Air Liquide Group

A world leader in gases, technologies and services for Industry and Health

Air Liquide is present in 75 countries with approximately 66,400 employees and serves more than 3.8 million customers and patients. Oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen are essential small molecules for life, matter and energy.

They embody Air Liquide’s scientific territory and have been at the core of the company’s activities since its creation in 1902. Air Liquide’s ambition is to be a leader in its industry, deliver long term performance and contribute to sustainability – with a strong commitment to climate change and energy transition at the heart of its strategy.
Air Liquide Engineering & Construction
A technology partner of choice

Air Liquide Engineering & Construction builds the Group’s production units (mainly air gas separation and renewable/low carbon Hydrogen) and provides external customers with efficient, sustainable, customized technology and process solutions.

Our core expertise in industrial gas, energy conversion and gas purification, enables customers to optimize natural resources.

We cover the entire project life-cycle: license engineering services / proprietary equipment, high-end engineering & design capabilities, project management & execution services. In addition, we also offer efficient customer services through our worldwide set-up.

As a technology partner, customers benefit from our research and development to achieve energy transition goals.

Our full suite of Technologies

- Air Gases
- CO₂ & Sulfur
- Green Chemicals & Fuels
- Hydrogen & Syngas
- Natural Gas Treatment
- Syngas Separation
- Turboexpanders

347 New patents filed in 2020

3 Engineering centers
15 Engineering centers and front end offices
It is time to ACT for a sustainable future

ADVANCE, Air Liquide’s strategic plan for 2025, is a milestone in the company’s history. It places sustainable development at the heart of the Group’s strategy, firmly setting Air Liquide on a clear course to deliver targeted global performance, combining financial and extra-financial dimensions.

The Group develops solutions contributing to climate and the energy transition—particularly with hydrogen—and takes action to progress in areas of healthcare, digital and high technologies. Air Liquide also helps its industrial customers to reduce their carbon emissions, developing new technologies and skills to support their low-carbon transition.

In full support of the 2015 Paris agreement, Air Liquide commitments for sustainability address the urgency of climate change and energy transition, targeting carbon neutrality by 2050 with key intermediary milestones in 2025 and 2035:

• to start reducing its absolute CO₂ emissions by around 2025
• to achieve a 33% reduction in Scope 1 & 2 CO₂ emissions by 2035.
Longstanding experience in CO₂ management

Air Liquide has a longstanding experience in CO₂ management, from capture, purification and liquefaction to storage and transport from various sources.

Air Liquide can also upgrade the recovered CO₂ and provide it to various markets, such as the agri-food industry (carbonation, preservation, and refrigerated transport), water treatment, chemicals...

1 CO₂ EMISSIONS

• Industrial processes (metallurgy, cement manufacturing, ammonia and hydrogen production, methanization, fermentation,...)
• Hydrocarbons combustion
• Biomass combustion
• Waste incineration

2 CARBON CAPTURE

Complexity and energy balance of carbon capture operations mainly depend on:
• Electricity and steam costs and carbon footprint
• Inlet CO₂ stream characteristics
• Expected outlet CO₂ conditions (P,T) and purity

Liquid or gaseous CO₂

Utilisation

Geological sequestration

• Synthetic hydrocarbons
• Chemicals, polymers
• Building materials
• Gas for industrial uses
• Agri food
• Enhanced Oil Recovery

• Sequestration in deep saline aquifers, in depleted oil fields or in coal seams
• Mineralization in basaltic underground rocks

3 UTILISATION & SEQUESTRAITION
Cryocap™

A complete product range to capture and/or liquefy CO₂ from industrial gas streams

A world premiere
Cryocap™ is a technological innovation for CO₂ capture that is unique in the world, using a cryogenic process (involving low temperatures to separate gases). Cryocap™ can be adapted to specific applications combining a variety of Air Liquide technologies.

CRYOCAP™ H₂
Hydrogen production

CRYOCAP™ FG
> 15% flue gas (Cement, Refineries, H₂)

CRYOCAP™ Oxy
Oxycombustion

CRYOCAP™ Steel
Steel production

CRYOCAP™ XLL
CO₂ liquefaction
Cryocap™ H₂
Capturing CO₂ while boosting H₂

- Combination of Membrane and Cryogenics technologies
- Extra H₂ production by 10 to 20%
- Avoided CO₂ cost reduction: up to 40% compared to MDEA
- Gaseous or liquid CO₂
- >95% capture from syngas (up to 60% overall SMR emissions)

Port-Jérôme, an industrial reference

Cryocap™ H₂ is the only technique that enables the reduction of the CO₂ released during the production of hydrogen while also increasing this hydrogen production. The CO₂ in Port-Jérôme is further purified and liquefied to meet CO₂ needs of local industrial market (agri-food, water treatment, etc.).

- Port-Jérôme, Normandy, France
- Industrial size, fully upscalable
- Plant built, owned & operated by Air Liquide Group
- Start-up in first half of 2015.
- Highly reliable operation since its commissioning
- Liquid CO₂ production: 300 tons/day
- Zero impact on SMR availability demonstrated
Cryocap™ FG
Capturing CO₂ from flue gases

• Suitable for SMR (flue gas), FCC, cement... off gases with CO₂ content >=15%
• PSA-assisted CO₂ condensation
• Compact & flexible footprint: Compressors, PSA and cryo process can be located in 2 different plots

• Smart impurities management (high NOx)
• Gaseous or liquid CO₂
• CO₂ capture rate: 85 to 95%

Cryocap™ Oxy
Capture and Purification for Oxycombustion

• Enriches Flue Gas above 60% CO₂
• Smart impurities management (high NOx)
• Integration validated on different Oxy boilers
• Demonstrated on 3 plants (Callide, Ciuden, Total Lacq)

• Gaseous or Liquid CO₂
• CO₂ Capture rate: 90-98%
• Unique Technological bricks
  - Flue Gas Drying
  - Dust Filtration
  - Cryogenic Purification
Cryocap™ STEEL
Capturing CO₂ while boosting efficiency

- Retrofit and greenfield for ironmaking
- CO₂ source: 20-50% CO₂
- Up to -20% Coke consumption and up to +5% Hot Metal Produced
- 80 to 90% CO recovery

- Compact & Flexible footprint: Compressors, PSA and Coldbox can be located in 3 different plots
- Gaseous or liquid CO₂
- CO₂ capture rate: 80 to 95%

Cryocap™ XLL
Large scale CO₂ liquefaction

- 700 - 7000+ tpd
- Custom plant: flexible design
- Very low OPEX and very high CO₂ recovery
- Impurities final removal (e.g. O₂, …)
- High compactness or very compact unit
A unique value proposition for our customers:

- **Minimize the overall carbon footprint:** the products run mainly on electricity (almost no steam) and maximize the CO₂ avoided by reducing indirect CO₂ emissions, with high CO₂ recovery (90 to 95%, up to 98% with Cryocap™ Oxy and Cryocap™ H₂)

- **High intrinsic process efficiency:** the technology bricks are used in their optimum range

- **Favour synergies:** 1-step capture and liquefaction for any stream containing >15% CO₂ (dry basis)

- **Safety and environment-friendly:** no toxic or flammable gases used

- **Match the end specifications:** all Cryocap™ produce either high pressure gaseous or liquid CO₂ at marginal extra cost and can meet the most stringent CO₂ specifications

- **Optimize space:** very compact solutions with flexible layout configuration and simplified infrastructure compared to steam based solutions

- **Improve productivity:** for some applications (H₂, Steel), adding our product improves the efficiency of the original process or enable to co-produce valuable molecules
Combining technologies for lowering CAPEX and OPEX

Cryocap™ can be tailored to specific applications, combining Air Liquide core technologies (Cryogenics, Adsorption, Membranes), adapting to CO₂ content in the feed gas, CO₂ product specification and offering the possibility to valorize other molecules contained in the feed gas (eg. CO, H₂,...).
Other technologies

Air Liquide Engineering & Construction also engineers solvent based technologies such as amine to capture CO₂ from synthesis gas or flue gas. Through long term partnerships with the key amine license providers, Air Liquide installed 80+ units and benefits from its long term operational experience of amine units.

Considered as the industrial base case, amine technology can deliver high purity gaseous CO₂ (99+%) at low pressure, which can be combined with Cryocap™ XLL. For CO₂ capture on flue gases, amine technology remains the most competitive solution for low CO₂ concentration (below 10%), provided availability of large amount of excess steam or high grade heat.

Air Liquide Engineering & Construction is also offering proprietary technologies for CO₂ capture from synthesis gas (Rectisol, Recticap) or from natural gas (Cryocap NG):
**Rectisol™**
The world’s leading synthesis gas purification process

- >110 references and continuously improved throughout the last 75 years
- Selective removal of CO₂, sulfur and trace components by physical absorption
- Fully referenced in all relevant scales and applications
- Inexpensive, available and chemically stable solvent (methanol)
- Low operating costs and high availability
- Know-how from AL’s own operated plants and Rectisol™ demonstration unit
- >99% CO₂ capture from syngas possible, dry CO₂ capture ready (>98.5% purity)

**Recticap™**
Rectisol™ optimized for blue hydrogen application

- Simplified Rectisol™ flowsheet - tuned for decarbonization of syngas
- Minimized regeneration steam requirement
- CAPEX and OPEX optimized
- Know-how from AL’s own operated plants and Rectisol™ demonstration unit
- >95% CO₂ capture from syngas possible, dry CO₂ capture ready (>98.5% purity)

**Cryocap™ NG**
Cryogenic distillation + membranes: the best of both worlds

- Optimised solution for CO₂ rich gas fields, integrating proprietary membrane technologies PEEK-Sep™ and Medal™
- Removing H₂O, H₂S, N₂, HC and Mercaptans with 99% methane recovery
- High pressure CO₂ ready for re-injection and permanent sequestration or EOR
- Small footprint for offshore application
# Cryocap™

Which Cryocap technology fits your needs

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Port-Jerôme: the world’s first carbon capture plant in operation in France

In 2015, Air Liquide started operating its first industrial deployment of the Cryocap™ H₂ technology at its installation in Port-Jérôme at the largest Steam Methane Reforming Hydrogen production unit operated by Air Liquide in France.

Since the plant started operating, its operation has proved to be extremely reliable. In the course of the last years, Air Liquide has further optimized the plant’s operation with, for example, the fast start-up automatic sequence.

Port-Jerôme is one of the 4 sites in Europe able to produce Hydrogen certified low carbon. It has been integrated as a pilot site for the project CertifHy, the first Guarantee of Origin (GO) platform for Green and Low-Carbon Hydrogen.
Kairos@C: the world’s largest cross-border carbon capture and storage (CCS) value chain in Antwerp

In November 2021, Air Liquide and BASF planned to develop the world’s largest cross-border Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) value chain. The goal is to significantly reduce CO₂ emissions at the industrial cluster in the port of Antwerp. The joint project “Kairos@C” has been selected for funding by the European Commission through its Innovation Fund, as one of the seven large-scale projects out of more than 300 applications.

Kairos@C will be jointly developed by Air Liquide and BASF at its Antwerp chemical site. By avoiding 14.2 million tons of CO₂ over the first 10 years of operation, it will significantly contribute to the EU’s goal of becoming climate neutral by 2050.

Besides combining CO₂ capture, liquefaction, transportation and storage on a large scale in the North Sea, the project includes several innovative technologies. Notably, for capturing the CO₂ from production plants, Air Liquide will use its patented Cryocap™ technology and, for drying the CO₂, BASF will apply its Sorbead® solution. The project is planned to be operational in 2025.
In May, 2022, Air Liquide and Lhoist joined forces to launch a first-of-its-kind decarbonization project of lime production in France. Air Liquide and Lhoist signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the aim to decarbonize Lhoist’s lime production plant located in Réty, in the Hauts-de-France region, using Air Liquide’s innovative and proprietary Cryocap™ carbon capture technology. In this context, Air Liquide and Lhoist have jointly applied for the European Innovation Fund large scale support scheme. This partnership is a new step in the creation of a low-carbon industrial ecosystem in the broader Dunkirk area.

Lime is one of the “hard-to-abate” industries as its production primarily generates CO₂ from decomposition of limestone. The project for Lhoist would be able to reduce the CO₂ emissions of the plant in Réty by more than 600,000 tons per year starting in 2028.

Air Liquide would build and operate a unit of its innovative and proprietary Cryocap™ FG (Flue Gas) technology to capture and purify 95% of the CO₂ arising from Lhoist’s existing lime production unit in Réty. Air Liquide’s Cryocap™ technology would thus be used for the first time to decarbonize lime production in France.
EQIOM: developing one of the first carbon-neutral cement plants in Europe

In April, 2022, Air Liquide and EQIOM joined forces in a project named “K6” with the aim to transform EQIOM’s Lumbres plant into one of the first carbon-neutral cement plants in Europe. Through the implementation of innovative technologies, the project aims to capture around 8 million tons of CO₂ over the first ten years of operation. The K6 project has been awarded funding by the European Commission through its 2021 Innovation Fund call as one of seven industrial-scale projects out of more than 300 grant applications.

EQIOM will carry out a program of technological innovation and in-depth transformation of its existing cement production plant in Lumbres, France. The solution aims to implement a First-of-a-Kind oxyfuel-ready kiln, powered with a high level of alternative fuel. Air Liquide will support this initiative by supplying oxygen to EQIOM’s production process and by leveraging its proprietary technology Cryocap ™ Oxy to capture and liquefy the CO₂ emissions.
A global presence

A fundamental goal at Air Liquide Engineering & Construction is to provide our customers with competitive solutions that are safe and reliable. Our aim is to make sure that our customers can secure the best possible performance from their operations and make the most efficient use of natural resources that support the transition to a low-carbon society.

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