

Combining CO₂ capture (CC) and geologic storage (S) with geothermal power generation (U) and subsurface energy storage (U) + DACS (U) → CCUUUS

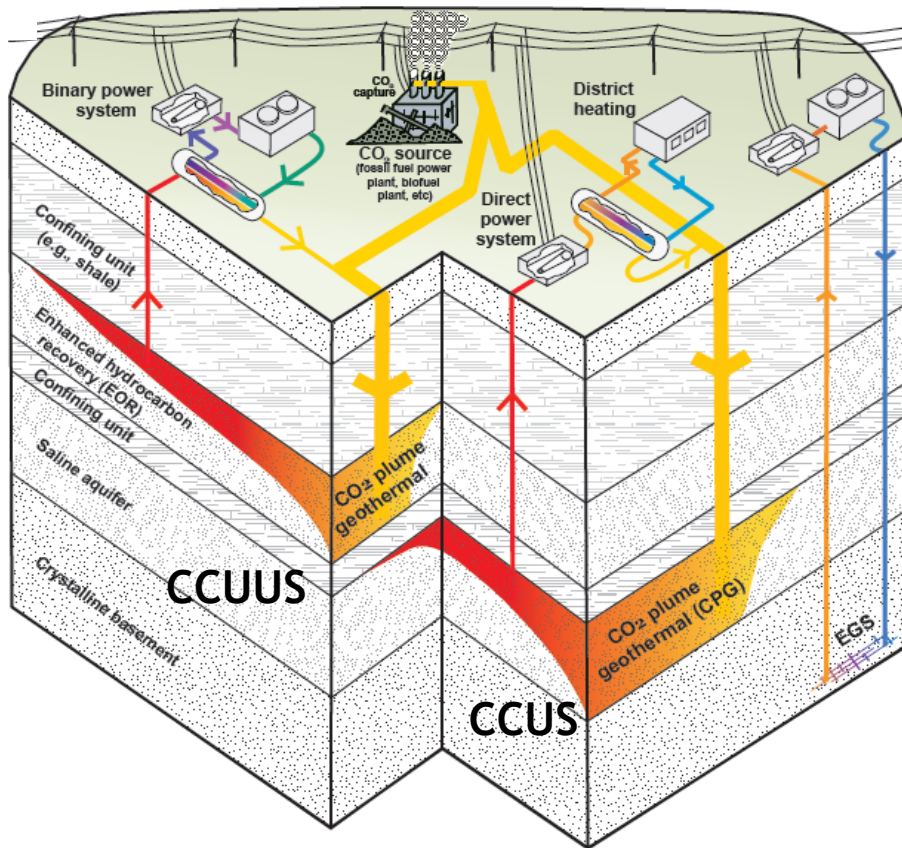
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Randolph and Saar, GRL 2011; Energy Procedia 2011
Saar et al., 2012; ...

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Currently (~30 people):

6 Senior Research Associates
6 Postdocs
13 Ph.D. Students
4 MSc. Students
3 Scientific Assistants
1 Technician

Geoscientists
Geo-Engineers
Mechanical Engineers
Techno-Engineers
Computer Scientists
Mathematicians

Numerical modeling (~50%)
Lab experiments (~30%)
Field work (~20%)

Spinoff ETH zürich

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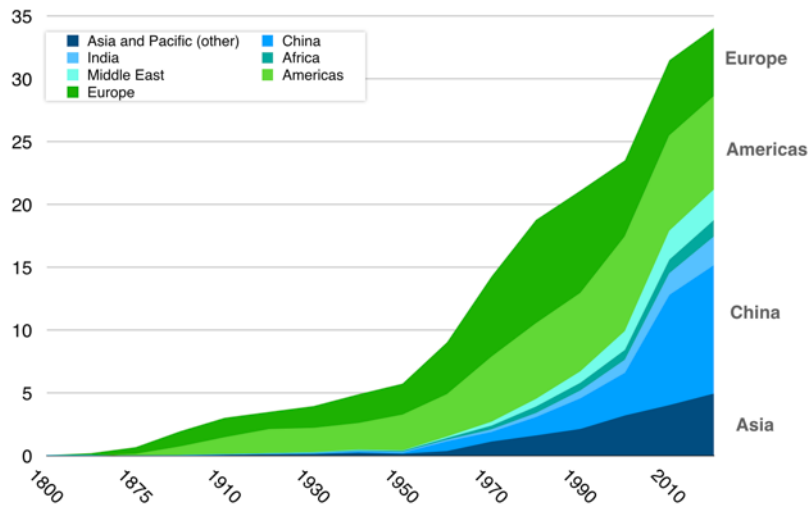
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Global warming

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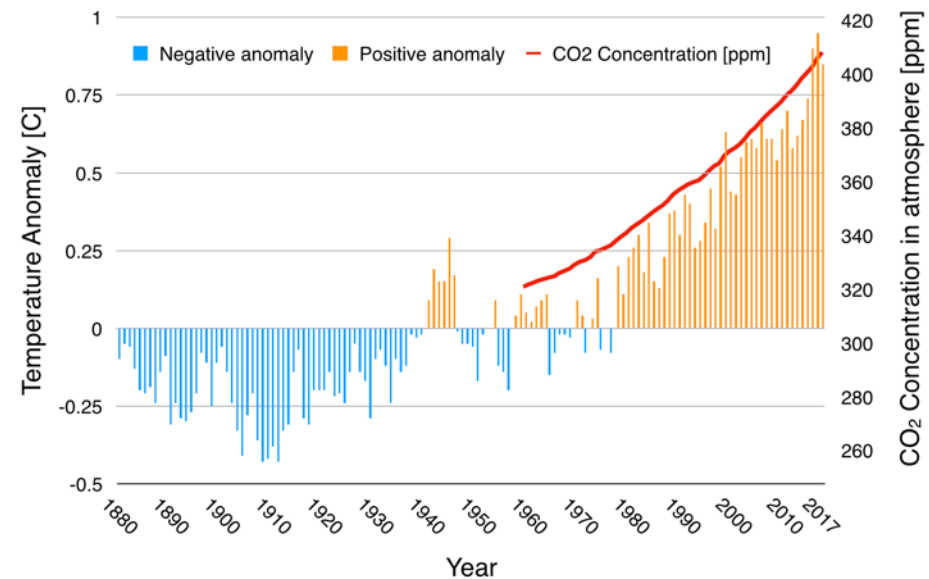
CO₂ emission rates still rising year-on-year

(annual output in Gt/year)*



Accelerated accumulation in the atmosphere

Atmospheric CO₂ concentrations versus temperature difference compared to the 1951-1980 average (after Fleming, 2019, with data from **and ***)



* <https://ourworldindata.org/co2-and-other-greenhouse-gas-emissions>

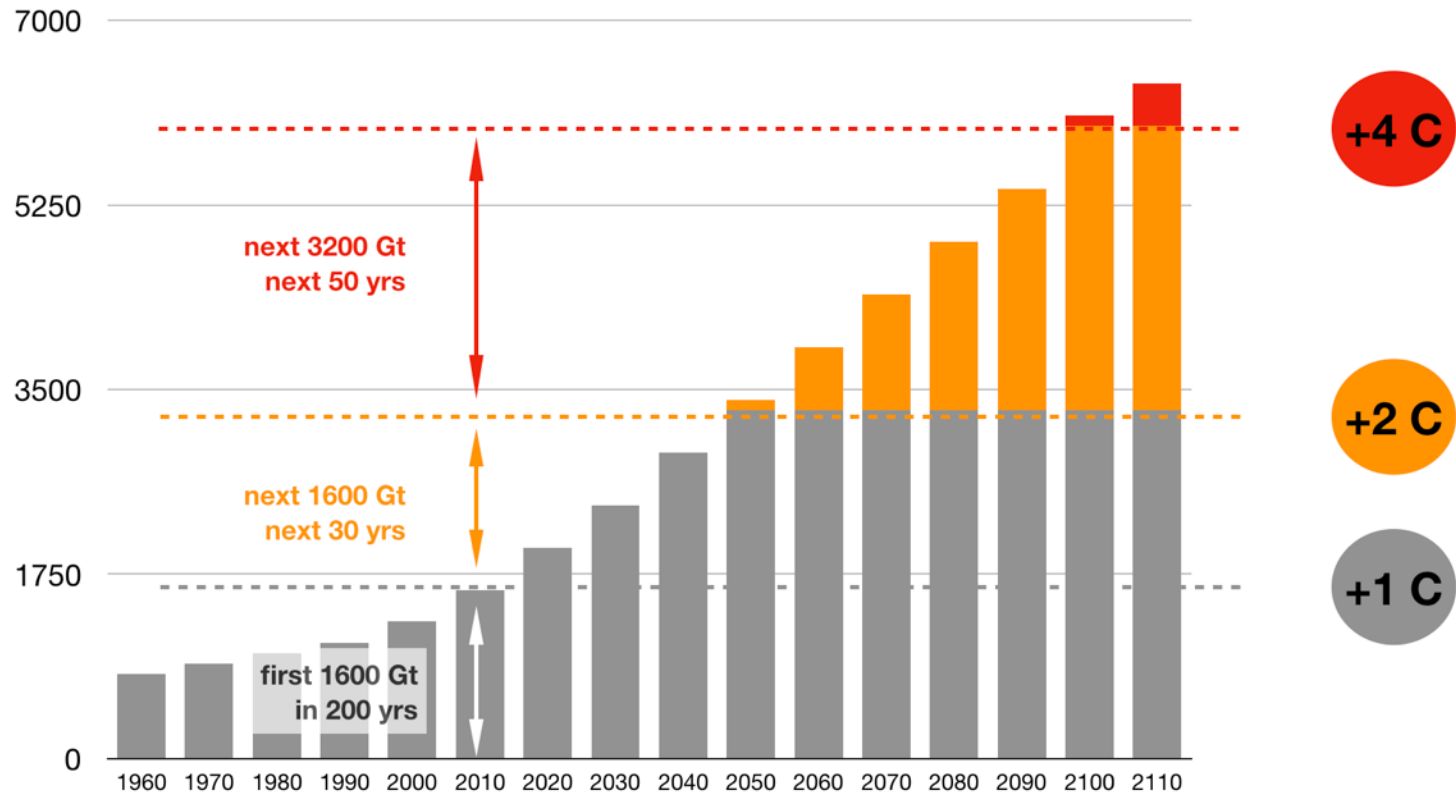
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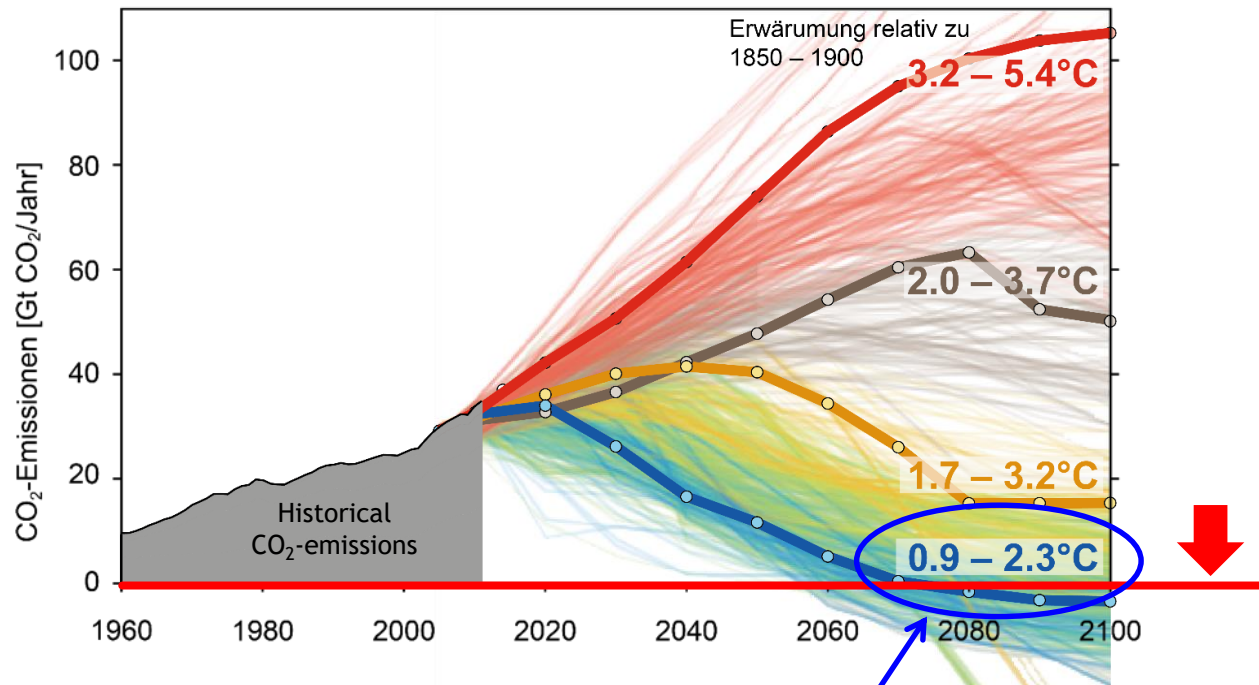
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Projected CO₂ Accumulation on current trajectory in Gt



Global warming mitigation measures

Historical and future emission scenarios
(according to scenarios and modeling simulations in IPCC AR5)



Paris agreement, Dec 2015 - 1.5° C

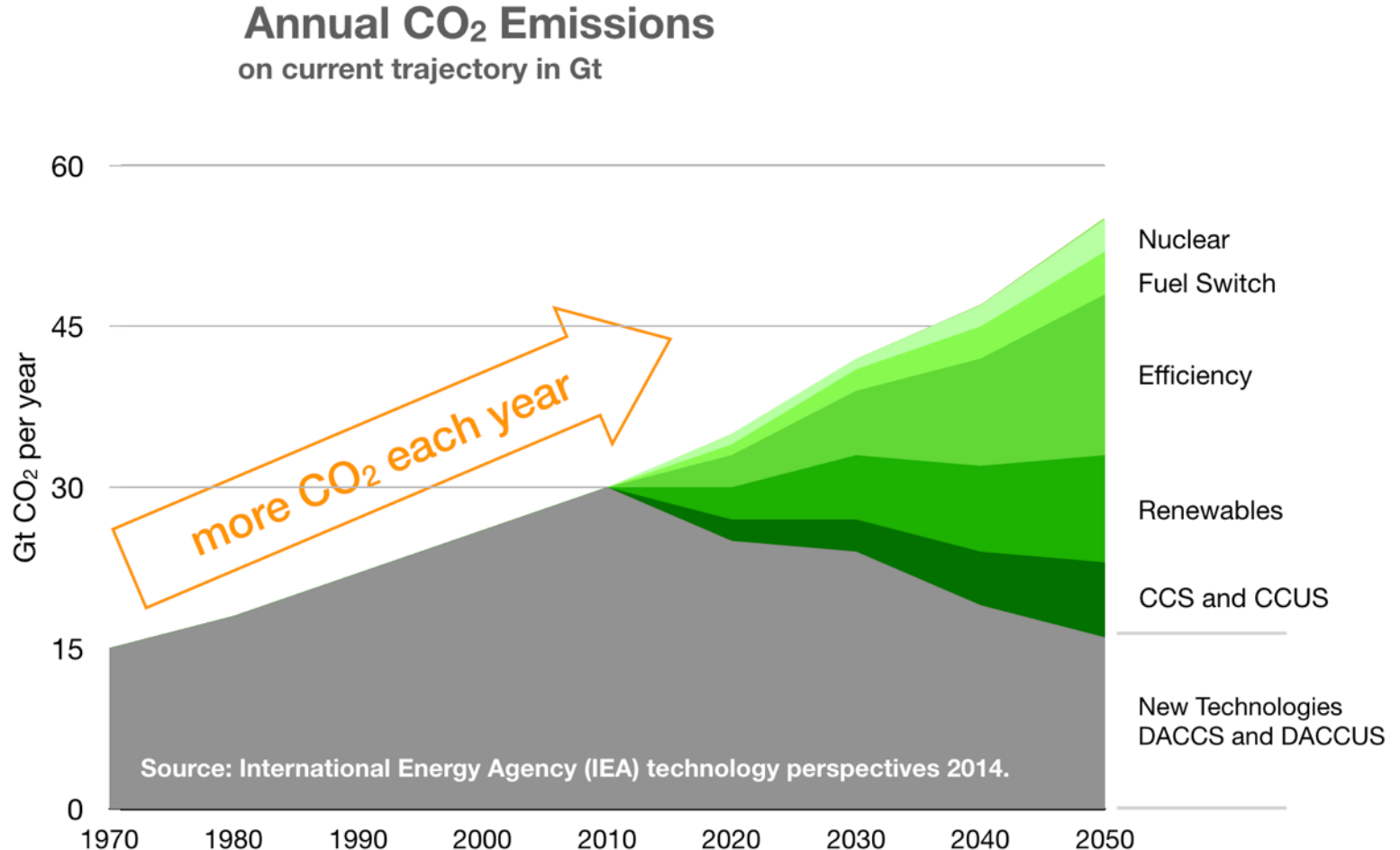
Portfolio approach

- Renewables
- Energy efficiency
- Mobility
- Energy savings
- Switch of primary fuels
- Carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS)
- Measures related to agriculture, forestry and other land uses (AFOLU)

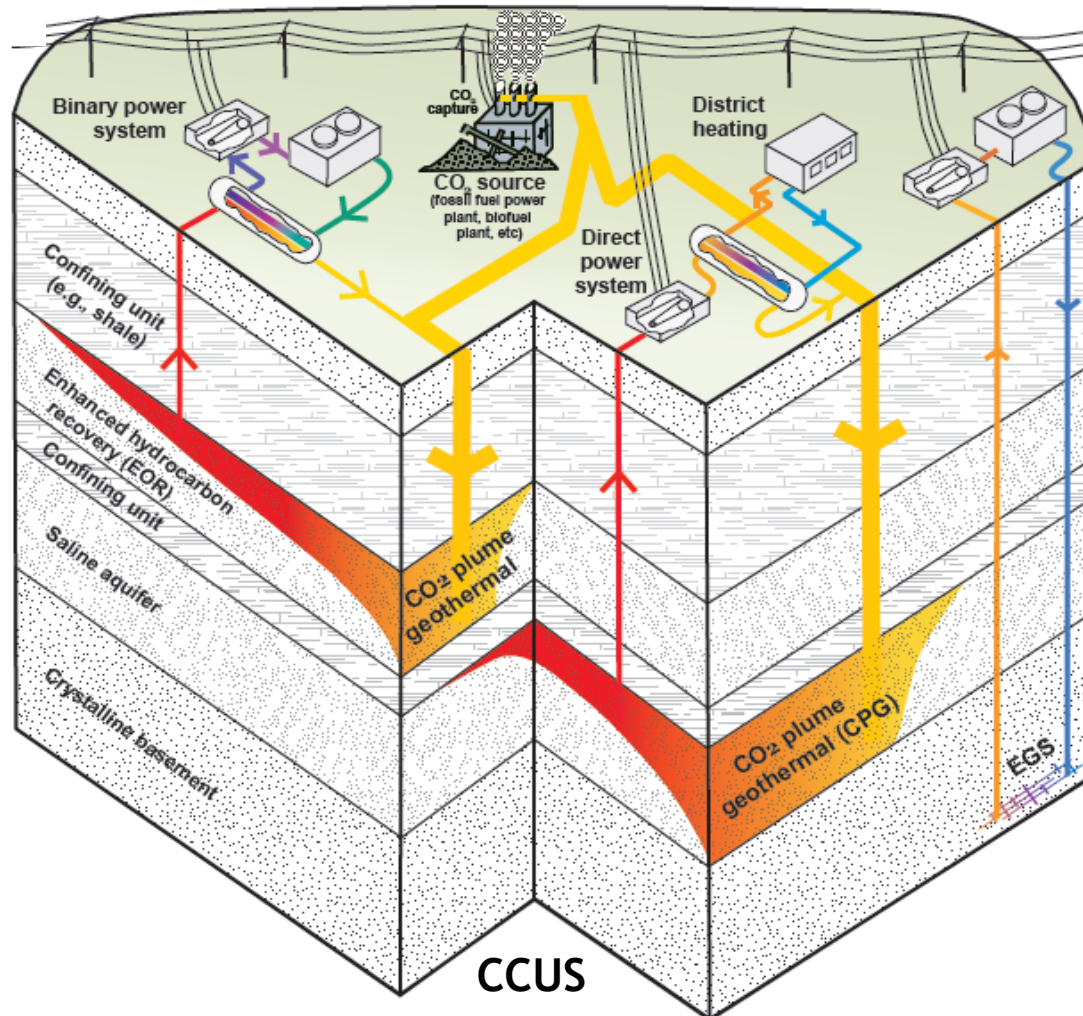
Towards zero and negative emissions

The role of CCS is acknowledged to be decisive within ambitious mitigation scenarios

Global warming mitigation measures

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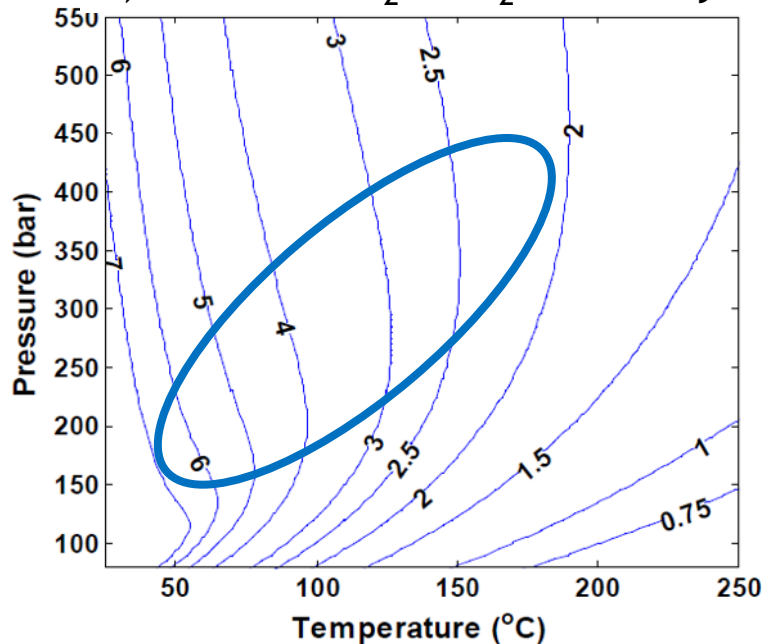
CO₂-Plume Geothermal (CPG)

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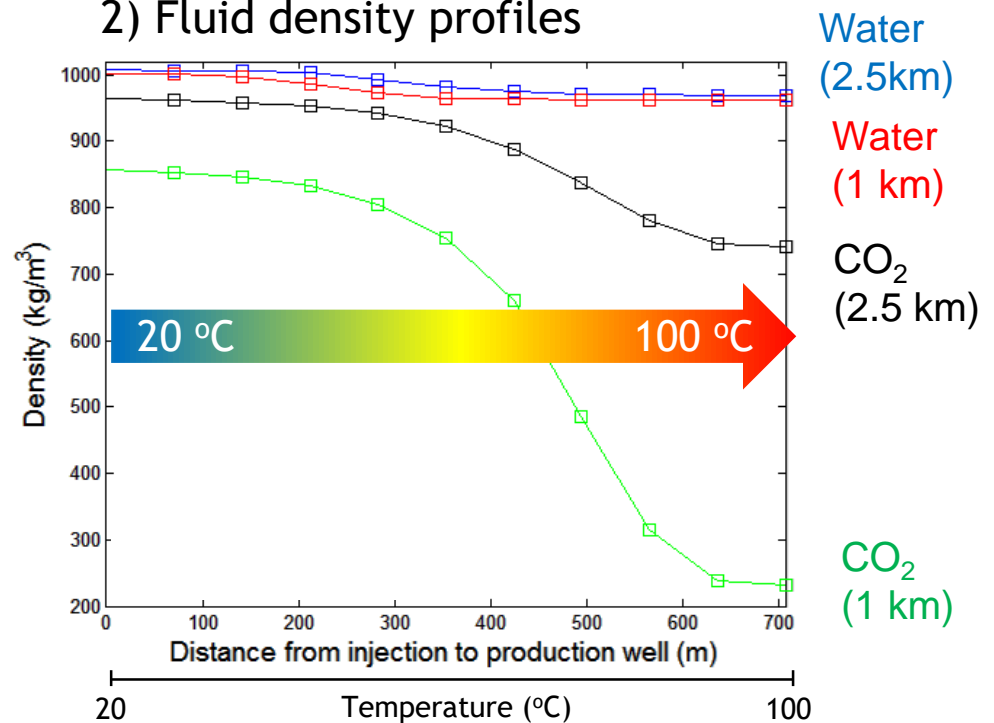
What makes CO₂ a more efficient working fluid than water?

Two main reasons:

1) Ratio of CO₂ to H₂O mobility

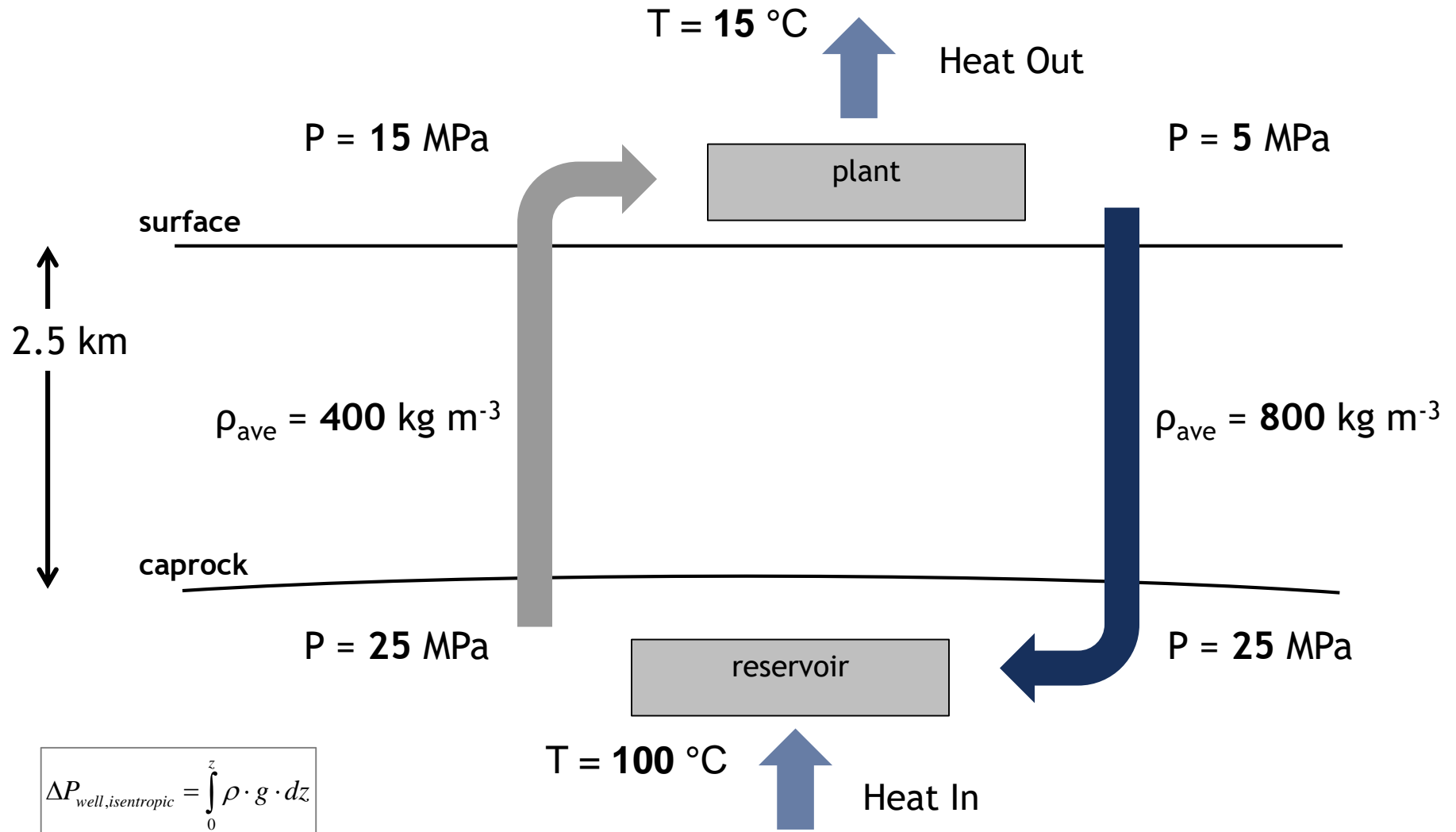


2) Fluid density profiles



see also: Adams et al., Energy, 2014

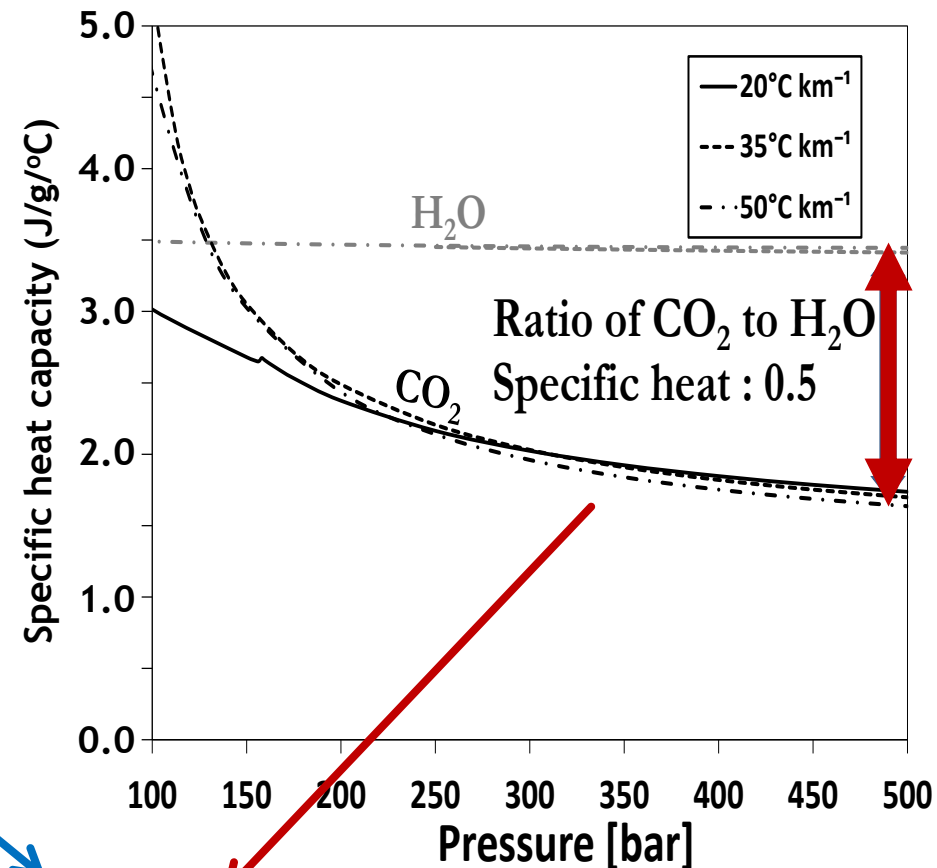
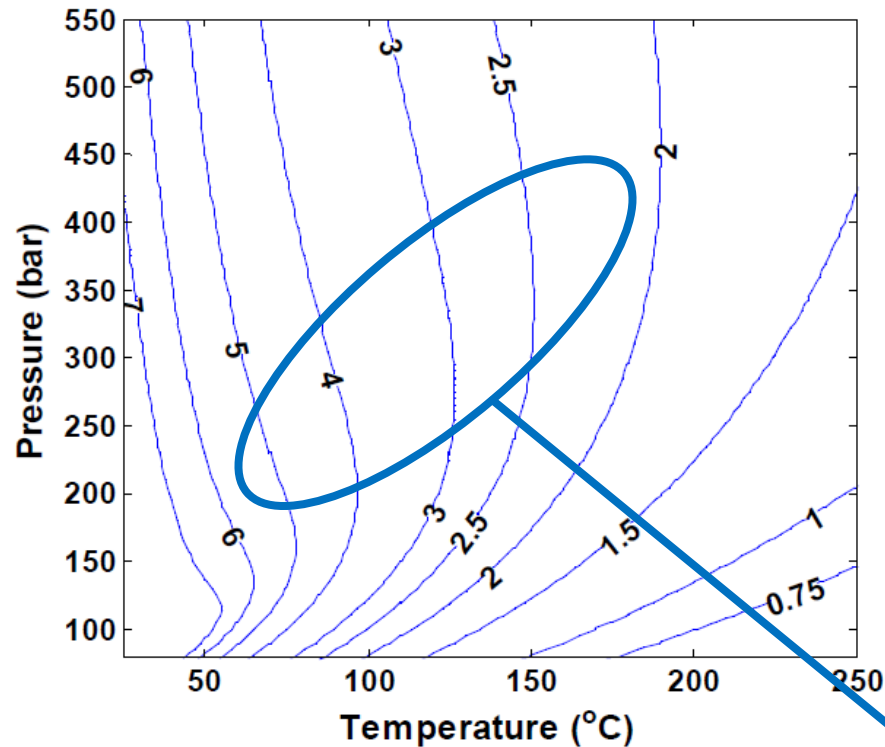
How a scCO_2 thermosiphon works



Injection and production wellhead pressure difference generated by thermosiphon

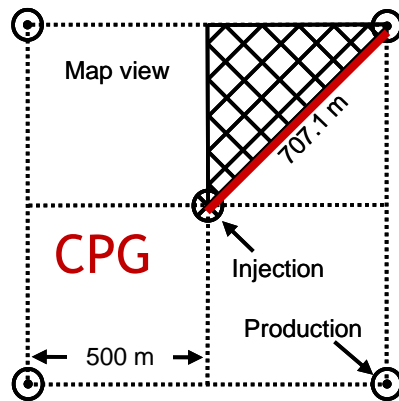
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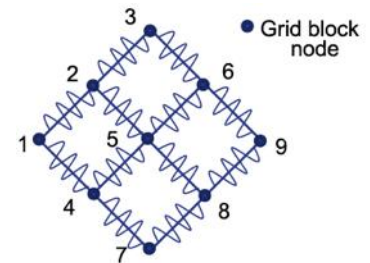
$$Q = \Delta P \left(\frac{kA}{L} \right) \left[\frac{\rho}{\mu} \right] C_{p,ave} \Delta T$$

Numerical modeling: Thermal energy extraction of CO₂ reservoir with classic 5-spot well system

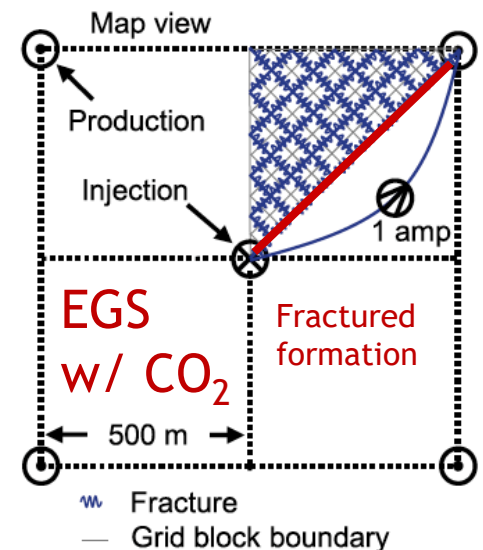


- TOUGH2 Integrated finite difference code (Pruess, 1999, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2008)
- CO₂, H₂O, NaCl:
 - Geothermal energy
 - CO₂ sequestration

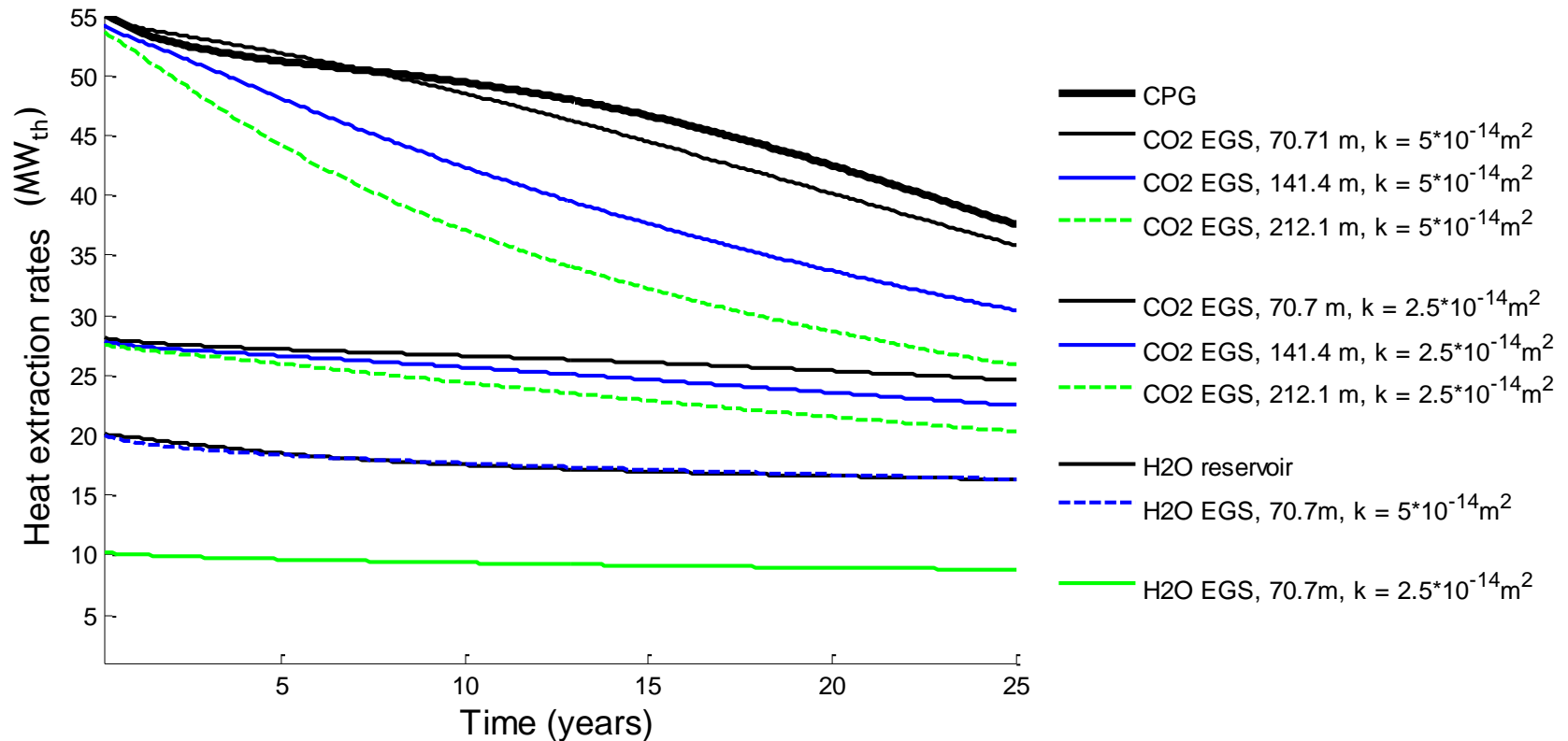
Naturally permeable
(sedimentary) formation



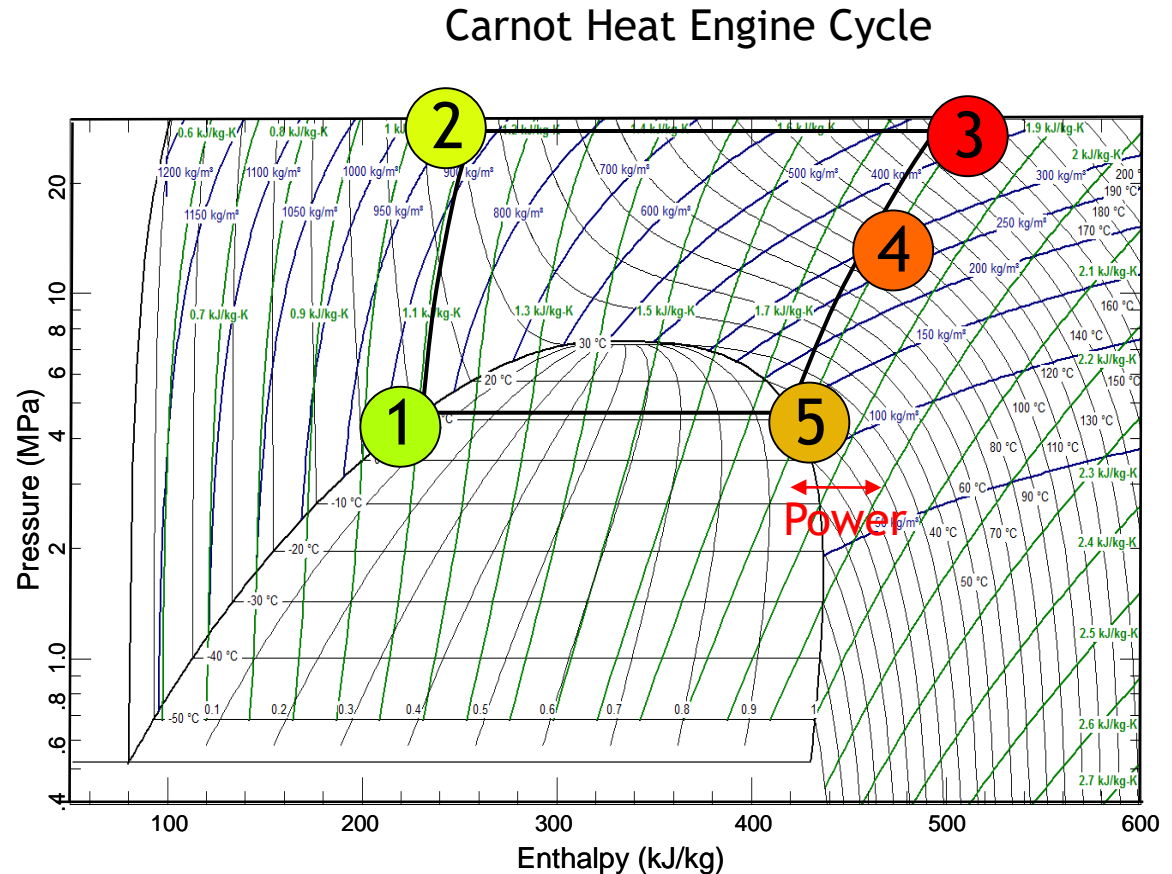
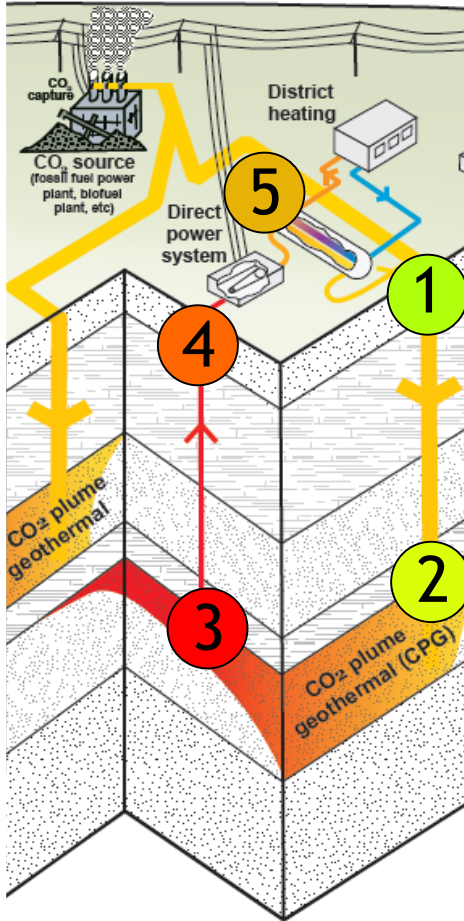
Reservoir Formation		Injection and Production Conditions	
Thickness	305 meters	Reservoir mapview area	1 km ²
Well separation	707.1 meters	Temperature of injected fluid	20 °C
Permeability	(variable)	Injection/production rate	max. 300 kg/s (variable)
Porosity (CPG)	20% (0.20)	Downhole injection pressure	260 bar
Rock grain density	2650 kg/m ³	Downhole production pressure	240 bar
Rock specific heat	1000 J/kg/°C	Injection/production duration	25 years
Thermal conductivity	2.1 W/m/°C		
Initial conditions		Boundary conditions	
Reservoir fluid	All CO ₂	Top and sides	No fluid or heat flow
Temperature	100 °C	Bottom	No fluid flow, heat conduction
Pressure	250 bar		



Heat energy (MW_{th}) extraction over time for both CO_2 and brine (sedimentary basin and EGS)

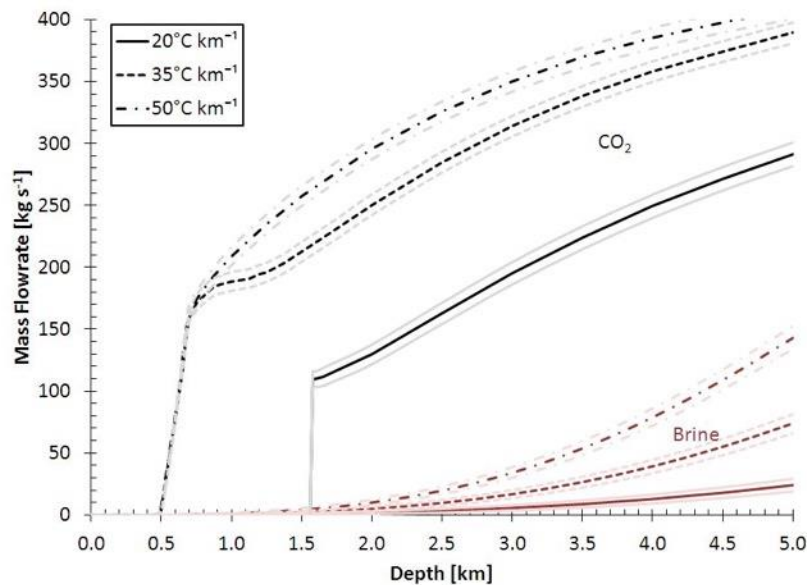


Power generation: Ideal trans-critical power cycle



Coupling Engineering Equation Solver (EES) with Reservoir Simulators (own + others) → simulate entire cycle
Also economic analysis → LCOE

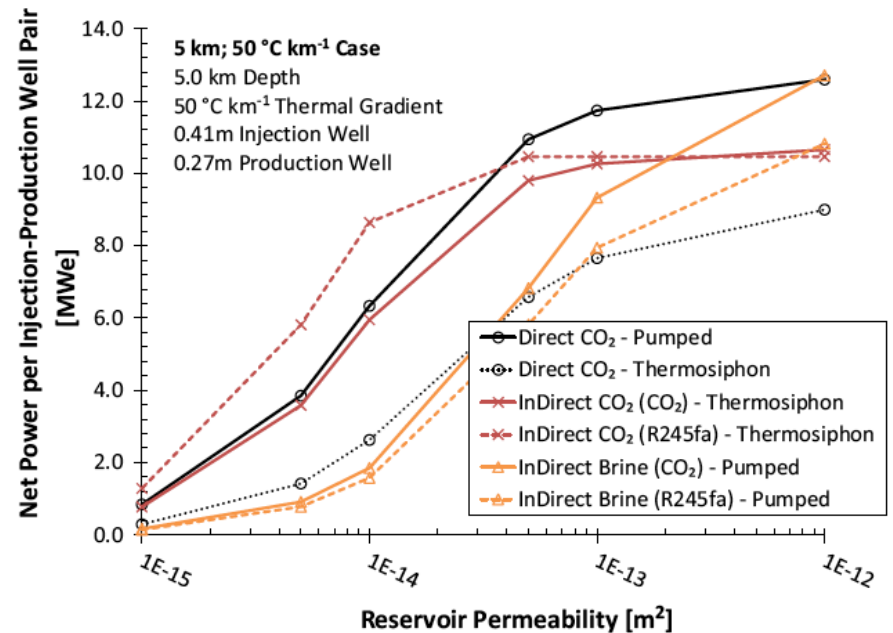
CO₂ generates substantially greater flow rates at shallow depths



Adams et al., Energy (2014)

Net power output versus permeability

Per injection-production well pair

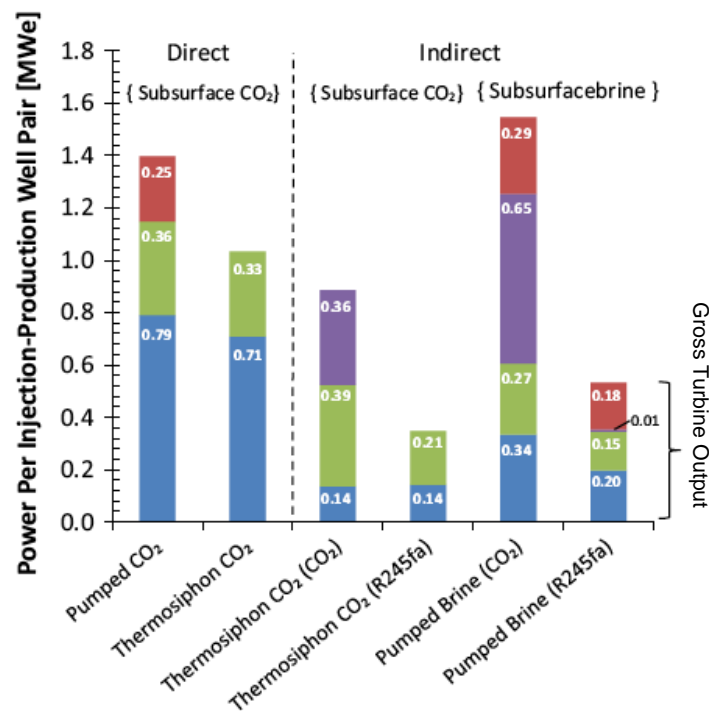


Adams et al., Applied Energy, 2015

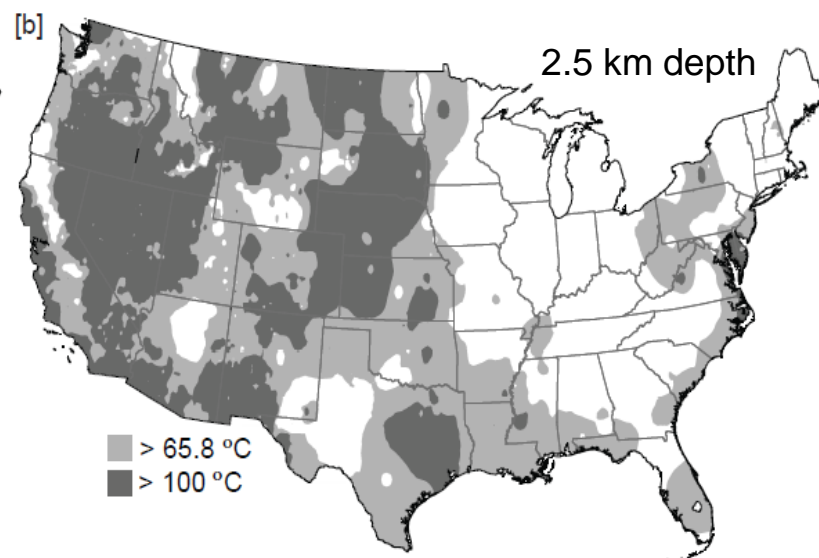
Expansion of geothermal resource base (e.g. USA)

Here purely temperature-based

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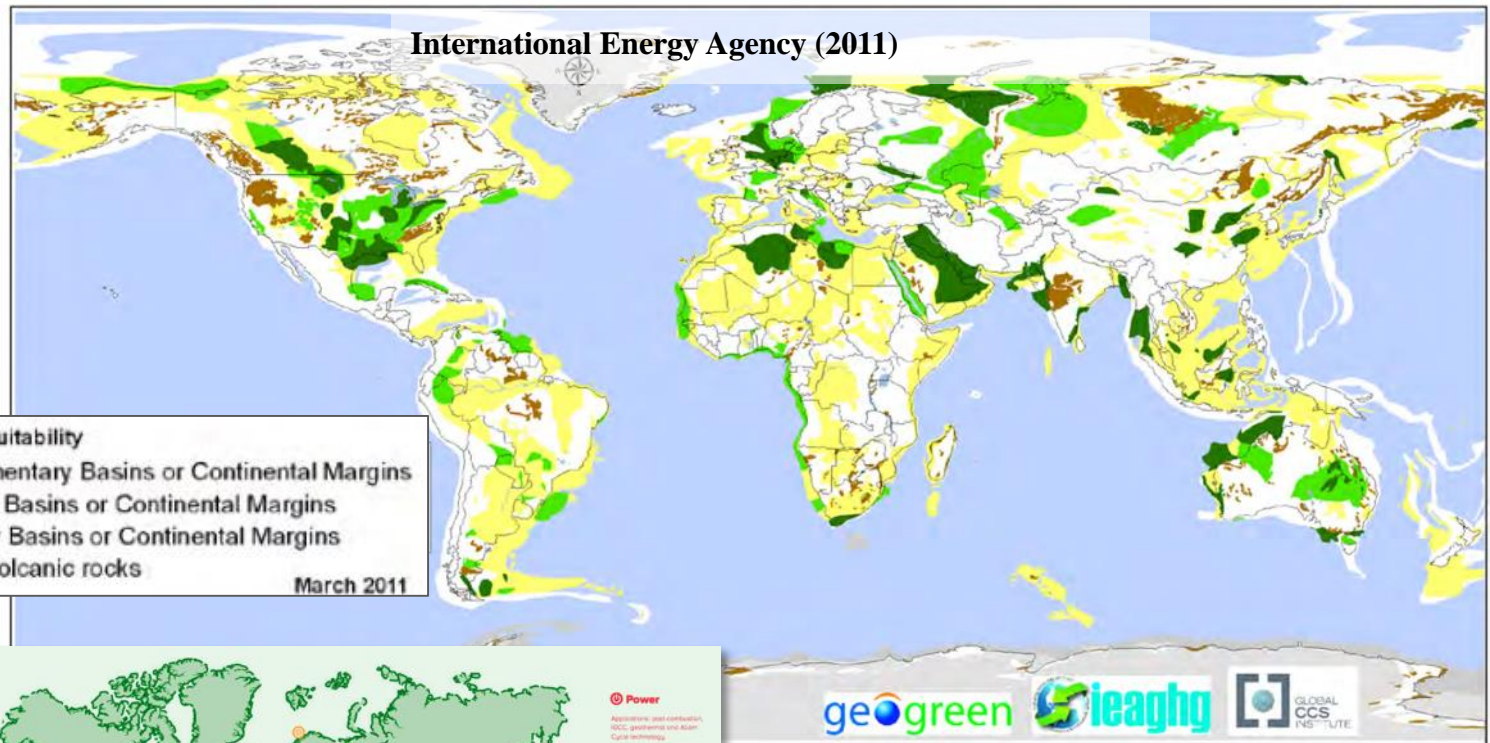


- Production / Injection Pump
- ORC Pump
- Condenser / Cooler
- Net



sed reservoir geothermal (CPG), 2.5 km depth
sed reservoir geothermal, 2.5 km depth

CO₂ is, and will be, sequestered in sedimentary basins

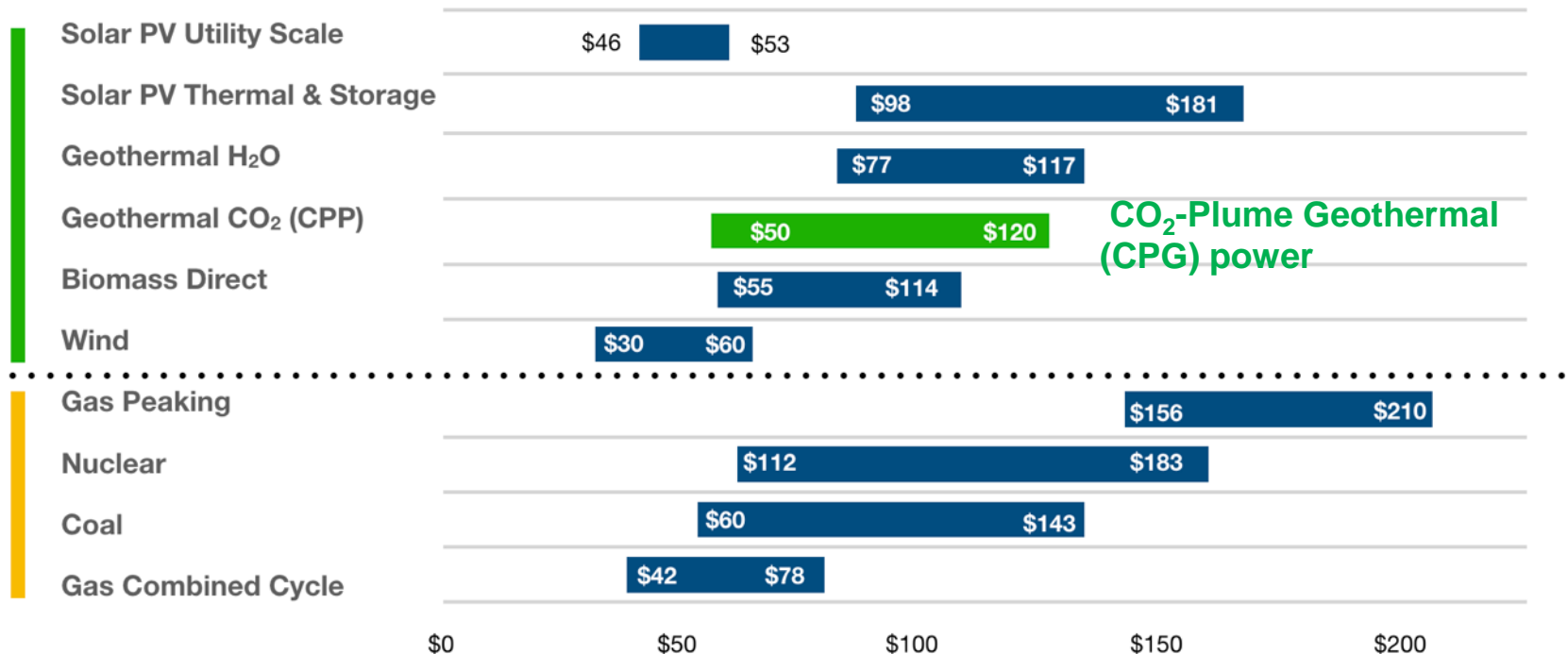


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Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE)

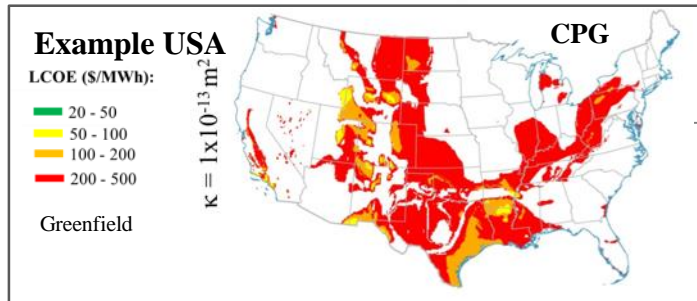
Measured as \$/MWh



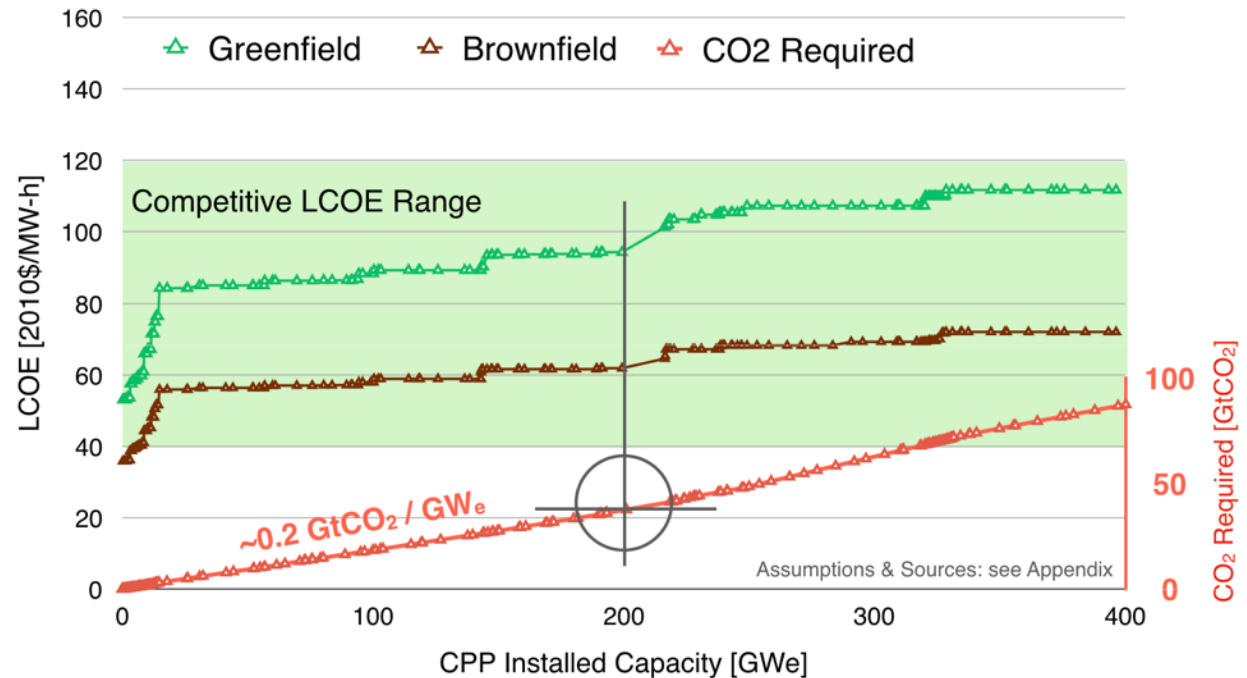
Source: Lazard 2017, <https://www.lazard.com/perspective/levelized-cost-of-energy-2017/>

Expansion of geothermal resource base (e.g. USA) Now LCOE-based

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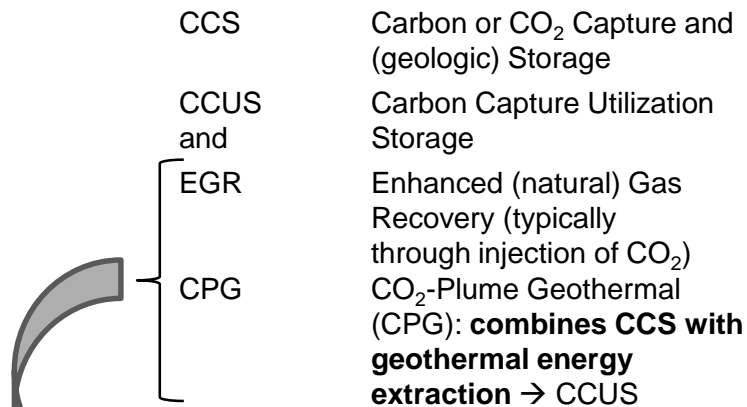


Cost-ordered available Capacity
(below 400 GW_e)

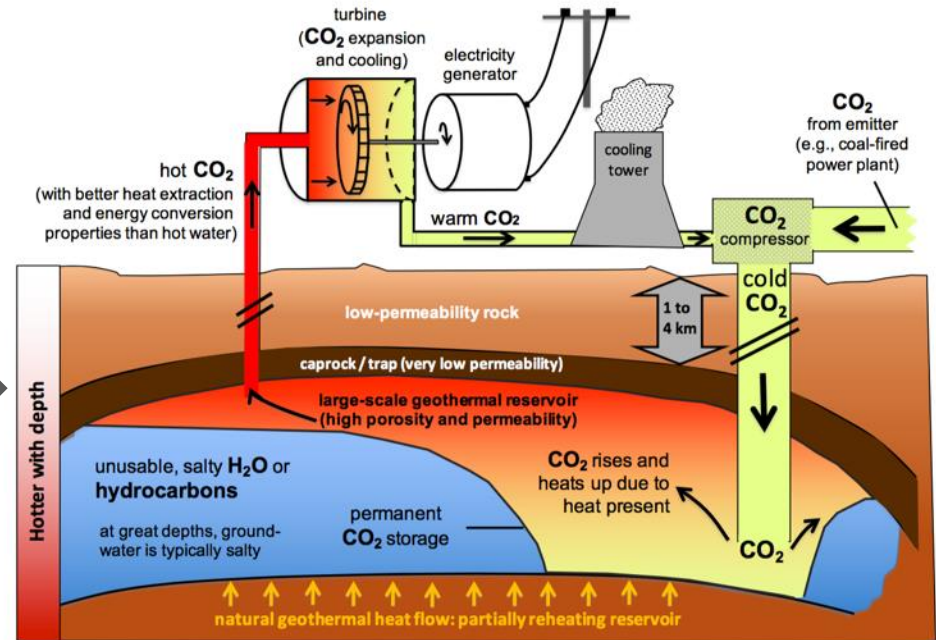


Combining EGR with CPG, where CPG = combination of CCS with geothermal

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Presented next:
**Combining EGR
with CPG**



Selected CPG Publications and Patents:

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Example of a combined EGR-CPG system

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For example off-shore NL;
Initial discussions started with:

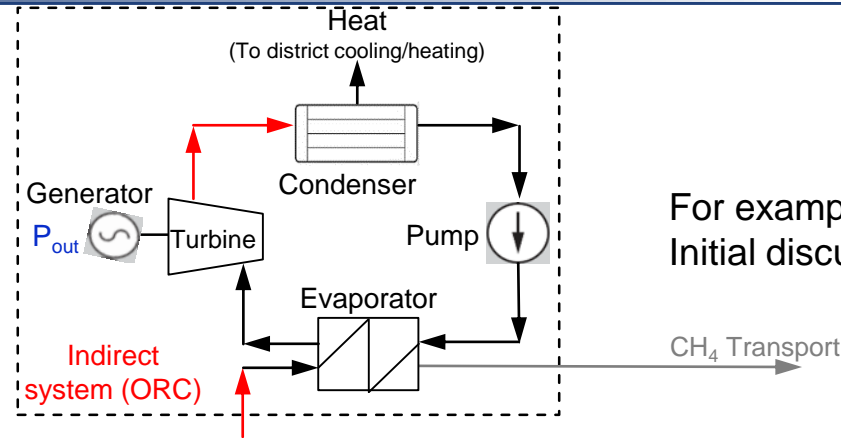
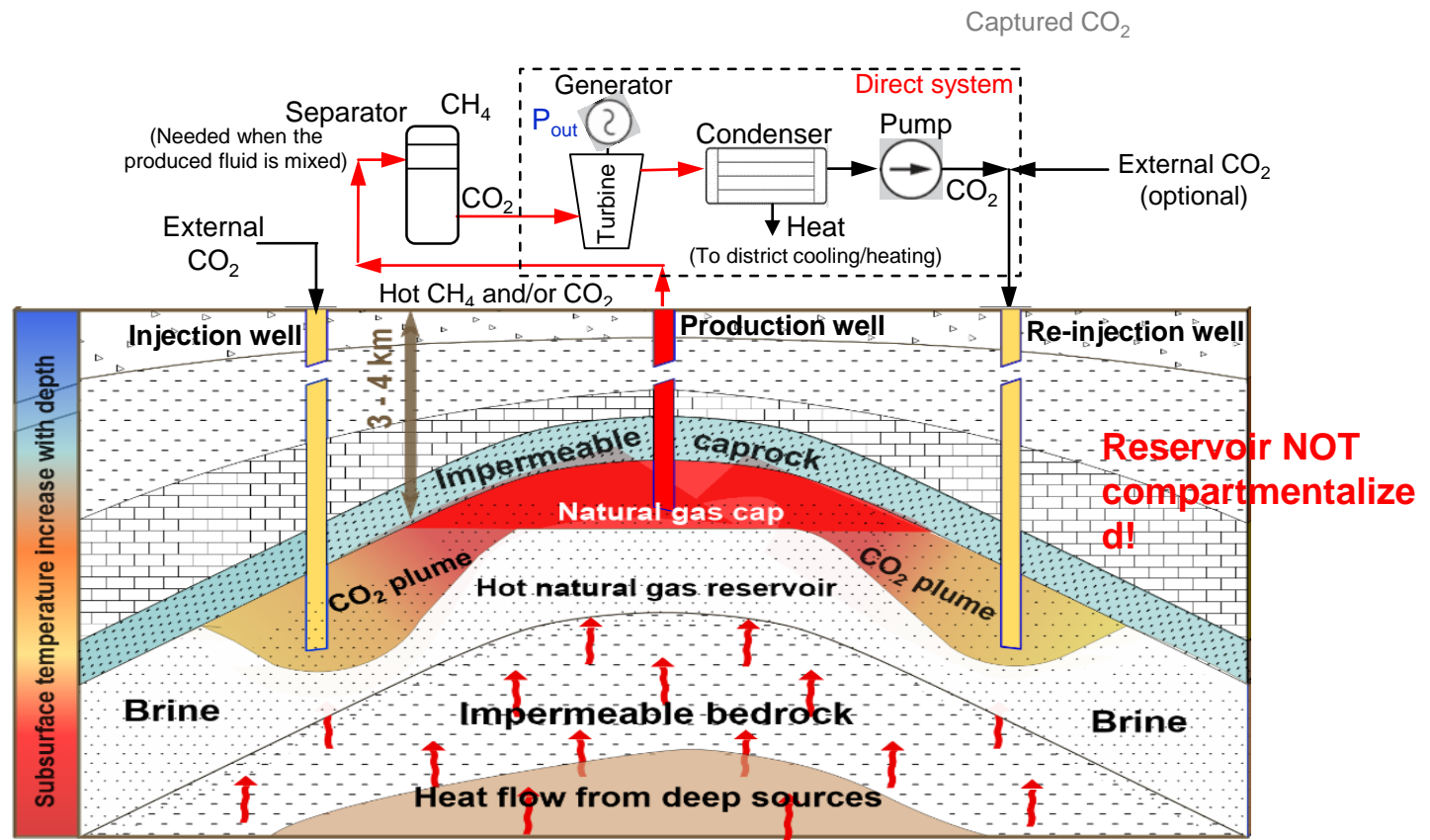


Figure 1: 2D schematic of a general implementation process of the combined system for generation of electricity.



Why combining EGR with CPG

1. Increasing the total amount of producible energy (natural gas and geothermal energy).
2. Some existing infrastructure (surface facilities, wells, etc.) and multidisciplinary datasets (on reservoir parameters) can be shared, thereby reducing investment costs significantly.
3. Providing energy (electricity, heat) to, and compensating for the cost of, both CCS and gas-field operations.
4. Extending the useful lifetime of the gas field, hence postponing the expensive clean-up and abandonment stages of the field.

Examples of deep (and thus hot) natural gas reservoirs

Example

Gas reservoir	Khuff, Dukhan field, Qatar	Altensalzwedel sub-field in Altmark Gas field, Germany	Groningen giant gas field, Netherlands	Judge Digby, Onshore Gulf of Mexico, USA	Rousse, Lacq Basin, France	Arun giant gas field, Indonesia
Lithology	Carbonate (dolomite)	Fluviatile siltstones and sandstones	Slochteren sandstone and the Ten Boer claystone	Carbonate	Fractured dolomites and dolomite breccias	Carbonate (limestone)
Depth, m	2989 (top)	3400	3000	5400 – 7000	4500	2867 – 3200
Thickness, m	518	–	70-240	365	> 120 m	330
Res. volume, 10 ⁹ m ³	167.8	–	63 – 216	–	–	30.53
Porosity [-]	0.05 (Average)	–	0.17 (Average)	0.2 (Average)	0.03 (Average)	0.16
Perm., mD	30 (Average)	–	0.1 – 3000 (Average 260)	1000 (Average)	< 1 (pores), 5 (fractures)	1466
Temperature, °C	174	125 (Average)	102.2 (Average)	204	150	178
Pressure, MPa	42.6 (at 3050 m)	42.5	34.7 (at 2875 m)	100	48.5	48.9
GIIP, Bscm	104	270	2900	–	–	457
Start of production	1978	2003	1963	1977	–	1971
Well Diameter, m *	<0.25	–	0.12 – 0.15	–	–	0.17 – 0.24
Current status	Buffer store for excess gas from the North Field. Production still ongoing	Almost depleted, about 96% GIIP already produced. Planned for EGR and CO ₂ storage.	Production still ongoing. Some parts in the North are being used for natural gas storage.	Gas production is still going on.	Site of a completed CO ₂ storage pilot project.	Gas production is still going on

Table 1: An overview of some examples of the world's deep (i.e. hot) natural gas reservoirs.

GIIP – Gas initially in place.

* Most oil and gas wells typically appear to have 5 inch (~12 cm) or 7 inch (~17 cm) diameter at the target intervals.

Reservoir and fluid properties + initial conditions

Reservoir type	Non-compartmentalized (open sides)
Reservoir size (m)	4500 x 3000 x 100
Porosity	0.20
Horizontal permeability (m ²); Anisotropy, k_h/k_v	10^{-13} ~100 mD 10
Depth (m)	3000
Initial fluid pressure (MPa)	Hydrostatic (30 MPa at the reservoir base)
Reservoir temperature (°C)	150
Initial natural gas composition	99% methane (CH ₄) and 1% CO ₂
Initial methane gas saturation	Fig. 3
Residual liquid saturation	0.25
Well diameter (m)	0.14
Vertical boundary conditions	No fluid flow and no heat flow
Lateral boundary condition	Dirichlet boundary condition

Simulating compartmentalized reservoirs (as in NL) next.

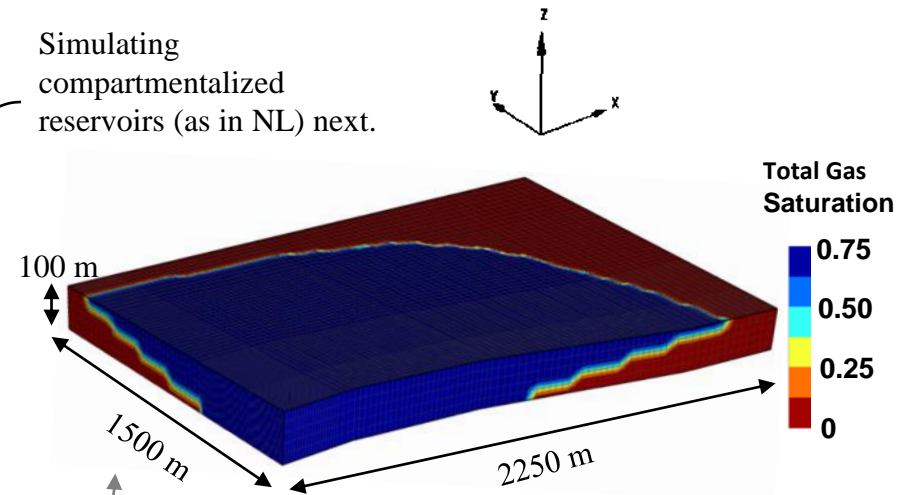


Figure 3: Initial total gas saturation in the reservoir pore space. Due to symmetry, only 1/4th of the reservoir is shown (see later slide).

In the center of the dome, reaching max. possible value of 0.75 after 200,000 years of ramp-up simulation.

Table 2: Model parameters

Operational stages

Before the CNGR stage, 200,000 years model ramp-up were simulated.

Stage transition shortly before liquid water saturation starts increasing (i.e. total gas saturation starts decreasing)

Production and injection rate change when gas connection between injection and production well occurs.

Stage name change from EGR to CPG set (arbitrarily) when the CO₂ mass fraction in the produced gas reaches 96%.

CPG stage (arbitrarily) set to end when the reservoir temperature at the production well decreases by 45°C.

Stage	Conventional Natural Gas Recovery (CNGR)	EGR		CPG	Post-CPG (only CO ₂ storage)
Duration (years)	26	1	1	32	-
Start → End (year)	0 → 26	26 → 27	27 → 28	28 → 60	
Production rate (kg/s/well)	2.5	6	27.5	27.5	-
CO ₂ injection rate (kg/s/well)	-	18	27.5	27.5 (possibly includes injection and storage of additional, external CO ₂ – not shown)	-

Reservoir pressures

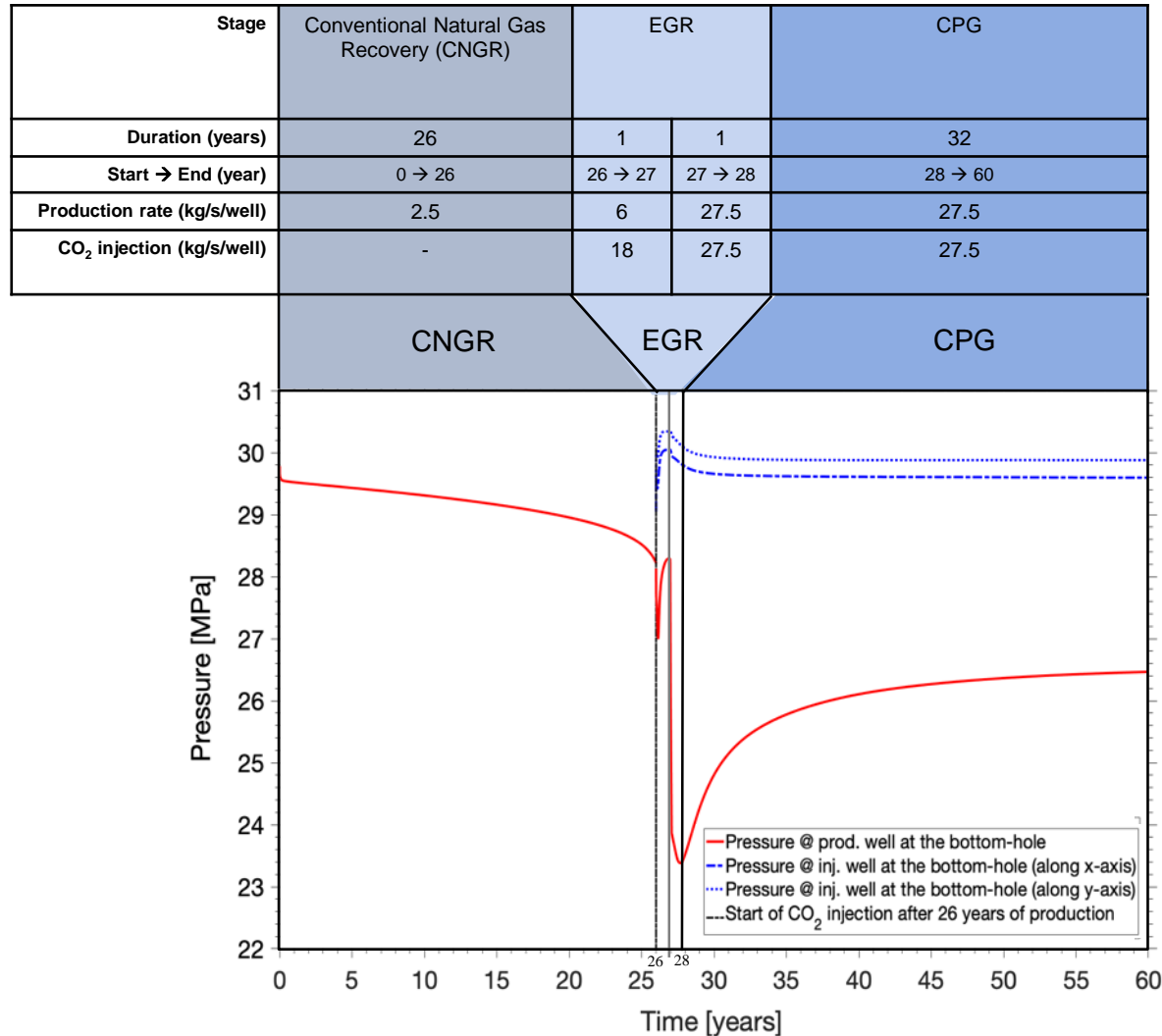


Figure 5a: Time series of bottom-hole pressure at the production well and at the injection wells.

Reservoir temperatures

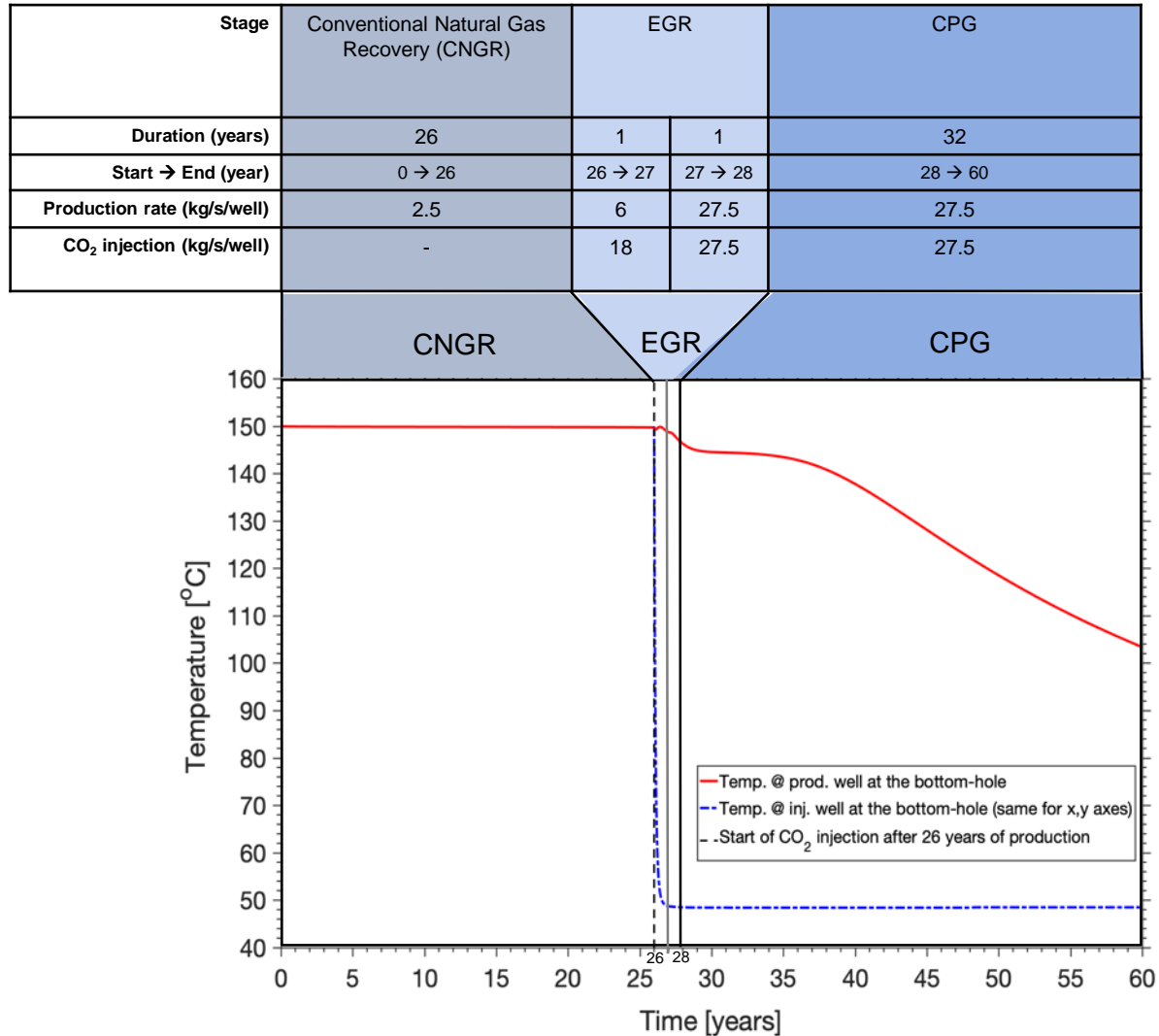


Figure 5b: Time series of bottom-hole temperature at the production well and at the injection wells.

Reservoir total gas saturation and gas composition

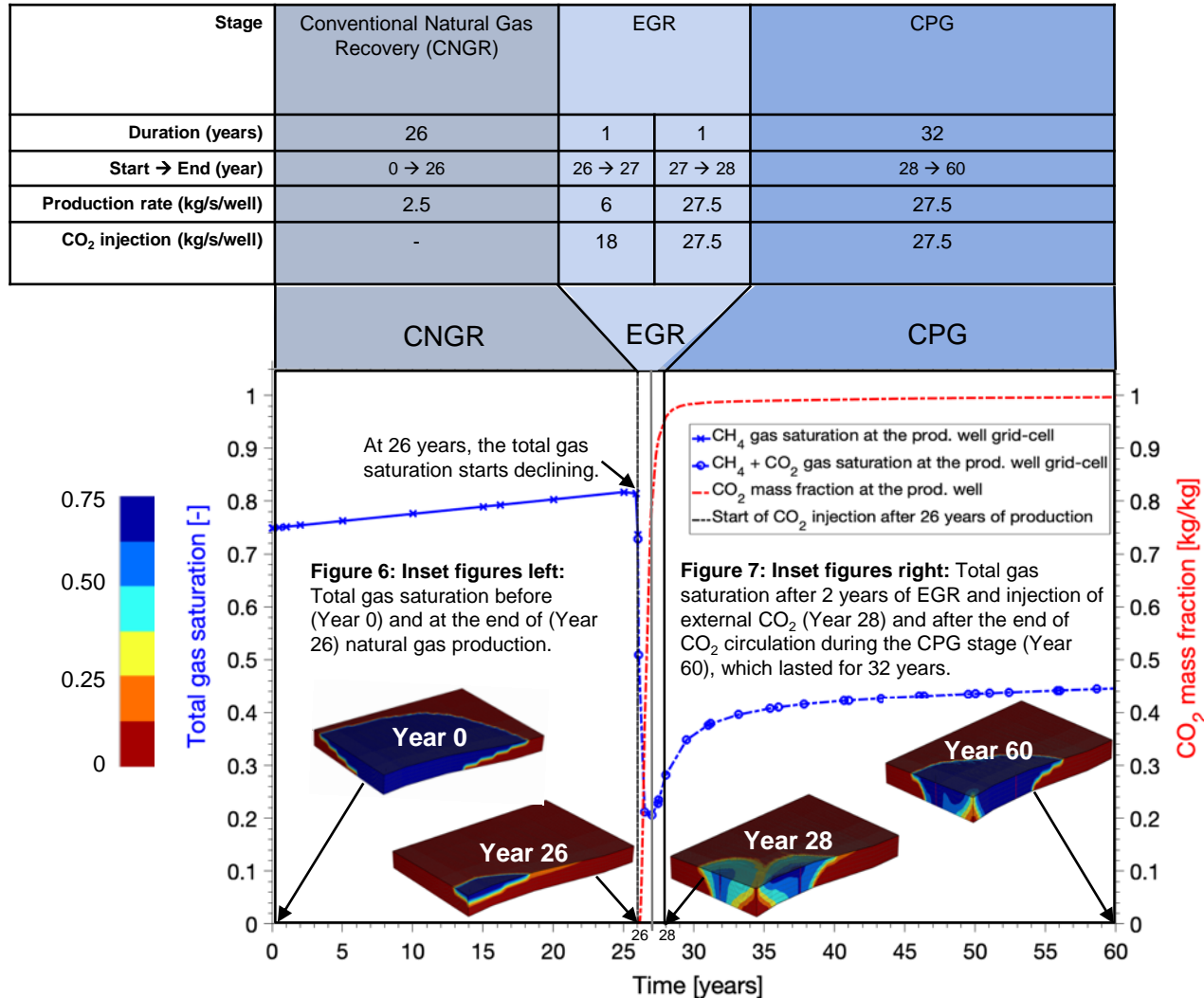


Figure 5C: Time series of gas saturation and CO₂ mass fraction (in the gas phase) at the production and the injection wells.

Wellhead vs. reservoir fluid temperature

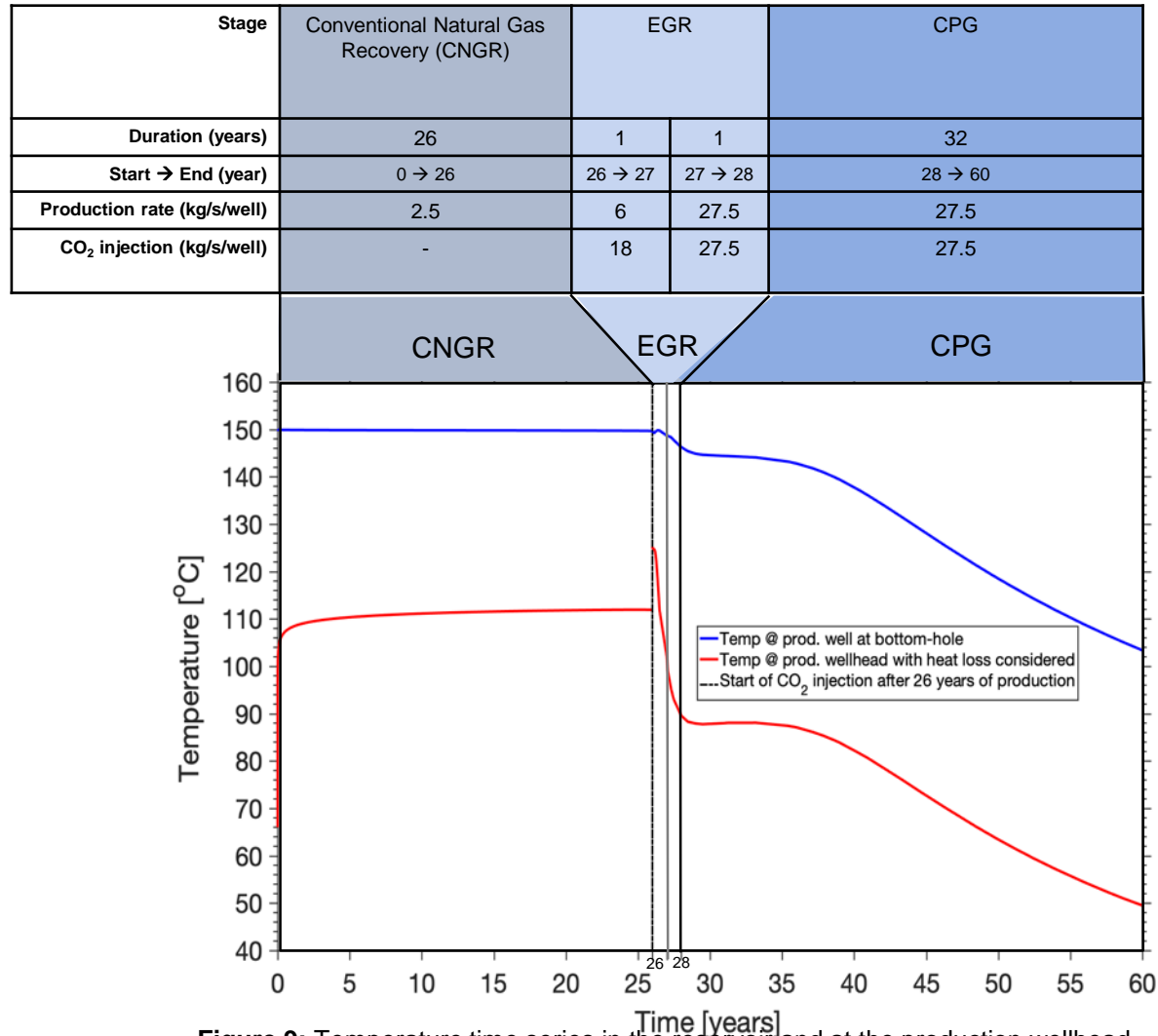


Figure 9: Temperature time series in the reservoir and at the production wellhead.

Wellhead vs. reservoir fluid pressure

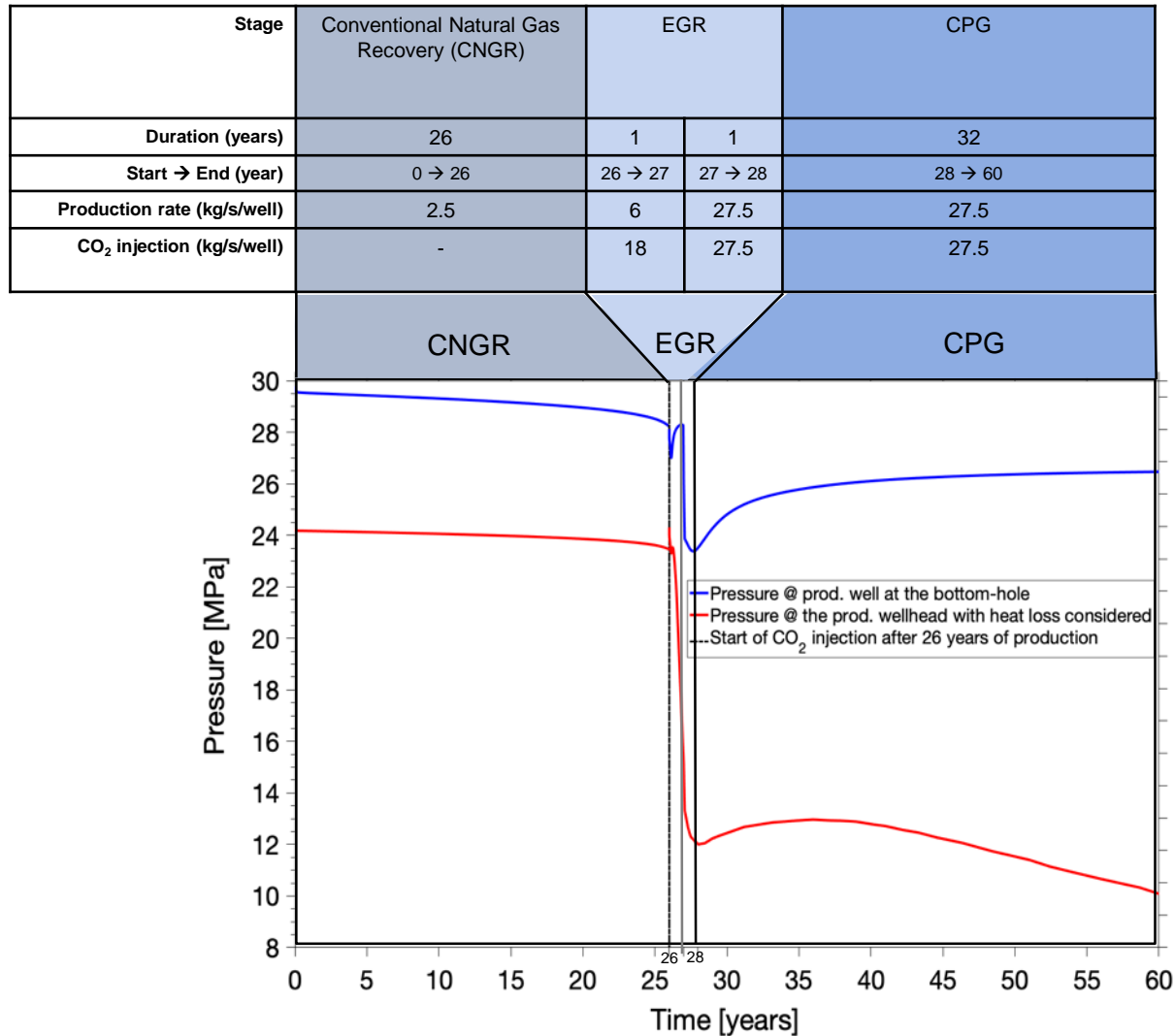
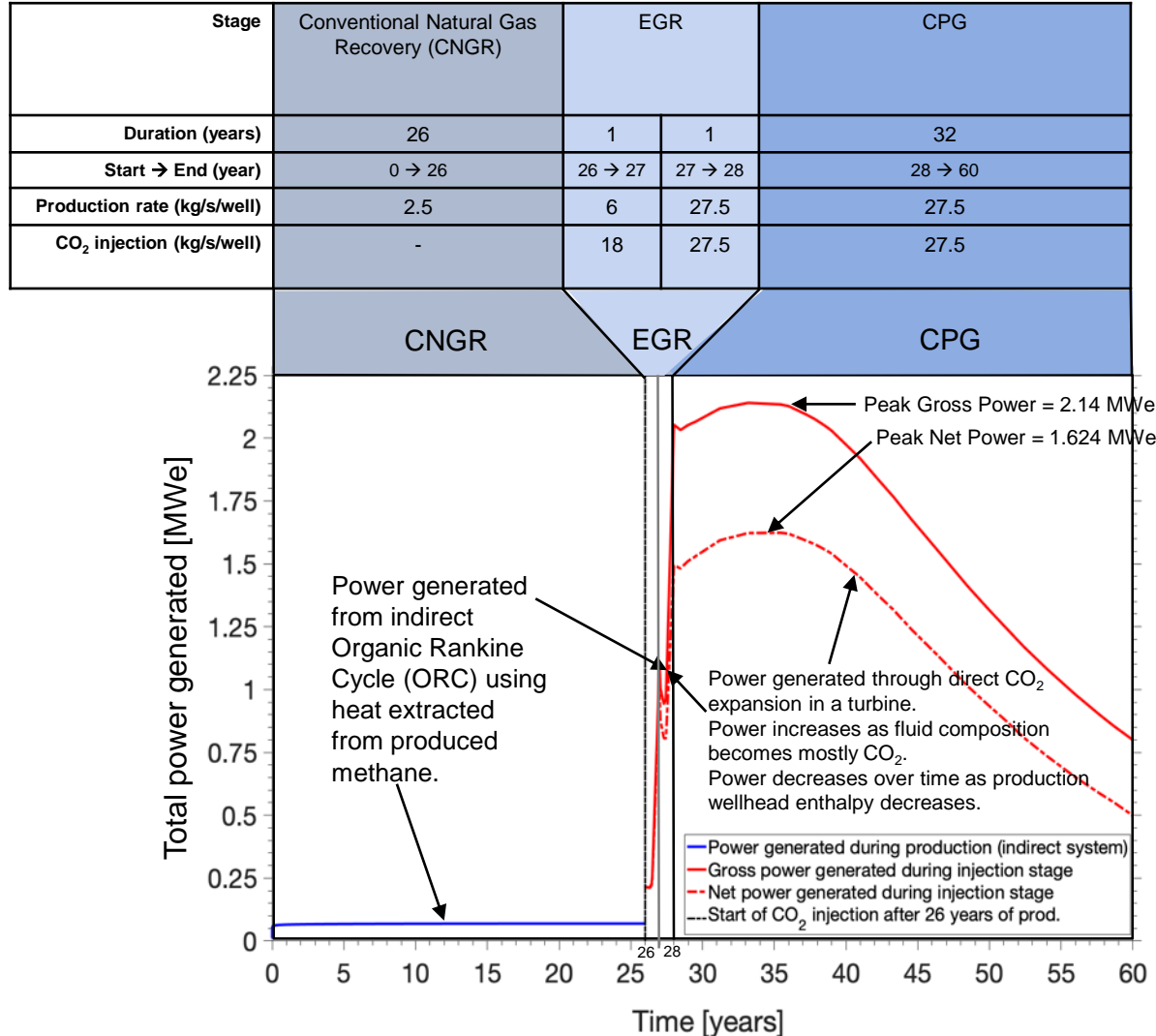


Figure 10: Pressure time series in the reservoir and at the production wellhead.

Geothermal electricity generated over the lifetime of the field



Indirect system (for methane component)

$$h_{in} = f(P_{wellhead}, T_{wellhead});$$

$$h_{out} = f(P_{wellhead}, T_{out});$$

$T_{out} = 332$ K, calculated from the R245fa approximation plot (Adams et al. 2015).

$$\text{Heat}_{\text{extracted}} = \dot{m} * (h_{in} - h_{out});$$

$$\text{Power}_{\text{indirect}} =$$

$$\eta_{th} * \text{Heat}_{\text{extracted}}$$

Where η_{th} is the correlated thermal efficiency ($\text{kW}_e/\text{kW}_{th}$) of an R245fa cycle. Average of 0.05 is calculated using the prevailing inlet temperature.

Direct system (for CO₂ component)

$$S_{in}, h_{in} = f(P_{wellhead}, T_{wellhead}); \text{ @ the turbine}$$

$$h_{out,s} = f(P_{cond}, S_{in});$$

$$h_{out} = h_{in} - \eta_i * (h_{in} - h_{out,s}); \text{ accounted for isentropic expansion}$$

$$\text{Power}_{\text{turbine}} = \dot{m} * (h_{in} - h_{out}); \text{ i.e. Gross power}$$

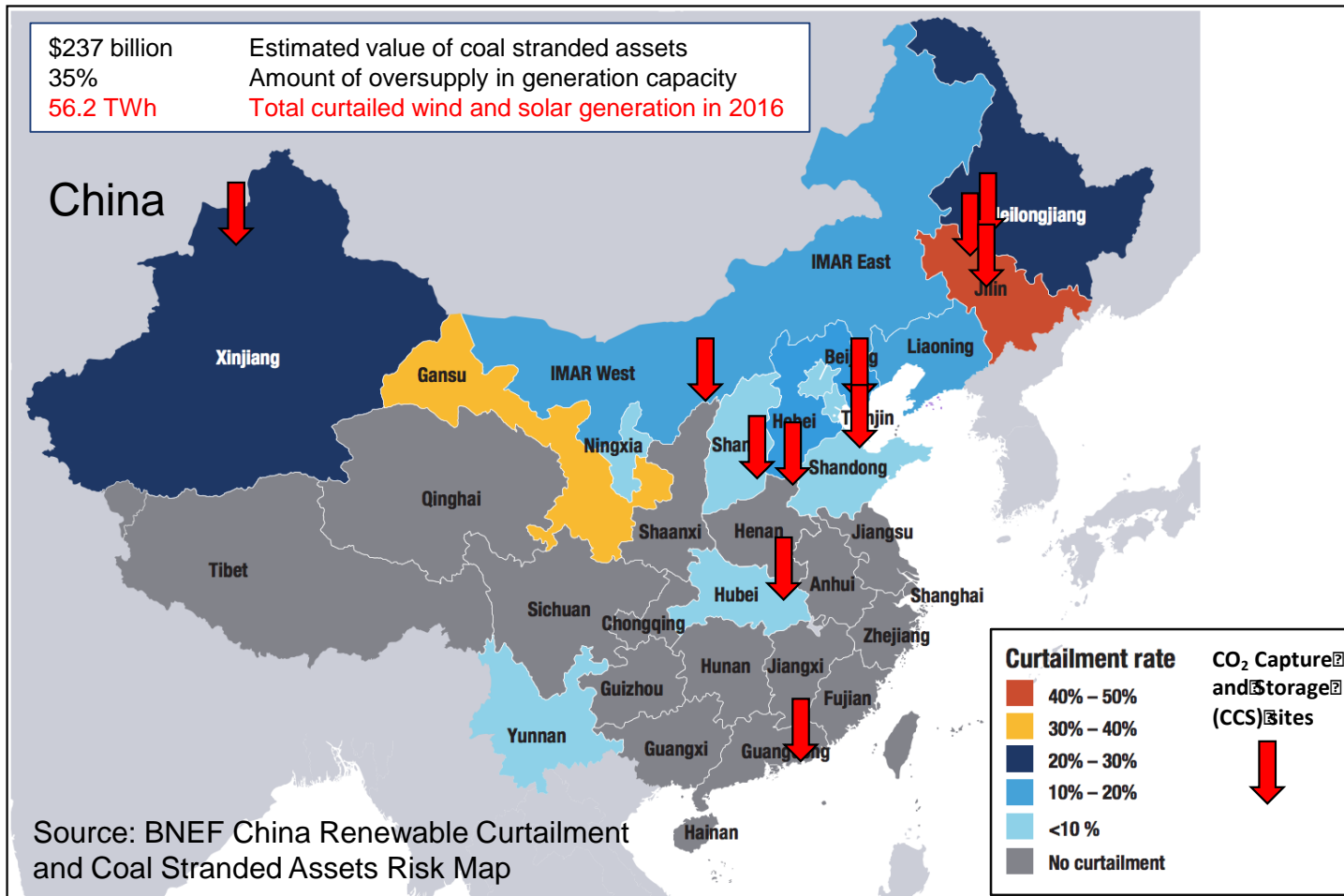
$$\text{Power}_{\text{net,direct}} = \text{Power}_{\text{turbine}} - \text{Power}_{\text{fan,cool}} - \text{Power}_{\text{pump}}; \text{ i.e. Net power}$$

η_i is the turbine isentropic efficiency, 0.78 is used (Adams et al. 2015).

Adams B.M., et al. (2015). A comparison of electric power output of CO₂ Plume Geothermal (CPG) and brine geothermal systems for varying reservoir conditions. Appl. Energy, 140:365–77.

Figure 11: Time series of total geothermal electricity generated from all 4 production wells over 60 years. Calculations are made based on the concept that power is generated from the heat extracted from the produced methane via a Rankine cycle (indirect system) and power is generated from the produced CO₂ via a CO₂ turbine expansion (direct) system.

Wind and Solar Power Curtailment in China + CCS



Massive grid-scale energy storage needed worldwide!

Germany:

>100 TWh/yr in energy storage needed soon

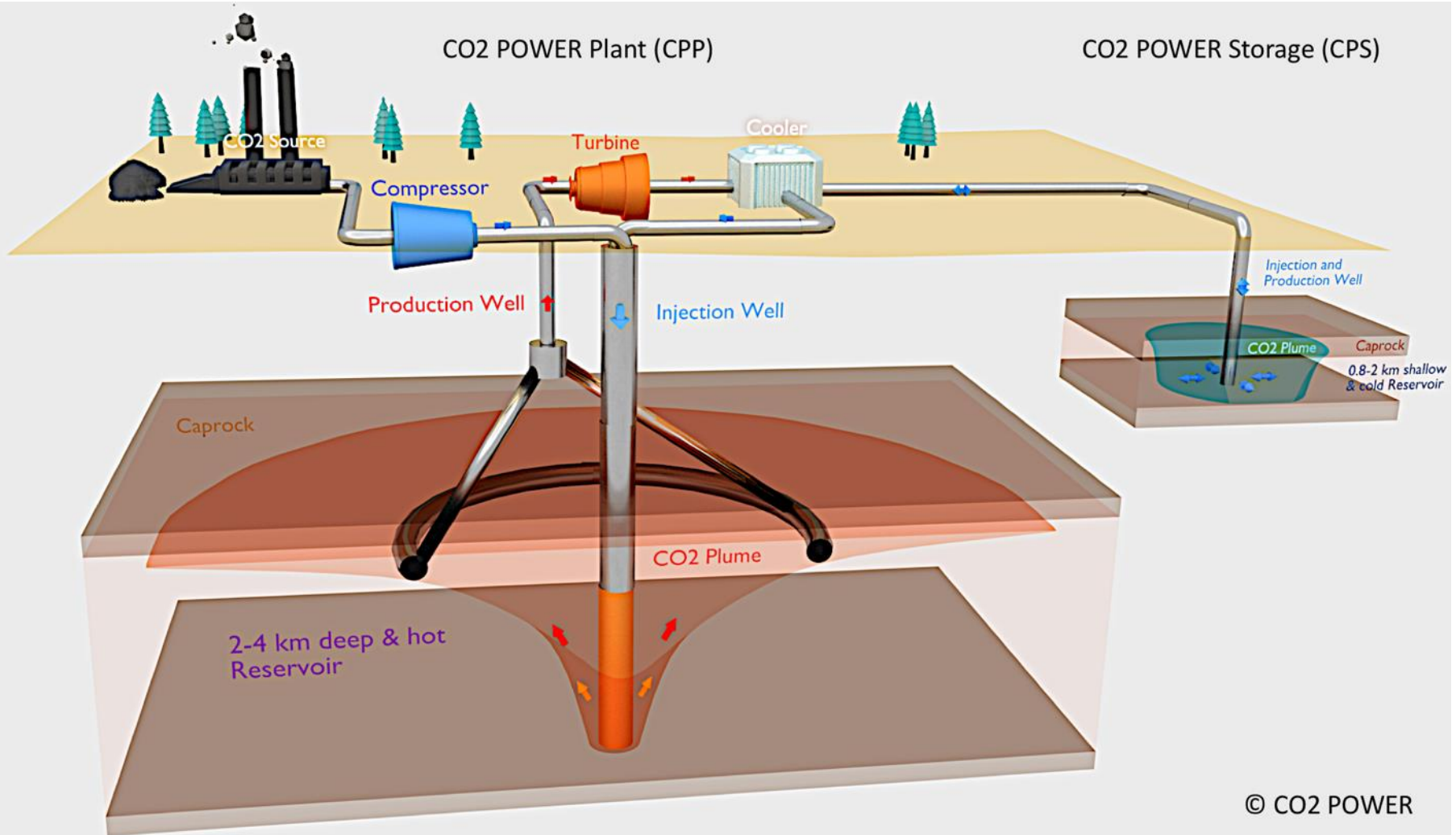
Saudi Arabia:

\$200B for solar power and new city of Neom (\$500B) → all solar power

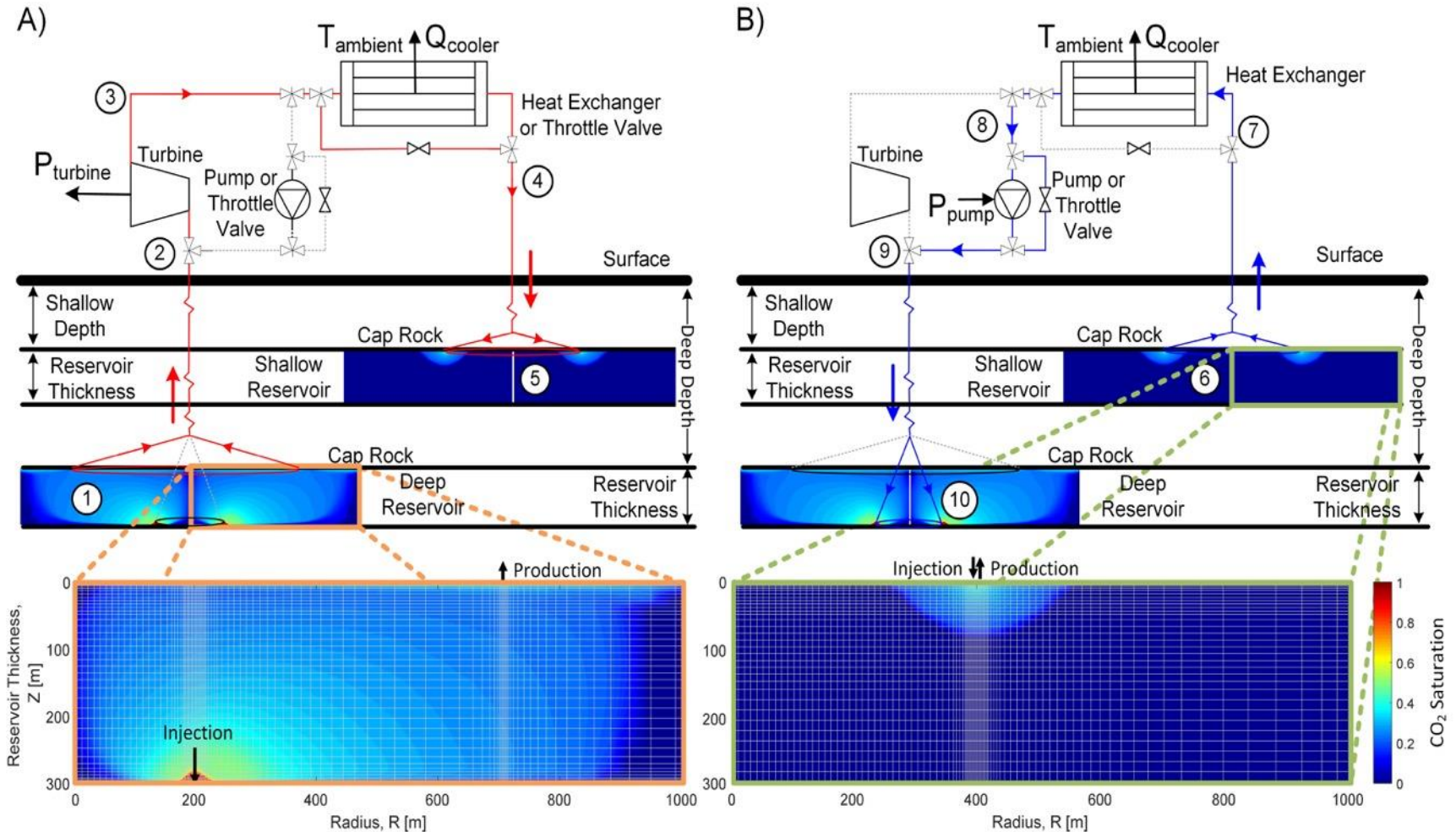
CO₂-Plume Geothermal (CPG) Power Plant

Earth Battery Extension (EBE)

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Energy is stored as heat and pressure in the deep subsurface using CO₂

Earth Battery Extension (EBE)

Example: 24-hour cycle

System Parameters	
Ambient Temperature	15 °C
Daily Power Generation Duration	16 hours
Mass Flow Rate during Power Generation	200 kg/s
Daily Energy Storage Duration	8 hours
Mass Flow Rate during Energy Storage	380 kg/s
Well Internal Diameter	0.41 m
Turbine Efficiency	78%
Isentropic Pump Efficiency	90%

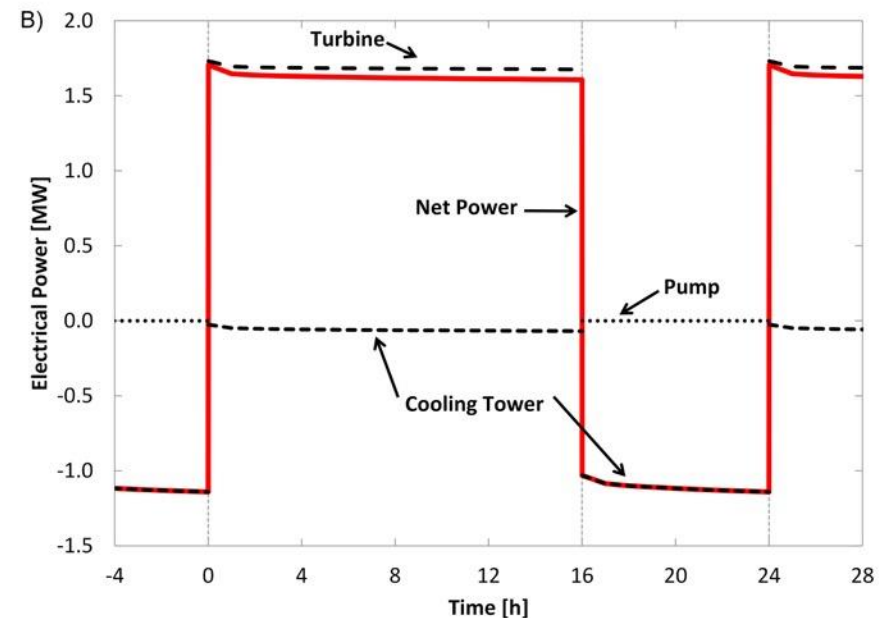
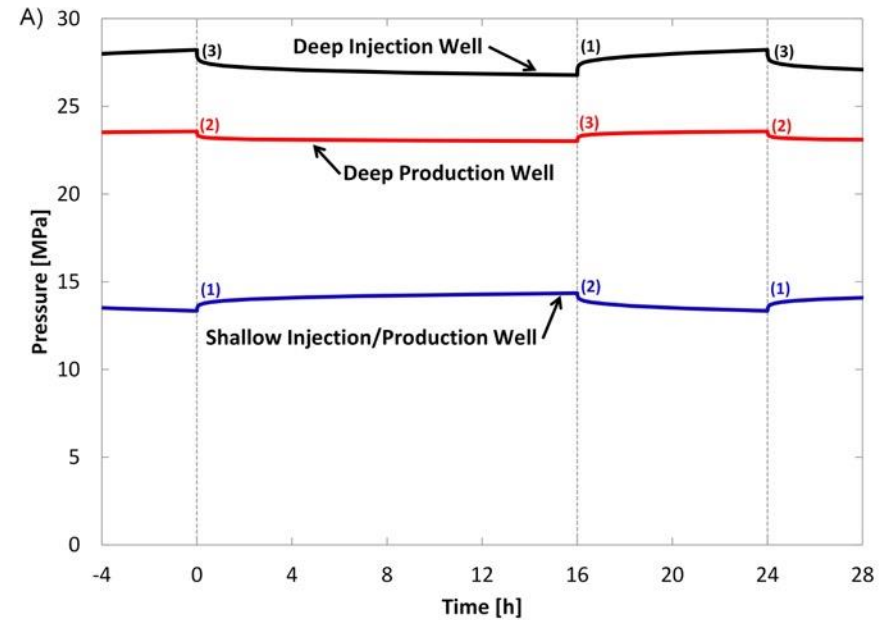
Reservoir Parameters/Conditions		
General Parameters		
	Horizontal Permeability	$5.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}^2$
	Vertical Permeability	$2.5 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}^2$
	Thermal Conductivity	$2.1 \text{ W/m/}^\circ\text{C}$
	Porosity	10%
	NaCl Concentration	20%
	Geothermal Gradient	$35 \text{ }^\circ\text{C/km}$
	Surface Temperature	$15 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
	Reservoir Thickness	300 m
	Rock Density	2650 kg/m^3
	Rock Specific Heat	$1000 \text{ J/kg/}^\circ\text{C}$
	Simulated Radius	100 km
	Initial Conditions	Hydrostatic equilibrium, pore space occupied by brine
Deep Reservoir		
	Mean Reservoir Depth	2.5 km
	Mean Reservoir Temperature	$102.5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
	Injection Well Radius	200 m
	Production Well Radius	707 m
	Number of grid cells, vertical	42
	Number of grid cells, horizontal	117
Shallow Reservoir		
	Mean Reservoir Depth	1.5 km
	Mean Reservoir Temperature	$67.5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
	Well Radius	400 m
	Number of grid cells, vertical	34
	Number of grid cells, horizontal	121

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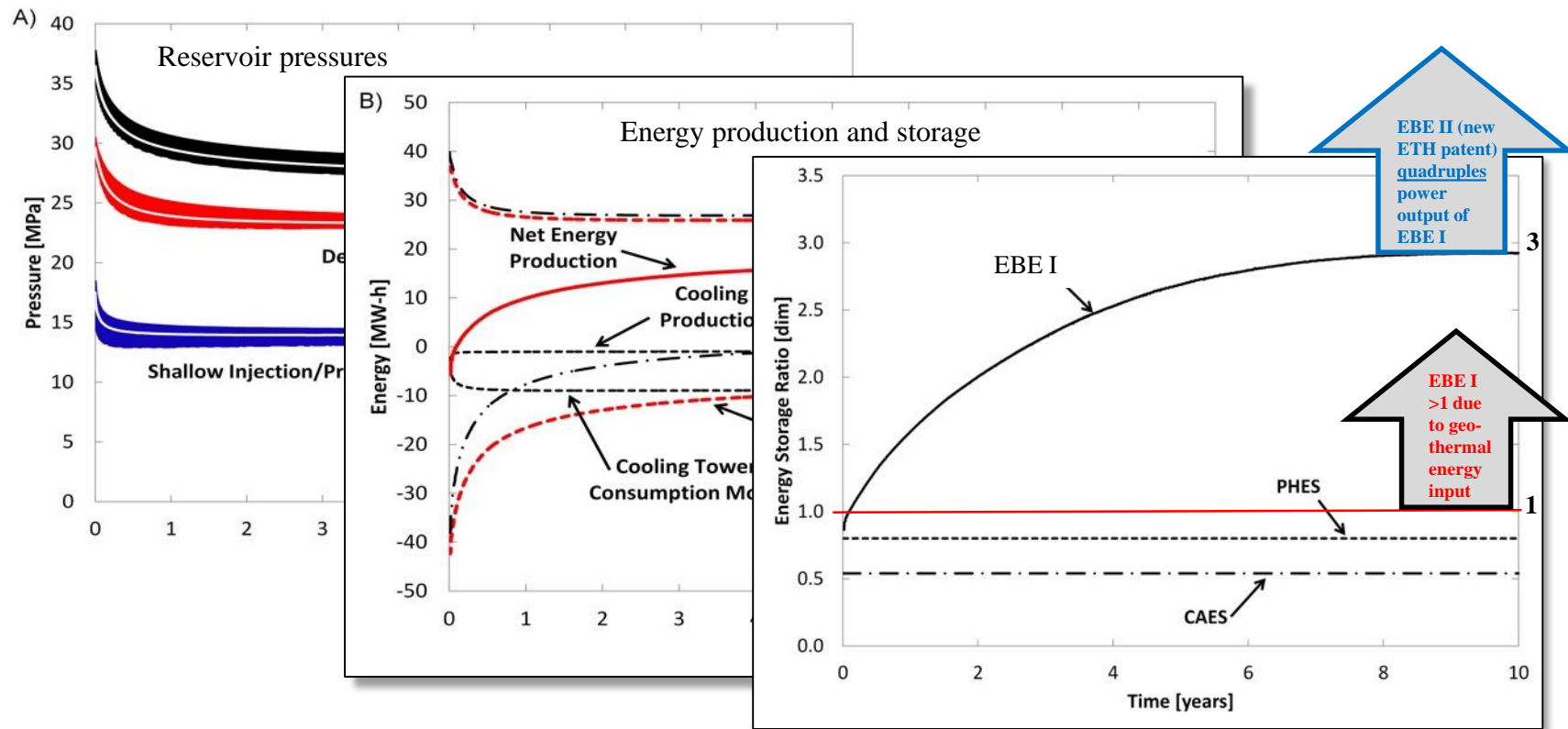
Example: 24-hour cycle

Reservoir **pressure values** during system operation for the representative diurnal cycle (A) and the **net and component power output** (B).

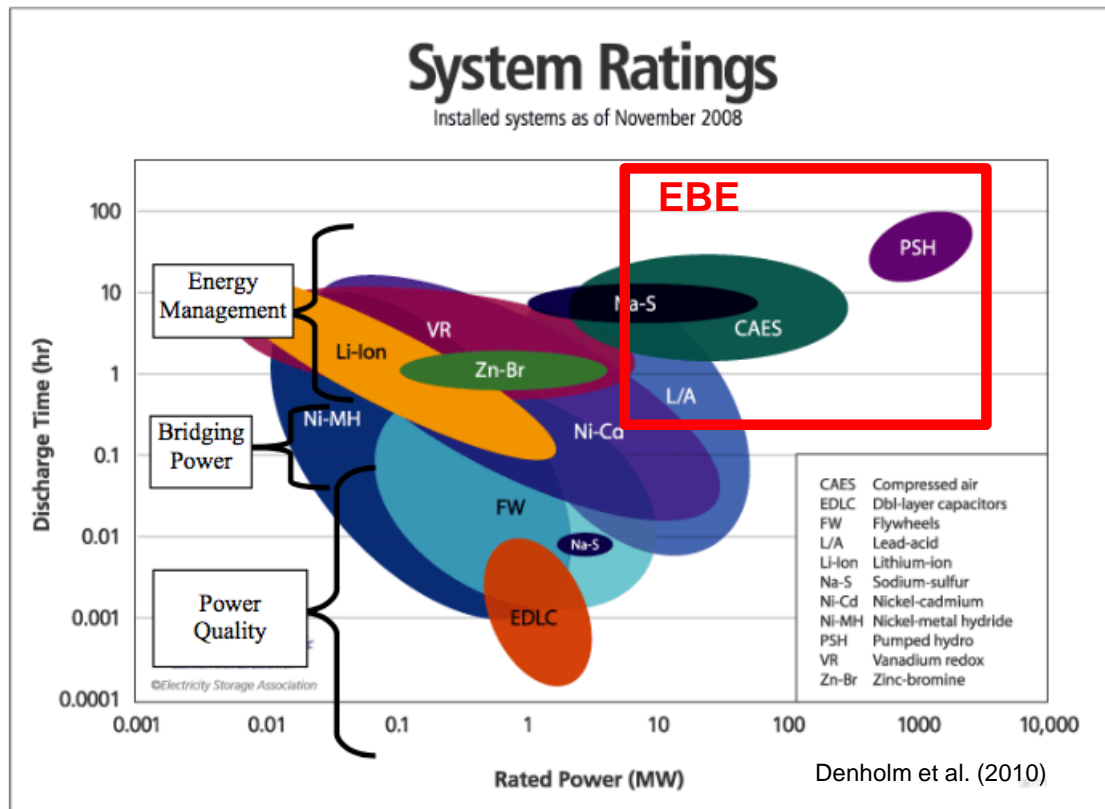
The **diurnal cycle** illustrated shows a **representative day**, occurring **10 years** after the system began operating.



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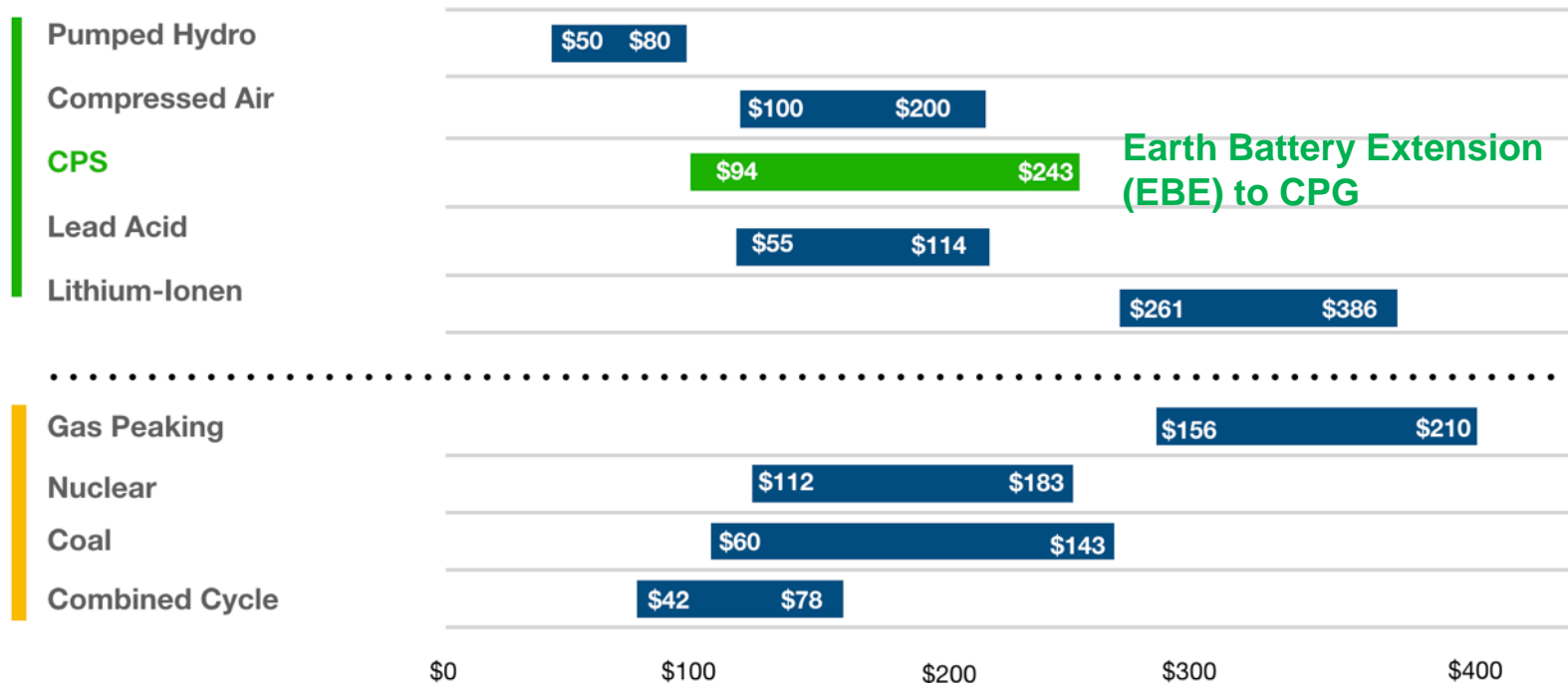
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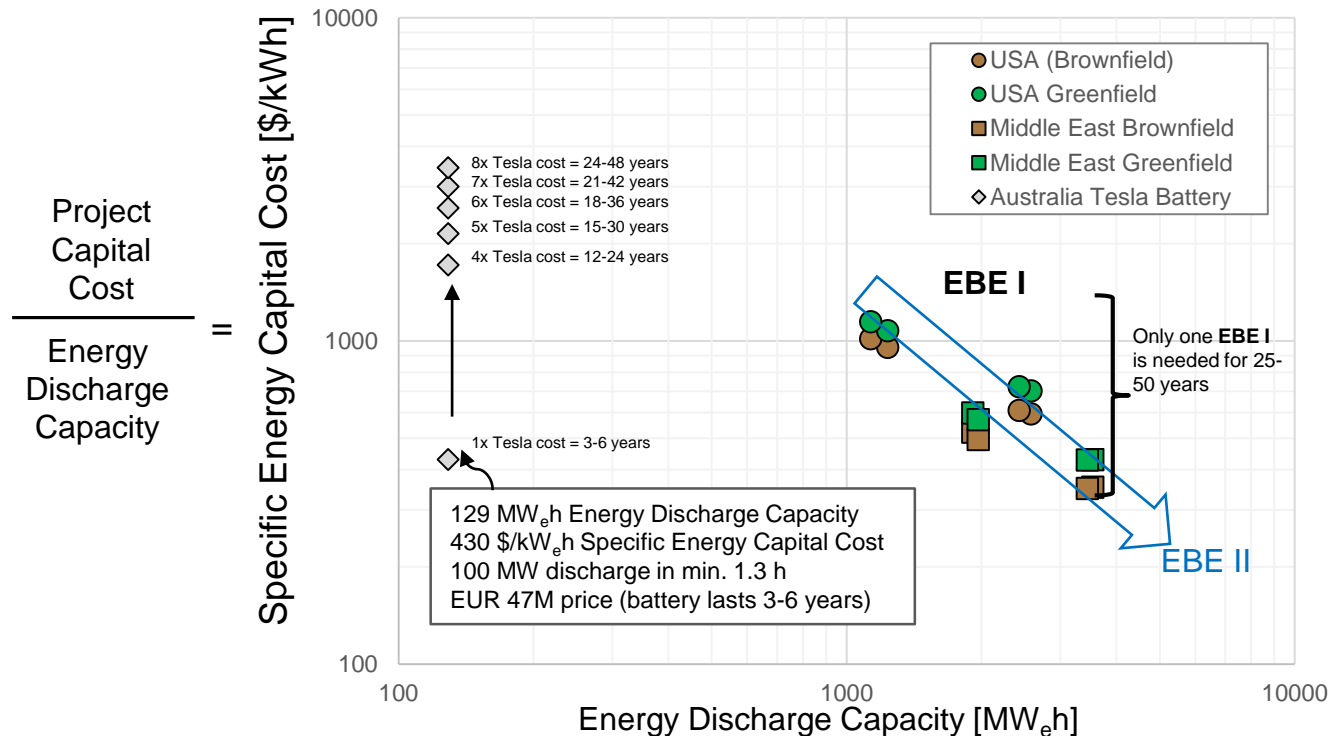
- EBE stores energy from minutes to months
- EBE stores energy in the GW range

Levelized Cost of Energy Storage in \$/MWh



Source: Lazard 2017, <https://www.lazard.com/perspective/levelized-cost-of-energy-2017/>

Earth Battery Extension I: Specific Energy Capital Cost Estimates (Examples: USA, Middle East; Comparison with Tesla Battery in Australia)



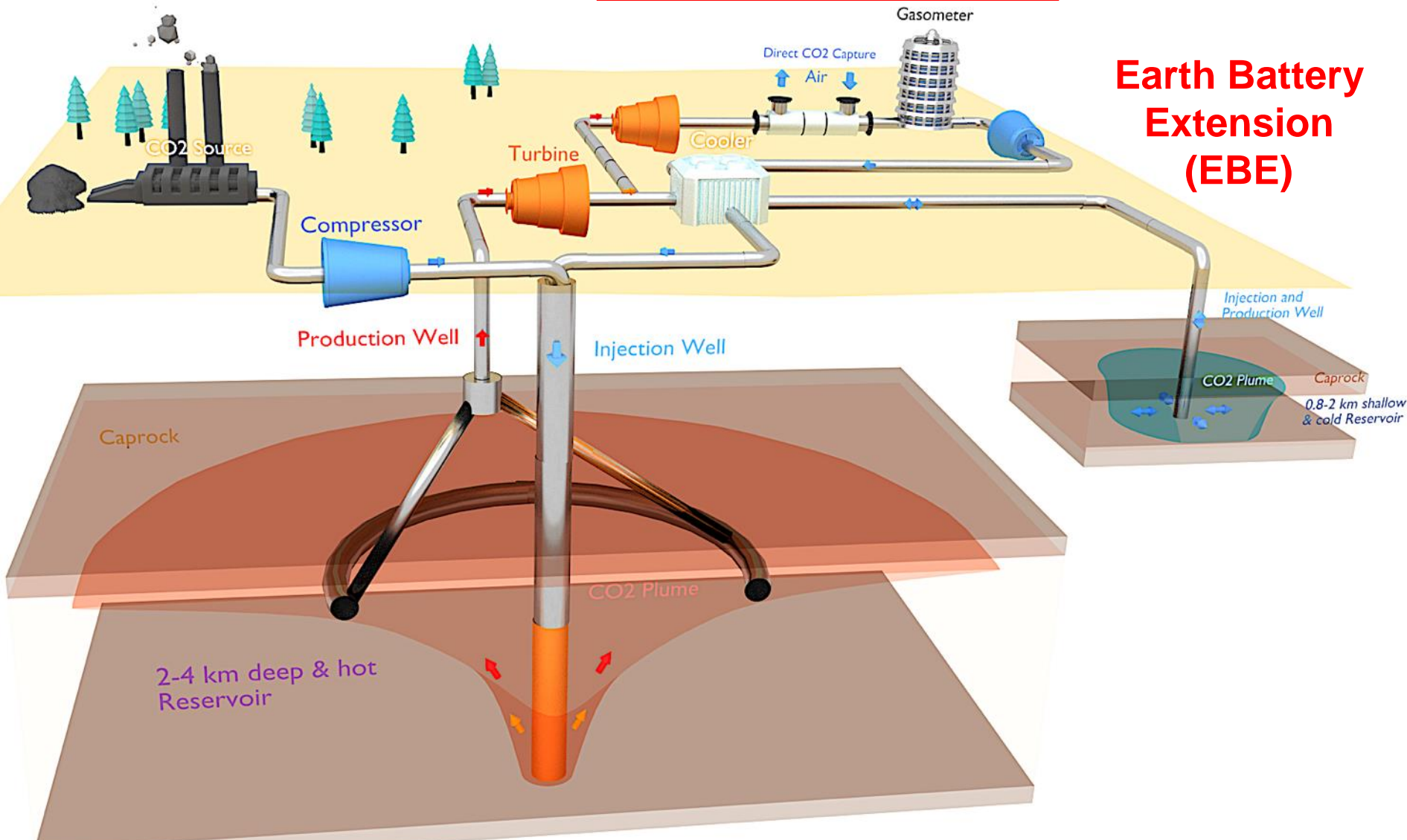
EBE I		Reservoir		Energy Discharge Capacity [MWh]	Specific Energy Capital Cost		Time Discharge [hours]	Power Discharge [MW]	Region-specific assumptions
		Depth	Permeability		brownfield [\$/kWh]	greenfield [\$/kWh]			
○ USA		2.5 km	50 mD	1234	959	1079	10.7	115	USA: • wet cooling towers • 21% tax rate
		2.5 km	100 mD	1132	1018	1149	10.3	109	
		3.5 km	50 mD	2581	596	702	10.2	253	
		3.5 km	100 mD	2426	611	724	9.7	250	
□ Middle East		2.5 km	50 mD	1911	523	601	15.1	126	Middle East: • ocean cooling • 5% tax rate • 40% reduction in construction material & labor costs (vs. USA)
		2.5 km	100 mD	1966	497	572	14.7	133	
		3.5 km	50 mD	3543	354	431	14.2	249	
		3.5 km	100 mD	3444	350	430	13.4	257	

CO₂-Plume Geothermal (CPG) Power Plant

Cryogenic Direct Air CO₂ Capture (DAC)

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CO₂ can be used to **generate geothermal electricity at 2 to 3 times the efficiency of water**
 → increases the geothermal resource base and reduces LCOEs

All of the CO₂ is permanently stored → true CCUS

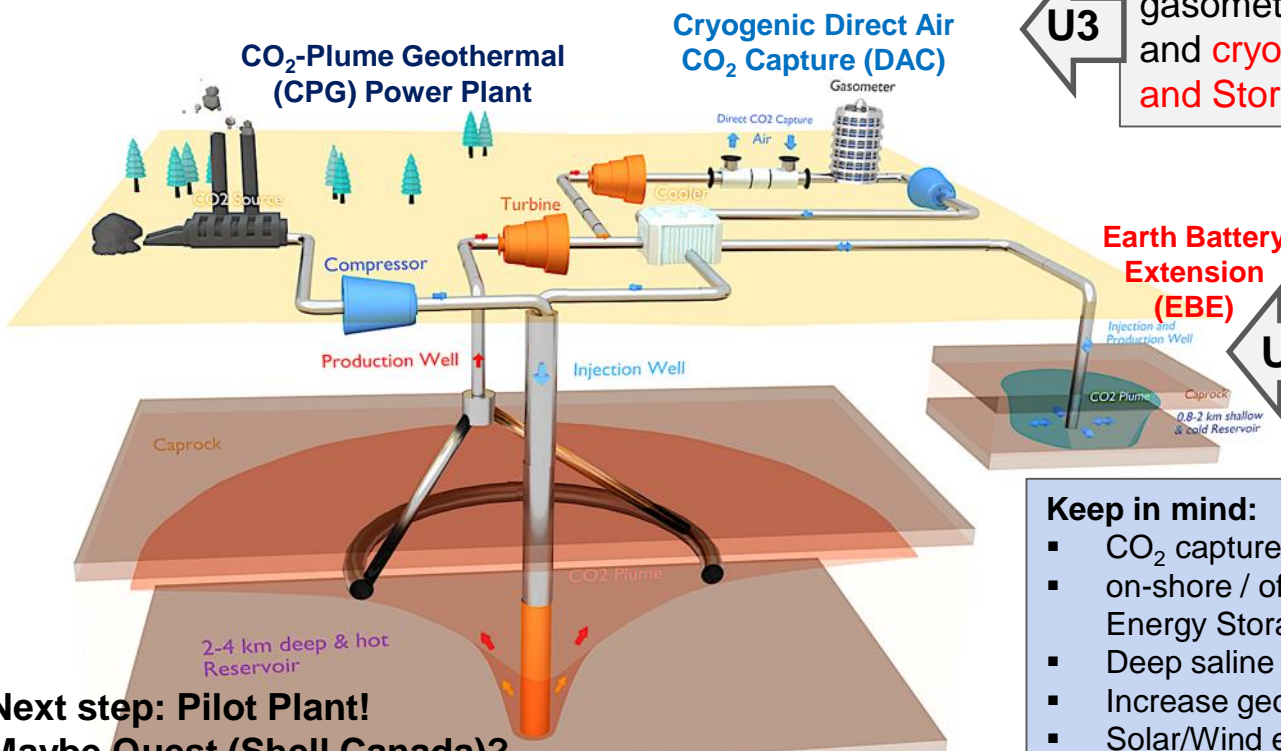
Helps make CCS economical due to power generation



By replacing the shallow reservoir with a gasometer, **power dispatch is quadrupled** and **cryogenic Direct Air CO₂ Capture and Storage (DACS)** is possible



The Earth Battery Extension (EBE) to CPG enables **massive, utility-scale energy storage** (e.g. of wind/solar energy) and **very high efficiencies** → low LCOS



Keep in mind:

- CO₂ capture at point source / DACCS / BECCS
- on-shore / off-shore CO₂ storage and CPG + Energy Storage
- Deep saline aquifers / gas reservoirs, oil reservoirs
- Increase geothermal power generation efficiency
- Solar/Wind energy storage
- Can do DACCS itself

Next step: Pilot Plant!
Maybe Quest (Shell Canada)?
Or France (Total) or Norway (Equinor)? **Thank you!**