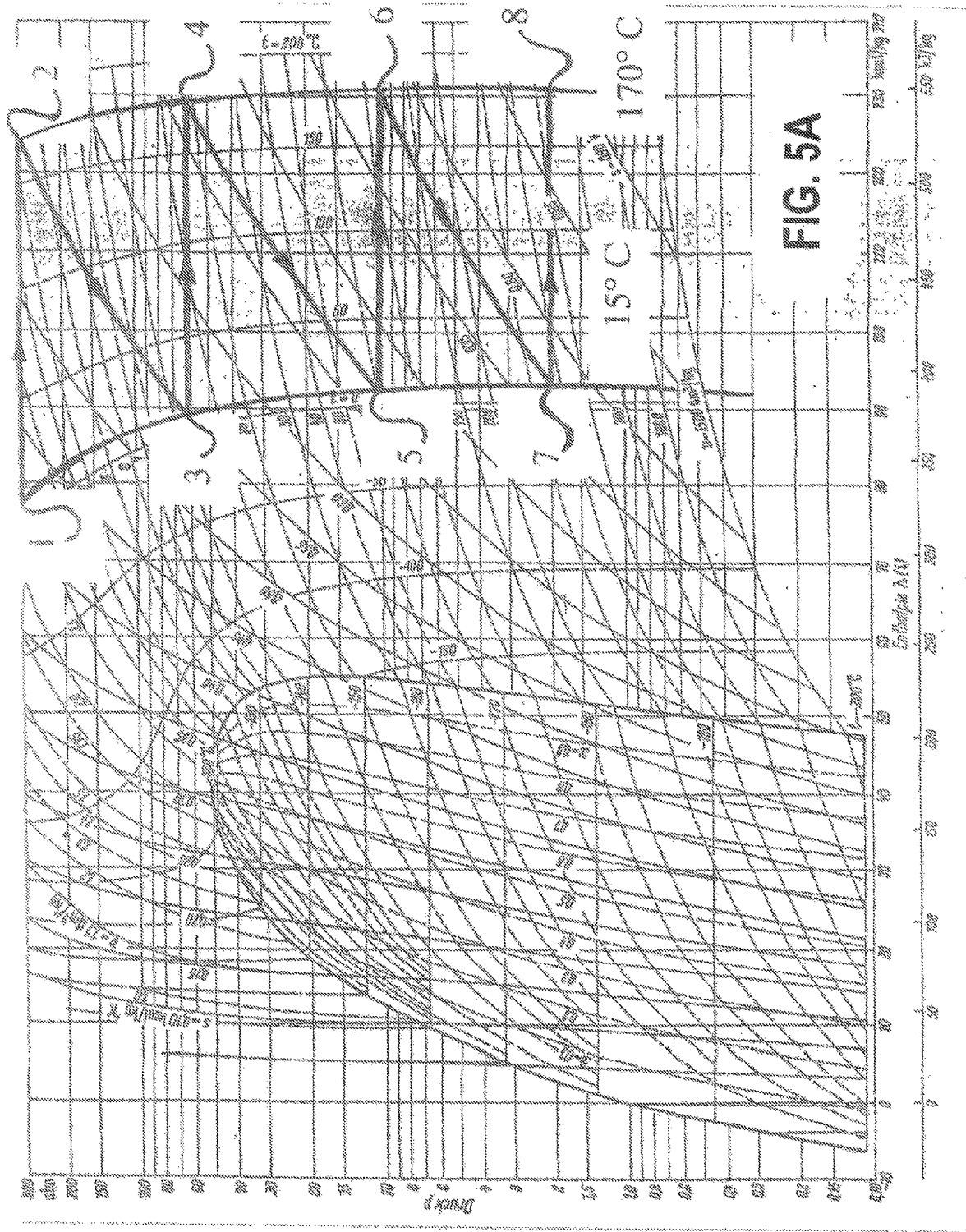


FIG. 5A

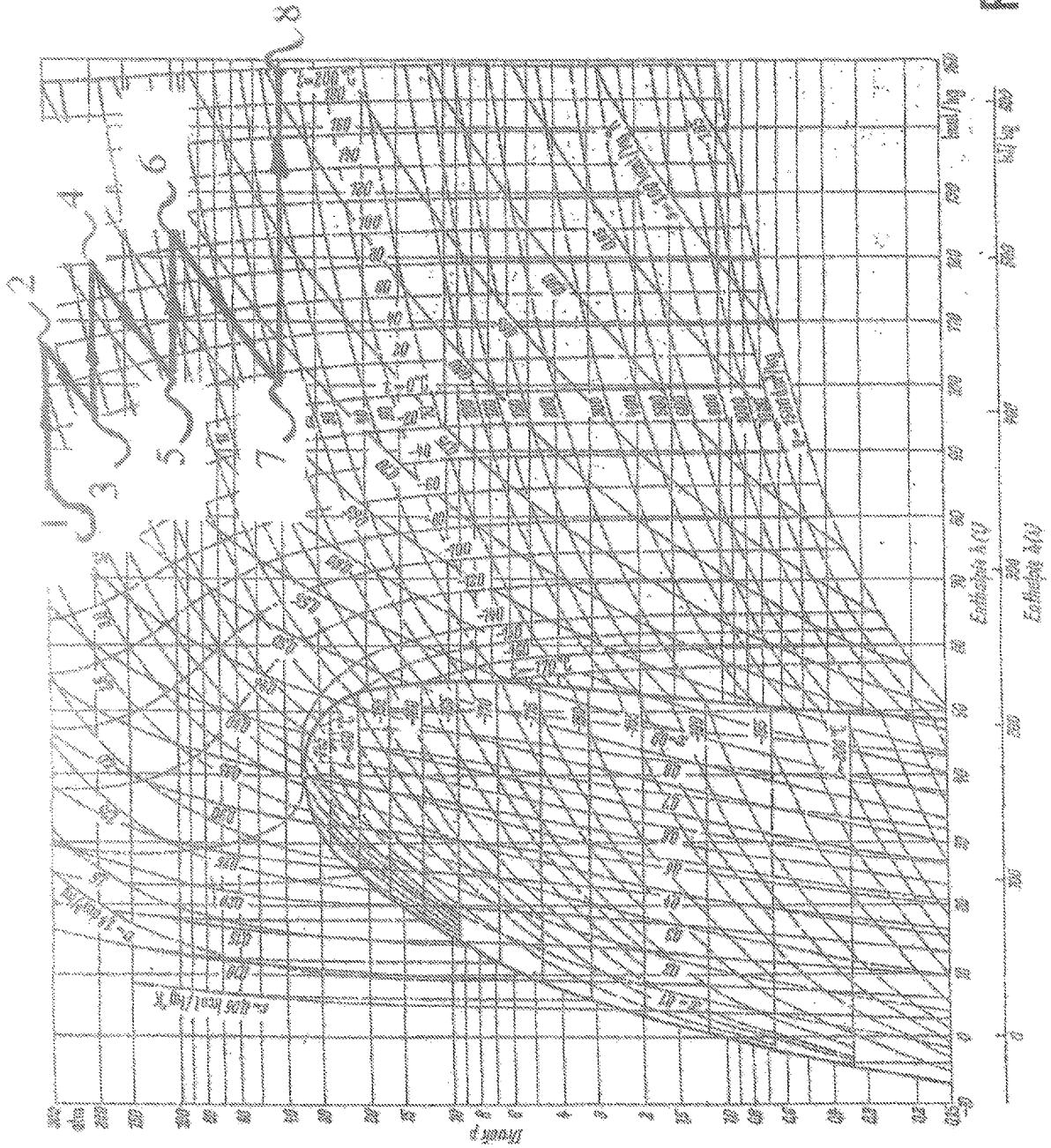


FIG. 5B

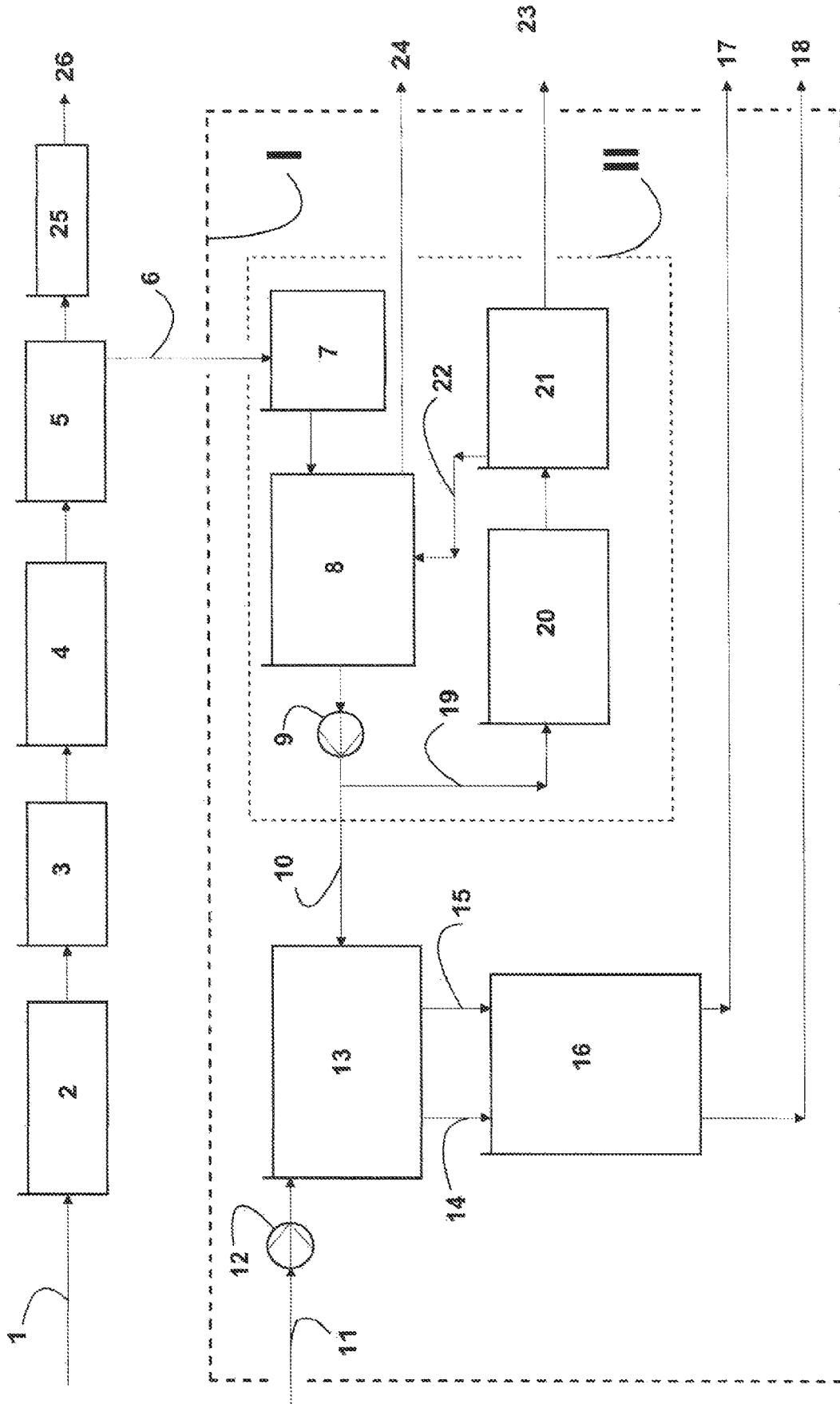


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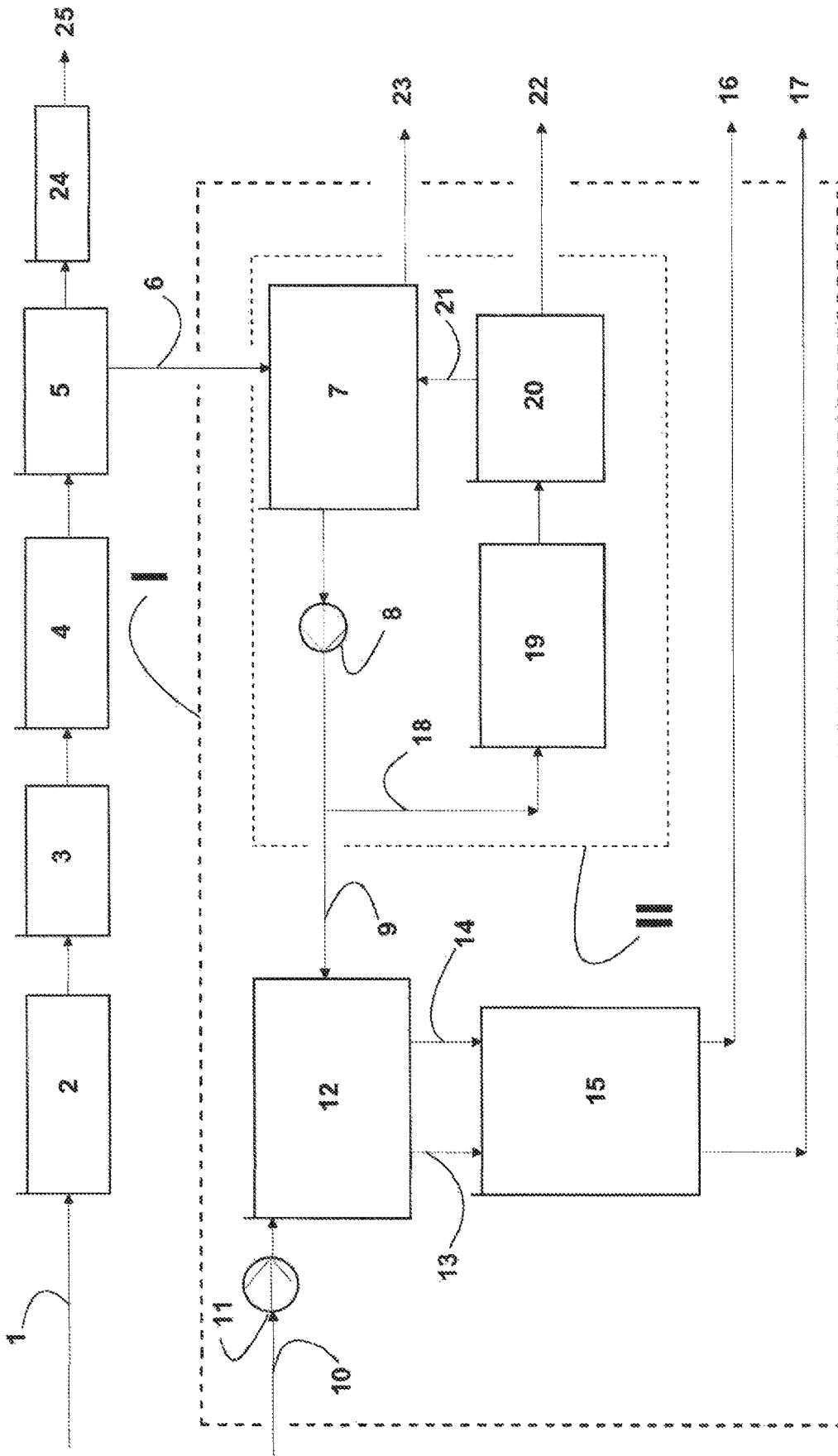


FIG. 7

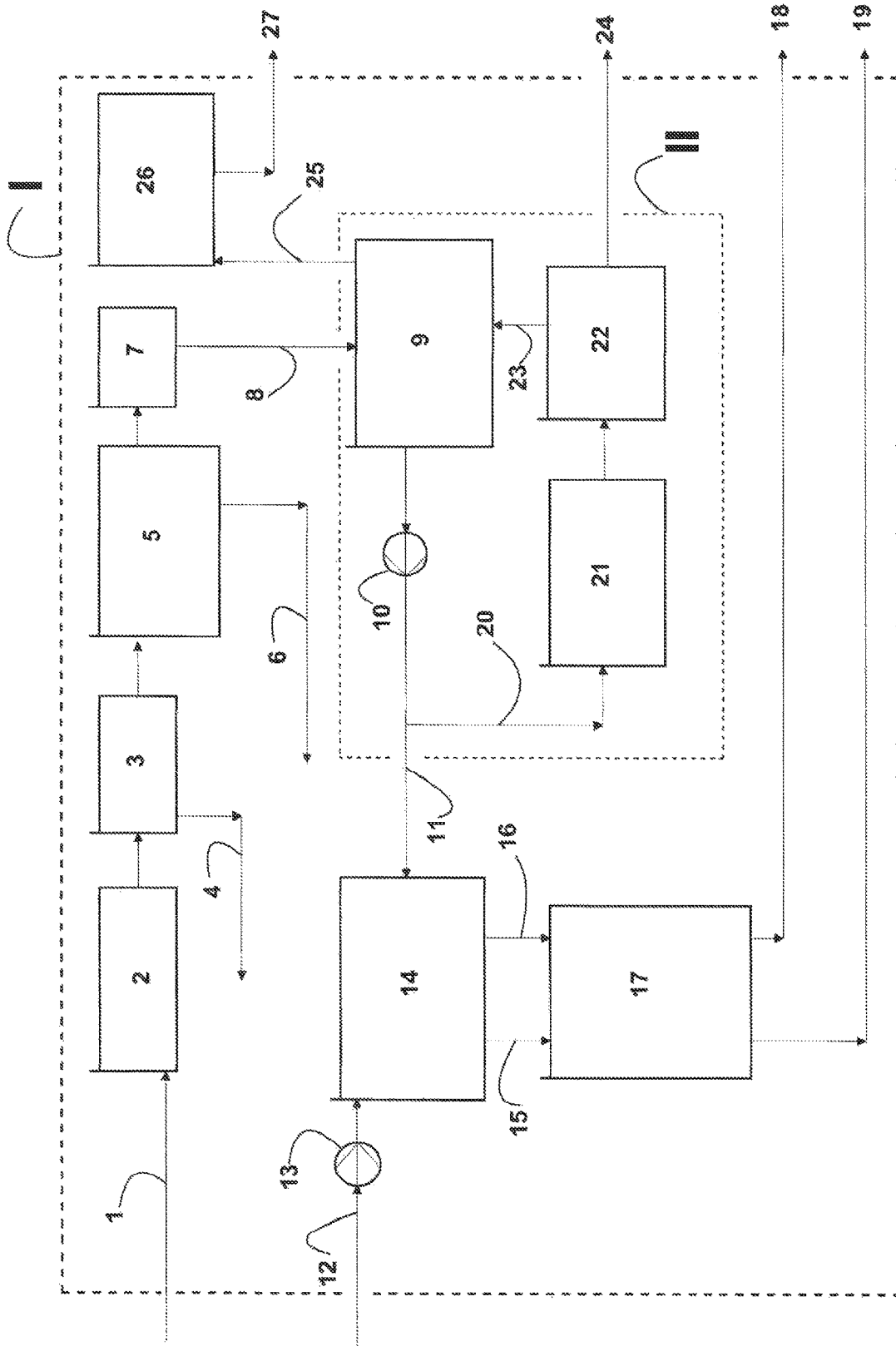


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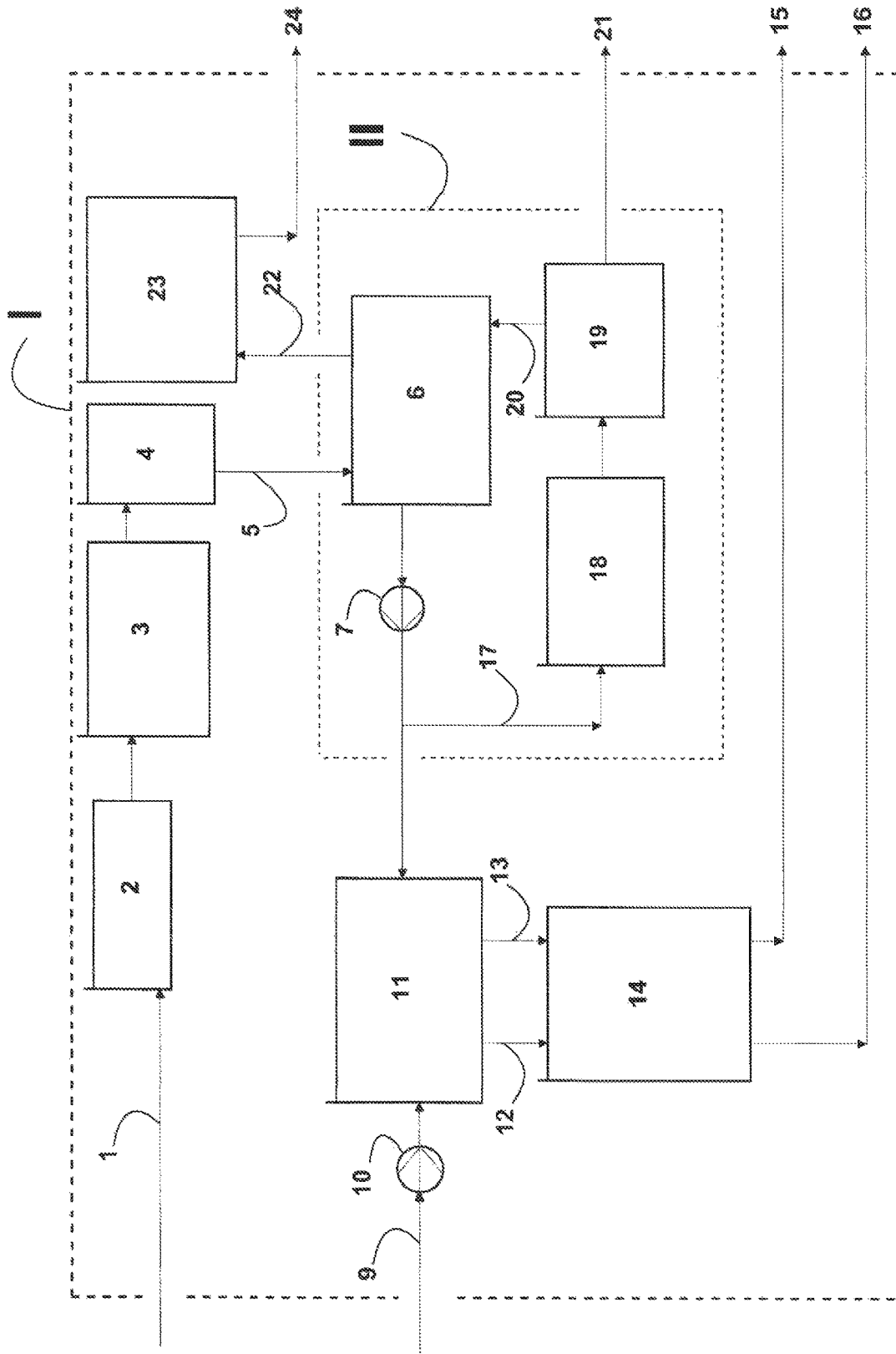


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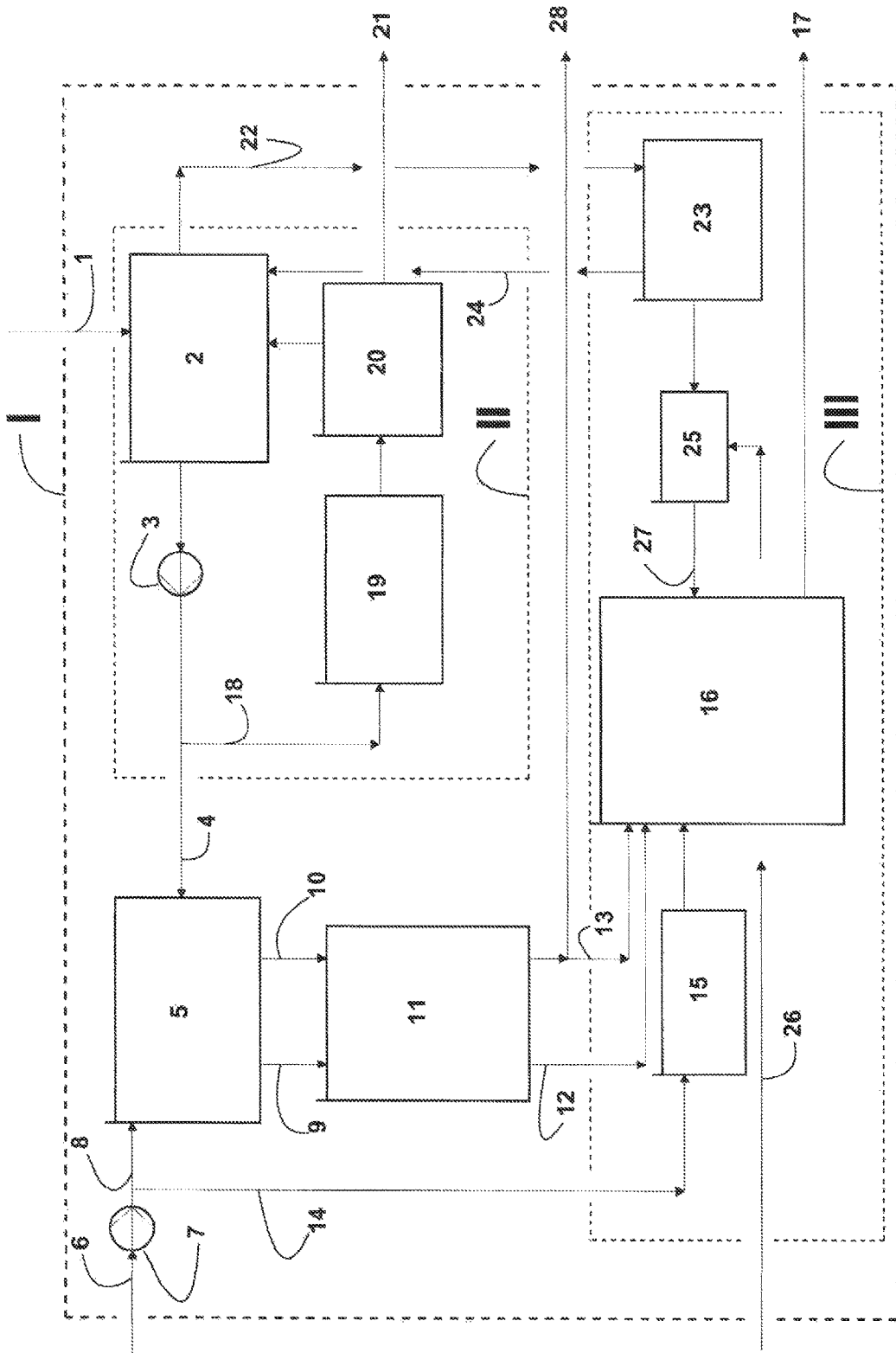


FIG. 10

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED
APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of application referring to the U.S. Provisional Application with the U.S. Ser. No. 14/392,066 with the priority date of Feb. 21, 2013, then filed for the PCT application of Feb. 19, 2014 with the PCT/EP2014/000443 and WO 2014/127913 A3.

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED PRIOR ART
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98

Not applicable

THE SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The field of the present invention relates to a net-zero-carbon-emission process for the capture of carbon dioxide (as the major cause to the global warming) as well as generation of additional electricity by the conversion of the captured carbon dioxide as a new fossil energy resource via the high pressure low temperature electrochemical reaction to oxygen and syngas that can be further processed to high value products i.e. jet fuel, gasoline, methanol, dimethyl ether, ethanol, ammonia, urea, whereas the currently wasted thermal energy is reclaimed in this process for the carbon capture, conversion of carbon dioxide and generation of additional power.

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The present process performs a processing for net-zero-carbon-emission super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power plants with high gross efficiency.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL
VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

The related views to the drawings are presented in the Appendices A, B, C and D as follows:

Appendix A Description of the two new thermodynamic cycles with the associated thermodynamic charts presented in the FIGS. 4A, 4B, 5A, and 5B

Appendix B Description of the major embodiments via FIGS. 1 to 5

Appendix C Further elaboration for the general inventive concept of the present invention with its three fundamental features (I), (II) and (III) that addresses the solution to the Stationary Sources of CO₂ emission in five principal embodiments according to the FIGS. 6 to 10

Appendix D: List of the abbreviations, acronyms, special expressions, and elements in the embodiments according to the FIGS. 1 to 10

BACKGROUND AND THE DETAILED
DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART

As result of increasing world population, the demand for electricity, transportation fuel and the commodity chemicals is increasing rapidly. Simultaneously, the world is encountered with threatening global warming due the emission of carbon dioxide that stems mostly out of the combustion of fossil resources for generation of electricity or conversion of fossil material into chemicals (e.g. transportation fuel, methanol, ethanol, ammonia, etc.). In addition, the higher demand of energy requires more extraction of crude oil and natural gas, while the use of coal is still troublesome or at least limited to some degree, particularly due higher CO₂ emission and other environmental impacts compared with natural gas. The latter fact has led part of coal power plants in United States to a change of fuel towards natural gas resulting to less CO₂ emission. Unfortunately, the intended measures for global reduction of CO₂ are mostly demised or at least lagging far behind. Other political consequences like CO₂ taxes are currently under discussion in some Western countries, that works at the expense of higher costs for generation of electricity an/or chemicals ultimately. The latter impact results inevitable to a misbalance in competitiveness. The increase of expenses due the separation of carbon dioxide via state-of-the-art technologies (both for pre-combustion as well as post-combustion carbon capture) and its further re-compression prior to a national pipeline (if ever ready) and sequestration, provides grave concerns in addition.

As result of these features, the Clean Energy, specifically Clean Coal developments are stalemated in recent years. Other alternatives like sustainable energy by use of biomaterial or waste-to-energy processes are by far unable to address the huge demand of energy, thus they are of marginal significance. Despite broaden outlook of gasification technologies in many perspectives-particularly the coal gasification—the extent of carbon emission and the GHG had also put the gasification process in a cul-de-sac, thus recently even some nuclear power plants are set under construction while some other are planned, as though the primary objectives of Clean Coal and the Clean Energy would be not

achievable (e.g. in concord to United States Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007).

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

At the other hand the reuse of carbon dioxide as a new fossil energy resource that will reduce the GHG and the demand of primary fossil energy is also restrained due technically and economically unfeasible outcome at the present time. For instance the biological or bacteriological conversion of CO₂ to ethanol doesn't provide substantiated alternative due the low process yield. Respectively the commercial installation of those plants at large scale would not provide a viable way either.

The electrochemical conversion of aqueous solution of CO₂ was more and less subject of scientific investigation at atmospheric pressure and ambient temperature, though under the very low solubility of CO₂ (George Olah et al in reference [1]). A high concentrated aqueous solution requires high pressure CO₂ compression, absorption and cooling, that would lead to a technical-economic unreasonably scale either. The electrochemical conversion of CO₂ and steam under gaseous state was also investigated, without great economical aspect, however. The conversion of gaseous CO₂/water stream eases slightly the processing, while the required high yield of conversion at technical scale can not be met according to the mass of CO₂ emission (C. R. Graves et al in reference [2]). Both later electrochemical processes require a DC current that was suggested to be supplied by an external power plant; even an adjacent nuclear power plant was suggested.

The current need for a techno-economical feasible CO₂ capture process that resolves the GHG by significant reduction and performs the reuse of CO₂ in a responsive extent under simultaneously preserving the primary fossil energy resources, had initiated the present process invention. Therefore, the present process is now capable to capture and convert the CO₂ in feasible way up to large scale plant (e.g. 1000 MW conventional coal power plant). The capture of all Stationary Sources of CO₂ emission according to the new process is comprised, both, for the post-combustion capture (i.e. flue gas of all kind of fossil power plants, oil & gas, gas treatment, chemical plants, geothermal, aluminum and steel manufacturing as well pulp and paper production) and the pre-combustion capture (i.e. HP/MP and LP gasification plants). At the present time, the Stationary Sources of CO₂ emission reaches out to about 75% of all CO₂ emission globally. Thus the present process invention meets all Clean Energy objectives of United States and many other countries; namely the following prime objectives are attained:

- (a) Reduction of energy reliance of the U.S. on foreign resources, e.g. crude oil and natural gas
- (b) Availing the abundant coal reserve for Clean Energy
- (c) Viable solution for the global climate warming and control of GHG

In addition, three other goals were accomplished in order to address other current challenges; i.e.:

- (d) Ultra Clean Fossil Energy, this term is ascribed to the present process for chemical and power plants due to the providing of Zero Carbon Emission, along with elimination of other emissions that is attained by the deletion of the chimney. For instance, there are no longer pollution of Black Carbon, mercury, antimony, NO_x, SO_x, and the radioactive constituent from fossil energy resources into the atmosphere
- (e) Introduction of new surmounting measures for facilitation of super-efficient power plants, whereas the cooling

tower and chimney are removed from the scenery of power generation, which are primary culprit for loss of over 40% of the primary thermal input energy

- (f) Thus the way of nuclear power generation can be abandoned by economical reasons now
- (g) The attainment for capturing liquid CO₂ within economically inexpensive conditions, resulting in the reuse of carbon dioxide to high-end commodity products like jet fuel, gasoline, methanol, DME, ethanol, fertilizers, etc., that in turn maximizes the efficacious use of fossil energy by preserving the resources. Due this fact the sequestration of carbon dioxide is no longer considerable. The profitability of EOR or IOR application of CO₂ for depleted oil fields via this process shall be analyzed case by case.

The objectives (a) to (g) could be achieved a general inventive concept by the operation of three fundamental features (I), (II) and (III) that addresses the techno-economic solution to the Stationary Source of CO₂ emission, wherein:

- (I) harnesses the currently wasted energy of power and commodity chemical plants to the atmosphere and integrate the waste heat for post-, and pre-combustion carbon capture through a CO₂ cycle, that is preferably distinguished by sub-critical preheating and superheating for driving of CO₂ turbine and by super-critical condensation of CO₂ that is inherently interlinked with high pressure oxygen and syngas obtained from high pressure low temperature electrochemical generation of syngas (HPLTE-SG) and oxygen from liquid anhydrous CO₂ and water as electrolyte of HPLTE-SG, wherein the economically feasible operation for obtaining liquid carbon dioxide is performed with the CO₂-cycle with its peculiarities for cooling and condensation CO₂-CC, waste heat recovery and process heat utilization by CO₂-HR, supply of the required power for driving compressors or turbine-generator of the process CO₂-PG (that supplies the CO₂ capture and backs up the electrolysis after AC/DC converter), on demand by a CO₂ closed cooling circuit for waste heat recovery CO₂ CCC-HR, which features the CO₂ cycle of this invention (referred to the first new thermodynamic cycle, FIGS. 1, 2, 4A) to obtain liquid anhydrous carbon dioxide, that

- (II) is then blended and cooled with purified water for reuse of carbon dioxide as a fossil energy primary resource (FIG. 3, elements 11, 12, 13, 14) at high pressure and low temperature to an electrolyte that is fed to the high pressure low temperature electrochemical reactor HPLTE-SG for generation of anodic oxygen and cathodic syngas (CO/2H₂), which is inherently intertwined for cooling and condensation media for the above CO₂-cycle (FIGS. 5A and 5B), while driving turbines for AC current, which backs up the process power and the electrolysis after AC/DC converter, wherein the operation of these two section enables the post—as well the pre-combustion carbon capture (FIGS. 6, 7, 8 and 9) at techno-economically feasible extent, more specifically the operation of these two features combined with the feature III, v.i. has led to the,

- (III) super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power generation with an overall efficiency of 85% to 90% (depending on location of the site and season), which is attained by the operation of the new Second Thermodynamic Cycle, wherein the cathodic pure hydrogen, preferably the hydrogen from a high pressure gasification is combusted with anodic oxygen at various pressures via

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torches to generate HP/IP/LP Direct Steam for superheated steam or reheating of the steam from the IP and LP sections of the turbine (FIGS. 4B and 10) in a way, that the final steam downstream of the turbine can be regained as pure water while the cathodic chemically pure syngas in stoichiometric composition of CO/2H₂ can be delivered to an adjacent chemical plant for high-end valuable ammonia, methanol, ethanol, fertilizer, gasoline plant that increases the overall efficiency and profitability of the site, lower costs and price of electricity, gasoline, commodity chemicals, ergo shorter period for the return of investment.

The above three fundamental principals of the present invention has evolved to five group of inventive embodiments, which are outlined via the block diagrams in FIGS. 6 to 10 with the list of state-of-the-art as well as the new inventive sections enclosed, which are applicable specifically for (1)post-combustion, (2)pre-combustion and particularly in (3)super-efficient hydrogen based fossile power generation, wherein the reuse of carbon dioxide and Zero-CO₂ emission from the Stationary Sources of CO₂ emission achieved to address the global GHG. These five block diagrams shall serve as over view of the process with their interrelation to the above I, II and III fundamentals of the invention without limiting other inventive sections of each applications, vide Appendix C.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a high pressure process for Pre-Combustion and Post-Combustion CO₂ capture (HP/MP/LP gasification) from a CO₂ gas stream (CO₂-Stream) by way of CO₂ total subcritical condensation (CO₂-CC), separation of liquid CO₂, higher pressure elevation of obtained liquid CO₂ via HP pump, superheating of CO₂ up to high temperature for driving of a set of CO₂ expander turbines for additional power generation (CO₂-PG), EOR or sequestration (First new Thermodynamic Cycle). The obtained liquid CO₂ above will be pressurized at a higher pressure and blended with HP water obtaining high concentrated electrolyte, which is then fed into HP low temperature electrochemical reactor (HPLTE-Syngas Generator) wherefrom the cathodic syngas and anodic oxygen will be performed. In particular, the generated HP oxygen/syngas will be utilized for sequential combustion ("H₂/O₂-torches") for super-efficient hydrogen-based fossil power generation (new Second Thermodynamic Cycle).

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Brief and detailed descriptions for the FIGURES are presented in the Appendix B, and for the Block Diagrams are presented in the Appendix C

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

High pressure process for both Post-Combustion and Pre-Combustion CO₂ capture from a CO₂ gas stream and/or from any CO₂ containing gaseous process media (referred to CO₂-Stream) by way of total and/or partial condensation of CO₂ to liquid carbon dioxide (CO₂-CC: Carbon dioxide Capture and Condensation) is invented, whereby the condensation of subcritical CO₂ by trespassing the liquid-vapor two-phase zone and/or more preferably supercritical-subcritical condensation above the critical point is carried out

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under elevated pressure merely above the critical pressure and below the critical temperature of carbon dioxide:

$$P^*(\text{CO}_2)=1070 \text{ psi}=73.835 \text{ bar}$$

$$T^*(\text{CO}_2)=87.8^\circ \text{ F.}=31.06^\circ \text{ C.}$$

According to the present process invention it is first imperative, to cool down the CO₂ containing gaseous media with the available cooling media e.g. internal process media, cooling water or ambient air (air cooler, hybrid cooler) close over the critical temperature, so the condensation in this first heat exchanger(s) can be suppressed (in the context of present process invention, referred to as Over Critical Gas Cooler). Up to the over critical gas cooling, the water constituent of CO₂ containing gaseous media can be removed by way of condensation of water. Further on, the dehydration of CO₂ containing gaseous process medium takes place i.e. silica gel, organic or inorganic absorbens, so dry dehydrated CO₂ containing process gas (for instance, syngas containing CO₂/CO/H₂) can be processed to the next subcritical heat exchanger(s), wherein a partial CO₂ condensation of upstream gaseous media will take place in counter-current to the undercooled gases (e.g. H₂/CO) after the liquid CO₂ separation. The condensation of major part of CO₂ takes place in the Main Condenser and liquid CO₂ collector.

This process considers the condensation of CO₂ from any CO₂ containing sources (referred to CO₂-Stream), in particular as of the flue gas of fossil power plants based on coal, biomass, municipal waste, crude oil, petcoke, refined oil intermediates, bulk solid or liquid carbonaceous waste fired power plants as well as natural gas or any offgas (H₂/CO of steel manufacturing) fired in the combustion chamber of gas turbine in the single cycle or combined cycle power plants.

The present process encompasses also the condensation of CO₂ from any other CO₂-Stream i.e. aluminum production, cement industry, steel manufacturing and coke preparation from coal, geothermal source, fermentation off gas, CO₂ constituent in the untreated natural gas off of the well, pulp and paper manufacturing and chemical plants i.e. ammonia, methanol, ethanol, gasoline production plant and air will be considered in this process. In addition, this process comprises also the capturing of CO₂ from CO₂ containing gases obtained either from high pressure syngas (i.e. from high pressure gasifier) directly and/or middle or low pressure syngas (obtained from MP/LP gasifiers) after pressure elevation by a compressor.

The term HP syngas in the sense of this process invention according to FIG. 1, is ascribed to a syngas which is generated by HP gasifier 1, so the syngas (after the passing gas clean up 2, syngas scrubber, syngas cooler, COS hydrolysis, syngas cooling, mercury removal, Acid Gas Removal unit for removal of H₂S, and injection of steam/water 5, to CO-Water Shift Converter 6, either for partial conversion and stoichiometric adjustment of H₂/CO ratio or total conversion of CO to hydrogen by adding of water/steam into the syngas) shall be obtained in upstream of the CO₂-CC unit (process stream 7), and upstream of Over Critical Gas Cooler 8 by at least a pressure, slightly above the prevailing critical pressure of carbon dioxide, more preferably it is obtained in a margin of the partial pressure of CO₂ that is close above the critical pressure of the carbon dioxide.

The HP gasifier according to the meaning of present process invention is ascribed to any gasification process wherein the HP gasifier is fed with natural gas, crude oil, coal slurry, biomass, more advantageously fed with carbon rich bulk solid carbonaceous material preferably in powder

or dust form, i.e. coal (both in low rank and/or high rank), petcoke, biomass are fed into gasifier via high pressure dry feeding system (e.g. Aerojet Rocketdyne (former PWR) Dry Pump or HP-Dry CCS, High Pressure Dry Continuous Coal Supply in pursuant to PCT/US2010/002482 or EP 09 012 157.5) takes place. The HP/MP/LP gasifier above can be fed either with air or in advanced gasifier with oxygen, preferably that is obtained hereby from the anode of HPLTE-Syngas Generator.

The term MP or LP syngas in the meaning of present process invention, is ascribed to a syngas pressure which is generated by MP or LP gasifier **1**, **2**, so the syngas after passage of gas clean up, syngas scrubber, syngas cooler, COS hydrolysis, syngas cooling, mercury removal, Acid Gas Removal unit for removal of H₂S, and CO-Water Shift Converter **6** (either partial conversion for adjustment of CO/H₂ ratio or total conversion of CO to hydrogen by adding of water/steam into the syngas, whereas the obtained syngas upstream of the CO₂-CC unit will have lower pressure than the critical pressure of carbon dioxide. In this case, an interim compressor (FIG. **1**, **3**, upper comment) shall pressurize the MP/LP syngas to a higher pressure that is preferably slightly above the critical pressure of carbon dioxide required upstream of CO₂-CC and Over Critical Gas Cooler. In the latter case, the intercoolers of interim syngas compressor are encompassed within the CO₂-HR Unit that comprises Heat Recovery carried out by CO₂ as working process media (akin to HRSG section for water-steam system).

It is from process economics perspective more advantageous, that the present process invention can be applied to for CO₂ removal after a HP Gasification Island, so the operation pressure of the HP row syngas downstream of gasifier and upstream of CO₂-CC section prevails above the critical pressure of CO₂. As described v.i. this kind of gasifier are utmost preeminent gasifiers that can be installed for high efficient syngas generation for chemicals and more specifically for super-efficient hydrogen based power plants.

The condensation of carbon dioxide by an operation pressure-advantageously merely above the critical pressure-requires cooling the gaseous media down below the 31° C. that can be performed with an Auxilliary Cooling Media or process media after CO₂ condensation (FIG. **1**, **16**, **17**) i.e. by cooling water, refrigerant cooling (e.g. by use of Freon), ammonia absorber cooling, ambient air and/or a combination of them, specifically via dry air cooler in the winter season or in cold regions. In the summer season or in warm regions additional cooling circuit is necessary.

According to the present process, low temperature gaseous products of HPLTE-Syngas Generator v.i., that are cathodic H₂/CO syngas and anodic O₂ with an average temperature of 10° to 25° C. will be involved as a process integrated cooling agent for CO₂ cooling and condensation as well (refer to HPTLE-Syngas Generator in FIG. **3** and the description vide infra). According to the FIG. **5** (exemplary for O₂ and CO, likewise for H₂ constituent of syngas as well), the cooling through each product stream of HPLTE-Syngas Generator can take place repeatedly for cooling of CO₂ either in CO₂-CC section and/or for the CO₂ cooling and condensation in the CO₂ power cycle.

More preferably, the additional cooling circuit can be performed by an Auxiliary Cooling Unit (referred to as ACU) via expansion of part of the obtained liquid carbon dioxide to lower pressure level at one side of a heat exchanger, while at the other side the undercooling the carbon dioxide containing gaseous process media to the total condensation of CO₂ will be performed below the critical

temperature of carbon dioxide in the Main Condenser. For instance, the expansion of approximately 16 lbs liquid carbon dioxide from 74 barg down to ca. 5.547 barg at -55° C. (triple point of CO₂ at -56.57° C.), enables the condensation of 84 lbs carbon dioxide out of the syngas mixture or any CO₂ containing gas. The residual traces of CO₂ in syngas (e.g. for ammonia process) can be removed by way of a Trim Absorber, so the CO₂ cleansed syngas can be forwarded to methanization reactor, prior to ammonia synthesis section.

The present process considers the release of part of the obtained liquid carbon dioxide in the margin from critical point of CO₂ down to the sublimation line (in the sense of temperature-entropy or pressure-enthalpy chart) that is over the sublimation line of carbon dioxide. The released CO₂ can be recompressed and recycled back to the upcoming CO₂ containing process upstream of CO₂-CC. Preferably, the operation pressure of ACU is to be kept above the triple point temperature of CO₂ and the sublimation line of CO₂ at the coolant side in order to avoid the deposits of CO₂ solid sublimates.

The CO₂-CC Unit consists specifically of Over Critical Gas Cooler(s) **8**, final dehydration adsorber columns **9** (working intermittently for dehydration/regeneration mode of operation, dehydrated CO₂ stream **10**), Subcritical Gas Cooler(s) **11**, CO₂ Main Condenser(s) **14** and the ACU the Auxiliary Cooling Unit **19**. The present CO₂-CC can be inventively carried out in any region of CO₂ (in the sense of temperature-entropy chart or enthalpy-entropy chart of CO₂) i.e. subcritical condensation, condensation on critical point, particularly condensation of CO₂ in supercritical region with cooling systems based on low temperature gaseous products of HPLTE-Syngas Generator, which can be employed repeatedly (refer to FIG. **5** A, B exemplarily), air cooler, cooling tower, coolant system **18** (e.g. ammonia absorber coolant, Freon, refrigerating system), more preferably supported by ACU carried out by release and vaporization of part of liquid CO₂ process media.

In order to conduct the condensation of CO₂ with minimal thermal condensation energy, it is preeminent to cool first the gaseous media by supercritical gas cooler(s) close over the critical point (CO₂ condensate **12**), then further cooling **13** by trespass the critical point down to subcritical region by subcritical gas cooler(s) and the Main Condenser, **14** with liquid CO₂ streams **20**, and **15** (for semi-open cycle i.e. for EOR, IOR, Urea production). By this measure the minimal cooling performance will be required by the cooling agent or ACU in the summer season.

The CO₂ Main Condenser **14** captures also the gaseous recycle CO₂ stream that is directed from an interim section of the CO₂ back pressure turbine in the CO₂ power generation section (CO₂-PG) or is recycled from ACU after re-compression of carbon dioxide stream.

On the grounds of carbon capture features of present process invention an utmost compact and cost efficient way for removal of CO₂ is fulfilled as regards to costs of investment, operation and maintenance costs—compared with Selexol, Rectisol and Benfield absorption and PSA for removal of CO₂ according to the state-of-the-art processes. This process encompasses the utilization of separated liquid CO₂ for heat recovery and additional power generation via CO₂ expander turbines.

The utilization of CO₂ is carried out by pressure elevation of liquid carbon dioxide by use of HP-Liquid CO₂ pump, typically in margin of 250 to 300 barg or higher pressure under steady operation of pump in CO₂ subcritical temperature, preferably in the margin of 10° to 25° C.

The pressure elevation via pump (either in a single or multiple pumping stages) is considered to be carried out with simultaneous indirect cooling of liquid CO₂ while pumping performed. The cooling of the liquid CO₂ centrifugal pump or reciprocating plunger pump or pump stages—

such as like applied in some urea plants or for pressurization of anhydrous ammonia—comprises the employment of intercooler(s) and jacket cooling of the pump(s) as well.

The HP liquid CO₂ stream can preferably be processed in part for various other applications like urea manufacturing and/or after heat recovery (not depicted in FIG. 1) for HP CO₂ sequestration. It can be also availed for desuperheating of MP CO₂ stream for EOR (Enhanced Oil Recovery) or CO₂ MP-sequestration or delivering to national CO₂ pipe line.

One of peculiarities of present process invention is pertaining to availing of liquid carbon dioxide as feedstock for higher value intermediates, syngas and oxygen, through high pressure low temperature electrochemical conversion of liquid carbon dioxide and water (HPLTE-Syngas Generator). This technically and commercially viable way can be carried out now in large scale commercial plant that produces value added final products which are originally obtained from natural gas and crude oil as well. Hence this, the liquid carbon dioxide can be transported and shipped to another location and sites, where the generation of syngas can take place. This provides a tremendous remedy because the transportation and storage of liquid carbon dioxide is by far less complicated than the transportation of LNG (liquefied natural gas). Therefore, the present process considers the export of liquid carbon dioxide as an auspicious option for safe transportation of energy resources. More specifically, the present process invention comprises in one of the embodiments a HPLTE-Syngas Generator. The side stream for excess CO₂ is processed as HP-liquid CO₂ for sequential blending/cooling with purified water that will be fed into the HPLTE-Syngas Generator.

The heat recovery with HP liquefied CO₂ is first carried out at a pressure, typically in margin of 250 to 300 barg or higher pressure, while the vaporization of liquid CO₂ (also referred to as CO₂ regasification) takes place at the low temperature, as low as the critical temperature of CO₂ of 31° C.

$$T^*(\text{CO}_2)=87.8^\circ \text{ F.}=31.06^\circ \text{ C.}$$

This leads to some preeminent advantageous features that makes the liquid CO₂ predestined to use the entire waste heat and other heat resources that are typically wasted in chemical and fossil power plants (typically through the cooling tower, chimney or to the ambient air). The recovery of those heat sources are also extraordinary important for leveraging of gross thermal efficiency, respectively increase of electric output efficiency of a fossil or nuclear power plant and the chemical plants as well.

According to the present process the heat recovery via liquid carbon dioxide at elevated pressure comprises every kind of heat sources, wherever the potential for the heat source is equal or lower than the critical temperature of liquid carbon dioxide of 10° to 31° C., more advantageously above the critical temperature of CO₂ for heat recovery vs. gaseous carbon dioxide. Specifically, the following prime heat sources are involved in the present process invention:

- (a) CO₂-HR of residual LP steam downstream of steam backpressure turbine and/or any steam condensation turbine, either for power generation or as driving machine for other working machines i.e. compressors or pumps. The extent of the dissipated energy down-

stream of steam turbine imposes the utmost greatest loss of thermal energy in any power plants, both fossil and nuclear power plants. This heat is typically lost into the atmosphere by the huge cooling tower, that portrays the scenery of a thermal power plant, usually in extent of 45% and more for most coal fired power plants and even higher in case of nuclear power plants

Depending on seasonal and the vacuum prevailing downstream of the steam condensation turbine, the temperature level at the waste heat side is in the margin of 120° to 130° C., in some plant with vacuum pumps down to 60° to 50° C.

- (b) Other waste heat resources i.e. flue gas through the chimney of coal, biomass, oil, natural gas fired plants, stack of combined cycle gas turbine power plants, in particular the single cycle gas turbine power plants. Other wasted heats are i.e. intercoolers of compressor, expansion heat downstream of back pressure steam turbines, or other back pressure expander turbines for offgas.
- (c) Waste heat recovery includes also the intercoolers of intermediate compressors employed in the site, i.e. syngas compressor of MP/LP gasifier, intercoolers of flue gas compressor (FIG. 2, 62 with Flue Gas compressions streams 65 and 66) of conventional fossil power plants (typically depicted in FIG. 2, B with both natural circulation of liquid CO₂ 60 and/or stimulated circulation of liquid CO₂ via pump 63), off gas compressor of gaseous effluent of vicinal or adjacent chemical plants (i.e. purge gas of ammonia, methanol plant, DNCG, CNCG of pulp and paper plant) and the natural gas compressor or other hydrocarbon compressors (e.g. propane, butane, ethanol, methanol containing hydro carbonic gaseous off gases). Whereby the HP evaporated CO₂ stream 61 leaves the evaporator 64 to superheater stage (likewise in FIG. 2 A with CO₂ streams 73, 76 with evaporator 71, 72 and superheater 75).
- (d) The waste heat recovery in CO₂-HR encompasses the heat recovery of intercoolers of ACU's CO₂ recompressor (principally depicted in FIG. 2, subsection B in a CCC Closed Cooling Circuit arrangement for heat recovery) and/or any other compressor involved in the overall processing namely i.e. Flue Gas, syngas, natural gas and the HP hydrogen compressor.
- (e) Process waste heats in fossil power plants i.e. steam condensate reflux of power plants and ash cooler.
- (f) The CO₂-HR comprises the superheating upstream of CO₂ turbine i.e. by use of any process heat, specifically indirect process heat that is generated by way of natural gas gasification with the oxygen (preferably obtained at the anode of HPLTE-Syngas Generator), more preferably by way of high pressure gasification and/or re-superheating of regasified CO₂ downstream of each CO₂ expander turbine's section before entering of CO₂ to the next lower pressure section(s) of CO₂ expander turbine (FIG. 1, CO₂-PG). More preferably, the re-superheating of carbon dioxide will be combined with the steam heat downstream of steam back pressure turbine.
- (g) Process waste heats in chemical plants, i.e. heat sources downstream of low temperature exothermic reactors i.e. HT- or LT-water gas shift converter, absorption heats of thermal absorber towers (e.g. nitric acid tower), exothermic heat of solution by mixing of process media (v.i. liquid carbon dioxide and water mixture prior to HPLTE-Syngas Generator) as well as

- intermediate or final product cooler (i.e. ammonia-nitric acid neutralizer of ammonium nitrate fertilizer manufacturing).
- (h) Waste heat of off gases, purge gases (i.e. from ammonia, methanol and ethanol synthesis) and flue gas of chemical plants (i.e. flue gas of steam reformer).
- (i) Waste heat sources of auxiliary process media i.e. jacket cooling of reactors, in particular jacket cooling and screen cooling of the gasifier.
- (j) The CO₂-HR includes also the jacket cooling section(s) of the torch(s) implemented for Direct Steam generation and/or resuperheating in super-efficient hydrogen based power plants v.i., by way of CO₂ superheating and/or CO₂ supraheating as inherent part of CO₂-HR (referred to as closed-end jacket cooling). The above CO₂ heat recovery via HP liquid carbon dioxide under (a) to (f) includes the available heat sources for vaporization at 31° C. and superheating of carbon dioxide up to a margin of 150° to 200° C. Thus the captured carbon dioxide for heat recovery is primarily utilized for power generation as a driving agent for turbines. The present process commenced the supraheating (likewise in the meaning for ultra superheated steam) of carbon dioxide that is considered up to 800° C. and higher temperature. The supraheating of carbon dioxide is carried out via,
- (k) Integration of all ancillary heat sources and all process sensitive heat sources for supraheating of utilized liquid-gaseous carbon dioxide, specifically Hot Syngas Cooler, both, either integrated in the gasifier or downstream of the gasifier. All process sensible heats in chemical plants, i.e. cracking furnaces, nitric acid plant heat sources downstream of middle or high temperature exothermic reactors i.e. water gas shift converter, ammonia, methanol and ethanol synthesis section.
- (l) Integration of CO₂ supraheater within the sections of combustion chamber and/or in the HRSG units of conventional fossil power plants, pulp and paper industry (i.e. black liquor recovery boiler, bark boiler) and chemical plants i.e. combustion chamber of primary steam reformer of methanol and ammonia plants.
- (m) In particular, the CO₂-HR of present process invention comprises the waste heat of nuclear power plants for regasification of CO₂ in CO₂-CC, which is conventionally wasted by the cooling tower.
- (n) This process includes also the use of indirect fired furnaces (similar to start-up furnace of ammonia and methanol plant) for supraheating of re-gasified carbon dioxide as well,
- (o) More specifically, the supraheating upstream of CO₂ turbine i.e. by use of any process heat, specifically indirect process heat that is generated by way of natural gas gasification with the oxygen (preferably obtained at the anode of HPLTE-Syngas Generator), more preferably by way of high pressure natural gas gasification over the critical pressure of CO₂ whereas a slag-free HP syngas is obtained from this heater that is then routed to the main syngas stream (downstream of gas clean-up section of Gasification Island).
- (p) Specifically, the present process encompasses the supraheating of HP CO₂ re-gasified stream via combustion of H₂/O₂ stream within the context of super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power plants.

Within the compass of CO₂-HR sections, both in superheating and supraheating sections, includes the injection of liquid carbon dioxide as a measure for temperature con-

trolled optimization remedy for optimal heat recovery from various sources of heat in order to cover more heat resources under CO₂-HR system.

The CO₂-HR section includes the removal of dissolved carbon monoxide in the liquid carbon dioxide process media by way of thermal stripping of liquid carbon dioxide, adsorption of CO with molecular sieves, more preferably by a solid reactants i.e. magnetite according to the reaction (1) that is internally oxidized with a controlled flux of oxygen via reaction (2) with the activated iron (typically used as ammonia synthesis catalyst) or any other reducing agent that oxidizes the traces of carbon monoxide to carbon dioxide (FIG. 1, 26).



In the present process, the removal of impurities, specifically dissolved carbon monoxide will take place, preferably downstream of CO₂ superheater(s) and upstream of CO₂ supraheater.

Similar like ACU, one and/or few number of centralized closed cooling circuit unit(s) is performed according to this process in order to accommodate the heat recovery from various internal resources into the captured carbon dioxide for vaporization of liquid CO₂ for the first stage and the second stage CO₂ superheaters (FIG. 2, section A). This measure is important from the following aspects:

- (i) The CO₂-HR can be easier centralized in the plant arrangement. Because the various waste heat sources can be dispersed in various places in the plant, the decentralized CO₂-HR units would lead to a maze of piping and interdict process control system at high expense.
- (ii) The working pressure of closed cooling circuit can be set for instance at 10 barg with water as heat carrier. Respectively, the operating pressure of one side of the HP heat exchangers can be set at lower working pressure that leads to less expensive equipment from design pressure point of view.
- (iii) The mass flow rate of circulating closed cycle can be easier accommodated with the rate of the heats to be recovered from,
- (iv) the CO₂-HR units can be set in a staggered arrangement according to the temperature level of waste heat sources and also in respect to process media with propensity to cause fouling in heat exchangers, which can be passed through the tubes of shell-tube heat exchangers preferably.
- (v) The separation of various cooling process media (like cathodic H₂/CO and anodic O₂ from HPLTE-Syngas Generator or steam downstream of condensation turbine) against each other is important from plant safety aspects. By use of closed cooling circuit the sources for heat recovery and/or sources for cooling media can be separated physically by shunting of CCC media that operates either under lower working pressure (for instance cathodic H₂/CO, anodic O₂, HP/MP/LP syngas from gasification plant island, MP/HP intercoolers of compressors) or at lower pressure, e.g. flue gas heat recovery, LP intercoolers of compressors. In this case, any upcoming leakage can be readily detected and allocated momentarily.

The present process for CO₂ utilization is further distinguished by regain of additional power generation through the utilized HP supraheated carbon dioxide. In addition, this

process is capable to reduce the carbon emission down to Zero Emission Concept (by employing HPLTE-Syngas Generator v.i.).

It should be highlighted that in contrast to all actual state-of-the-art processes, the entire present process with CO₂-CC, CO₂-HR and use of CO₂-PG for additional power generation and eventually sequestration, EOR, IOR will be profitable from economics aspects of view for the first time. The CO₂-PG unit comprises typically multistage CO₂ back pressure expander turbines and a final turbine that works either in continuous operation or deigned for Peak operation. The first stage—the HP turbine section; is typically carried out with inlet temperature of 800° C. or higher, operating from 250 to 300 barg with a carbon dioxide to about 75 barg, merely above the critical pressure of carbon dioxide.

Since the condensation enthalpy of water is greater than the vaporization/superheating heat enthalpy of carbon dioxide the mass flow rate of two major cycles for power generation (water-steam Rankin cycle and the new First Thermodynamic Cycle with liquid & re-gasified CO₂) are to be accommodated from thermodynamic balances point of view. Hence that, the major part of recycling carbon dioxide will stem from HP section of CO₂ back pressure turbine. The recycle carbon dioxide after regenerative heat exchange and CO₂-HR (typically with a temperature of 45° to 40° C.) can be sent in part for MP CO₂ sequestration or EOR or delivered after re-liquification for CO₂ export according up to beverage grade.

The remaining recycle CO₂, or the entire recycle CO₂ (if no sequestration and EOR/IOR are considered) will pass through the cooling heat exchanger (air cooler, hybrid air cooler or water cooler in winter, with additional ACU for summer period or any combination of them) that provides the required cooling capacity for re-liquification of recycle carbon dioxide. The recycle LP CO₂ downstream of ACU and after the recompression of this side stream, merges the recycle CO₂ stream upstream of the CO₂-HR heat exchanger.

The second expander stage is distinguished by a MP CO₂ turbine that receives the CO₂ stream downstream of HP turbine section (either without re-superheating or with reheating of supraheated CO₂ stream) and expands the pressure down to MP export CO₂ for EOR/IOR or MP sequestration or delivering to national CO₂ pipeline. Finally, the LP CO₂ turbine is also considered in this process in case, part of the excess CO₂ shall embark for biological, bacteriological or chemical CO₂ conversion to higher value hydrocarbons, ethylene or other products and/or that part of excess CO₂ shall be released into the atmosphere for peak need of electricity or temporarily purposes.

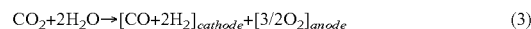
Because the sequestration of carbon dioxide provides only a transitory solution for Green House Gases without any substantive contribution for reducing the loss of thermal energy, the present process invention comprises the chemical conversion of captured carbon as a new inexhaustible feedstock for production of products that are originally available by consumption of fossil energy resources. Hence this, a preservation of the primary fossil energy resources can be attained now.

Therefore, this process includes an electrochemical reductive conversion of liquid carbon dioxide as a precursor for manufacturing of high value commodity mother chemicals (i.e. ammonia, methanol, ethanol, DME dimethylether, propane, butane, etc.), special chemicals, automotive fuel and super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power generation which sustains the fossil energy resources. To some degree, the HPLTE-Syngas Generator is mimicking within fraction

of second, what the natural process takes multiple ages for conversion of carbon dioxide to natural gas and crude oil naturally.

Further, the HPLTE-Syngas Generator is designed to perform high mass flow of syngas and oxygen, both required principally for large scale commercial co-generation plants for chemicals and power and/or power generation plants only.

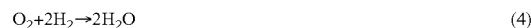
The obtained HP liquid carbon dioxide from CO₂-CC will be preferably pressurized by pumping to higher pressure level, blended with an organic electrolyte; more preferably purified water in a serial sequence of liquid carbon dioxide injection into water/water-CO₂ blend and cooling simultaneously, safely below the subcritical temperature in every sequence. The purified water fed to the present HPLTE-Syngas Generator comprises the conventional water cleaning, softening, reverse osmosis, ion exchange filters, mixed bed filter as well as biological and bacteriological purification. The pure water treatment encompasses also oxygen removal e.g. by catalytic hydrogenation of water, typically over Pd catalysts. The CO₂/water blend is fed into HPLTE-Syngas Generator obtaining gaseous cathodic H₂/CO and anodic oxygen products (FIG. 3).



Each of the gaseous products will be directed to a pressure equalizing vessel individually also termed as gas buffer (not depicted in FIG. 3), before it will be passed further to an absorber.

According to present process, each product stream of HPLTE-Syngas Generator **30** and **50** undergoes first the dehydration i.e. via gas cooling and/or adsorption process with an adsorbens (e.g. Pillard Clay, molecular sieve, Silica Gel, etc.).

The cathodic 2H₂/CO is further accompanied with traces of oxygen and CO₂. The removal of these traces takes place (FIG. 3, **31**) according to present device by way of molecular adsorption, absorption, chemisorption, non-catalytic chemical reaction in particular catalytic trickle reactor i.e. over Pd catalyst that is packed within the absorber column, converting the oxygen traces with the accompanied hydrogen to water. The absorber column absorbs the concomitant CO₂ with water **60** to **61** out of cathodic syngas stream **32**.



The desorption of absorbed CO₂ in the discharged absorber water will be carried out either with flush pressure release or more advantageous via thermal stripping, preferably with electric heater operating as reboiler. The desorber stream (not depicted in FIG. 3) from cathodic gas absorber **31** shall combusted with oxygen and/or anodic gas desorber stream, generating heat for CO₂-HR or preheating of the cathodic and anodic streams **62** upstream of each attributed back pressure expander turbine separately.

The anodic oxygen gas **50** contains traces of H₂/CO and CO₂ that are to be separated by way of molecular adsorption, absorption, chemisorption, non-catalytic chemical reaction or catalytic reaction i.e. over Pd catalyst. More preferably by way of chemical reaction over a plasma arc or an electric arc; EA (FIG. 3; **51**) in a controlled manner that hydrogen will be converted with accompanied oxygen to water and CO to CO₂ before the absorption and immediate quenching of these trace products (obtained as water and carbon dioxide **62**) can take place in the absorber column. The absorber column absorbs the concomitant CO₂ with water out of oxygen stream.



Beside the gaseous cathodic and anodic products out of HPLTE-Syngas Generator, it is necessary to purge part of the water and/or water-carbon dioxide continuously from the liquid phase of each cathodic and anodic reaction chamber, in order to keep the required water analysis in the liquid phase. The purging of that water and/or water-carbon dioxide resembles the continuous purging of boiler water in HRSG section of conventional fossil power generation.

By virtue of the fact, that the extent of electrochemical energy-required for reductive conversion of carbon dioxide and water to $\text{CO}/2\text{H}_2$ and oxygen—is thermodynamically independent on the operation pressure of electrolysis, it makes possible, that the electrolysis can be working under high pressure without forfeiting any additional input of energy. That provides the pivotal advantage, that the electrolyt is fed via high pressure pump, while gaseous products are obtained from under high pressure and low temperature in turn. Hence that, the gaseous products can be preheated, superheated and released over an expander turbine—more preferably a set of back pressure expander turbines-, that drives a generator. The generated AC current of each generator converted to DC current backs up the electric energy for the electrolysis reaction.

Thus it is preeminent to drive the electrochemical reactor at high pressure and at subcritical low temperature as low as 10° to 25° C. as possible, in order to ensure the required DC electric energy needed from economic aspects. Therefore the HPLTE-Syngas Generator of the present process encompasses the preheating and superheating of entire and/or part of HP gaseous products (i.e. versus the CO_2 -HR, CO_2 -CC sections and that for condensation of CO_2 in the First Thermodynamic Cycle, FIG. 4, A along 6-7), driving at one side the back pressure expander turbines for generation of primary AC current (before the AC/DC converter), that backs up the electrochemical energy after AC/DC converter.

HP hydrogen can be prepared by way of HP water-shift converter from cathodic $2\text{H}_2/\text{CO}$ stream for HP application of hydrogen i.e. ammonia synthesis and HP Direct Steam generation. Complementary, HP oxygen (FIG. 3, 53, 54) is also considered for HP Direct Steam generation in super-efficient power plants (FIG. 1) and/or supply to HP gasifier.

The MP- H_2/CO and MP/LP-oxygen (FIG. 3, 56, 58) side streams are derived downstream of expander back pressure turbine for a variety of purposes, i.e. chemical products, gasoline fuels, oxygen supply to MP/LP gasifier, oxyfueling of upgraded existing conventional power plants, oxyfueling of existing power plants based on gas turbine and more advantageously MP direct and indirect steam generation for super-efficient power plants.

Since HPLTE-Syngas Generator provides affordable hydrogen and oxygen supply for small, middle and large scale commercial plants, oxyfueling and addition of hydrogen into the combustion processes are economically sound measures for improvement and retrofitting of existing plants.

For instance, MP/LP anodic oxygen obtained downstream of expander turbine of HPLTE-Syngas Gasifier provides the best opportunity for improvement and upgrading of existing conventional fossil power plants (e.g. coal, petcoke, biomass fired power plants as well as black liquor recovery boiler and bark boiler of pulp and paper manufacturing) and gas turbine power plant by way of oxyfuel processing.

In addition, the present process offers LP oxygen that can be easily added into the intake air duct of combustion chamber's blower, so oxygen enriched combustion air can be forwarded for firing while in turn, the nitrogen rich fresh

air will be reduced in mass throughput. This LP oxyfueling for conventional fossil power plants performs two major advantages:

- (a) The mass throughput of nitrogen passing through the process will be reduced as much as oxygen is added in to the combustion air. Respectively, the plant footprint provides reserve capacity that can be availed for additional coal feeding, which in turn, allows the increase of the plant capability leading to upgrading the plant performance, namely higher electric output.
- (b) The expansion of HP preheated anodic oxygen down to repeatedly preheating to LP/atmospheric pressure (FIG. 5, A) prevailing in the air intake duct of those plants, delivers more AC/DC ancillary power that backs up the HP electrolysis of HPLTE-Syngas Generator (FIG. 3).

In the similar way the retrofitting of single cycle and/or combined cycle gas turbine power plants can be achieved. The MP anodic oxygen downstream of oxygen back pressure expander turbine can be added into the intake air of gas turbine power plants, leading to an increase of fuel capacity that delivers more electric output.

The oxyfueling of gas turbines can be readily carried out:

- (c) By adding oxygen into the last air compressor's stage of gas turbine, so the mass flow rate of compressed air can be reduced, so the combustion turbine delivers more power for driving of the attached generator. This measure is applicable both for single shaft and multi-shaft gas turbine machinery as well.
- (d) The additional oxygen can also be fed in to the combustion chamber of gas turbine directly, that results the same benefits mentioned above.
- (e) Particularly, the oxyfueling of the processes itemized above (a), (b), (c) and (d) provides noticeable remedy for implementation of present process for total carbon capture, CO_2 utilization and power generation for retrofitting of existing power plants and chemical plants (described vide infra) due to reduction of nitrogen partial pressure in favor of leveraged CO_2 partial pressure for CO_2 removal according to this process.

The addition of MP/LP anodic oxygen above can be carried out with pure oxygen and/or a blend of oxygen with steam in any oxygen-steam ratio.

Thus this process performs three new ways for repowering of existing and/or incorporation in new single cycle or combined cycle plants through the CO_2 cycle with the First new Thermodynamic Cycle, oxyfueling and the new Second Thermodynamic Cycle with ultra-superheated Direct Steam generation.

This three measures above lead to an increase of the thermal performance of power plants and/or the chemical plants too (namely primary reformer of ammonia and methanol plants, natural gas fired furnaces for natural gas preheating of ammonia and methanol plants, furnace for molted salt heater, etc.).

MP cathodic hydrogen can be added either into the fuel gas supply of the gas turbine power plant and/or it can be directly injected into the combustion chamber of the gas turbine. In either case, the obtained steam in the combustion chamber mimics to some degree an augmentation akin to the augmentation of gas turbine with steam injection.

The other part of cathodic gaseous products can be kept under operation pressure of reactor for high pressure heat recovery, HP CO -water gas shift converter, whereby the CO_2/H_2 downstream of water gas shift converter, according

to equation (6) v.i., can be directed to the CO₂-CC section for carbon dioxide separation. Downstream of CO₂-CC section for removal of carbon dioxide high pressure pure hydrogen is obtained ready for variety of applications for hydrogen based chemical production processes i.e. ammonia synthesis, hydrogenation of heavy oil, tar, oil sands, sand oil, heavy fraction, petroleum coke, and other organic residues compounds to higher value lighter hydrocarbons or for super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power generation.

In the latter case for the preparation of HP hydrogen, the entire captured re-liquefied carbon dioxide can be recycled back to the HPLTE-Syngas Generator.



In another embodiment, like HP water gas shift converter, the middle pressure gaseous CO₂/H₂ conversion by way of water gas shift converter is also considered for middle pressure hydrogen supply after carbon dioxide removal via CO₂-CC unit. Also in this case, the entire captured carbon dioxide can be recycled back to the HPLTE-Syngas Generator.

The anodic HP/MP oxygen can be delivered to gasifier, or fed to chemical processes; oxyfuel processes (oxyfuel applications i.e. for power generation in conventional fired power plants, gas turbine based power plants, black liquor recovery boiler) leading to high efficient chemical processes based on oxygen (i.e. nitric acid plants). More preferably the obtained HP oxygen will be applied for v.i. super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power generation.

Compared with the state-of-the-art oxygen preparation by way of cryogenic Air Separation, the present process provides a more cost efficient way for production of pure oxygen without employing any air compressor, towers, Cold Box, etc. Therefore the HPLTE-Syngas Generator is capable to supplant the commonly used processing of air separation for supplying of oxygen (LOX and GOX) by far.

According to present process, the prepared HP/MP cathodic syngas 2H₂/CO fits the stoichiometric ratio for methanol synthesis section. Beside that, for each individual application of HP and MP 2H₂/CO stream, the H₂/CO ratio can be easily adjusted through by-passing of a side stream of 2H₂/CO stream while the other part of stream will undergo the water gas shift conversion for manufacturing of other various mother chemicals, i.e. ethanol, SNG Synthetic Natural Gas (also referred to as Substituted Natural Gas), more specifically automotive fuel, cerosin, diesel and other chemicals.

With respect to the obtained syngas and oxygen from the liquid carbon dioxide and water, the present process invention performs an alternative and the utmost feasible way for manufacturing of high value final products (chemicals, fuel and power) which are presently available from natural gas and crude oil too. This process performs a solid solution for reduction of carbon dioxide emission from chemical and fossil power plants that is causative for global climate warming.

The present process invention for carbon capture, sequestration, utilization and power generation comprises the high pressure electrochemical conversion of CO₂ and water at low temperature into syngas and oxygen that is carried out inventory by HPLTE-Syngas Generator and the related devices, HP and/or MP water shift reactor, ancillary power generation via expander turbines, AC generator and the AC/DC converter (FIG. 3).

As the AC/DC converter, indicated in FIG. 3, element 17 backs up the HPLTE-SG by the DC supply line 18 primarily. Because the conversion of the AC from the generators to the

needed DC for the HPLTE-SG is inevitably burdened by loss of power in the typical margin of 10%, the present process invention encompasses two other economically advantageous options, which can be embodied in the present process invention by the use of solar panel and fuel cell. As these two systems deliver DC current off the panel, the need for the conversion of AC to DC current via 17 can be reduced adequately. The integration of supplementary DC power gained via solar panels or generated via fuel cell—optionally with battery energy storage—backs up the HPLTE-SG supply line 18 (not depicted in FIG. 3), while greater portion of the generated AC current 16 from the generators can be dispatched to the grid (FIG. 3, dashed line downstream of the generator, element 16.2). Thus the integration of solar panel and/or fuel cell for supplementary DC supply leads to an additional increase of plant overall gross efficiency.

The integrated fuel cell panels can be fed by the anodic oxygen downstream of the last stage of the oxygen turbine at low pressure level, while the hydrogen supply can be performed after CO-water shift converters (1) from the LP section downstream of the last hydrogen turbine; or (2) from gasification process.

In yet another way, the electrolysis of any CO₂-water electrolyte more specifically in the HPLTE-SG can be backed up via use of thermoelectric generators that provides DC current without the loss of power through AC/DC Converter, wherein the thermal energy is converted to DC current.

The implementation of thermoelectric generator can be installed inventively in the sections for flue gas treatment, and Advanced Combustion (of the patent in continuation), CO₂-HR and CO₂-PG for heat recovery power generation associated with the first new thermodynamic cycle, specifically direct current generation via thermal energy conversion from the CO₂ cycle post the supercritical CO₂ turbine along the trajectory 6-7-1 of the FIG. 4. A alone or in combination with the heat exchangers for recuperator(s), CO₂ coolers and the CO₂ condensers.

Such thermoelectric generators can be also implemented for thermal energy conversion to DC current in the sections impinged with the CO₂-Streams, i.e. the section for the flue gas compression and the CO₂-CC section for CO₂ separation by cooling and condensation as well as heat recovery in the ACU of the present process.

In addition, these thermoelectric generator(s) can be implemented for the waste heat recovery to generate more back up DC power for the HPLTE-SG. The sources of these waste heat recovery are i.e. thermal conversion from the steam downstream of the steam turbine yet upstream of the cooling tower, from the flue gas at any CO₂ concentration prior, and/or during and/or post flue gas compressor v.s. and/or from any other CO₂-Stream i.e. purge gas post the CO₂-CC section.

Most importantly, the present process invention encompasses the processing for thermoelectric generators in connection with the syngas and oxygen obtained from the HPLTE-SG and deployed for the closing trajectory 6-7-1 of the first new thermodynamic cycle and/or in connection with the multi-stage syngas and oxygen turbines, i.e. specifically in the syngas and oxygen streams serving as condensing process media to obtain liquid carbon dioxide for further processing.

Equally important, the present process invention comprises the processing for thermoelectric generators in connection with the syngas and oxygen obtained from the HPLTE-SG and/or in connection with the multi-stage syngas and oxygen turbines, i.e. specifically in the syngas and

oxygen re-superheating sections prior or more specifically downstream of each syngas/oxygen turbine's section as indicated in the FIGS. 5.A and 5.B. These thermoelectric generators can be installed upstream and/or downstream of the syngas-CO₂ condenser heat exchangers. These thermoelectric generators can also be installed upstream and/or downstream of the oxygen-CO₂ condenser heat exchangers.

In the very same way, such thermoelectric generators can be installed according to the present process invention to carry out completely and/or in part the condensation of the steam downstream of the steam turbine of the second new thermodynamic cycle along the trajectory 10'-1" as presented in the FIG. 4.B.

The devise of such thermoelectric generators according to the present process invention for the supplementary DC back up power to CO₂-water electrolyte at any operating pressure, most preferably for HPLTE-SG reactors are impinged with any process media of this process i.e. CO₂ of the first new cycle at any pressure and temperature; and/or CO₂-Stream at any concentration, pressure and temperature; syngas obtained from the HPLTE-SG at any CO/H₂ ration, pressure and temperature; oxygen obtained from the HPLTE-SG at any pressure and temperature; and/or any combination of the involved process media of the present process i.e. oxygen-enriched CO₂-containing purge gas post the CO₂-CC section.

The reactor for HPLTE-Syngas Generator 20 is consisting of three main compartments (cathodic chamber, anodic chamber separated by the membrane 22 and the gas chamber to each electrode chamber that is separated from each electrode chamber by gas lock 27. The cathodic chamber, anodic chamber and the diaphragm sphere 22 in the third compartment, physically separated from the first two compartments. The compartments are placed in a concentric arrangement, whereby each anodic and cathodic chamber is equipped with separator cylinder 23, which embodies cooling coils 24, so the reaction can be carried out under isotherm condition.

The reactor is fed with water 12 and HP water-liquid CO₂ 11 either in two streams separately into each reaction chamber or with water-liquid CO₂ in one stream from the bottom. The liquid carbon dioxide is pressurized over the reaction pressure via a single stage and/or multistage pump(s), (FIG. 1, 21), while the purified water is pressurized by HP water pump 13. The two feed streams are blended by simultaneous mixing and cooling 14. More preferably, the liquid carbon dioxide is injected in number of injections into the water, blended and cooled i.e. via static mixer with integrated cooling coils in multiple numbers of stages. The cooling is carried out under subcritical temperature of carbon dioxide that no gas can be evolved while mixing. By these measures high concentrated aqueous solution of carbon dioxide in water 15 can be obtained ready for the electrolysis, in favor of high yield of gaseous products from the reactor and high mass throughput, that is specifically required for large scale commercial plants.

The electrochemical reactions are taking place in each reaction chamber under liquid-gas two phase flow regime that drives the liquid phase by principal of Mammoth Pump through the generated upwards flowing gas 29 that is evolved on the surface of each electrode. The reactor is further equipped with internal cooling coils in each compartment, preferably integrated within the cylindrical chamber separation plate 24 and/or along the recirculation space between the separation plate and diaphragm 22, in order to keep the reactor under isothermal reaction condition.

The product gas is separated from the circulating liquid phase at the top section of reaction chamber below the liquid level 28 and extracted from the reactor 30, 50. The liquid phase will enter the diaphragm compartment from the top that is separated from the reaction chamber by concentric cylinder 23 with gas lock 27, so no gas can be entrained into the diaphragm compartment. The liquid phase flows downwards from each reaction chamber in co-current flow surrounding the diaphragm. At the lower section of diaphragm compartment the liquid phase recirculates in to the reaction chamber, joining with the make-up electrolyte. The migration of ions is carried out by passing through the porous diaphragm 22. Thus the diaphragm is embedded in the liquid phase and stands by impermeable support 26 solely and exposed to each circulating liquid phase flowing in co-current flow, so the migration of ions in the electrolyte through diaphragm is intensified from each side by intense mixing.

The HPLTE-Syngas Generator is distinguished also by special metal electrodes 25, made of electrically high conductive metal i.e. Pt, Au, Pd or other metals resistant chemically against acidic aqueous media and oxidizing oxygen on the anode as well as reducing hydrogen and carbon monoxide on the cathode. The electrodes are preferably consisting of a macro-porous matrix and/or a mesh of those metals (like Pt/Pd catalyst mesh in nitric acid manufacturing) that provides high surface area and macroscopic pores, so the evolved gaseous media can pass through quickly while the interface of liquid-electrode can be renewed momentarily. The electric contacts for electrode are performed by 21 on the electrode body. These features advance the rate of reaction in favor of gross efficiency of reactor and for high mass flow rate and low consumption of electricity that addresses the requirement for large scale plants.

Each high pressure gaseous product stream (30, 50) downstream of the reactor is conducted to a cushion gas buffer tank that equalizes the slightly pressure fluctuations caused by the reaction (schematically depicted in square figure). Downstream of each gas buffer tank, the gaseous products are subject to purification process v.s. outlined.

The purified syngas streams 32 will be either further processed for HP water shift converter 33, 34, 35, that converts the CO with water/steam 65 to additional hydrogen 36, 37, 38 and CO₂ 70 that can be removed by CO₂-CC section depicted in FIG. 1 before the hydrogen 38 is processed further, namely for ammonia synthesis and/or super-efficient power generation or any other HP hydrogen application.

The present device invention encompasses the ancillary AC power generation 16.1, 16.2 to 16 via back pressure expander turbines 42, 57, each one driven by number of heat exchangers 40, 55, deigned as preheater for cathodic syngas and/or the anodic oxygen turbine and the AC/DC converter 17 that supplies the electrochemical direct current 18 required for the electrolysis.

The present process provides the sound technology for a new generation of hydrogen based super-efficient fossil power plants, which is designed to meet industrial requisitions for any plant size, in particular large scale commercial power plants with gross electric output performance of 1000 MW and higher.

In general, the present process for super-efficient power generation is consisting of various sections for heat recovery and five set of turbines for HP and MP ultra-superheated and/or superheated steam, HP/MP/LP-CO₂ turbines and an additional water turbine (e.g. Francis or Kaplan turbine for

undercooled MP steam condensate) which are involved for export power and at least two set of expander turbines (multistage syngas **42** and oxygen turbines **57**) for ancillary power back-up of HPLTE-Syngas Generator with the following cycles:

- (a) HP generation of superheated, more preferably ultra-superheated Direct Steam and re-superheating sections from prepared hydrogen-oxygen in a semi-open cycle
- (c) MP superheated indirect steam from water-steam closed cycle
- (d) HP/MP/LP set of CO₂ turbines for supraheated CO₂ and/or re-superheated CO₂ stream via semi-closed liquid-gas-CO₂ cycle for EOR/IOR and/or closed cycle (FIG. 4, A)
- (e) MP undercooled direct steam condensate turbine in a semi-closed cycle with partial recycle of water for HPLTE-Syngas Generator.

The five above cycles are driving the main turbines and generators for export power. In addition to those set of turbines, there are at two turbines employed for ancillary power generation. These are, at least one multistage expander turbine for each gaseous product of HPLTE-Syngas Generator, deigned for internal DC current power supply **18**.

To (a) and (b):

The cycles (a) and (b) employ hydrogen that is either obtained downstream of CO₂-CC (FIGS. 1; **17** and **50**) or downstream of HP/MP/LP gasification process **52** or from HPLTE-Syngas Generator that is gained from CO constituent of syngas via water-gas shift converter **46**, **35** (FIG. 3; **49/38**). Other MP/LP hydrogen streams (i.e. from HPLTE-Syngas Generator streams and equipment **40**, **41**, **43**, **44**, **45**, **43**, to **47**, **48** and finally to MP/LP hydrogen **49**) and/or hydrogen from MP/LP Gasification Island FIG. 1; **50**, can be compressed by **51** (in FIG. 1) to high pressure at a par with those other HP hydrogen streams **52** for HP Direct Steam generation.

The HP/MP hydrogen downstream of CO₂-CC will be directed for HP/MP sequential combustion **54** with oxygen **53** via torches for 55 HP/MP Direct Steam (in FIG. 1) generation according to the equation (4) below. It is more advantageously to direct an oxygen side stream (either pure or blended with steam) into the main hydrogen stream through the torch **54**.



Both HP- and MP oxygen streams (in FIG. 1) for the Direct Steam generation are derived either directly downstream of HPLTE-Syngas Generator **50** and oxygen purification absorber **52** or after multistage oxygen back pressure turbine respectively (FIG. 3; **57**, **58**).

The semi-open cycle in (a) considers preferably HP back pressure turbines with re-superheating section (FIG. 1; along the streams **57** to **58** and **61** to **62** through the stages **56**, **59**, **60**, **63**, **98** of the turbine with LP steam **99**, then pure water condensate **101**), wherein the off steam **61** is joined with the **77** MP Direct Steam from MP O₂/H₂ combustion after heat recovery (for CO₂ supraheater **28**, BFW **90**, economizer **91** to preheated BFW **92**, MP boiler **93** with demister **94** and MP steam super heater **96** v.i.; depicted in FIG. 1). Both MP Direct Steam streams (**77** and **61** to **62**) are conducted to MP back pressure steam turbine **63**, whence the off steam **64** is condensed by CO₂-HR section **65**, obtaining steam condensate **66** that contains residual hydrogen **68** (further through H₂ compressor **69** to **70**).

To (c):

The MP indirect steam, FIG. 1, **95**, **97** is also generated by combustion of MP hydrogen **70**, **75**, **77** (from MP/LP gasification and/or MP hydrogen from HPLTE-Syngas Generator, FIG. 3; **49**) with the MP oxygen (downstream of oxygen back pressure turbine) via separate water-steam closed cycle (c).

To (d):

The semi-closed cycle for HP-CO₂ liquid-gas (i.e. for EOR/IOR in FIG. 1, **20**, and the temperature controlled **39** with liquid CO₂ **22** for desuperheating **38**) according to (d) is consisting of liquid CO₂ storage tank **14** and HP pump(s) **21**, both integrated in CO₂-CC section, CO₂-HR heat exchanger units (e.g. **32**, **33**, **37**, **65**, **71A**, **71B**, **100**), for vaporization and superheating of carbon dioxide **24**, **25**, **27** by use of waste heat sources, supraheating heat exchangers of carbon dioxide by use of process heat (i.e. MP H₂/O₂ combustion **28** or any other heat sources, and i.e. **14** in FIG. 2 described v.i.).

The set of CO₂ turbines for power generation (CO₂-PG) consists of CO₂ HP back pressure turbines (FIG. 1; **30**, **40**), optionally with re-superheating (**35**, **41**) and a final atmospheric turbine **42** that can address the peak need for electricity.

According to present process invention, it is advantageous that the default pressure of HP CO₂ back pressure turbine **30** with generator **44**, will set slightly over the critical pressure of carbon dioxide, so the power generation for the next turbine stage **40** and recycling CO₂ stream, **31** to CO₂-HR, **32** and re-liquification, **33** to **34** can be kept in a thermodynamically optimum point. Depending on the sequestration point, EOR **39** or further applications (e.g. biological CO₂ conversion to hydrocarbons **43** and/or for regeneration of CO₂ dehydration column **9**) the next stage(s) of CO₂ turbine can be set accordingly. Therefore part of carbon dioxide will be recycled **31** to **34** while the other part will be exported for other purposes **39**, **43**, whence semi-closed liquid-gas CO₂ cycle is ascribed to this cycle. The remaining part in this cycle is re-superheated upstream of each turbine section (**31**, **36** through re-heaters **35**, **41**).

To (e):

The residual hydrogen will be stripped out of the Direct Steam condensate **66** by a thermal desorber **67**. The residual hydrogen **68** can be recycled by use of a recycle compressor **69** returned to MP hydrogen/oxygen combustion section **70**. While the MP Direct Steam condensate **66** is first fed to hydrogen stripper **67**, then, it can be fed after the CO₂-HR **71A** and undercooling into a Kaplan or Francis turbine **72** regaining additional power via cycle (e). The cycle (e) can be deemed as semi-open because of chemically pure Direct Steam condensate **73**, which can be fed into the HPLTE-Syngas Generator and/or used for desuperheating of Direct Steam through the torches after a simplified final polishing.

Considering the above five cycles, generally a set of five turbines is deployed for generation of export power. While a minor part of driving force of the turbines is needed to address the driving power for CO₂ recompressor of ACU (FIG. 1, **46** mit regasified CO₂ as **45**, then compressed **46** and recycled to the CO₂ cycle) and the recompression of MP/LP hydrogen stream **69** as well eventually as driving force for the pumps.

The present process for high pressure ultra-superheated Direct Steam generation employs number of special torches **54**. The torches are arranged in a serial order with quenching by temperature controlled operation measure which ensures the control of high evolved heat, generated by direct combustion of hydrogen side stream into the main oxygen

stream and/or more preferably, oxygen side stream in the hydrogen main stream. The assembly of torch is distinguished by torch's internal and jacket cooling coils, temperature controlled injection of water into and/or in the surrounding area around the torch's flare and the flare pathway within the combustion chamber with internal and/or jacket cooling. The combustion chamber is preferably carried out in a cylindrical refractory lining and/or a refractory skirt with interfacial cooling coils emplaced behind the skirt.

The injection of water into the high temperature combustion flame and the surrounding area enables to prevent the evolution of uncontrolled high temperature at one side, while at the other side; additional direct saturated, rather than superheated, more preferably ultra-superheated steam is generated.

The Direct Steam generation is carried out by a number of torches that is distinctively fed with:

- (a) hydrogen, preferably as primary carrier stream of the torch
- (b) oxygen injection into the torch as secondary stream (either pure oxygen or a blend of oxygen-steam)
- (c) internal water in different coil of cooling circuits of torches (preferably from BFW of MP steam generation section or combined with CO₂-HR section)
- (d) Saturated steam injection for cooling behind the refractory skirt merging into the main Direct Steam stream (referred to as "open-end jacket cooling")
- (e) Jacket cooling section(s) of the combustion chamber for CO₂ superheating and/or CO₂ supraheating as part of CO₂-HR (referred to as "closed-end jacket cooling")

These characteristic features above distinguishes the torch devices in the present invention for the primary HP Direct Steam and the torch device for re-superheating of Direct Steam in MP/LP sections of the turbine from other H₂/O₂ combustion devices e.g. as installed in the super-modern SABRE jet engine.

The evolved process heat from combustion of hydrogen/oxygen above facilitates also the process heat sources for supraheating, re-superheating of CO₂ steam generation in MP boiler and superheating of steam for the steam condensation turbine or any back pressure turbine.

The torch device for Direct Steam generation is further distinguished by conditioning of the steam with alkalization of steam i.e. with ammonia injection into the steam stream, similar like the common alkalization of demi-water in boiler feed water preparation in case for application of carbon steel. The extent of alkalization can be easily checked via inline steam condensate analysis.

The present process invention for carbon capture and separation by way of condensation CO₂-CC, utilization for heat recovery CO₂-HR with ACU and power generation CO₂-PG in combination with the HPLTE-Syngas Generator provides the utmost viable commercial way to super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power generation in any scale, preferably large scale power plants. By virtue of the above advantageous features in regards to investment and the O&M (Operation and Maintenance) aspects, the present process for power generation is capable to supplant the nuclear power generation up for long-term future.

With this process, many of presently existing well-known features of conventional fossil power plants are either deleted entirely or reduced in footprint considerably. Specifically, the huge cooling tower of fossil or nuclear power plants, which was necessary to the present time, is deleted out of the power plant facility.

Respectively, the extent of dilapidating of thermal energy in the margin of 40% to over 43% from the fossil or up to 45% in nuclear power plant is recovered by CO₂-HR and converted to electricity through CO₂-PG section. Instead of the huge cooling tower, small number of cooling water units are considered, because the CO₂-HR with regasification of carbon dioxide overtakes the cooling purposes down to 87° F. for most of the annual operation time. The most advantageous feature for recovery of dissipated thermal energy and availing it in a great margin for additional power generation, leads to the opportunity to either reduction of fossil feedstock input into the power plant by keeping the same electric output or increase of additional electric power output by same fossil feedstock input, therefore leading to lower electricity price in either case.

Currently, the very expensive and high maintenance natural gas fed gas turbines are deemed as the best available fossil power plants with a gross efficiency up about 60% with extensive HRSG section and other measures. At the other side, the power generation via conventional fired power plants (based on coal, biomass, oil, natural gas and other resources) requires a huge building for HRSG heat recovery steam generation consisting of great number of tube lined heat exchanger trains for indirect generation of steam resulting in a gross efficiency of 50% to 55% in average.

However, the utilization of CO₂-HR, CO₂-PG, HP Direct Steam generation and the set of turbines opens the way for super-efficient compact fossil power plants in the margin of 80% to 85%. Higher efficiency can be achieved during the winter season or in the cold region, where the need for ACU is negligible or not necessary.

The Direct Steam according to present process invention (in the context of the new Second Thermodynamic Cycle) is furnished at high pressure (typically 300 bar and 850° C. or higher temperature). The steam under this condition is commonly referred to as ultra-superheated steam. At the present state-of-the-art, the ultra-superheated steam is considered to be furnished by indirect heat exchange like the HRSG of conventional power plants. However, the present process generates the Direct Steam without employing huge HRSG section that is made of carbon steel. The Direct Steam is generated in a very compact way, so stainless steel material can be readily applied without steam conditioning close upstream of the steam turbine and/or in each re-superheating section with steam injected O₂/H₂ torch (FIG. 4, B).

The present process for carbon capture, utilization, power generation and chemical conversion of carbon dioxide provides also the technical-commercially feasible way for manufacturing of number of chemicals i.e. ammonia, methanol, ethanol, SNG, propane, butane, as well as liquid fuels i.e. automotive fuels, cerosin manufacturing via MTG or Fischer Tropsch synthesis for gasoline, DME, other commodity products and number of fine chemicals originally produced by natural gas and crude oil without any CO₂ emission into the atmosphere. Therefore the present poly-generation process for syngas and power generation performs final products, which all would be also available from natural gas or crude oil by preserving the fossil resources and sustaining present source of energy for farer time horizon.

For instance, the present process deletes the flue gas chimney or the stack in gas turbine power plants with electric precipitator, culprit for emission of harmful constituent and carbon dioxide totally. These latter units in both kinds of plants are replaced with scrubber and CO₂-HR

units. The cleansed CO₂ free offgas downstream of CO₂-CC is preheated and directed to an expander turbine before it is released into the atmosphere (FIG. 2).

By virtue of the sections of present process invention, even the scenery of this kind of fossil power plants differs from all other existing kind of fossil power plants. Namely, there is no cooling tower, no chimney for flue gas, no huge plant section for ACR (Acid Gas Removal for CO₂ removal by way of Selexol, Rectisol, PSA or Benfield) in chemical plant or gasification plants. There are also no longer huge building for tube lined heat exchanger trails (e.g. HRSG in combustion stream of convention coal fired power plants), more particularly, there is no costly, high maintenance gas turbine (neither in combined cycle nor in single cycle) employed in this kind of super modern fossil power plants. Depending upon final product of a gasification process, the HPLTE-Syngas Generator is capable to either reduce the footprint of cryogenic air separation unit or to delete it entirely by supplying HP/MP pure oxygen from the anodic product of the HPLTE-Syngas Generator. The excess oxygen can be exported as GOX (i.e. for oxyfueling or gasification process) or LOX for sale.

Thus the present process for power generation is based on hydrogen/oxygen combustion; the obtained process water out of the Francis turbine is chemical-bacteriological pure, ready for simplified finalization and reuse as boiler feed water and/or part of the make-up water for HPLTE-Syngas Generator. The other part of water for the HP electrolysis is to be prepared by way of water treatment. This process reduces the scope of the large plant section for boiler feed water, cooling water and waste water treatment installed for steam generation purpose.

Based on the grounds that major part of global carbon emission can be ascribed to fossil power plants, chemical facilities, aluminum, pulp and paper and cement manufacturing the present process furnishes a solid solution for restoration of global GHG. By virtue of super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power plants along with CO₂-PG section, resulting in lower power generation costs, the present process provides only remedies for reduction of carbon emission from transportation vehicles, if more electric and hybrid vehicles would be participating on the road.

It shall be highlighted that this process favors the application of high carbon containing fuels for super-efficient fossil power plants. Considering this fact, the more carbon rich is the fuel the more advantageous processing can be achieved respectively. Therefore, the petcoke and coal (high rank or low rank grades) are the most best fuels before other resources e.g. biomass, crude oil, waste carbonaceous materials, which are all ranking before the natural gas (with reference to IEA reports and fuel classifications as regards to carbon emission and GHG for climate control).

Since the high pressure gasification of those bulk solid carbonaceous material Figures the best advanced processing for conversion of those feedstock for chemicals and power generation, the high pressure bulk solid feeding of the high pressure gasifier is the imperative prerequisite for achievement of high efficient chemical processing of syngas to value-added chemicals and the super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power plants as well. In this aspect, the Aerojet Rocketdyne (former PWR) high pressure Dry Pump and the U.S. Ser. No. 13/261,207 (in pursuant to PCT/US2010/002482 or EP 09 012 157.5) are fulfilling the above sine qua non for bulk solid fueled advanced syngas and hydrogen based fossil power plants.

Upon the present technology, the Zero Carbon Emission Concept can be attained with technologically and economi-

cally profitable advantages that can be implemented not only in new plants, but also in retrofitting of existing commercial plants for chemicals, aluminum, steel manufacturing, cement, pulp and paper and more beneficially for existing conventional fossil feedstock fired power plants (coal, biomass, petcoke, municipal waste, crude oil, oil distillates, natural gas). The total carbon capture in the sense of present process comprises both the CO₂ emission as well the fine soot pollutants, referred to as Black Carbon emission.

In contrast to all presently known carbon capture technologies, which lead to an increase of operation and maintenance costs—respectively to lowering the revenue of plant and inevitably increase of electricity price for fossil power plants, this process allows the total capturing of carbon dioxide with economically profitable aspects. That is achieved, because of the advantageous measure for harnessing of lost waste heats via CO₂-HR into useful process heat, additional generation of electric power with CO₂-PG section and availing of carbon dioxide as precursor for polygeneration of value-added products are achieved by oxygen and syngas through HPLTE-Syngas Generator as well.

The application of present process will be described on the basis for total carbon capture from flue gas of existing fossil power plants exemplary, without restricting of any other embodiments.

This embodiment of present process is provided (in accordance to the FIG. 2) with the hot CO₂ containing Flue Gas 1 downstream of electric precipitator of the plant or stack of gas turbine power plants (typically in the margin of 150° to 170° C. in GTCC). The Flue Gas is first fed to a row flue gas scrubber 2 that removes the majority of particulate pollutants i.e. ash, soot and other aerosols as well as part of gaseous harmful constituents like sulfur oxides, nitrogen oxides, slippage of ammonia from SCR DeNOx section or urea from non-catalytic DeNOx section and other organic constituents like furan. The scrubber 2 recovers those pollutants, in particular soot pollutant that is most second culprit for climate change after carbon dioxide (referred to as Black Carbon emission). The scrubber recoups also the flue gas waste heat by way of circulating water and CCC-HR closed cooling circuit 50, 55, 56 and via CO₂-HR through 51, 52, 53, 71 and 74 described.

The row Flue Gas scrubber 2 is fed with discharge water 27 in counter flow of upstream 3 (optionally with row gas blower 4) in row gas wash tower 5. The discharge of laden scrubber water 29, through pump 30 to 32 is subject to waste water treatment and removal and disposal of harmful constituent e.g. via bacteriological waste water treatment, while the other part of circulating scrubber water will be filtered 33 and recycled to scrubber 34). The filtration and recirculation takes likewise in wash tower 5 with 24, 25, 26, 28, wherefore the wash tower is equipped with recirculation sections (28, 51, 25, 52, and 25, 53 with 20, 23 and 21).

The residual of the above pollutant's traces are removed from the Flue Gas by way of row gas wash tower 5, preferably consisting of number of section that is fed with clean process condensate 18, 19, 20, 21 in counter flow from upstream sections i.e. process condensate 18 from the compressor's intercoolers 14 and 15 separators.

The remaining heat of flue gas is recovered in CCC-HR units FIG. 2, B of row gas wash tower, so the most part of water constituent of the Flue Gas—obtained from combustion of carbonaceous feed stock—is removed from the cleansed Flue Gas stream 6, upstream of first compression stage 7. This middle pressure scrubber (referred to as MP Scrubber) shall remove low concentration traces i.e. NOx, SOx as well as volatile constituents i.e. Mercury, Antimony,

and other compounds like furan. The Flue Gas outlet temperature of stream **41** will be in a margin of 40° to 30° C. depending on operation condition of CCC-HR.

The set of machinery is consisting of multistage Flue Gas compressor **7** with intercoolers **14** and separators **15** and offgas expander turbine **9** (to some degree resembling the machinery set of dual-pressure nitric acid plants), that is equipped with attached high pressure CO₂ multistage expander turbine **8**, (optionally in semi-closed cycle whereby part the export gaseous CO₂ after the CO₂ turbine can be harnessed for EOR/IOR through **69**). Because of the positive gross power output in normal mode of operation, the power output is considerably greater than the required power input, so additional power generation is regained by the main generator **12** over **13**. The electric propulsion of the machinery set (depicted at the left-hand side of machinery set in FIG. **2**; **10**) is deemed for start-up period only. The electric propulsion will be de-clutched after the completion of start-up phase **11**.

The Flue Gas compressor stages are considered in the meaning of present process invention in a way, that the heat recovery downstream of compressed Flue Gas in every section is recovered by intercooler **14** that is integrated in the CO₂-HR units (either in a centralized unit, FIG. **2**, B or individually CO₂-HR units). Typically the compressor is consisting of three stages, so the outlet of last stage **42** (typically in the margin 75 to 77 barg) will fit the required CO₂-CC unit for dehydration and condensation conditions.

The present process includes the removal of very stringent harmful constituent with low partial pressure such as As and Hg mercury, furan and dioxin traces through adsorption bed that works intermittently in operation and regeneration once exhausted in capacity (i.e. activated carbon bed, molecular sieves, Pillard Clays adsorbents and/or chemically active solid reactants). The adsorber beds are installed downstream of interim gas-condensate separators and upstream of the next compression stage (referred to as MP Adsorber, not depicted in FIG. **2**).

The obtained MP process condensates **19** (typically in margin 10 to 50 barg) are consisting of widely pure water (without any calcium or magnesium carbonate and other water hardening constituents) that can easily recycled and reused after softening with relatively minor technical requirements.

Therefore, the present process considers the power recovery of MP process condensate by use of a Francis turbine, more preferably a Kaplan turbine **16**, before discharging the condensate **19** to water treatment or upstream row flue gas scrubber **18**.

The widely dry pressurized Flue Gas stream downstream of last compression stage **42** is subject to CO₂-HR, CCC-HR, and CO₂-CC. The recovered liquid CO₂ is further processed to various applications outlined v.s. and/or directed for re-gasification, superheating and supraheating prior to CO₂-PG.

The remaining CO₂-free offgas **43** is primarily consisting of residual nitrogen that was taken in from intake air manifold of main combustion air blower upstream of combustion chamber. This offgas can be preheated by use of waste heat recovery and conducted over the off gas expander **9**, attached to the main shaft of machinery set, and then released into the atmosphere **44** as cleansed offgas without carbon dioxide out of the plant. The Flue Gas compressor is further driven by employment of the CO₂, of **67**, **68** of the First Thermodynamic Cycle via multi stage CO₂ turbine. Appendix A: Further elaboration for the two new thermodynamic cycles of the present process invention

The present appendix is added into the content of this process invention for ease of elaboration for the two new thermodynamic cycles by use of thermodynamic charts (FIGS. **4**, A and B respectively).

The First Thermodynamic Cycle is pertaining to availing of any process working media, particularly liquid gases, more specifically liquid carbon dioxide, embarked for heat recovery and power generation. The new Second Thermodynamic Cycle is entered by way of ultra superheated Direct Steam generation by a different thermodynamic trajectory than the classic Rankin cycle. The latter is also pivotal in the present process invention for facilitation of super-efficient power plant technology.

I. The First Thermodynamic Cycle

This cycle is invented for heat recovery power generation. It comprises the recouping of any wasted heat, and optionally the sensible process heat in addition. Those heat sources are availed for the overall thermal energy for driving a working machine. The performed work of the power machine is either intended to drive a working machine e.g. pump, compressor (i.e. Flue Gas, syngas, ACU, natural gas compressor) and/or a generator. For this purpose, by taking on the carbon dioxide as the working fluid, the cycle is consisting of a reservoir of liquid carbon dioxide, which is charged from the main CO₂ condenser. The CO₂ liquefaction is performed according to CO₂-CC section. The waste and process heat recovery is performed via CO₂ vaporization, superheating and supraheating in the CO₂-HR section.

The superheated/supraheated CO₂ is routed to the CO₂ multistage turbine in the CO₂-PG section. The set of CO₂ turbine comprises HP/MP/LP sections, driven with CO₂ working media via closed cycle, or preferably via semi-closed cycle, whereas part of the liquid carbon dioxide is extracted from the cycle to another purposes e.i. HPLTE-Syngas Generator. The extracted excess liquid CO₂ to the HPLTE-SG is named as "Export Liq-CO₂".

The extent of the Export Liq-CO₂ relates from two aspects to the generated product streams CO/2H₂ and oxygen out of the HPLTE-SG from circulating mass flow rate of CO₂ point of view. One is due because these low temperature streams are the prime media for the condensation of CO₂ of the First Thermodynamic Cycle along the trajectory **6-7** in FIG. **4**,A, so each one can be availed in multiple time via multi-stage expander turbines for syngas and oxygen (illustratively presented for oxygen in FIG. **5**A and carbon monoxide in FIG. **5**B).

The other aspect is pertaining to the mol stream of the HPLTE-Syngas Generator's products. The HPLTE-Syngas Generator is fed with one mol stream liquid CO₂ and two mol streams water via pumping, while 4.5 mol gaseous product streams (CO/2H₂ and 3/2 O₂) are obtained under e.g. 300 bar and 15° C. primarily. Hence this the both above factors perform a vast potential for condensation capacity of CO₂ along the line **6-7** in favor of the First Thermodynamic Cycle. While the product streams are of the HPLTE-Syngas Generator superheated prior each turbine stage (FIGS. **5** A, B). Therefore, the circulating mass flow rate of CO₂ in the First Thermodynamic Cycle is interlinked typically between 3 to 20 times of the Export Liq-CO₂ mass flow rate, depending on the site location and the season. In addition, the use of thermal energy of the primary fossil input material is reached down to 31° C. that equates nearly the average ambient temperature. The waste heat recovery comprises any kind of wasted heat that is else dissipated from the thermodynamic system. The waste heat sources are process integrated heat sources i.e. downstream of chemical reactors, thermal processing and power generation like the

off-steam downstream of the steam condensation turbine (usually in the margin of 120° C. to 130° C. under prevailing pressure of about 0.9 bar a). These thermal energy streams are currently dissipated via cooling water, air cooler and wet cooling tower into the atmosphere.

Operation Field of the First Thermodynamic Cycle

The First Thermodynamic Cycle is illustrated based on temperature-entropy chart via FIG. 4, A. The capture of liquid carbon dioxide is carried out through cooling above the sublimation temperature line at the prevailing pressure, preferably above the critical temperature of 31° C. and critical pressure of 74 bar g. The FIG. 4, A relates to subcritical undercooling 7-1, subcritical-supercritical vaporization 2-3-4 and supraheating 4-5, then supercritical regenerative heat exchange and CO₂ condensation without interfering into the two phase zone. The operation of this cycle for subcritical condensation of CO₂ with interference into the two-phase-zone is not depicted in this figure. According to the present process, the latter field of operation can be carried out in cold region or in winter season, whereby the ambient temperature below the critical temperature of CO₂ can be availed as an additional cooling agent (e.g. via air cooler). At ease of illustration, the reheating stages are not depicted in this Figure either.

Further, the circulating mass flow of carbon dioxide in this cycle comprises typically 3 to 20 times of the mass flow rate of the Export Liq-CO₂ to the HPLTE-Syngas Generator, even though the two mass flow rates are hermetically separated. The cycle commences with liquid CO₂ downstream of main condenser by the isobaric at point 1. As regards to the make-up carbon dioxide, this step is presenting CO₂-CC section of the new process. The system is distinctively characterized by following stages:

Step-1: Isentropic pressure elevation of liquid CO₂ by use of high pressure pump along the trajectory 1-2 e.g. 300 bar that is optionally carried out in a polytropic way as regards to the CO₂ pumping (i.e. jacket and shaft cooling of the pump and/or multi-stage pumping/cooling with/without booster pump)

Step-2: Isobaric subcritical preheating of liquid CO₂ carried out below the critical point and upstream of vaporization along the trajectory 2-3. This step resembles the economizer in classic Rankin cycle. The step 2-3 is carried out by waste heat recovery with a waste heat source that performs the preheating of the liquid CO₂ prior to the steps 3-4. This step incorporates part of the CO₂-HR heat recovery section of this process invention.

Step-3: Isobaric vaporization and superheating of CO₂ from subcritical condition over the critical point to the supercritical region along the trajectory 3-4 whereas the routing reaches from the left side of the critical point to superheated area, that is performed for instance by following measures:

(i) Preheating and vaporization is carried out by wasted heat sources, e.g. intercoolers of the compressors employed in the site (e.g. Flue Gas scrubber heat exchanger and Flue Gas compressor of conventional fired power plants, LP/MP syngas compressor from gasification section, etc.), steam downstream of steam turbine, and process gas cooling. This step represents also part of the CO₂-HR heat recovery section of this process

(ii) The regenerative heating by way of CO₂ heat exchange (FIG. 4, B) takes place with i.e. by the off steam downstream of the steam turbine (and/or in connection with the Second Thermodynamic Cycle along the trajectory 10'-1" of the FIG. 4,B). The regen-

erative heat exchange hereby can take also place with liquid CO₂ that is vaporized/superheated along 3-4, thus i.e. along the trajectory 3-4 against 6-7. Preferably, the heat source can be also in part the regenerative heat of the CO₂ stream downstream of CO₂ turbine (along the path 6-7).

Step-4: Further isobaric CO₂-HR superheating, referred to as supraheating, along the trajectory 4-5, to any temperature, typically 300° C. to 850° C., for instance. Any source of process heat can be employed for CO₂ supraheating e.g. process heat in combustion chamber of any firing units (i.e. coal, crude oil, natural gas, gas turbine HRSG section), hot syngas of gasification, Direct Steam heating, auxiliary furnace, i.e. auxiliary HP natural gas-oxygen fired combustion unit via total oxidation, more specifically HP natural gas-oxygen gasification heat, whereby additional syngas is also obtained.

Step-5: Isentropic expansion of supraheated CO₂ along the trajectory 5-6, whereby the HP and MP sections of a backpressure expander CO₂ turbine are employed that releases the supraheated CO₂ down to lower pressure level.

Step-6: Isobaric regenerative heat exchange and condensation from superheated CO₂ over the critical point takes place along the 6-7. Whereby the regenerative heat exchange comprises:

(i) Preheating of cold process media i.e. HP/MP/LP gaseous products of HPLTE-Syngas Generator up/downstream of syngas and oxygen back pressure expander turbines, whereas one and the same product can be availed multiple of time for heat recovery from the CO₂ cycle (FIG. 5),

(ii) with LP/MP-steam generation consumed and condensed within the process for various plant internal purposes (e.g. utilized for economizer, steam to de-aerator, etc.).

(iii) Preheating of other process media that are inherent part of the plant site (e.g. combustion or process air preheater)

(iv) Residual middle temperature cooling of the system by employing of dry air cooler accommodated in favor of preheating of internal cold process media, see below.

(v) Preheating of desuperheating water for injection into hydrogen-oxygen combustion stream of torch (employed in new Second Thermodynamic Cycle)

Then, the closing of CO₂ cycle via supercritical CO₂ cooling and condensation downstream of the regenerative heat exchange above performs by minimal condensation heat. The closing of CO₂ cycle via supercritical-subcritical cooling and condensation of CO₂ downstream of the regenerative heat exchange is considered for cold locations and/or the winter season. In case the condensation is performed by availing of any other cooling media, i.e. ACU, air cooler and/or wet cooling unit, whereby the line 6-7 of FIG. 4, A interferes in part into the two phase zone (not depicted in this Figure). More specifically, v.i. the gaseous products of HPLTE-Syngas Generator are availed as cooling and condensation agent.

Step-7: Isobaric undercooling of liquid CO₂ along 7-1 below 31° to 10° C., the acceptable temperature by high pressure pump, whereby a partial vaporization within the pump is safely prevented. The undercooling depends on final outlet pressure of the pump (and/or the pump stages) about ca. 250 to 300 bar, for instance. The undercooling is illustrated in chart 1 along the line 7-1.

Specifically, the CO₂ cooling and condensation is considered by preheating of oxygen and syngas streams obtained

downstream of HPLTE-Syngas Generator and/or the preheating of those working fluids upstream of each turbine section. This measure is pivotal for the First Thermodynamic Cycle for reason of high thermal energy efficiency. The four stage-preheating of oxygen in a pressure-enthalpy chart for oxygen is illustrated exemplarily in FIG. 5, A (in the temperature margin of 15° C. to 170° C. in counter-flow to CO₂ stream downstream of CO₂ regenerative heat exchangers of CO₂ cycle). Like oxygen stream, the cold syngas stream is also harnessed for multiple times for cooling and condensation of CO₂ of the First Thermodynamic Cycle. The FIG. 5, B demonstrates illustratively the four stages preheating of CO constituent of syngas CO/2H₂ stream down to 40 bar pressure level. Likewise, the concomitant hydrogen of the syngas constituent contributes to cooling and condensation of CO₂ of the First Thermodynamic Cycle in the very same multiple of times.

The characteristic features of the First Thermodynamic Cycle

From thermodynamic aspects, the First Thermodynamic Cycle is recognized by some characteristic features that are conducive for some poignant advantages, which can be summarized schematically below:

- (i) The pressurized process media is preheated and superheated starting from point 2 at the left side of the critical point. The transformation of liquid phase from the subcritical area to the gaseous phase into supercritical region is performed without the interfering of the two phase zone.
- (ii) The preheating and superheating process is recognized by the routing of the isobaric trajectories left of the critical point, which are favorable by a steep upwards routing along the 2-3-4-5 trajectory.
- (iii) The isentropic expansion of the superheated/superheated working fluid (shown in orange) from 5 over the expander turbine is carried out down to an isobaric line, preferably above the critical pressure isobaric, so the condensation requires first a minimum of enthalpy change at one hand, while at the other hand, a regenerative heat exchange is implemented in favor of higher efficiency.
- (iv) The regenerative heat exchange section; typically along the isobaric 6-7 above the critical point (shown in part by blue area) is considered for preheating of various internal process media, like ancillary LP steam generation. Further cooling agent for closing the cycle can be executed with the cold gaseous products from HPLTE-Syngas Generator, whereby the CO₂ isobaric “slips” from supercritical area over the critical point to subcritical area, with a minimum change of the enthalpy.
- (v) Further undercooling of liquid CO₂ prior to the high pressure pump is designated e.g. by partially vaporization of the CO₂ and re-compressing of that CO₂ back to the cycle.

The advantages of this cycle from processing and mechanical design aspects

The characteristic features and advantageous the First Thermodynamic Cycle from processing and mechanical design shall be described as follows:

- (i) This cycle allows the reuse of the most part of the low temperature thermal energy which is otherwise wasted with other media like water into the atmosphere, e.g. via the cooling tower and chimney.
- (ii) The additional point is in conjunction to relative high molecular weight of CO₂, for instance compared with

water, it is about 2.4 times heavier, respectively higher potential of kinetic energy through the expander turbines.

- (iii) Due to the “dense” routing of the isochors along the line 2-3-4-5, the required heat exchangers are distinguished with high heat exchange coefficient, leading to compact design and size of the equipment. That meets also the requirement for heat exchangers employed for the cooling along the line 6-7-1 as well.
- (iv) The excess heat subject to remove out of the system, can be carried out at higher temperature, so dry air cooler can be installed for outbalancing of heat exchange, e.g. under variation of seasonal circumstances.
- (v) The regenerative cooling and condensation in this cycle is distinctively flexible with changes in season. For instance, minor part of liquid CO₂ can be released to lower pressure that provides significant cooling capability, this part is subject to re-compression, however. As a rule of thumb in extreme case, one part of released CO₂ can condensate 4 part CO₂ respectively.
- (vi) In conjunction with CO₂-CC for separation of CO₂ by way of condensation the present process invention replaces the large scale plant unit for AGR (Acid Gas Removal) by use of chemicals e.g. Selexol, Rectisol, which certainly is costly in investment and high in maintenance.

II. The Second Thermodynamic Cycle

With present process invention and nearly cost-neutral conversion of CO₂ by HPLTE-Syngas Generator, performs the availability of low costs high pressure oxygen, which is substantiated in an unprecedented cost effective feasibility. As the same token, the high pressure low costs hydrogen can also be performed via gasification, more specifically HP gasification. These specific features for low costs hydrogen and oxygen had led to the concept of high pressure supercritical and/or ultra superheated Direct Steam generation that is obtained by direct combustion of hydrogen and oxygen with water injection (designed for temperature control and desuperheating). By way of H₂/O₂ combustion, the system doesn't interfere into the two phase zone. With this measure the ultra superheated, supercritical high pressure Direct Steam is generated in an extraordinary compact footprint, which provides number of far-reaching ease in processing and mechanical design, compared with the classic Rankin cycle for facilitation of ultra superheated steam in future.

Operation Field of the Second Thermodynamic Cycle

The characteristic peculiarities of this cycle are presented on the temperature-entropy chart in FIG. 4, B. Within this chart, the classic Rankin cycle for ultra-superheated steam is embedded (shown in blue area) for reason of distinctive differences with the new invented cycle. The system has the following typical stages without any limitation of the invented process:

Step-1: Sequential combustion of high pressure hydrogen with oxygen or oxygen/steam blends, whereas the high pressure hydrogen is performed by hydrogen compressor, which is obtained first by high pressure Gasification Island. The sequential combustion applies for the primary Direct Steam as well for reheating Direct Steam generation. The high pressure gasification plant island delivers a clean syngas at a pressure equal or higher than the critical pressure of CO₂, so the hydrogen is obtained downstream of CO₂-CC and upstream of hydrogen compressor at least at 75 bar g pressure. The sequential combustion for Direct Steam generation is performed by special hydrogen-

oxygen torches, generating high temperature steam at the point 2' prevailing in the flame of the torch along an isobaric trajectory routing left of the critical point of water and above the critical isobaric of the water (for instance the 300 bar isobaric line). The point 2' is not depicted in the chart.

Step-2: Injection of temperature controlled water from point 1 and desuperheating of the flame steam and in situ generation of additional Direct Steam, whereas the point 2 is attained, close upstream of the HP section of the turbine.

Steps-3-8:

Sequential release of Direct Steam through the typical arrangement of HP/MP/LP section of the steam turbine with individual reheating section, which is carried out by further hydrogen-oxygen combustion. The five turbine stages, spreading from two HP, two MP and one LP section are illustrated by the points 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 6-7, 7-8, 8-9, 9-10 schematically.

Step-9: LP Direct Steam upstream of the LP section of turbine from point 10 to 10'

Step-10: Partial or optionally total condensation of Direct Steam condensate along the line 10' to 1" and reuse of the water for further purpose, whereby the undercooled steam condensate 1" is further preheated to point 1 prior to injection.

The characteristic features of the new Second Thermodynamic Cycle

From thermodynamic aspects, the Second Thermodynamic Cycle is distinguished by four characteristic features for facilitation of ultra superheated steam in a different way than based of Rankin cycle. The Second Thermodynamic Cycle is summarized schematically as follows:

(i) The Second Thermodynamic Cycle is first commenced by combustion point of high pressure gaseous hydrogen and oxygen (i.e. injection of oxygen into the hydrogen stream and/or vice versa), whereby the combustion is preferably executed along an isobaric trajectory—preferably left of the critical isobaric—so no trespass of the two phase zone shall be entered. More preferably the combustion isobaric shall not pass through the plateau, which reduces the extent of cycle's covered area. The combustion of hydrogen-oxygen leads to the point 2' that is usually in the temperature field of 1800° C. to 2200° C., hence not depicted in the chart. The prevailing high temperature is stable within the field of the flame only. By controlled injection of preheated water from the point 1, the point 2 in the chart is stabilized.

Along this trajectory a shoulder is encompassed that is conducive for higher thermodynamic efficiency of the cycle. This represents the first distinguishing advantages of the new Cycle. Compared with the above Rankin cycle, additional area is gained by the surrounding points 1-2-3-3'-2'-1.

(ii) The second distinguishing characteristic of the new Thermodynamic Cycle is pertaining to high operation temperature (point 2, then the points 4, 6, 8, 10 after each re-superheating in the Orange field), which are conspicuously higher than the typical high temperature points of Rankin cycle for ultra superheated steam. For reason of comparison, the same isobaric trajectories are chosen to demonstrate the points 3, 5, 7 and 9 in the Blue field.

Therefore, the second characteristics demonstrate Dimondale areas in orange color between the super-

heated points of the two cycles, namely the 3-4-5-5'-1 and 5-6-7-7' and 7-8-9-9'.

The series of points 4, 6, 8 and 10 above represent the four levels of re-superheating stages upstream of each consecutive turbine stages. Respectively, the points 3, 5, 7 and 9 represent the four turbine stages in the Rankin cycle for ultra superheated steam. With the exception of the first isobaric of the new Cycle, all other isobaric are intentionally chosen as the same one in both cycles, determining the same design and working pressure in each superheated point. Thus by this measure the second distinguishing characteristic of the new Thermodynamic Cycle shall be reflected.

(iii) The third distinguishing characteristic is associated with the last stage of the steam turbine. In case of the Rankin cycle, it takes place from the point 9 (on the isobaric 9'-9-10), whereby the point 9 is reached upstream of the LP turbine section. The new Cycle takes place from the point 10 along the LP isobaric 9'-9-10, whereby now, the point 10' is reached out downstream of the LP turbine section, which is lower than the 9' of the Rankin cycle. Compared with the Rankin cycle, the Second Thermodynamic Cycle sets a narrow stripe left at the right side of the Rankin cycle, namely 9-10-10'-9'-9, that contributes also to an increase of the Second Thermodynamic Cycle's operation.

(iv) The fourth distinguishing characteristic advantage of the new Cycle is about the shifting the point 9' at the saturated line to lower point 10' in the new Cycle. This shifting leads to a band along the off-steam pressure downstream of the LP steam turbine.

In the classic water-steam closed Rankin cycle, the condensation line along the line 9'-1' corresponds to the closing-line of the cycle that is carried out by cooling and condensation of the off-steam, usually via cooling tower. The condensation heat in the margin of 80° to 60° C. is dissipated by the Rankin process to the atmosphere. Thus the condensation via cooling tower in Rankin cycle (line 9'-1') overlays the open line of the new Cycle along 10'-1". The line 10'-1" represents the condensation of Direct Steam in the new Cycle, which is standing lower than 9' of Rankin cycle. That would lead principally to greater condensation heat due the prevailing to lower pressure downstream of the steam turbine. However, the off-steam in the new Cycle is obtained from chemically pure hydrogen and oxygen that can be even released into atmosphere without any adverse impact. From practically point of view, only part of this pure steam can be regained by way of condensation (e.g. via CO₂ cycle) in order to cover the demand for desuperheating water and the make up water for HPLTE-Syngas Generator.

In contrast to the classic water-steam Rankin cycle with carbon steel material in great extent of HRSG section, the Direct Steam can be generated by affordable stainless steel material now because of very compact small footprint.

The advantages of the Second New Thermodynamic Cycle from processing and mechanical design aspects

The paramount advantages of the Second Cycle can be summarized as follows:

(i) Particularly, the very costly and high maintenance gas turbine is out of the picture for super efficient fossil power plants.

- (ii) The Direct Steam generation is carried out at noticeably higher temperature than the steam generation via Rankin cycle for ultra superheated cycle.
- (iii) The point above is primarily founded on the grounds of very small footprint that justifies the application of more expensive stainless steel material instead of extremely large scale boiler and superheating section of Rankin cycle with boiler vessel, circulation heat exchanger trials, steam drum and superheating trials.
- (iv) The huge boiler-superheating HRSG building is eliminated entirely. The generation of Direct Steam can take place in one or multiple arrangements of the torches in "pipe(s)" in about 200 feet upstream of the HP section of steam turbine's intake nuzzles, or in shorter distance along the re-superheating sections, respectively. Thus from investment point of view, the mechanical design of the system is tremendously reduced because of very compact footprint.
- (v) At the other hand, the applied material can be easily made of stainless steel, in order to regain chemically pure steam condensate without any kind of contamination or adverse impact to the environment.
- (vi) As result of Direct Steam generation, the chimney is eliminated. So the most accused element of the fossil energy culprit for emission of harmful constituents e.g. Mercury, Antimony, flying ash, radioactivity from radioactive coal pollutants and Black Carbon emission (during the soot blowing) doesn't take place anymore.
- (vii) Other units, removed from the landscape of power plants, are cooling tower, large scale water softening, preparation of demi water and BFW are eliminated out of the scenery of the power plant as well

- (viii) Respectively, there are far less plant units and equipment subject for investment, operation and maintenance.

Appendix B: Description of the major embodiments via the FIGS. 1 to 5

Brief description of the embodiment in the FIG. 1 and the elements thereto

In the FIG. 1, for the embodiment of the present process applied to pre-combustion carbon capture is presented, whereas the carbon dioxide CO₂-CC cooling and condensation section, Auxiliary Cooling Unit ACU, with the sections for heat recovery via the first thermodynamic cycle First Thermodynamic Cycle for the waste and process heat recovery by utilization of liquefied-gaseous CO₂ in the CO₂-HR and in the power generation CO₂-PG are presented. The CO₂ turbine in the CO₂-PG drives the compressor(s) and/or the generator(s) for additional generation of electricity. A detail description of the First and the Second Thermodynamic Cycle first and the second thermodynamic cycle are presented in the Appendix A. The FIG. 1 presents the pre-combustion carbon capture in connection with a CO₂ stream, which could be obtained either by MP/LP gasification or by HP gasification process from any carbonaceous feedstock. These two options are distinctively presented in the element 3 of the FIG. 1.

The pertinent processing block diagrams for MP/LP gasification application is illustrated in the FIG. 6. The pertinent processing block diagrams for HP gasification application is illustrated in the FIG. 7.

A detail description of the processing in the embodiment presented in the FIG. 1 has been provided in the body of the process description. The detail descriptions of the block diagrams FIGS. 6 and 7 has been provided in the Appendix C.

Element	Description of the element
1	CO ₂ containing syngas gas from the HP or MP/LP gasification process
2	Row gas treatment for clean-up from entrained slag and tar particles in syngas scrubber, COS hydrolysis, mercury removal, Acid Gas Removal for separation of sulfur constituents
3	Two represented cases; one for MP/LP gasification case, wherein an interim compressor for the CO ₂ containing syngas is presented. In the second case, the CO ₂ containing syngas is obtained from the HP gasification process. If the high-pressure gasification is operating noticeably above the critical pressure of the carbon dioxide, an interim syngas can be optionally employed in this embodiment.
4	Cleansed and conditioned CO ₂ containing syngas upstream of water-shift converter
5	Injection steam upstream of CO-water shift converters
6	High temperature, and low temperature CO-water shift converter
7	Hydrogen syngas gas or hydrogen/carbon monoxide conditioned syngas (e.g. for methanol synthesis) with high portion of carbon dioxide
8	Super critical gas cooler operating above the critical pressure of carbon dioxide impinged with carbon dioxide free hydrogen stream vs. carbon CO ₂ /CO/H ₂ stream upstream of CO ₂ -CC section
9	Dehydration column for complete dehydration of H ₂ (CO)/CO ₂ stream
10	Subcritical-supercritical CO ₂ condenser operating in supercritical pressure of carbon dioxide
11	Subcritical gas cooler(s) for carbon dioxide and gaseous hydrogen rich syngas
12	Drain of liquefied carbon dioxide entrained from the hydrogen rich syngas downstream of CO ₂ condensation and CO ₂ separation tank
13	Liquefied carbon dioxide and hydrogen rich syngas to CO ₂ condensation and CO ₂ separation tank
14	CO ₂ condensation and CO ₂ separation tank
15	Liquefied carbon dioxide upstream of high pressure feed pump for the First Thermodynamic Cycle for waste heat recovery, specifically for elimination of the cooling tower and chimney
16	Cooled hydrogen rich syngas below the critical point of carbon dioxide
17	Carbon dioxide free hydrogen stream vs. carbon CO ₂ /CO/H ₂ stream upstream of CO ₂ -CC section
18	Main condenser for condensation and separation of carbon dioxide
19	Auxiliary Cooling Unit for the condensation of carbon dioxide, optionally on summer season

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Element	Description of the element
20	Export liquefied carbon dioxide, e.g. for urea production, EOR, IOR, sequestration of carbon dioxide or stored and transported as energy carrier (e.g. for an offsite operating PHLTE-Syngas Generator)
21	High pressure feed pump for liquefied carbon dioxide of the First Thermodynamic Cycle
22	Export high pressure liquefied carbon dioxide to the PHLTE-Syngas Generator section
23	High pressure liquefied carbon dioxide to the economizer, boiler, superheater and re-superheaters of the CO ₂ -PG and utilization section
24	CO ₂ economizer
25	CO ₂ boiler (evaporator)
26	Absorber filter for removal of carbon monoxide traces upstream of the CO ₂ superheater, operational by any other process heat or run vs. Closed Cooling Circuit
27	CO ₂ preheating/superheating vs. process heat upstream of CO ₂ supraheater
28	CO ₂ supraheater(s) operating vs. process heat or auxiliary CO ₂ supraheater and the set of re-superheater(s) upstream of each CO ₂ turbine section
29	Superheated CO ₂ of the First Thermodynamic Cycle upstream of the HP section of the CO ₂ turbine
30	HP section of the CO ₂ turbine
31	By-pass line of HP turbine for the ramp up period
32	CO ₂ recycle cooler
33	CO ₂ recycle chiller upstream of the condenser tank 14
34	Recycle liquefied CO ₂ to condenser tank
35	CO ₂ resuperheater
36	CO ₂ downstream of the IP section of the CO ₂ turbine either for export of MP gaseous CO ₂ or upstream to resuperheater(s) of the LP section of CO ₂ turbine
37	CO ₂ export gas cooler (integrated in the Closed Cooling Circuit for heat recovery)
38	CO ₂ de-superheater
39	LP gaseous CO ₂ downstream of de-superheater for export (e.g. EOR/IOR/sequestration or seasonal underground storage)
40	IP/MP section of the CO ₂ turbine
41	CO ₂ resuperheater upstream of the LP section of the CO ₂ turbine
42	LP section of the CO ₂ turbine
43	Main LP CO ₂ downstream of the LP section of CO ₂ turbine to the regenerative heat exchanger and condensers, which operate predominantly vs. oxygen and H ₂ /CO stream from the PHLTE-Syngas Generator with the multistage oxygen turbine as well as vs. multistage hydrogen/carbon monoxide turbines (vide FIGS. 5A and 5B with the Appendix A). The side stream 43 can be temporarily released over the silencer to the atmosphere during an unexpected plant outage.
44	CO ₂ generator of the CO ₂ -PG driven by the set of the CO ₂ turbines (or the attached syngas compressor of the MP/LP gasification, or the set of the flue gas compressors (e.g. as shown in the FIG. 2, element 7)
45	Recycle gaseous CO ₂ from the CO ₂ auxiliary cooling and condensation or the ACU to the CO ₂ compressor for recirculation
46	Recycle CO ₂ compressor
47	The element 47 for primary Direct Steam torch deleted, and represented by 54
48	The element 48 for re-superheating Direct Steam torch deleted, and represented by 54
49	The element 49 for subsequent re-superheating deleted, and represented by 54
50	LP/MP purified hydrogen from the gasification process and downstream of CO ₂ separation. The incoming purified hydrogen stream for Direct Steam generation (the stream 50 can stem from portion of the outgoing hydrogen stream 17, yet downstream of a HT/LT CO-water shift and CO ₂ separation)
51	HP compressor for MP/LP purified hydrogen upstream of Direct Steam generator torches
52	HP purified hydrogen upstream for Direct Steam torches
53	HP purified oxygen upstream for the Direct Steam generation torches
54	This element represents two kind of torches for Direct Steam generation at high pressure/intermediary pressure and low pressure, termed HP/IP/LP Direct Steam torches: (a) Primary Direct Steam generation by combustion hydrogen into an oxygen stream, or preferably combustion of oxygen into a hydrogen stream or combustion of hydrogen/oxygen at stoichiometric ratio (b) The torch for combustion of hydrogen and oxygen in any ratio for re-superheating of a steam stream
55	HP Direct Steam generated by subsequent re-superheating upstream of HP section of the steam turbine
56	HP section of the steam turbine
57	IP steam downstream of the HP section to re-superheating
58	Re-superheated steam upstream of the IP section of the turbine
59	IP section of the turbine
60	Not applicable
61	IP steam downstream of the IP section of the steam turbine
62	Reheat steam upstream of the LP section of the turbine
63	IP section of the steam turbine
64	Steam vapor at vacuum pressure to the condenser(s)
65	Main condenser

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Element	Description of the element
66	Steam condensate with traces oxygen, or excess hydrogen of the Direct Steam generators
67	Condensate stripper for regaining of excess hydrogen
67 A	Reboiler of the stripper column
68	Hydrogen rich vapor off the top section of stripper to the dephlegmator
69	Recompressor for the recovered hydrogen stream to the IP or LP torches
70	Recovered hydrogen stream to the IP or LP torches
71 A	Cooler for main condensate stream upstream of hydro turbine
71 B	Partial condenser (dephlegmator) upstream of recompressor
72	Hydroturbine
73	Steam condensate to polishing and recycle to the HPLTE-Syngas Generator
74	Not applicable
75	IP/LP Direct Steam generation for auxiliary boiler, running seasonally or to balance out the steam turbine at high peak
76	Not applicable
77	IP/LP steam generated to outbalance the IP/LP section of the steam turbine
78-89	Not applicable
90	Boiler feed water to the auxiliary boiler's economizer
91	Economizer of the auxiliary boiler
92	Preheated auxiliary boiler feed water
93	Auxiliary boiler run by superheated Direct Steam
94	Demister, droplet water separator of the auxiliary boiler
95	Saturated auxiliary steam to the superheater
96	Auxiliary boiler's superheater
97	Superheated steam to the auxiliary LP turbine
98	Auxiliary LP turbine running on peak time or on season, detachable from the mail shaft e.g. by hydraulic couple
99	Auxiliary boiler's vapor to the vacuum condenser
100	vacuum condenser of the auxiliary turbine
101	Condensate to condensate polishing and recycle to boiler feed water system

Brief description of the embodiment in the FIG. 2 and the elements thereto

The FIG. 2 represent the post-combustion carbon capture and reuse of CO₂ illustratively for the greatest embodiment of the present process associated with the retrofitting of all currently operational plant, which are according to the Stationary Sources of GHG emissions. This group of the plants that are culprit for nearly 75% of global CO₂ emission can be rebuild to zero-net-carbon-emission plants. Hence this, the FIG. 2 represents the principal embodiment for retrofitting these plants illustratively only.

The FIG. 2 is intentionally designated for the retrofitting of the fossil energy coal, crude oil, natural gas fired, biomass

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and gas turbine power plants to the net-zero-carbon-emission. Some of the presented features in the FIG. 2 are not applicable to other Stationary Sources of CO₂ emitting plants like those in ammonia, methanol, iron, steel, and aluminum plants. The illustrative presentation in FIG. 2 does not restrict any other sections for retrofitting of other carbon dioxide emitting plants. The more detail description of the post-combustion carbon capture, waste heat recovery and reuse of carbon dioxide as a new fossil energy resource are extensively described in the block diagrams FIGS. 8 and 9 in the Appendix C.

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Element	Description of the element
1	CO ₂ containing gas stream i.e. flue gas of fossil power plants, or any other Stationary Source of the CO ₂ emission to the atmosphere. The stream 1 represents also the CO ₂ -enriched flue gas that is obtained from the combustion section of the plant by the oxy-fueling with the oxygen, whereas the oxygen for the oxy-fueling stems from the anodic oxygen of the HPLTE-Syngas Generator specifically.
2	Flue gas hot water scrubber(s), primarily for removal of Black Carbon (during the de-sooting process) and some other pollutants e.g. the water-soluble NO _x or SO _x and other harmful constituents
3	CO ₂ containing clean flue gas downstream of the hot-water scrubber
4	Booster blower/booster compressor, if needed to overcome the pressure drop
5	Cold water scrubber with by CCC-HR for Closed Cooling Circuit for waste heat recovery
6	Solid particle free CO ₂ containing flue gas upstream stream of the compression stages
7	LP/MP/HP compressors
8	CO ₂ -PG turbine(s) for driving the compressors by the operation of the First Thermodynamic Cycle, backed up by waste heat recovery in CO ₂ -HR and CCC-HR with optional supraheating auxiliary heater for carbon dioxide cycle
9	Cleansed CO ₂ and pollutant free flue gas expander turbine
10	Electric propulsion attached to the shaft of turbine-compressors during the start-up period of the plant
11	Clutch coupling (e.g. hydraulic couple) for detachment from the electric propulsion post the ramp up period

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Element	Description of the element
12	Generator for additional AC power obtained from the waste energy by the operation of the First Thermodynamic Cycle
13	Clutch coupling (e.g. hydraulic couple) for attachment to the compressor-turbine machinery post the ramp up period
14	Interchanger for cooling, integrated in the CO-HR, CCC-HR with removal of all combustion water including the heat exchanger dehydration of the CO ₂ stream
15	Separators for combustion water removal, dehydration section with discharge of pressurized condensate to the hydro turbine 16
16	Hydroturbine for discharge of pressurized condensate
17	Generator attached to the hydro turbine
18	Combustion water discharge from the interchangers of the compression stage, partly discharged from the system, in part recycled back to flue gas scrubber tower 5
19	Discharge of combustion water according to the analysis of most harmful constituent like Antimony, Mercury etc.
20	Recycle combustion water to flue gas scrubber tower
21	Recycle water in scrubber tower
22	Recycle water in scrubber tower
23	Recycle water in scrubber tower
24	Discharge of cold water scrubber tower to filtration of solid particles with partial recycle to the circuit of the scrubber tower
25	Scrubber bottom pump or the tower's recirculation pumps
26	Scrubber water filter
27	Filtrated combustion water obtained in the cold scrubber tower to the hot water scrubber for removal of ash, dust, soot
28	Filtered scrubber water back to cold water scrubber according to the level of solid particle (dust, ash, soot) analysis
29	Black soot water collected in the bottom of the hot water scrubber
30	Black soot water pump of the hot water scrubber
31	Cooled black water to the soot filter
32	Discharge of the black water to waste water treatment and disposal
33	Soot and dust filter
34	Cooled black water back to hot water scrubber
35-39	Not applicable
40	Compressed CO ₂ subcritical and super critical flue gas downstream of each compressor stage, upstream of the heat exchanger of the CO ₂ -HR and CCC-HR sections
41	Dehydrated cooled CO ₂ containing flue gas to recompression
42	Supercritical compressed flue gas over 1070 PSI pressure to CO ₂ -HR, final dehydration, CO ₂ -CC and removal of the liquefied CO ₂ by subcritical cooling of carbon dioxide containing flue gas below the 87 F. (31 Deg Centigrade)
43	Cleansed CO ₂ and pollutant free flue gas (utmost consisting only of the remaining portion of nitrogen post oxy-fueling combustion), preheated upstream of flue gas expander turbine
44	Cleansed CO ₂ and pollutant free flue gas back to the atmosphere
45-49	Not applicable
50	Hot flue gas heat exchanger, part of CCC-HR section
51-53	Cold tower flue gas scrubber's heat exchanger, part of CCC-HR section
54	Not applicable
FIG. 2, A	
Illustrative depiction of CCC-HR Closed Cooling Circuit with Heat Recovery	
55	Hot end of the Closed Cooling circuit with conditioned water for the heat recovery from the low temperature sources that is integrated in the CO ₂ -HR and CO ₂ -PG by use of liq. CO ₂ economizer and CO ₂ evaporator and CO ₂ superheater of the First Thermodynamic Cycle
56	Cold end of the Closed Cooling Circuit
57-59	Not applicable
FIG. 2, B	
Illustrative depiction of CO ₂ recovery system from internal process media	
60	CO ₂ containing condensates of the CO ₂ compression stages (like in CO ₂ containing Flue Gas from the ammonia, methanol, iron, steel, and aluminum industry) to CO ₂ recovery stripper
61	Recovered CO ₂ back to compression stages
62	Reboiler of CO ₂ recovery stripper
63	Circulation condensate, optionally with circulation pump
64	CO ₂ recovery stripper
65-66	Circulating hot water, preferably superheated CO ₂ for reboiler
67	Superheated CO ₂ of the First Thermodynamic Cycle for running the CO ₂ turbines of the flue gas compression machinery
68	CO ₂ steam downstream of the CO ₂ turbine to regenerative heat exchangers
69	CO ₂ discharge downstream of the turbine as heat carrier for internal purposes (e.g. running the CO ₂ reboiler 62)
Depiction of CO ₂ -HR portion of the First Thermodynamic Cycle illustrated	

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Element	Description of the element
via CCC-HR Closed Cooling Circuit	
70	Liquefied carbon dioxide of the First Thermodynamic Cycle for CO ₂ -HR and CO ₂ -PG fed to preheater (not depicted in the FIG. 2), upstream to the evaporator
71	CO ₂ evaporator integrated in the First Thermodynamic Cycle
72	Droplet separator
73	Saturated carbon dioxide to the first superheater
74	Not applicable
75	CO ₂ superheater
76	Superheated carbon dioxide to the headers for CO ₂ -PG section

Brief description of the embodiment in the FIG. 3 and the elements thereto

The FIG. 3 present the process section and device for the high pressure low temperature electrochemical conversion (HPTE-Syngas Generator) of the liquefied carbon dioxide blended with purified dematerialized water to the anodic high pressure gaseous oxygen and cathodic syngas at the hydrogen-to-carbon monoxide molar ration of two. Each obtained gaseous products of the HPLTE-SG undergoes further purification down-stream of the HPLTE-SG before these products are processed to further steps.

As some final products, like jet fuel, gasoline, methanol, and ethanol requires, the cathodic syngas may be subject to adjustment in molar ratio, wherein the carbon dioxide will be separated by the same process described and recycled for reuse (vide streams 37 and 48 of FIG. 3). This is performed by high pressure LT and, in case needed, HT CO-water shift converters.

More importantly, the low temperature gaseous products are integrated in the "closing loop of the First Thermodynamic Cycle", whereas the high pressure low temperature gaseous products are employed for the closing loop of the

carbon dioxide cycle down-stream of the CO₂-regenerative heat exchangers. This peculiarity of the present process is distinguished by multistage oxygen and syngas turbines and reheater (that is the condensing carbon dioxide at the other side of the heat exchangers). This processing allows the HPTE-SG products to perform the supercritical critical, and subcritical condensation of the CO₂ along the line of 6-7 in the thermodynamic chart, presented in the FIG. 4A. The multistage application of the oxygen and syngas in presented in the FIGS. 5A and 5B.

The obtained oxygen will be applied in part for the oxy-fueling like in the existing and/or future fossil power plants or fed to the gasifier (like the high pressure coal gasifier for the super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power plants according to the Second Thermodynamic Cycle of the present process). The other part can be exported for sale for various other applications. Most importantly, the high pressure oxygen is fed to the Direct Steam torches, wherein the oxygen is combusted with hydrogen (preferably obtained from high pressure gasification of carbonaceous material, preferably coal) for the super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power plant of near future (vide block diagram in FIG. 10).

Element	Description of the element
1-10	Not applicable
11	High pressure liq. CO ₂ from the CO ₂ -CC section (like the stream 22 downstream of CO ₂ high pressure pump 21 in FIG. 1) upstream of the PLTE-SG's high-pressure pump
12	Purified water upstream of the high-pressure feed pump
13	High pressure feed pump for the purified water upstream of the multi-stage mixer-cooler for high pressure water-carbon dioxide electrolyte
14	The multi-stage mixer-cooler, which is integrated in the CCC-HR for heat recovery of the blend electrolyte at the other side of the cooling coils.
15	Cooled high pressure water-carbon dioxide electrolyte upstream of the reactor PHTE-SG
16	AC current obtained from the AC generator of the CO ₂ -PG's CO ₂ turbine machinery (FIG. 2, element 12)
16.1	AC current generated from the high-pressure syngas from the HPLTE-SG upstream of high-pressure water-shift converter
16.2	AC current generated from the high-pressure oxygen from the HPLTE-SG
17	AC/DC converter, if the DC power supply supported from the AC generator. The alternative supplementary DC power supply from the fuel cell or solar energy, or thermoelectric generator(s) will join to the line 18, thus by-passing the AC/DC converter (vide claims 59, 60 and 77 to 84).
18	DC power supply to the HPLTE-Syngas Generator
19	Not applicable
20	Body of the HPLTE-Syngas Generator
21	Headers for positive and negative connections of DC current to the electrodes
22	Diaphragm of the electrolysis separating cathodic chamber from the anodic chamber of the HPLTE-SG
23	Integrated cooling coils in the HPLTE-SG for keeping the operation temperature at the default temperature, preferably between 5 to ca. 25 Deg Centigrade.
24	Integrated cooling coils' headers in the HPLTE-SG
25	Anode and cathode electrodes
26	Separation plates, separating the cathodic from the anodic compartment in the lower part of the HPLTE-SG

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Element	Description of the element
27	Separation plates, separating the cathodic from the anodic compartment above the level of the electrolyte in the gas phase chamber
28	Level of the electrolyte
29	Internal recirculation flow of the electrolyte according to the upstream flux of the generated gaseous products in each cathodic and anodic compartment
30	Cathodic syngas product
31	Purification column for cathodic syngas from the oxygen traces (vide process description)
32	Purified oxygen free syngas to further processing; for cooling and condensation of the CO ₂ in the First Thermodynamic Cycle; to the HP and IP water shift converters; or to final hydrocarbon products manufacturing
33	Preheated high pressure syngas (i.e. one of the CO ₂ condensers of the First Thermodynamic Cycle)
34	Preheated high pressure syngas blended with steam/water upstream to the next preheater
34.1	Syngas/steam stream upstream to the high-pressure CO-water-shift converter
35	High pressure CO-water-shift converter
36	Hot hydrogen enriched syngas with CO ₂ to the converter's heat exchanger
37	Cooled hydrogen enriched or CO conditioned syngas with CO ₂ to the CO ₂ -CC section for removal of CO ₂
38	Separated liquid CO ₂ from the hydrogen enriched or CO conditioned syngas. Stream 38 routing to CO ₂ main condenser (FIG. 1, element 14) or upstream to the high-pressure liquid CO ₂ pump (FIG. 1, element 21)
39	Not applicable
40	High pressure syngas preheater (i.e. one of the carbon dioxide condensers of the First Thermodynamic Cycle) upstream of first syngas expander turbine
41	Preheated/superheated syngas upstream of the syngas turbine
42	Syngas expander turbine and generator set (according to the first stage in the FIG. 4A and 5B). Other three expander turbines not depicted in the Figure (vide FIG. 5A and 5B)
43	High pressure water shift converter for high pressure processing like methanol. This water-shift converter's preheater will be impinged with pressure conditioned syngas downstream of the syngas turbine
44	Syngas cooler integrated in the CCC-HR
45	Cooled syngas upstream of steam/water injection (line 65)
45.1	Steam/hydrogen/CO gas to the water-shift converter
46	Middle pressure CO-water shift converter with steam or water interjection
46.1	Syngas preheater upstream of the water-shift-converter, syngas preheated by the exothermic reaction
47	Converted and/or conditioned CO/Hydrogen syngas to CO ₂ /H ₂ stream upstream
48	Converted syngas to pure hydrogen (like for further ammonia production) and/or conditioned CO/Hydrogen syngas to carbon monoxide separation according to the CO ₂ -CC processing
49	Recycled liquefied carbon dioxide for further internal processing, e.g. re-feeding to the HPLTE-SG
50	High pressure oxygen downstream of HPLTE-SG
51	Electric arc for conversion of the hydrogen traces entrained in the oxygen flow to water
52	Oxygen purification column for anodic oxygen from the traces of carbon dioxide entrained in the oxygen stream (vide process description)
53	High pressure purified oxygen downstream of purification column
54	High pressure purified oxygen to the preheater (like condenser of the CO ₂ in the First Thermodynamic Cycle) and expander turbine, as described in the Appendix A.
55	High pressure oxygen preheater (i.e. one of the carbon dioxide condenser of the First Thermodynamic Cycle)
56	Superheated high pressure oxygen upstream of the first oxygen turbine (according to the first stage in the FIG. 4A and 5B)
57	The first expander turbine for oxygen, other three expander turbines are not depicted in the Figure (vide FIG. 5A and 5B)
58	Oxygen stream downstream of the first stage of the oxygen turbine upstream to the carbon dioxide condenser(s) of the First Thermodynamic Cycle
59	Not applicable
60	Purified dematerialized water for syngas and oxygen purification downstream of the HPLTE-SG
61	Discharge of the hydrogen purification column to the CO ₂ recovery stripper (FIG. 2, B)
62	Discharge of the oxygen purification column to atmosphere and disposal
63	Not applicable
64	Not applicable
65	Steam or water injection for conditioning prior to the water-shift converter
66-69	Not applicable
70	High pressure conditioned syngas for high pressure processing like for methanol manufacturing, or pure hydrogen for Direct Steam torches (preferably during the ramp up period)

Brief description of the embodiment in the FIGS. 4 A, 4 B, 5A, and 5B

The Appendix A outlines detail description, elaborations by use of the thermodynamic charts (FIGS. 4A, 4B, 5A, and 5B). The Appendix A provides the specifics of each two new cycle in four sub-parts, i.e.:

Elaborative description of the cycle in prolog

The characteristic features of the new cycle

The advantages of this cycle from processing and mechanical design aspects

Operation field of the First and the Second Thermodynamic Cycles

Each thermodynamic chart indicates the distinctive points of operation with Roman number that are described in the context either as the Step-1 to Step-7 for the new First Thermodynamic Cycle or with (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) for the Second Thermodynamic Cycle in itemized structure distinctively.

Specifically, the peculiarity of the First Thermodynamic Cycle with the employed regenerative heat exchangers, yet most importantly "the closing path" along the lines 6-7-1, for the supercritical, critical, and sub-critical condensation of the carbon dioxide by use of the high pressure low temperature gaseous products of the HPLTE-Syngas Generator employed multiple of times (FIGS. 5A and 5B) are delineated in the Appendix A.

Appendix C: Further elaboration for the general inventive concept of the present invention with it's three fundamental features (I), (II) and (III) that addresses the solution to the Stationary Sources of CO₂ emission in five principal embodiments according to the FIGS. 6 to 10

This appendix provides the five principal embodiments of the invention presented figuratively by the FIGS. 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 with the list of the process sections related thereto, without limitation to other fields of application. The elements of each block diagram v.i. are listed in this appendix that outlines the elements of each principal embodiment.

The Appendix C performs the short and detail description of the five principal embodiments of the present process invention, wherein five block diagrams present the five field of application. The FIGS. 6, 7, 8, and 9 are presenting the pre-combustion and post-combustion carbon capture by CO₂ liquefaction, CO₂ utilization via First Thermodynamic Cycle, and CO₂ electrolysis via HPLTE-SG to oxygen and syngas. These four block diagrams present the application of this process for existing fossil energy plants, referred to Stationary Source of the CO₂ emission.

The FIG. 10 pertains to the application of the present process for construction of super-efficient hydrogen-based fossil power generation in future. The Appendix C also provides a list of the individual elements depicted in each FIGS. 6 to 10.

1. Embodiment for of the Invention Associated with the Pre-Combustion Carbon Capture from MP/LP Gasification Presented in FIG. 6

This embodiment presents the operation of the process invention's fundamental principals (I) and (II) applied for the pre-combustion carbon dioxide capture (FIG. 1) out of syngas from the middle pressure MP and low pressure LP gasification of coal, oil, natural gas, biomass and other carbonaceous feedstocks 1. The process steps for gas clean up, COS hydrolysis, row gas treatment 2, water shift gas converter 3, gas cooling and Mercury removal 4, AGR acid gas removal for H₂S only 5, and sulfur recovery 25 are applied according to state-of-the-art processing.

Further processing of LP/MP syngas laden with CO₂ below the critical pressure of carbon dioxide 6 includes

according to the present invention comprises the syngas in the boundary limit I the syngas compression 7, wherein the heat recovery of the First Thermodynamic Cycle (FIG. 4A) CO₂-HR in integrated. The CO₂ laden syngas will be proceeded to the CO₂ condensation and regenerative CO₂-HR in 8, where the liquid CO₂ will be obtained. The The high pressure anhydrous CO₂ pump 9 supplies the First Thermodynamic Cycle, line 19 and the HPLTE-SG 10.

The implementation of the First Thermodynamic Cycle within I includes the CO₂ waste heat and process heat recovery CO₂-HR in 20, the generation of super heated-supraheated CO₂ upstream of the CO₂ turbine in the section 21. The CO₂ stream downstream of the CO₂ turbine 22 is directed to CO₂-HR and CO₂-CC to recycle back (make up CO₂) to the 8 in the First Thermodynamic Cycle, whereas the generated AC power is dispatched either for back up of HPLTE-SG or to the grid 23.

The process steps in connection to the equipment and processing related to the high Pressure Low Temperature Electrochemical Syngas generator HPLTE-SG 13 comprises the high pressure anhydrous carbon dioxide 10 as well as purified water 11 and the high pressure water pump 12, which feed the HPLTE-SG 13 (including the elements of the FIG. 3). The HPLTE-SG 13 delivers the HP cathodic syngas 14 and the anodic HP oxygen 15 to gas purifications and power generation with AC/DC Converter in 16 (further detail in FIG. 3), wherein the pure oxygen 17 and CO/2H₂ 18 are exported for various manufacturing and/or power generation (e.g. FIG. 10).

The HPLTE-SG 13 delivers the HP cathodic syngas CO/2H₂ 14 and the anodic oxygen 15 at low temperature, which are then integrated in the multi stage syngas and oxygen turbines with intercoolers at one side of heat exchangers (FIGS. 5A and 5B which serve as condensing media for the CO₂ cycle at the other side of the heat exchangers). The unit 16 includes also the Ancillary Power Generation (FIG. 3) with AC/DC Converter for backup power generation for the HPLTE-SG operation.

FIG. 6

Title: Embodiment of the invention associated with the pre-combustion carbon capture (FIG. 1) from MP/LP gasification

- I Boundary line of present invention in the embodiment for reuse of CO₂ from partial oxidization process i.e. gasification of coal, oil, NG and other hydrocarbons
- II Boundary line of the present invention associated with the First Thermodynamic Cycle via FIG. 4A with the elements 7, 8, 9, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and with the peculiar connections to the oxygen and syngas heat recovery power generation via FIGS. 5A and 5B

Elements of the FIG. 6

- 1 IP intermediary pressure/LP low pressure syngas (from coal/ oil/NG/biomass) downstream of gasification reactor
- 2 Gas clean-up, COS hydrolysis, row gas treatment
- 3 HT/LT Water shift gas converters, i.e. total CO conversion (e.g. for NH₃ synthesis) or partial CO conversion e.g. for gasoline, methanol, ethanol, SNG, etc.
- 4 Gas cooling for Mercury removal
- 5 AGR for sulfur (H₂S) removal only
- 6 Syngas consisting of H₂/CO₂ (optionally H₂/CO₂/CO) with the syngas pressure below the critical pressure of CO₂
- 7 Syngas compression with CO₂-HR, (CO₂ Heat Recovery Section)
- 8 Syngas cooling by CO₂-CC (CO₂ Cooling and Condensation with the Regenerative CO₂-HR)
- 9 Anhydrous CO₂ high pressure pump
- 10 Anhydrous CO₂ for reuse
- 11 Purified water
- 12 High pressure water pump

FIG. 6

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- 13 Electrochemical CO₂ conversion with water by HPLTE-SG, the High Pressure Low Temperature Electrochemical Syngas Generator (FIG. 3)
 - 14 Cathodic products, i.e. chemically pure syngas in stoichiometric composition of CO/2H₂ to the ancillary power generation
 - 15 Anodic product, the chemically pure oxygen to the ancillary power generation
 - 16 Ancillary Power Supply, i.e. two sets of syngas and oxygen turbine, each with generator and intercoolers/reheaters heat exchanger for heat recovery, supplying to the AC/DC convertor for DC backup power of HPLTE-SG interlinked with CO₂-HR and CO₂-PG
 - 17 Export anodic oxygen product at HP/IP/LP pressure for various purposes e.g. oxy-fueling, oxygen supply to the gasifier, oxidation processes or to dispatch e.g. by bottling and shipment
 - 18 Cathode products, the chemically pure syngas CO/2H₂ at HP/IP/LP for number of final products e.g. gasoline, SNG, ethanol, methanol, ammonia, jet fuel, kerosene, fertilizer, plastics, consumer products
 - 19 Anhydrous CO₂ for CO₂-HR & CO₂-PG in the First Thermodynamic Cycle
 - 20 CO₂ waste heat and process heat recovery system of CO₂-HR
 - 21 CO₂ turbine and generator CO₂-PG for power generation via the First Thermodynamic Cycle, either for backup to HPLTE-SG or export of AC power to the grid
 - 22 Recycle CO₂ of the First Thermodynamic Cycle downstream of the CO₂ turbine to CO₂-CC, intercoolers of HPLTE-SG (FIGS. 5A and 5B)
 - 23 Additional electricity for dispatch
 - 24 CO₂ free H₂-stream (optionally H₂/CO) at IP/LP pressure for internal use e.g. reheating of intermediary streams (or optionally for export to adjacent site e.g. for manufacturing plastics, gasoline, etc.)
 - 25 Claus process for sulfur recovery, sulfur purification
 - 26 Export sulfur to storage, shipment e.g. for rubber industry, pesticide manufacturing, sulfuric acid manufacture, sulfuric fertilizer etc.
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2. Embodiment of the Invention Associated with the Pre-Combustion Carbon Capture from HP-Gasification Presented in FIG. 7

This embodiment comprises the operation of the process invention's fundamental principals (I) and (II) applied for the pre-combustion carbon capture from HP gasification, thus the syngas compression of the previous embodiment (FIG. 6, element 7) is not implemented. The other processing stages are the same steps, though designed at higher pressure level.

The embodiment in FIG. 7 presents pre-combustion carbon dioxide capture (FIG. 1) out of syngas from the middle pressure MP and low pressure LP gasification of coal, oil, natural gas, biomass and other carbonaceous feedstocks **1**. The process steps for gas clean up, COS hydrolysis, row gas treatment **2**, water shift gas converter **3**, gas cooling and Mercury removal **4**, AGR acid gas removal for H₂S only **5**, and sulfur recovery **25** are applied according to state-of-the-art processing.

This embodiment considers HP syngas laden with CO₂ above the critical pressure of carbon dioxide **1** in the boundary limit I, wherein the heat recovery of the First Thermodynamic Cycle (FIG. 4A) CO₂-HR in integrated in **7**, **8**, **18**, **19**, **20** and **22**. The CO₂ laden syngas will be proceeded to the CO₂ condensation and regenerative CO₂-HR in **7**, wherein the liquid CO₂ will be obtained. The high pressure anhydrous CO₂ pump **8** supplies the First Thermodynamic Cycle to replenish CO₂, line **18** and the HPLTE-SG **9**.

The implementation of the First thermodynamic Cycle within I includes the CO₂ waste heat and process heat recovery CO₂-HR in **19** with the generation of super heated-supraheated CO₂ upstream of the CO₂ turbine in the section **20**. The CO₂ stream downstream of the CO₂ turbine in **21** is

directed to CO₂-HR and CO₂-CC to recycle back to the **7** in the First Thermodynamic Cycle, whereas the generated AC power is dispatched either for back up of HPLTE-SG or to the grid **23**.

The process steps in connection to the equipment and processing related to the high Pressure Low Temperature Electrochemical Syngas generator HPLTE-SG **12** comprises the high pressure anhydrous carbon dioxide **8** as well as purified water **10** and the high pressure water pump **11**, which feed the HPLTE-SG **12** (including the elements of the FIG. 3). The HPLTE-SG **12** delivers the HP cathodic syngas **13** and the anodic HP oxygen **14** to gas purifications and power generation with AC/DC Converter in **15** (further detail in FIG. 3), wherein the pure oxygen **16** and CO/2H₂ **17** are exported for various manufacturing and/or power generation (e.g. FIG. 10).

The HPLTE-SG **12** delivers the HP cathodic syngas CO/2H₂ **13** and the anodic oxygen **14** at low temperature, which are then integrated in the multi stage syngas and oxygen turbines with intercoolers at one side of heat exchangers (FIGS. 5A and 5B which serve as condensing media for the CO₂ cycle at the other side of the heat exchangers). The unit **15** includes also the Ancillary Power Generation (FIG. 3) with AC/DC Converter for backup power generation for the HPLTE-SG operation.

FIG. 7

Title: Embodiment of the invention associated with the pre-combustion carbon capture (FIG. 1) from HP gasification

- I Boundary line of present invention in the embodiment for reuse of CO₂ from partial oxidation process i.e. gasification of coal, oil, NG and other hydrocarbons
 - II Boundary line of the present invention associated with the First Thermodynamic Cycle via FIG. 4A with the elements 7, 8, 9, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 with the peculiar connections to the oxygen and syngas heat recovery via FIGS. 5A and 5B
- Elements of the FIG. 7
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- 1 High pressure syngas (from coal/oil/NG/biomass) downstream of HP gasification reactor
- 2 Gas clean-up, COS hydrolysis, row gas treatment
- 3 HT/LT Water shift gas converters, i.e. total CO conversion (e.g. for NH₃ synthesis) or partial CO conversion e.g. for gasoline, methanol, ethanol, SNG, etc.
- 4 Gas cooling and Mercury removal
- 5 AGR for sulfur (H₂S) removal only
- 6 Syngas consisting of H₂/CO₂ (optionally H₂/CO₂/CO) with the syngas pressure below the critical pressure of CO₂
- 7 Syngas cooling by CO₂-CC (CO₂ Cooling and Condensation with the Regenerative CO₂-HR)
- 8 Anhydrous CO₂ high pressure pump
- 9 Anhydrous CO₂ for reuse
- 10 Purified water
- 11 High pressure water pump
- 12 Electrochemical CO₂ Conversion with water by HPLTE-SG, the High Pressure Low Temperature Electrochemical Syngas Generator (FIG. 3)
- 13 Cathodic products, i.e. chemically pure syngas in stoichiometric composition of CO/2H₂ to the ancillary power generation
- 14 Anodic product, the chemically pure oxygen to the ancillary power generation
- 15 Ancillary Power Supply, i.e. two sets of syngas & oxygen turbine, each with generator and intercoolers/reheaters heat exchanger for heat recovery, power supply to the AC/DC convertor for DC backup power of HPLTE-SG
- 16 Export anodic oxygen product at HP/IP/LP pressure for various purposes e.g. oxy-fueling, oxygen supply to gasifier, oxidation processes or to dispatch e.g. by bottling and shipment
- 17 Cathode products, the chemically pure syngas CO/2H₂ at HP/IP/LP for number of final products e.g. gasoline, SNG, ethanol, methanol, ammonia, jet fuel, kerosene, fertilizer, plastics, consumer products

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FIG. 7

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- 18 Anhydrous CO₂ for CO₂-HR and CO₂-PG
 - 19 CO₂ waste heat and process heat recovery system by CO₂-HR section of the First Thermodynamic Cycle
 - 20 CO₂ turbines and generator CO₂-PG for power generation, either for backup to HPLTE-SG or for export of AC power to the grid
 - 21 Recycle CO₂ of the First Thermodynamic Cycle downstream of the CO₂ turbine to CO₂-CC, intercoolers of HPLTE-SG (FIGS. 5A and 5B)
 - 22 Additional electricity for dispatch
 - 23 CO₂ free H₂/(optionally H₂/CO) at IP/LP pressure for internal use e.g. reheating of intermediary streams or export to adjacent site e.g. for manufacturing plastics, gasoline, etc.
 - 24 Claus process for sulfur recovery and sulfur purification
 - 25 Export sulfur storage, shipment e.g. for rubber industry, pesticide manufacturing, sulfuric acid manufacture, sulfuric fertilizer etc.
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3. Embodiment of the Invention Associated with the Post-Combustion Carbon Capture of the Flue Gas of Power Plants According to FIG. 8

This embodiment demonstrates the application of the two fundamental principals (I) and (II) for post-combustion carbon capture from the flue gas of fossil power plants, i.e. coal, oil, natural gas fired as well as gas turbine single cycle and combined cycle power plants and the recovery Boiler of pulp and paper downstream of the electrostatic particle precipitator, upstream of the chimney **1** (details in FIG. 2). The flue gas passes the flue gas cooling, heat recovery **2**, then the scrubbing unit **3**, wherein the harmful constituents e.g. soot, Mercury, Antimony, particle pollutions shall be removed **4**. The flue gas passes a multi stage compression stage **5** (attached to the shaft of the flue gas expander turbine **26**) with intercoolers interconnected with the CO₂-HR section of the First Thermodynamic Cycle as described v.s. in (I).

The pressurized flue gas above the critical point of CO₂ passes through the dehydration unit **7**, wherein the remaining harmful constituents and water vapour are removed according to the state-of-the-art processing. The dry flue gas **8** can be then directed to the two new sections of this process invention for the First Thermodynamic Cycle outlined in the boundary limit I that comprises flue gas cooling and condensation CO₂-CC, regenerative CO₂-HR **9** where the anhydrous CO₂ is obtained upstream of the CO₂ high pressure pump **10**. The high pressure liquid CO₂ stream **10** is forwarded to the section for HPLTE-SG **11** while the stream **20** supplies the make up CO₂ for the First Thermodynamic Cycle.

The high pressure anhydrous carbon dioxide **11** feeds the HPLTE-SG **14** from one side, while the purified water **12** feeds the HPLTE-SG with the high pressure water pump **13** from the other line. The HPLTE-SG **14** delivers the HP cathodic syngas CO/2H₂ **15** and the anodic oxygen **16** at low temperature, which are then integrated in the multi stage syngas and oxygen turbines with intercoolers at one side of heat exchangers (FIGS. 5A and 5B which serve as condensing media for the CO₂ cycle at the other side of the heat exchangers). The unit **17** includes also the Ancillary Power Generation (FIG. 3) with AC/DC Converter for backup power generation for the HPLTE-SG operation.

The cleansed decarbonized HP flue gas **25** is preheated by harnessing process waste heat and heat recovery of the intercoolers of the flue gas compressor. The preheated cleansed decarbonized HP flue gas **25** drives the flue gas expander turbine (that is attached to the shaft of the flue gas compressor) before being released to the atmosphere **27**.

FIG. 8

Title: Embodiment of the invention associated with the post-combustion carbon capture of the Flue Gas of power plants

- I Boundary line of the present invention in the embodiment for CO₂ reuse from partial oxidization processes i.e. gasification of coal, oil, NG and other hydrocarbons
 - II Boundary line of the present invention associated with the First Thermodynamic Cycle via FIG. 4A with the elements 7, 8, 9, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 with the peculiar connections to oxygen and syngas heat recovery via FIGS. 5A and 5B
- Elements of the FIG. 8
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- 1 Flue Gas from coal/oil/NG fired fossil power plants or gas turbine single cycle or combined cycle or Recovery Boiler of pulp & paper, downstream of electrostatic particle precipitator, upstream of chimney
 - 2 Flue gas cooling and waste heat recovery
 - 3 Flue gas LP pressure scrubbing (FIG. 2)
 - 4 Removal of harmful particle constituent e.g. soot, particle pollution
 - 5 Flue gas compression and waste heat recovery condensate removal
 - 6 Removal of harmful soluble constituent e.g. SO_x, NO_x, Mercury, Antimony, etc.
 - 7 Flue gas dehydration
 - 8 Dry flue gas laden with CO₂, N₂, residual O₂
 - 9 Syngas cooling by CO₂-CC (CO₂ Cooling and Condensation with the Regenerative CO₂-HR)
 - 10 Anhydrous CO₂ high pressure pump
 - 11 Anhydrous CO₂ for reuse
 - 12 Purified water
 - 13 High pressure water pump
 - 14 Electrochemical CO₂ Conversion with water with HPLTE-SG, the High Pressure Low Temperature Electrochemical Syngas Generator (FIG. 3)
 - 15 Cathodic products, i.e. chemically pure stoichiometric composition of CO/2H₂ to ancillary power generation
 - 16 Anodic product the chemically pure oxygen to ancillary power generation
 - 17 Ancillary Power Supply, i.e. two sets of syngas and oxygen turbine, each with generator and intercoolers/reheaters heat exchanger for heat recovery, power supply to the AC/DC converter for DC backup power of the HPLTE-SG
 - 18 Export anodic oxygen product at HP/IP/LP pressure for various purposes e.g. oxy-fueling, oxygen supply to gasifier, oxidation processes or to dispatch e.g. by bottling and shipment
 - 19 Cathodic products, the chemically pure syngas CO/2H₂ at HP/IP/LP for number of final products e.g. gasoline, SNG, ethanol, methanol, ammonia, jet fuel, kerosene, fertilizer, plastics, consumer products
 - 20 Anhydrous CO₂ for CO₂-HR and CO₂-PG
 - 21 CO₂ waste heat and process heat recovery system CO₂-HR
 - 22 CO₂ turbines and generator CO₂-PG for power generation, either for backup to HPLTE-SG or for export of AC current to the grid
 - 23 Recycle CO₂ of the First Thermodynamic Cycle downstream of the CO₂ turbine to CO₂-CC, intercoolers of HPLTE-SG (FIGS. 5A and 5B)
 - 24 Additional electricity to dispatch
 - 25 Preheated HP/MP cleansed CO₂ free tail gas upstream of tail gas expander
 - 26 Tail gas expander turbine for power supply, or for driving of the flue gas compressor
 - 27 Cleansed flue gas to atmosphere (N₂ and residue of O₂)
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4. The Embodiment of the Invention Associated with the Post-Combustion Carbon Capture of the Stationary Flue Gas Other than Power Plants According to FIG. 9

This block diagram in FIG. 9 pertains to the embodiment of this process invention for post-capture carbon from Stationary Sources of CO₂ emission other than fossil power plants, i.e. from refinery processes, methanol, ammonia plants, CO₂ containing gaseous streams from aluminum, steel and geothermal sources, collectively termed Flue Gas **1**. The two fundamental principals of the invention, (I) the First Thermodynamic Cycle with **6, 7, 17, 18, 19, 20** and **21**. The second fundamental principal (II) is depicted with the elements **9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15** and **16** (the detail of this sections are presented in FIG. 2, FIG. 4A).

The Flue Gas **1** undergoes the section for cooling and waste heat recovery by CO₂-HR in **2** first. The compression of the Flue Gas with integrated CO₂-HR interlinked with the intercoolers of the compressor **3**, before the pressurized Flue Gas will be dehydrated **4**, wherein the traces of water and other impurities are removed from the Flue Gas. Downstream of the dehydration unit **4**, the CO₂-CC with regenerative CO₂-HR **6** will be carried out, whence the liquid carbon dioxide will be obtained. The CO₂ high pressure pump **7** feeds the HPLTE-SG reuse **8** and recycle liquid carbon dioxide **17** back to the First Thermodynamic Cycle. The purified water **9** and HP water pump **10** feeds the other line to the HPLTE-SG **11** (The details of this section is presented in FIGS. **3**, **5A** and **5B**).

The HPLTE-SG **11** delivers HP anodic oxygen **13** and HP syngas CO/2H₂ in **14** for Ancillary Power Supply **14**. This part of HPLTE-SG delivers AC current that is converted to DC by AC/DC converter for backing up the electrolysis. The multi-stage oxygen turbine, syngas turbine and generator for the AC power. The reheater heat exchangers for the turbines will be impinged of one side with the oxygen and syngas from HPLTE-SG **11**, while the oxygen and syngas heat exchangers at the other side serve as condensers of CO₂-CC for the CO₂ condensation from the First Thermodynamic Cycle. The IP/LP anodic oxygen **15** are delivered for further processing e.g. oxy-fueling application and HP/IP syngas CO/2H₂ **16** transferred for the adjacent plant for gasoline, methanol, ethanol, ammonia, SNG, kerosine, fertilizer or other manufacturing processes.

FIG. 9

Title: Embodiment of the invention for CO₂ containing flue gas other than from fossil power plants, generically referred to as Flue Gas (FIG. 2)

- I Boundary line of the present invention in the embodiment for reuse of CO₂ from partial oxidation process i.e. gasification of coal, oil, NG and other hydrocarbons
 - II Boundary line of the present invention associated with the First Thermodynamic Cycle via FIG. 4A with the elements 7, 8, 9, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 with the peculiar connections to oxygen and syngas hear recovery via FIGS. 5A and 5B
- Elements of the FIG. 9

- 1 Stationary CO₂ off gas streams referred to Flue Gas, clean CO₂ stream or CO₂ containing gaseous off gas streams from chemical plants (e.g. ammonia, methanol, ethanol, refinery plants of oil & gas, natural gas treatment units CO₂ containing gaseous stream (e.g. steel, aluminum, geothermal sources)
- 2 Flue Gas cooling and waste heat recovery
- 3 Flue Gas compression and waste heat recovery condensate removal
- 4 Flue Gas dehydration and pre-treatment
- 5 Dry Flue Gas laden with CO₂, N₂ and excess oxygen
- 6 Syngas Cooling (CO₂ condensation CO₂-CC and regenerative CO₂-HR)
- 7 Anhydrous CO₂ high pressure pump
- 8 Anhydrous CO₂ for reuse
- 9 Purified water
- 10 High pressure water pump
- 11 Electrochemical CO₂ Conversion with water with HPLTE-SG, the High Pressure Low Temperature Electrochemical Syngas Generator (FIG. 3)
- 12 Cathodic products, i.e. chemically pure syngas in stoichiometric composition of CO/2H₂ to the ancillary power generation
- 13 Anodic product, the chemically pure oxygen to the ancillary power generation
- 14 Ancillary Power Supply, i.e. two sets of syngas and oxygen turbine, each with generator and intercoolers/reheaters heat exchanger for heat recovery, power supply to the AC/DC convertor for DC backup power of the HPLTE-SG

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FIG. 9

- 15 Export anodic oxygen product at HP/IP/LP pressure for various purposes e.g. oxy-fueling, oxygen supply to gasifier, oxidation processes or to dispatch e.g. by bottling and shipment
- 16 Cathode products, the chemically pure syngas CO/2H₂ at HP/IP/LP for number of final products e.g. gasoline, SNG, ethanol, methanol, ammonia, jet fuel, kerosene, fertilizer, plastics, consumer products
- 17 Anhydrous CO₂ for CO₂-HR and CO₂-PG
- 18 CO₂ waste heat and process heat recovery system CO₂-HR
- 19 CO₂ turbines and generator CO₂-PG for power generation, either for backup to the HPLTE-SG or for export of AC current to the grid
- 20 Recycle CO₂ of the First Thermodynamic Cycle downstream of the CO₂ turbine to CO₂-CC, intercoolers of HPLTE-SG (FIGS. 5A and 5B)
- 21 Additional electricity to dispatch
- 22 HP/MP cleansed CO₂ free tail gas, preheated upstream of tail gas expander
- 23 Tail gas expander turbine for power supply, or for driving of the flue gas compressor
- 24 Cleansed flue gas to atmosphere (N₂ and residue of O₂)

5. FIG. **10**, Embodiment of the Invention for Super-Efficient Hydrogen Based Fossil Power Generation Associated with the Pre-Combustion Carbon Capture and Reuse of Carbon Dioxide from HP-Gasification

The block diagram in FIG. **10** presents the acme of this process invention wherein all three fundamental principles, i.e. (I) the First Thermodynamic Cycle; (II) the HPLTE-SG and (III) the Second Thermodynamic Cycle are employed with all its specific features, vide FIGS. **1**, **3**, **4A**, **4B**, **5A** and **5B**. Similar to the other block diagrams, the boundary lines for the First and Second Thermodynamic Cycle are outlined by II and III, whereas the remaining part within the entire boundary line I represents the HPLTE-SG including the peripheral units for Ancillary Power Generation, oxygen and syngas turbines, oxygen and syngas reheater heat exchangers as well the AC/DC Converter (details in FIG. **3**).

This embodiment leads to super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power and chemical generation wherein the thermal efficiency for power generation reaches out to 85% to around 90% (depending on the location of the plant and the season) while Zero-Carbon Emission can be achieved by reuse of captured carbon dioxide as a new fossil energy resource. The average costs of electricity generated by means of fossil energy is lowered to over 30% to 35% compared with the electricity generated by the gas turbine combined cycle.

The embodiment for super-efficient fossil power and chemicals stands on the grounds of syngas CO/H₂/CO₂ generated by high pressure gasification of carbonaceous feedstock like crude oil, natural gas, biomass, predominantly coal served as the primary resource that is indicated in FIG. **10** by the stream **1**.

It is proposed that the cleansed dehydrated syngas **1** in this embodiment has already undergone the processing steps for syngas cooling, removal of entrained slag particles, removal of harmful constituents like Antimony, Mercury before AGR for sulfur removal which has been described in FIG. **7**, elements **2**, **3**, **4**, **5** and **6**.

The CO₂ containing syngas **1** passes to CO₂-CC, with regenerative CO₂-HR **2**, wherefrom the anhydrous carbon dioxide will be obtained and discharged to the Main CO₂ Condenser tank (like in the other block diagrams, the other liquid CO₂ from the First Thermodynamic Cycle downstream of its CO₂ Condensers (which are the reheating heat exchangers of the (HPLTE-SG at the other side). The

anhydrous CO₂ forwarded by the CO₂ HP pump(s) 3 supplies the First Thermodynamic Cycle 18 as well as via stream 4 the HPLTE-SG 5.

The purified water 6, is to be supplied by the HP water pump 7 feeds the HPLTE-SG via line 8 as well the Second Thermodynamic Cycle via line 14 for jacket cooling of the Direct Steam torches, water injections for the primary HP Direct Steam injections, as well as to the Direct Steam torches for reheating and re-superheating of steam upstream of each section of the steam turbine, all indicated v.i. with 15 and 16.

The HPLTE-SG 5 delivers the HP anodic oxygen 9 and the HP cathodic syngas 10 first for further harnessing used as condensing media for CO₂-CC, reheating and superheating upstream of the turbines and generators of the Ancillary Power Supply 11. The oxygen stream 12 downstream of the oxygen turbine section 12 serves for primary and the reheating Direct Steam generation in 16. The hydrogen for the HP/IP/LP Direct Steam torches can come either from the HPLTE-SG 13 after CO-water shift and CO₂-CC (not depicted in FIG. 10) or more preferably from the gasification island after CO water shift, CO₂-CC via lines 22 and unit 23, where the separated carbon dioxide 24 can be routed to the Main CO₂ Condenser in the section 2. It is from economics perspective and level of the purity more advantageous to supply the syngas of the HPLTE-SG 28 to an adjacent plant for manufacturing of the high end final products like gasoline, methanol, ethanol, fertilizer, SNG and other final products.

In case the operation pressure of the HP Direct Steam would be higher than the pressure level of the hydrogen from HP Gasification Island and the sections 2 and 23, this hydrogen stream shall undergo a compression 25. If there is a hydrogen stream from lower pressure levels (like presented in FIG. 6), this hydrogen stream shall undergo also the hydrogen compression 25. The hydrogen lines 13 and 27 supply along the oxygen line 12 and injection water 14 and 15 the section 16 for Direct Steam generation, Steam turbine and generator with the export electricity 17 to the grid from the Second Thermodynamic Cycle of the present invention (boundary limit III).

FIG. 10

Title: Embodiment of the invention for Super-Efficient hydrogen-based fossil power generation associated with the pre-combustion carbon capture and reuse of carbon dioxide (FIGS. 1, 3, 4A, 4B, 5A and 5B) from HP gasification

- I Boundary line of present invention in the embodiment for reuse of CO₂ from partial oxidization process i.e. gasification of coal, oil, NG and other hydrocarbons
- II Boundary line of the present invention associated with the First Thermodynamic Cycle via FIG. 4A with the elements 7, 8, 9, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 with the peculiar connections to oxygen and syngas hear recovery via FIGS. 5A and 5B
- III Boundary line of the present invention associated with the Second Thermodynamic Cycle, HPLTE-SG, interlinked with peculiar connections to the oxygen and syngas hear recovery via FIGS. 4B, 5A and 5B.

Elements of the FIG. 10

- 1 High pressure syngas from HP gasification
- 2 Syngas cooling and CO₂ condensation via CO₂-CC with regenerative CO₂-HR
- 3 Anhydrous CO₂ high pressure pump
- 4 Anhydrous CO₂ for reuse
- 5 Electrochemical CO₂ conversion with water with the HPLTE-SG, the High Pressure Low Temperature Electrochemical Syngas Generator
- 6 Purified water

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FIG. 10

- 7 High pressure water pump
- 8 HP purified feed water to the HPLTE-SG
- 9 Anodic oxygen product at HP/IP/LP pressure for ancillary heat recovery, preheating, super heating, oxygen turbine-generator set, and condensation media for the CO₂-CC, excess oxygen for intern purposes e.g. oxy-fueling, oxygen supply to gasifier or to dispatch e.g. by bottling and shipment
- 10 Cathode products, the chemically pure syngas CO/2H₂ at HP/IP/LP pressure for ancillary heat recovery, preheating, superheating, syngas turbine-generator set, and condensation media for the CO₂-CC and for HP/IP/LP Direct Steam generation via Direct Steam torches
- 11 Ancillary Power Supply with heat recovery, preheating, oxygen-syngas purifications, HP/IP CO converters, condensation media in CO₂-CC section, CO₂ separation, recycle of anhydrous CO₂ for reuse and the sets of syngas and oxygen turbine-generator machineries with recovery heat exchangers, as well as the AC/DC convertor for HPLTE-SG's backup power
- 12 High pressure anode pure oxygen for HP/IP/LP oxygen supply to the HP/IP/LP Direct Steam torches
- 13 HP/IP cathodic syngas post HP-purification, HP/IP HT/LT CO converters, HP/IP CO₂-CC units for CO₂ separation and recycling of the anhydrous CO₂ back to the CO₂ streams, main hydrogen stream for the HP/IP/LP Direct Steam torches.
- 14 HP/IP/LP purified water for Direct Steam torches
- 15 HP/IP/LP preheaters, jacket cooling of the Direct Steam torches prior to the injections for desuperheating of HP/IP/LP Direct Steams
- 16 HP/IP/LP Direct Steam generators, superheating, reheating, re-superheating sections with the set of steam turbines and generator
- 17 Export electricity to power grid
- 18 Anhydrous CO₂ for CO₂-HR and CO₂-PG
- 19 CO₂ waste heat and process heat recovery system CO₂-HR
- 20 CO₂ turbines and generator CO₂-PG for power generation, either for backup to the HPLTE-SG or export of AC current to the grid
- 21 Additional Electricity for power grid
- 22 HP gasification's syngas H₂/CO stream
- 23 HT/LT CO Water Shift converters, CO₂ capture and CO₂ separation at HP-gasification pressure margin
- 24 Recycle CO₂ to CO₂-CC for the First Thermodynamic Cycle
- 25 Hydrogen compression for resupply of HP hydrogen stream
- 26 Hydrogen from MP/LP gasification and other side streams
- 27 HP/IP/LP hydrogen streams to HP/IP/LP Direct Steam torches
- 28 Chemically pure cathode syngas CO/2H₂ for number of final products e.g. gasoline, SNG, ethanol, methanol, kerosene, fertilizer, Fine Chemicals

Appendix D: List of the abbreviations, acronyms, special expressions, and elements in the embodiments according to the FIGS. 1 to 10

45 Abbreviations

ACU

Auxiliary Cooling Unit employed to perform the condensation of residual carbon dioxide from the CO₂-Stream downstream of CO₂-CC. The ACU may run on hot season on occasion or run continuously in warm regions.

Ancillary CO₂-HR

Any process integrated source of thermal energy from the process, which can be integrated in the First Thermodynamic Cycle, most importantly, the currently wasted thermal energy that is dissipated to the atmosphere through the cooling tower and flue gas of the power plants and chemical plants

Auxiliary CO₂-HR

60 Any external heat recovery, re-superheating plant unit that performs the indirect super-heating and supraheating of carbon dioxide in the First Thermodynamic Cycle in the zone 4-5-6 of the FIG. 4A. The auxiliary CO₂-HR is an external furnace operated by combustion of natural gas with oxygen or by a high-pressure gasification of natural gas, steam, and oxygen, wherein the oxygen is preferably obtained from the HPLTE-SG.

AC/DC Alternative current/Direct current

AC Generator Alternative Current generator, typically driven by turbines

AC/DC Converter Converter for conversion of alternative current to direct current

CO₂-CC Cooling and condensation sections for CO₂. The CO₂-CC includes the peculiarity of the First Thermodynamic Cycle, wherein the high pressure, low temperature anodic oxygen and high pressure, low temperature cathodic syngas from the HPLTE-SG are employed by the operation of multi-stage oxygen and syngas turbines with reheater sections according to the thermodynamic charts illustrated in the FIGS. 5A and 5B

CO₂-HR Heat recovery sections employed for the First Thermodynamic Cycle, wherein the working media CO₂ is utilized according to the thermodynamic chart illustrated in the FIG. 4A

CO₂-PG Power generation according to the First Thermodynamic Cycle, both utilized with CO₂ as working media for the driving compressor(s) or generator according to the thermodynamic chart illustrated in the FIG. 4A

CO₂-Stream CO₂ containing gas, e.g. flue gas of fossil power plants or any other Stationary Source of carbon dioxide emission (vide definition for Stationary Sources of CO₂ emission)

CO₂-Utilization Utilization of CO₂ as working media in general, like in CO₂-HR and CO₂-PG, including the integration of CO₂ economizer in the zone 1-2-3-7, in the thermodynamic chart of the First Thermodynamic Cycle in the FIG. 4A and the regenerative heat exchanger(s) in the zones 3-4-6-7, and specifically the preheating and evaporation of the liquefied CO₂

CCC-HR Closed Cooling Circuit-Heat Recovery for the recovery of medium and low temperature thermal energy e.g. from the flue gas heat recovery, which employs a circulation of a heat carrier like conditioned water in a closed loop between the sources of medium and low temperature thermal energy at one end and recovery of that thermal energy into the working CO₂ media of the First Thermodynamic Cycle

Direct Steam High pressure, intermediary or low-pressure steam generated by direct combustion of hydrogen and oxygen i.e. via torches

Direct Steam torches

The Direct Steam torches are presented in this process comprises two kind of special torches as inherent device part of the process, these are:

(a) The primary high-pressure high temperature steam generated from the direct combustion of hydrogen and oxygen (obtained from the HPLTE-SG section) upstream of the HP section of the steam turbine.

(b) Direct Steam torch for re-superheating of steam upstream of the IP and LP sections of the steam turbine.

The Direct Steam torches according to the present process operates by hydrogen preferably from a high pressure gasification of coal, crude oil, natural gas, and the oxygen obtained from the HPLTE-SG supplant the huge section of HRSG (Heat Recovery Steam Generation) section of present power plants

EOR/IOR/CCS All these three acronyms present the application of captured carbon dioxide and sequestration of the captured carbon in underground locations, hence:

EOR for Enhanced Oil Recovery by sequestration of captured carbon into the depleted oil fields, wherein a recovery of the crude oil can be carried out because of the inherent increase of the pressure level

IOR refers to Improved Oil Recovery for sequestration of carbon in the oil fields which tends to deplete or require higher well output, CCS stands for Carbon Capture and Sequestration of carbon in naturally hallow underground structures

Heat Exchange The generic term for heat exchange in the sense of the present process for the First Thermodynamic Cycle, HPLTE-SG and the Second Thermodynamic Cycle and encompasses distinctively the direct and the indirect heat transfer, whereas the direct heat exchange is specified by:

(i) injection of liquid carbon dioxide into the superheated carbon dioxide stream in the First Thermodynamic Cycle upstream of for cooling purpose;

(ii) injection of liquid carbon dioxide into the superheated carbon dioxide cycle upstream of the reheat section(s);

(iii) injection of water into the generated Direct Steam by combustion of hydrogen and oxygen to delimit the rise of very high temperature;

(iv) injection of saturated steam for the jacket cooling of the Direct Steam torches;

(v) resuperheating of the steam downstream of each steam turbine section(s) for the purpose of reheating by use of hydrogen-oxygen combustion via Direct Steam torch(es);

as well as the heat transfer by indirect heat exchange which is carried out by the heat exchanger(s) with the following specific features in the following distinctive purposes;

(vi) shell-and-tube heat exchangers i.e. with smooth tubes; with structured tubes; with bi-metall compound tubes; with ripped tubes; with fin tubes, which are used in the three fields of the present processes to execute the heat transfer between the various process intern media, i.e. in the First Thermodynamic Cycle, in the process and design of the HPLTE-SG and the Second Thermodynamic Cycle

(vii) heat pipe heat exchanger(s) are employed in the three fields of the present processes to execute the heat transfer between the various process intern media, i.e. in the First Thermodynamic Cycle, in the process and design of the HPLTE-SG and the second thermodynamic cycle, and/or

(viii) and/or to execute the heat transfer between the various process intern media with process external media, i.e. air cooler(s) and/or air-hybrid cooler(s) for the CO₂ condensation of the First Thermodynamic Cycle or for the Direct Steam condensation in the Second Thermodynamic Cycle

(ix) as well as indirect heat transfer that is carried out specifically for CO₂ condensation of the carbon dioxide, both in the First Thermodynamic Cycle and also for the condensation of the carbon dioxide out of the Flue Gas by the evaporation cooling of carbon dioxide as cooling agent, recompression of the evaporated carbon dioxide and its recycle (referred to as ACU, Auxiliary Cooling Unit)

HPLTE-SG High Pressure, Low Temperature Electrochemical Syngas Generator by electrochemical conversion of high pressure electrolyte i.e. the liquefied CO₂ and water

HP High pressure, e.g. high pressure oxygen, syngas, steam, CO₂, water and liquefied CO₂

HRSG Heat Recovery Steam Generation facility, commonly constructed in the fossil power plants as well as some other plants e.g. in ammonia, methanol plants or the Recovery Boiler of pulp and paper industry

LOX/GOX Liquid oxygen, gaseous oxygen

Liq. CO₂/Export Liq-CO₂

Liquefied carbon dioxide obtained by the present processing via operation of the (i) First Thermodynamic Cycle; (ii) CO₂-HR; (iii) CO₂-CC; (iv) CO₂-PG from the Stationary Sources of CO₂ emission, which then can be utilized for electrolysis with water to oxygen and syngas; be export to other sites as a new energy carrier; be applied for the production of ammonia, urea, and hydrocarbons i.e. jet fuel, gasoline, methanol, dimethyl ether and ethanol.

LP Low pressure

MP/IP Medium or intermediary pressure

Oxy-fueling The oxy-fueling according to the present process implies the addition of oxygen into the combustion air in order to reduce the amount of the intake combustion air. According to the present process invention, the oxygen for the oxy-fueling stems from the anodic stream of HPLTE-SG. The paramount advantage of this oxy-fueling results to much lower CO₂ containing flue gas, which in turn reduces the processing efforts of CO₂ capture and condensation, i.e. noticeable less number of flue gas compressors, size of the compressors, and sizes of the flue gas cleaning section as well as CO₂-HR and CO₂-CC sections

Acronyms and Special Expressions

Pre-Combustion CO₂ Capture

According to the prevailing usage in clean energy, the pre-combustion capture of CO₂ comprises the CO₂ separation of CO₂ containing process gases before the process gas is processed in the processing of the chemical plants (e.g. gas turbines operated with syngas or ammonia plants). The processing for pre-combustion capture of CO₂ encompasses mostly the separation of CO₂ obtained from the LP/IP/HP gasification of coal, crude oil, petcoke, biomass and another carbonaceous feedstock.

Post-Combustion CO₂ Capture

The post-combustion separation of CO₂ comprises the capture of utmost greatest sources of the CO₂ emission culprit for the global Green House crisis, e.g. the fossil power plants, chemical plants, pulp and paper, cement industry, aluminum, and steel manufacturing. This group of the plants, commonly termed as the Stationary Sources of CO₂ emission, encompass nearly 75% of all global sources for the CO₂ emission (vide Stationary Source of CO₂ emission).

Reuse of CO₂ Net-Zero-Carbon Emission, and the Carbon Neutral Cycle in the Advanced Fossil Energy

The Advanced Fossil Energy (or occasionally termed as carbon-neutral-cycle) implies those technologies, which are capable to perform net-zero-carbon-emission. All these technologies operate with the CO₂ capture, and conversion of the captured CO₂ to high value final products like jet fuel, gasoline, hydrocarbons etc. These technologies are commonly including the reuse of the captured CO₂ as a new fossil energy resource. The reuse of the carbon dioxide can resolve the global warming at one perspective, while from the other perspective it reduces the need for the primary fossil energy resource i.e. the need for crude oil and natural gas.

Nearly all Advanced Fossil Energy technologies in the present day running fossil energy plants, which are on operation currently with coal, crude oil, natural gas, and biomass are capable to turn these plants to Zero CO₂ emission and Zero pollution plants.

Because of the high yield in CO₂, the Advanced Fossil Energy processes favor the reuse of the captured carbon dioxide preferably with high rank coal, followed by low rank coal ahead of crude oil, natural gas, and biomass. Hence,

only the Advanced Fossil Energy technologies can resolve the global warming. From economic perspective, only the Advanced Fossil Energy can also forge ahead due to the capability in commercially profitable solution that leads to lowering the costs for power and chemical production.

Stationary Sources of CO₂ Emission

A stationary point source of CO₂ is any source that is a single localized emitter, such as fossil fuel power plants, oil refineries, industrial process plants and other heavy industrial sources.

CO₂ from the Stationary Sources of CO₂ emission comprises typically the CO₂ from the fossil power plants, fuels or minerals, natural gas sweetening, cement production, refineries, iron and steel manufacturing, aluminum manufacturing, pulp and paper, other petrochemical productions like ammonia, methanol, hydrogen, ethylene and other hydrocarbon productions.

CLAIMS

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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SEQUENCE LISTING

Not applicable. Some generic publications in the carbon capture, sustainable energy by reuse of captured carbon dioxide, electrochemical conversion of carbon dioxide with water to syngas and oxygen in the Advanced Fossil Energy can be viewed via:

[1] Journal of Organic Chemistry, Perspective, 74, 487-498, January 2009 Chemical recycling of carbon dioxide to methanol and dimethyl ether from Green House Gas to renewable, environmentally carbon neutral fuels and synthetic hydrocarbons.

By: George A. Olah, Alain Goeppert, and G. K. Surya Prakash Loker Hydrocarbon Research Institute and Department of Chemistry, university of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A.

[2] Graves, C. R. in Recycling CO₂ into Sustainable Hydrocarbon Fuels: Electrolysis of CO₂ and H₂O. Columbia University (2010)

The invention claimed is:

1. A high pressure process for at least one of post-combustion and/or pre-combustion CO₂ capture from a CO₂-containing stream, wherein the general inventive concept of this invention is grounded upon the operation of the three principal features, as follows:

(I) first the present process utilizes the chemically pure CO₂ as working media for a first new thermodynamic cycle defined as liquid-gaseous subcritical-supercritical CO₂ power cycle that converts currently useless wasted energy of power and commodity chemical plants to useful power, wherein the CO₂ containing gas at a desired concentration (between 0.4 Vol % to 35 Vol % from the flue gases of fossil power plants and/or 75 Vol % to 99 Vol % from other plants) is taken, then concentrated and compressed to supercritical pressure and then is cooled below the CO₂ critical temperature 31.06 Deg C; thus the CO₂ is separated from the compressed CO₂ Stream by way of supercritical-subcritical condensation in order to obtain liquid CO₂ from that CO₂ Stream wherein the distinctive processing

stages of the new super-critical CO₂ thermodynamic power cycle are defined via following thermodynamic steps:

Step-1: isentropic pressure elevation of liquid CO₂ by use of high-pressure pump;

Step-2 isobaric subcritical preheating of liquid CO₂ carried out below the critical point;

Step-3: isobaric vaporization and superheating of CO₂ from subcritical condition over the critical point to the supercritical region;

Step-4: further isobaric CO₂-HR (heat recovery) which accomplishes primarily the recovery of the waste heat first; by then re-superheating of that CO₂ by use of any process heat utilization;

Step-5: isentropic expansion of supercritical supra-heated CO₂ by a backpressure expander CO₂ turbine in the CO₂-PG section which encompasses the power for driving compressor(s) and generator(s) wherein the latter AC power can be converted to DC power for backing up the HPLTE-SG electrolysis;

Step-6: isobaric regenerative heat exchange and the condensation of CO₂ from superheated supercritical CO₂ by using an ACU (Auxiliary Cooling Unit with coolant), refrigerants or partial expansion of liquid carbon dioxide to lower pressure and temperature in order to function liquid carbon dioxide as condensing media;

Step-7: isobaric undercooling of liquid CO₂ after the condensation and return of the undercooled liquid CO₂ back to the Step-1 thus the closing of the cycle is performed and then followed by:

(II) wherein then the obtained liquid CO₂ from that said concentrated CO₂-Stream is further processed via blending and cooling the liquid CO₂ with the purified water in order to prepare an electrolyte at high pressure and low temperature between the sublimation pressure of 5.5 bar and 1000 bar and 5° C. to 1000° C. and by then feeding to a High Pressure Low Temperature Electrochemical Syngas Generator (HPLT-SG); wherein the electrochemical dissociation of that electrolyte is carried out under the same pressure and temperature to an anodic oxygen stream and a cathodic syngas stream (CO/2H₂) whereas either of the two product streams (that is cathodic syngas in 2H₂/CO ratio and oxygen) are integrated in the subpart (I) as condensing media for the supercritical-subcritical CO₂ of the first new thermodynamic cycle repeatedly typically three to eight times over syngas and oxygen turbine;

(III) super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power generation with an overall efficiency of 90% to 95% is then attained by operation of a new second thermodynamic cycle wherein the cathodic pure hydrogen from a high pressure gasification is combusted with the anodic oxygen at various pressures; between 0.01 bar and 1000 bar operation pressure and up to 1000° C. via torches wherein the thermodynamic steps of the second new thermodynamic cycle are as follows:

Step-1: sequential combustion of high-pressure hydrogen with oxygen or oxygen/steam blends whereas that high pressure hydrogen is performed from a syngas which is obtained first by a gasification carried out at least above 73.84 bar yet typically at 300 bar and/or the syngas stems from an IP/LP Gasification Plant Island that operates below the 73.84 bar; then by the sequential combustion for Direct Steam generation is performed by special hydrogen-oxygen torches for generation of high temperature steam at a point 2' prevailing in the

flame's tong of the torch along the isobaric trajectory defined by the routing left of the critical point of water and above the critical isobaric of the water;

Step-2: injection of temperature controlled water from point 1 and de-superheating of the flame steam and in situ generation of additional Direct Steam whereas the point 2 is attained close upstream of the HP section of the turbine;

Steps-3-8: sequential release of Direct Steam through the typical arrangement of HP/IP/LP (high pressure/intermediary pressure/low pressure) section of the steam turbine with individual reheating section which is carried out by further hydrogen-oxygen combustion;

Step-9: a final isentropic expansion step down in the last stage as LP (low pressure) Direct Steam upstream of the LP section of a turbine;

Step-10: partial or, optionally, total condensation of Direct Steam condensate and reuse of the water for further purpose whereby the undercooled steam condensate is further preheated prior to injection.

2. A process for CO₂ separation from post-combustion and/or pre-combustion, according to claim 1, by way of condensation of the CO₂ from that said CO₂-Stream is carried out first by compression above the critical point of CO then processed by way of supercritical cooling of CO₂-Stream via gas cooler heat exchanger(s) whereas downstream of that gas cooler a CO₂-free gaseous media is obtained and then the dehydration of CO₂-Stream is carried out with consequential CO₂ subcritical cooling of that CO₂-Stream via second gas cooler heat exchanger(s) with downstream residue gases (also referred as CO₂ purge gas) whereby a partial supercritical-subcritical condensation of CO₂ takes first place before the total condensation of CO₂ from that said CO₂-stream is executed with the CO₂ main Condenser and the carbon dioxide captured in a liquid CO₂ collector and/or in a pressurized storage tank whereas the processing assembly of those two supercritical and subcritical heat exchangers then dehydration column then the Main Condenser by then liquid CO₂ collector and storage tank are referred to CO₂-CC (carbon dioxide capture and condensation) section of the process.

3. A process according to claim 2 wherein the sources of said CO₂-stream comprises—either pure CO; form and/or in a CO₂ containing gaseous media and/or CO₂-enriched high concentrated CO₂-Stream which is referred to the Stationary CO₂ source of emission wherein at least one of flue gas of fossil power plants and/or flue gas of primary steam reformer and/or ammonia and/or methanol and/or gasoline and/or diesel and/or SNG and/or cement and/or steel manufacturing and/or COs of incineration and/or COs removed from natural gas and/or CO₂ containing off gas of oil and gas refineries and/or CO₂ obtained from treatments from refined oil and/or oil fractions and/or coke preparation from coal for the steel manufacturing and/or aluminum manufacturing and/or pulp and paper process and/or geothermal resources and/or fermentation off gases and the ubiquitous CO₂ from the air.

4. The process according to claim 2 wherein the process comprises specifically the removal of CO₂ from the CO₂-Stream of MP/LP gasification processes of coal and/or biomass and/or natural gas and/or crude oil and/or waste carbonaceous material by shunting of an interim compression stage up to the margin of 74 bar and 500 bar for HP gasification process whereby the CO₂-Stream of row syngas downstream of syngas cleaning and CO₂ and H₂S removal is processed upstream of the CO₂-CC in the margin of 74 bar to 500 bar.

5. The process according to claim 2, wherein the condensation of the CO₂ from that CO₂-Stream is carried out at an operation pressure from 5.5 bar and -56° C. over the sublimation line of CO₂ in the range of subcritical pressure of 5.5 bar to supercritical pressure at 500 bar and -55° C. and 31° C.

6. The process according to the claim 2, wherein the supercritical heat exchanger cools the CO₂-Stream in the margin of 0.1° C. to 20° C. close over the critical temperature of CO₂ with CO₂-free and/or CO₂-diluted purge gases downstream of the CO₂-CC section in counter flow whereby the water is removed by way of condensation out of that CO₂-Stream first.

7. The process according to claim 2 wherein the remaining water traces are dehydrated by way of adsorption such as via at least one of molecular sieves and/or Pillared Clays and/or organic and/or inorganic hygroscopic agents and/or silica gel in adsorber beds operating intermittently at a CO₂ supercritical temperature margin of 31.06° C. to 100° C. whereby the adsorption is either carried out under polytropic condition and/or isothermal condition with indirect cooling of adsorber.

8. The process according to claim 2 wherein the supercritical dehydrated CO₂-Stream is further cooled down by the subcritical gas cooling heat exchanger(s) wherein a partial condensation of CO₂ out of that CO₂-Stream takes place by cooling with CO₂-free and/or CO₂-diluted purge gas downstream of CO₂-CC section in counterflow is carried out.

9. The process according to claim 2 wherein the total condensation of CO₂ is accomplished by use of a Cooling Media and/or such as at least one of cooling water and/or air cooler and/or hybrid cooler and/or refrigerant cooling and/or Freon and/or ammonia absorption cooling and/or thermoelectric generator heat exchanger and/or internal liquid and/or gaseous low temperature process media that is/are the gaseous products of HPLTE-Syngas Generator yet more preferably by an Auxiliary Cooling Unit (ACU) or any combination of them in the Main Condenser.

10. The process according to claim 2 wherein the ACU is performed by expansion of part of the obtained HP liquid CO₂ down to lower pressure in the margin from the critical temperature and pressure of 73.8 bar and 31.06° C. and above the sublimation line of CO₂ at 5.6 bar and at -55.6° C. whereby the released ACU's CO₂ will be recompressed and cooled with CO₂-HR and/or Closed Cooling Cycle for Heat Recovery unit (in the CCC-HR section).

11. A process for liquid CO₂-supercritical CO₂ power cycle, according to claim 1, wherein heat recovery power generation with a pure CO₂ as working media of this power cycle is carried out with a or a number of liquid CO₂ pump(s) for pressure elevation of cycle's liquid CO₂ before the vaporization and supercritical superheating of power cycle's CO₂ (CO₂ re-gasifying) takes place by recuperation from any kind of waste heat sources with/without consecutive supraheating of power cycle's CO₂ by heating the superheated CO₂ via any process heat whereby the superheated/supraheated power cycle's CO₂ is directed to a set of expander turbines which will be driving generator(s) and/or other craft machines that is a or number of CO₂-Stream compressor(s) and/or will be driving CO₂ pump(s) is carried out for that liquid CO₂ obtained from the CO₂-Stream and/or liquid CO₂ pump of the power cycle.

12. The process according to claim 11 wherein the pressurization of liquid CO₂ for the supercritical CO₂ power cycle is carried out by pumping in single and/or in number of stages under simultaneous cooling below the critical

temperature in the margin of 10° C. to 25° C. and at an outlet pressure of 5.6 bar to 1000 bar.

13. The process according to claim 11 wherein the preheating of liquid CO₂ and vaporization of liquid CO₂ as well as the superheating of CO₂ in the supercritical CO₂ power cycle is carried out in the margin of 30° C. to 1000° C. and working pressure of 5.6 bar to 1000 bar comprising the use of waste heat upstream of CO₂-Stream and all other waste heat resources such as at least one of residual LP off steam heat downstream of backpressure and/or condensation steam turbine(s) in all the fossil as well as nuclear power plants and/or the waste heat downstream of the supercritical CO₂ backpressure expander and/or pressure release expander turbine(s) and/or the waste heat of reflux steam condensate and/or flue gas heat prior to the chimney of fossil power plants with coal and/or petcoke and/or biomass and/or crude oil and/or refined oil fractions and/or flue gas stack of single cycle and/or combined cycle gas turbine power plants and/or CO₂ and waste heat of flue gas of steam reformer(s) and/or cracking furnaces and/or heat recovery of jacket cooling of reactors and/or the jacket and internal device cooling of equipment and/or intercooler(s) of compressors.

14. The process according to claim 11, wherein the waste heat recovery for CO₂ re-gasifying and superheating in the supercritical CO₂ power cycle is performed via heat exchangers directly coupled with the captured CO₂ stream and/or indirectly via one or a number of centralized Closed Cooling Circuits with a heat carrier wherein preferably on operation with conditioned water as heat carrier wherein the vaporization and superheating of the power cycle's CO₂ is carried out in the margin of 31.06° C. to 1000° C.

15. The process according to claim 11 for the power cycle wherein the sources for supraheating of CO₂ in the margin of 200° C. to 1000° and working pressure of 5.6 bar to 1000 bar takes place with the process heat sources such as at least one of combustion chamber of conventional fired power plants and/or gas turbine power plants and/or recovery boiler and bark boiler of pulp and paper manufacturing and/or process heat recovery of chemical processes that is CO water shift converter and/or ammonia and methanol synthesis section and/or absorption heat of absorber towers and/or solution heat of HP carbon dioxide with water (upstream of HPLTE-Syngas Generator) and/or Hot Syngas Gas cooler of gasifier and/or supraheating of CO₂ that is via indirect natural gas fired furnace (that is in the start-up furnace of ammonia/methanol plants) and/or natural gas gasification and/or H₂/O₂ sequential combustion (that is associated with super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power generation).

16. The process according to claim 11 wherein the power generation of superheated and/or supraheated carbon dioxide is carried out via a set of backpressure expander turbines consisting of HP/MP/LP stages each with/without re-superheating of CO₂ takes place and whereby the set of the expander turbines drive(s) the generator and/or the ACU's CO₂; recycle compressor and/or for the Flue Gas compressor driven by the new first thermodynamic cycle.

17. The process according to claim 11 characterized that the inlet pressure to HP CO₂ expander turbine operates between 5.6 bar and 1000 bar and a temperature margin of 32° C. to 1000° C.

18. The process for liquid CO₂-supercritical CO₂ power cycle according to claim 17, wherein the CO₂ stream downstream of HP supercritical CO₂ expander turbine section of the power cycle will be returned back to the CO₂-CC for CO₂-HR and reliquefaction in CO₂-CC in pursuant to semi-closed liquid-gas CO₂ power cycle while the other part of CO₂ is then directed to MP CO₂ expander turbine sec-

tion—with and/or without re-superheating—so the MPCO₂ stream is performed for heat recovery and temperature control with CO₂ de-superheating ready for sequestration and/or EOR and/or IOR (Improved Oil Recovery) in an open and/or semi-closed new first thermodynamic cycle for other MP applications.

19. The process according to claim 18 wherein the excess CO₂ is exported in liquid aggregate of state from CO₂ HP-pump for liquid CO: applications that is for the urea manufacturing and/or HPLTE-Syngas Generator.

20. The process according to claim 1, wherein for at least one of carbon capture from CO₂-Stream wherein the obtained liquid CO₂ and/or the excess liquid CO₂ from that said CO₂-Stream is pressurized by pump(s) to higher pressure and blended with high pressurized purified water under simultaneous CO₂ subcritical cooling in multiple mixing/cooling stages and fed to a high pressure low temperature electrochemical reactor (referred to HPLTE-Syngas Generator) that delivers cathodic syngas 2H₂/CO and anodic oxygen 3/2 O₂ in a way that either of HPLTE-SG product streams can be used for various other applications.

21. The process according to claim 20 wherein the applications of the cathodic 2H₂/CO intermediate product will comprise specifically 2H₂/CO for methanol and/or after ratio conditioning with water-gas shift converter for ethanol and/or SNG and/or gasoline and/or kerosene and other transportation fuels as well as methanol and/or DME dimethyl ether and/or aviation fuel in every grade and any other hydrocarbons.

22. The process according to claim 20 wherein the applications of the cathodic intermediate product 2H₂/CO encompass the conversion of syngas with steam/water via catalytic CO water shift converter to 3H₂/CO₂ stream whereby the pure HP/MP/LP hydrogen is obtained after the CO₂ separation by CO₂—CC wherein the HP/MP/LP hydrogen is supplied for chemicals that is for the ammonia synthesis and/or hydrogenation of middle and/or heavy hydrocarbons to light fraction hydrocarbons for the purpose of automotive fuels and/or gasoline and/or diesel and/or kerosene.

23. The process according to claim 20 wherein the applications of cathodic intermediate product 2H₂/CO of HPLTE-Syngas Generator comprises the conversion of syngas with steam/water via catalytic CO water shift converter of to 3H₂/CO₂ stream whereby the pure HP/MP/LP hydrogen is obtained after the CO separation by CO₂—CC wherein the HP/MP/LP hydrogen—either with or without other hydrogen streams obtained from HP/MP/LP gasification processes and/or steam reforming and/or dry reforming with CH/CO₂ is performed for super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power generation.

24. A process wherein an anodic HP/IP/LP oxygen from said HPLTE-SG is applied for oxygen supply for gasification process and/or oxy-fueling of conventional fossil power plant and/or oxy-fueling of gas turbine power plants and/or recovery boiler of pulp and paper and/or chemical plants that is for nitric acid plants and/or oxidation reactors and/or cracking furnaces and/or more advantageously for super-efficient hydrogen based power generation.

25. The process according to claim 20 wherein the operation pressure of HPLTE-Syngas Generator is carried out between the sublimation pressure of 5.5 bar and 1000 bar and 5° C. to 1000° C. preferably between 5° C. to 50°.

26. The process according to claim 20 wherein the HPLTE-Syngas Generator's gaseous products namely the 2H₂/CO cathodic syngas and anodic 3/2 O₂ oxygen are either totally and/or partially preheated for and then directed to back pressure expander turbine(s) for generating of ancil-

lary power—driving AC current generator—whereby the AC current is converted to DC supporting the electricity for the electrochemical conversion in general for the HPLTE-SG reactor.

27. The process according to claim 20 wherein the preheating of the HPLTE-Syngas Generator's gaseous products takes place repeatedly upstream of each stage of turbine section of the syngas and/or the oxygen back pressure turbine distinguished in the way that the preheating of HPLTE-Syngas Generator's gaseous products are interlinked with the new first thermodynamic cycle wherein the preheating of syngas and/or oxygen stream upstream of each turbine section is employed to cool and/or condensate the CO₂ from the CO₂-Stream.

28. The process according to claim 27 wherein the new first thermodynamic cycle for liquid CO₂-supercritical CO₂ power cycle employs regenerative heat exchanger(s) downstream of the supercritical-subcritical CO₂ expander turbine as a heating source for the preheating of vaporized and/or superheated CO₂ stream of the CO₂-PG power cycle and/or any gaseous stream more specifically oxygen and 2H₂/CO of HPLTE-Syngas Generator with/without indirect steam generation with/without utilization for chemical reactors with/without reboiler of stripper towers and the Boiler Feed Water economizer.

29. The process according to the claim 28 wherein the preheating of the HPLTE-Syngas Generator's gaseous products takes place repeatedly upstream of each stage of turbine section of the syngas and/or the oxygen back pressure turbine which is carried out to perform the cooling and/or condensation of the supercritical and/or subcritical CO₂ from the CO₂ circulating process stream in the new first thermodynamic cycle and/or from the CO₂-containing syngas from the gasification and/or steam reforming and/or the Dry Reforming.

30. The process according to claim 27, wherein for at least one of carbon capture and utilization and power generation and chemical conversion via HPLTE-Syngas Generator whereby the HP/MP/LP generated O₂ streams and the H₂ stream obtained originally from the cathodic product—either with or without other hydrogen streams obtained from HP/MP/LP gasification processes and/or steam reforming and/or dry reforming with CH₄/CO₂ will be subject to sequential 2H₂/O₂ combustion whereby Direct Steam stream(s) more specifically HP ultra-superheated Direct Steam is performed for the new second thermodynamic cycle.

31. The process according to the claim 30 wherein the sequential combustion 2H₂/O₂ is carried out via sequential injection of hydrogen into the main oxygen stream and/or more preferably oxygen injection(s) takes place into the main hydrogen stream by use of H₂/O₂ torches.

32. The process according to the claim 30 wherein the generated HP Direct Steam and the heat via sequential HP/MP/LP combustion of H₂/O₂ is availed for preheating of any process intermediates more specifically for the preheating of the high pressure superheated and circulating CO₂ stream of the first new thermodynamic cycle upstream of the supercritical CO₂ cycle in the CO₂-PG section.

33. The process according to the claim 30 wherein at least one part of the oxygen obtained from the HPLTE-Syngas Generator is taken for combustion with hydrogen obtained from a gasification process so the HP ultra-superheated Direct Steam is performed upstream of steam turbine while the other oxygen side streams are performed for at least one of oxygen streams such as LOX and/or GOX for gasification process and/or oxy-fueling and/or oxy-fueling in combus-

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tion processes for power generation (that is designated for the conventional fossil and/or gas turbine power plants) while at least one other part is prepared as LOX.

34. The process according to the claim 30 wherein the oxygen stream and the hydrogen stream (either from HPLTE-Syngas Generator or obtained from gasification process) is availed for supplementary firing in existing conventional power plant and/or HRSG section of gas turbine combined cycle plants.

35. A process for Direct Steam generation by way of sequential combustion of H_2/O_2 via torches wherein the torch is specially distinguished with an:

- a) external jacket cooling integrated in the Closed Cooling Circuit;
- b) internal indirect skirt cooling coils impinged via Boiling Feed Water of MP HRSG section referred to as closed-end jacket cooling;
- c) injection of saturated steam into the skirt cooling section of the torch referred to as open-end jacket cooling;
- d) injection of water dispersed into the flame path of torch;
- e) and/or injection of water in the surrounding field of the flame for de-superheating of the Direct Steam flame by way of temperature controlled measurement so the Direct Steam HP ultra-superheated Direct Steam is formed.

36. The process according to claim 35 that the generation of Direct Steam by way of sequential H_2/O_2 torches particularly HP ultra-superheated Direct Steam with re-superheating stage(s) is claimed wherein the generated Direct Steam is reheated by above torches in one or more re-superheating stages which then drives MP/LP sections of a the steam turbine(s) that facilitates the new second thermodynamic cycle that is either executed in a semi-open cycle whereby the steam downstream of that said LP turbine section is released into the atmosphere or it is condensed for reuse in a closed cycle or a combination of the two latter embodiments.

37. The process, according to claim 10, wherein the entire heat recovery units (CO_2 -HR and CCC-HR) with the set of CO_2 turbines (CO_2 -PG) and with the HP Direct Steam generation in combination with its set of Direct Steam turbines with/without indirect steam generation in combination with the set of indirect steam turbines facilitates the new generation of super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power generation.

38. The process for at least one of carbon capture and liquefaction and utilization and chemical conversion according to the claim 37, wherein the entire heat and/or process recovery units (CO_2 -HR and CCC-HR) with the set of CO_2 turbines (CO_2 -PG) and regenerative heat exchanger(s) of the first thermodynamic cycle with the HP Direct Steam generation in combination with the set of Direct Steam turbines with/without under-cooled Direct Steam condensate turbine with MP indirect steam generation in combination with the set of indirect steam back pressure turbines and/or indirect steam condensation turbine of the second thermodynamic cycle facilitates the new generation for super-efficient hydrogen based fossil power generation characterized with the overall gross plant efficiency in the margin of 60% to 99% more specifically in the margin of overall gross efficiency of 90% to 95% with effective carbon capture in margin of 60% to 100%, more specifically in margin of 90% to 100% in either case depending on seasonal and regional ambient conditions according to the claim 1 in CID).

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39. The process for at least one of post-combustion carbon capture and liquefaction and utilization and chemical conversion and power generation, according to claim 11, wherein low and/or middle pressure subcritical CO_2 gaseous and other CO_2 pollution emitting sources are first subjected to scrubbing and/or cleaning with Flue Gas heat recovery and compression of Flue Gas over the supercritical pressure of CO_2 that is carried out in either single or multiple compression stage(s) with the associated intercooler/final gas cooler and heat recovery and dehydration of that said Flue Gas takes place before the compressed Flue Gas is treated in CO_2 -CC for separation of liquid CO_2 out of the that Flue Gas wherein the CO_2 -free Flue Gas (off gas) is eventually preheated and then released back into the atmosphere downstream of the off gas expander turbine(s).

40. The device according to claim 1, consisting of a high pressure low temperature electrochemical reactor (referred to as HPLTE-Syngas Generator) that comprises of two reaction chambers for cathodic ($2 H_2/CO$) syngas and anodic oxygen ($3/2 O_2$) production with gas lock and/or liquid lock and/or liquid-gas separation at the top and a diaphragm compartment that is concentric emplaced within the circulating cathodic liquid phase at one side while the anodic liquid phase is circulating at the other side of diaphragm whereby the very high circulation flow of each liquid phase is facilitated on the principals for Mammoth Pump by the evolved gaseous products in each reaction chamber while the migration of ions through the diaphragm in the liquid phase is intensified whereby the HPLTE-Syngas Generator is distinguished preferably with one or more of the peripheral equipment and sections with/without internal cooling coils to govern isothermal reaction condition according to.

41. The device according to the claim 40 the reactor is fed with a blend of liquid CO_2 and water so that either stream is pressurized by pumping under cooling at high pressure and cooled below the critical temperature of CO while the mixing and cooling of liquid CO_2 -water blend is taking place simultaneously.

42. The device according to the claim 40 wherein the operation pressure of the HPLTE-SG reactor is in the margin of 5.5 bar to 1000 bar and the operation temperature in the margin of $-56.57^\circ C.$ and $+31.06^\circ C.$ more preferably in the range of 200 to 400 bar and temperature of $+5^\circ$ to $25^\circ C.$

43. The device according to the claim 40 wherein the pressurization of reactor precursors that is water and the liquid carbon dioxide is carried out in the margin of 5.5 bar (over the sublimation pressure of CO_2) and 1000 bar for the operation pressure of HPLTE-Syngas Generator according to the claim 42.

44. The device according to the claim 40 wherein the cooling of reactor precursors that is water and liquid CO_2 is carried out while their pressurizing and mixing is performed in the margin of $-56.57^\circ C.$ (sublimation temperature of CO_2) and $+31.06^\circ C.$ the critical temperature of CO_2 .

45. The device according to the claim 40 wherein the blending under subcritical temperature of CO_2 is carried out by multiple injection stages of liquid CO_2 into the water and/or CO_2 -water blend under simultaneous mixing and cooling in every injection stage so an aqueous solution of CO_2 in water in particular high concentrated electrolyte yet more preferably CO_2 saturated aqueous undercooled solution of CO_2 is obtained at any ratio up to the stoichiometric ration of CO_2/H_2O of 1:2.

46. The device according to the claim 40 wherein the feedstocks of HPLTE-Syngas Generator is fed into the reactor either by one blend stream of CO_2-H_2O wherein the leveling of mass flow rates of both chambers is carried

out by diaphragm and/or two separated streams of CO₂—H₂O electrolyte into the anodic and cathodic reaction chamber individually in the bottom section of cathodic and anodic reaction chamber wherein the compensation of liquid level occurs through the diaphragm.

47. The device according to the claim 40 wherein the reactor is further distinguished by purification measures for each gaseous product.

48. The device according to the claim 40 wherein the removal of O₂ traces out of the cathodic syngas 2H₂/CO is either by molecular sieve on the basis of pressure swing adsorption (PSA) and/or absorption and/or chemisorption and/or non-catalytic chemical conversion and/or preferably by a trickle reactor and catalytic conversion of oxygen traces with accompanied hydrogen to water and/or more preferably by passing the cathodic gases through an electric arc momentarily wherein the reaction of oxygen traces with the concomitant hydrogen is performed immediately upstream of water absorber for CO₂ removal.

49. The device according to the claim 40 wherein the removal of CO₂ traces out of the cathodic 2H₂/CO takes place in a separate absorber via water and/or more preferably with water in the same trickle reactor above.

50. The device according to claim 40 wherein the discharge of absorber preferably the above trickle reactor is carried out by way of flush pressure release and/or preferably by way of HP thermal desorption carried out with heater that is an electric heater whereas the desorber's off gas of syngas purification section is led to the off gas combustion along with the off gas downstream of anodic oxygen purification section for heat recovery.

51. The device according to claim 40 wherein the removal of H₂ traces out of the anodic oxygen stream downstream of the reactor is carried out by either molecular sieve on the basis of pressure swing adsorption (PSA) and/or absorption and/or chemisorption and/or non-catalytic chemical conversion and/or more preferably by passing the anodic gas through an electric arc wherein the conversion of hydrogen traces takes place momentarily that is carried out immediately upstream of CO₂ absorber for removal of CO₂ out of anodic oxygen stream.

52. The device according to claim 40 wherein the desorber off gas of the anodic oxygen purification section is led to off gas combustion along with the off gas downstream of cathodic syngas purification section for heat recovery.

53. The device according to the claim 40 wherein the high pressure anodic purified HP oxygen gas stream is preheated repeatedly via any heat sources from the prevailing operation temperature of HPLTE-Syngas Generator of +5° to in one and/or a multiple stage of heat exchanger(s) before it is

fed to HP/IP/LP multi-stage oxygen backpressure expander turbine(s) repeatedly that drives an ancillary generator whereas oxygen upstream of the final stage of the oxygen turbine operates to a higher temperature in the margin of 500° C.

54. The device according to the claim 40 wherein the device invention of HPLTE-Syngas Generator comprises the HP/IP/LP multi-stage cathodic gas preheating repeatedly of +5° to -30° C. to in one and/or a multiple stage of heat exchanger(s) before it is fed to each HP/IP/LP multi-stage syngas and/or hydrogen backpressure expander turbine(s) that drives an ancillary generator whereas the final stage of syngas turbine operates to a higher temperature in the margin of 600° C.

55. The device according to claim 54 wherein the preheating stages of the gaseous products of HPLTE-Syngas Generator in upstream of each stage of back pressure turbine section is interconnected with the first thermodynamic cycle whereas these product gases are employed for the condensation of circulating CO₂ stream in the CO₂-PG downstream of the supercritical-subcritical CO₂ turbine and/or the regenerative heat exchangers of the CO₂ power cycle.

56. The device according to the claim 55 wherein the syngas heat downstream of back pressure expander is integrated as part of syngas preheating in order to accommodate the temperature level of syngas in the water gas shift reactor and/or by way of water injection into the syngas upstream of HP/MP water shift converter.

57. The device according to claim 55 wherein the device invention HPLTE-Syngas Generator encompasses the AC/DC converter for the conversion of gained ancillary AC current to DC current for backing up the power supply of HPLTE-Syngas Generator.

58. The process for high pressure low temperature electrochemical conversion of the electrolyte liquid carbon dioxide-water blend, according to claim 1, is backed up by supplementary DC power supply current gained by use of the solar power DC generation.

59. The process for high pressure low temperature electrochemical conversion of the electrolyte liquid carbon dioxide-water blend, according to claim 1, is backed up by supplementary supply of DC current gained by use of the fuel cells for DC back up line which is generated by the combustion of oxygen downstream of the oxygen turbine and the hydrogen downstream of the CO-water shift converters and CO removal either from the (i)HPLTE-SG cathodic product downstream of low pressure section of syngas and/or hydrogen turbine and/or from the (ii) from gasification.

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