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## Technology potential of supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> (sCO<sub>2</sub>)-cycles:

- higher efficiency = higher primary energy utilization  
→ reduced emissions from heat from thermochemical conversion  
→ reduced heat release into the atmosphere
- smaller component size, lower costs, higher operating flexibility
- Lower water consumption in the power plant process

**lower footprint**

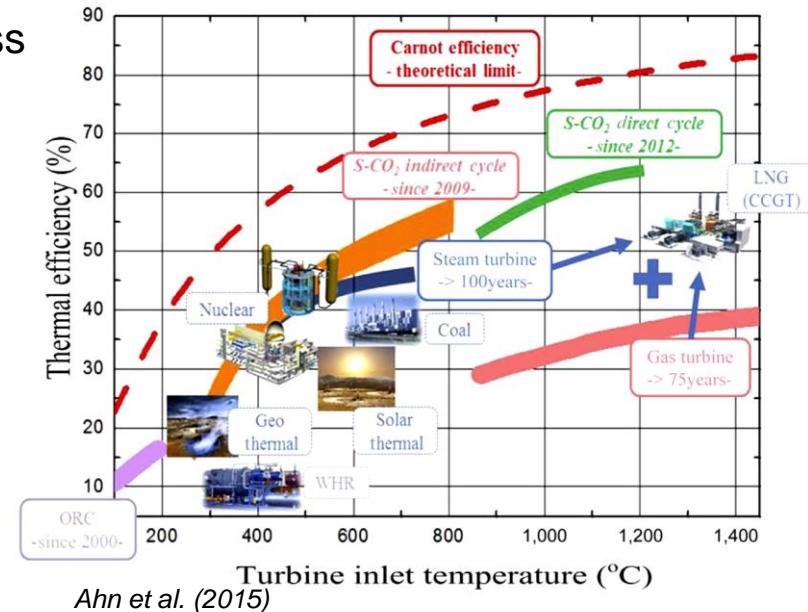
Steam Turbine



sCO<sub>2</sub>-Turbine



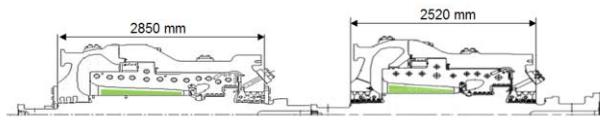
Gampe (2016)



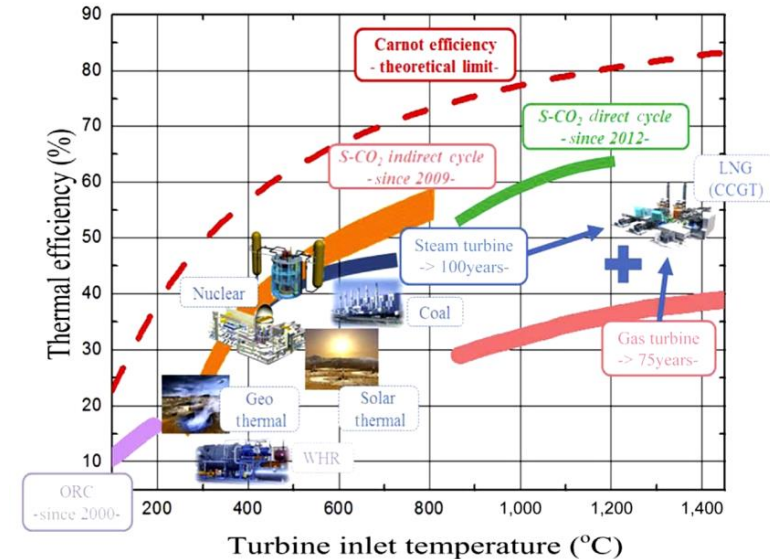
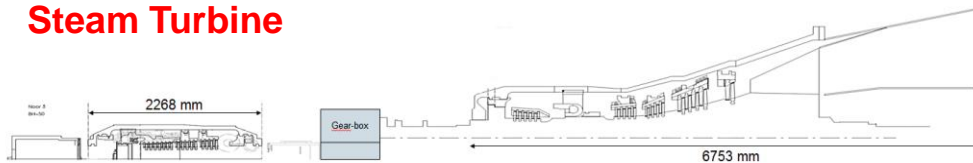
# Technology Potentials - Overview

- higher efficiency compared to water/steam  
→ reduced emissions & reduced heat release into the atmosphere
- Less complex cycle layout, smaller component size, lower cost
- Lower water consumption in the power plant process
- non-hazardous fluid (not flammable/explosive/toxic)

## sCO<sub>2</sub>-Turbine

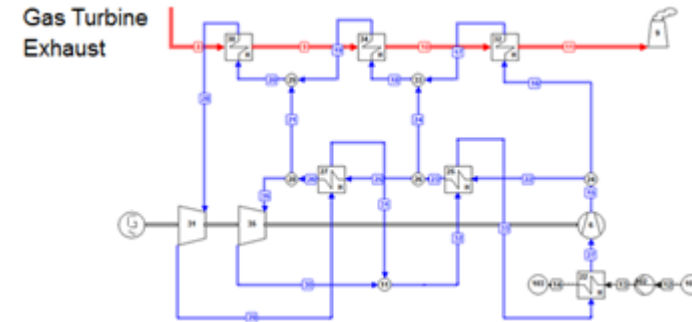
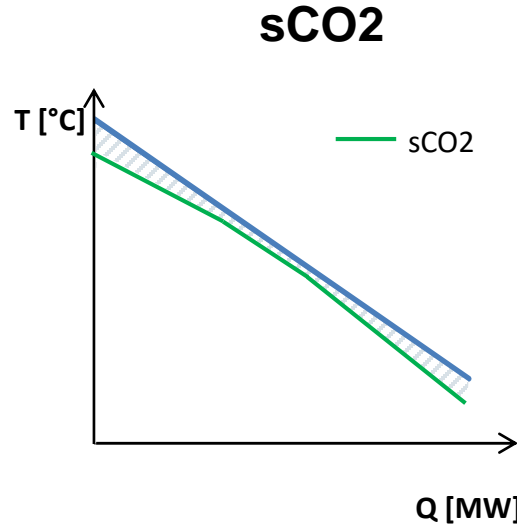
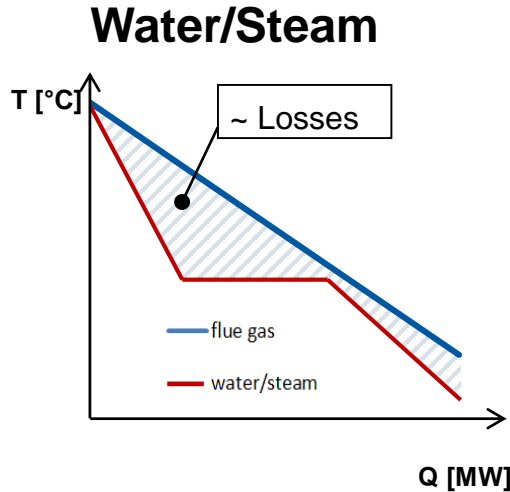


## Steam Turbine



Ahn et al. (2015)

# Technology Potentials – Bottoming Processes / Secondary Heat Sources



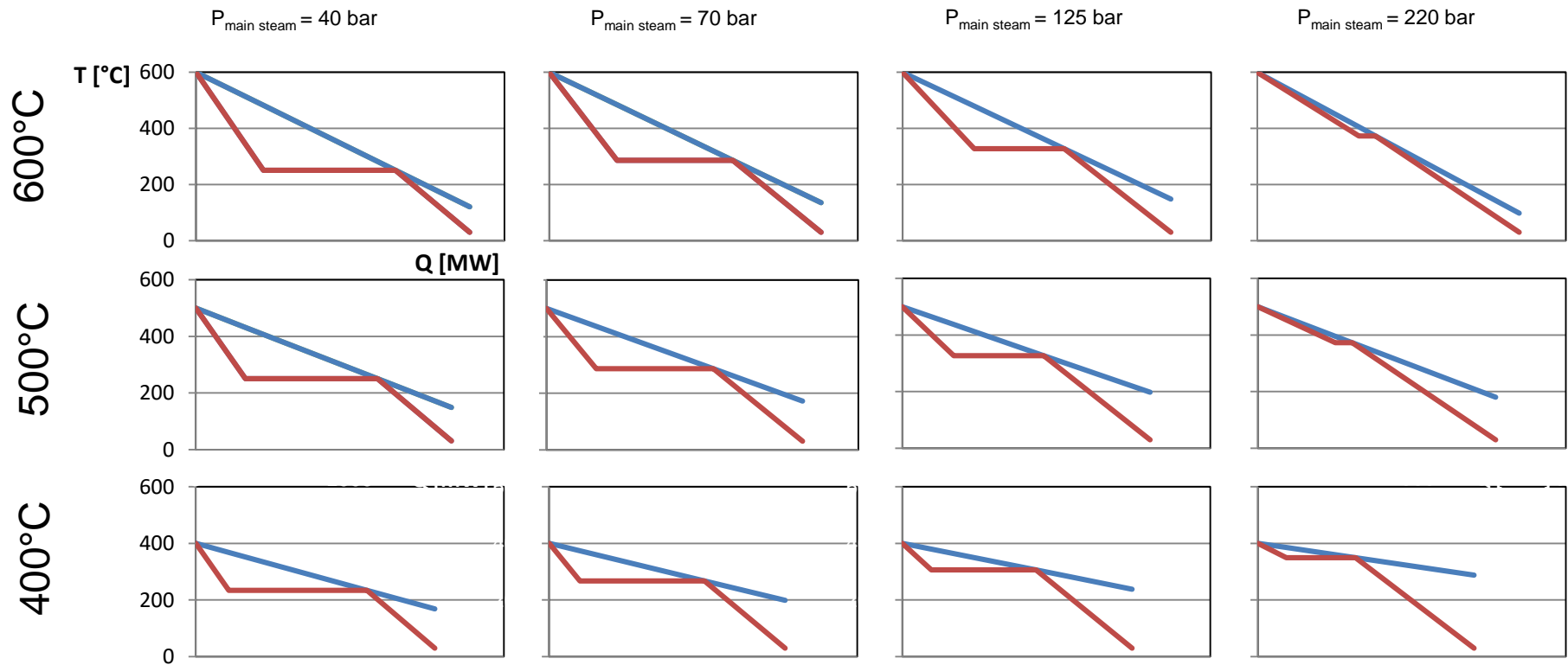
**Cascaded sCO<sub>2</sub> cycle for waste heat recovery**

- Better thermal coupling in the steam generator leads to higher efficiency
- Optimization through cascaded sCO2 cycles for waste heat recovery

# Optimization potential for w/s depending on flue gas temperatures

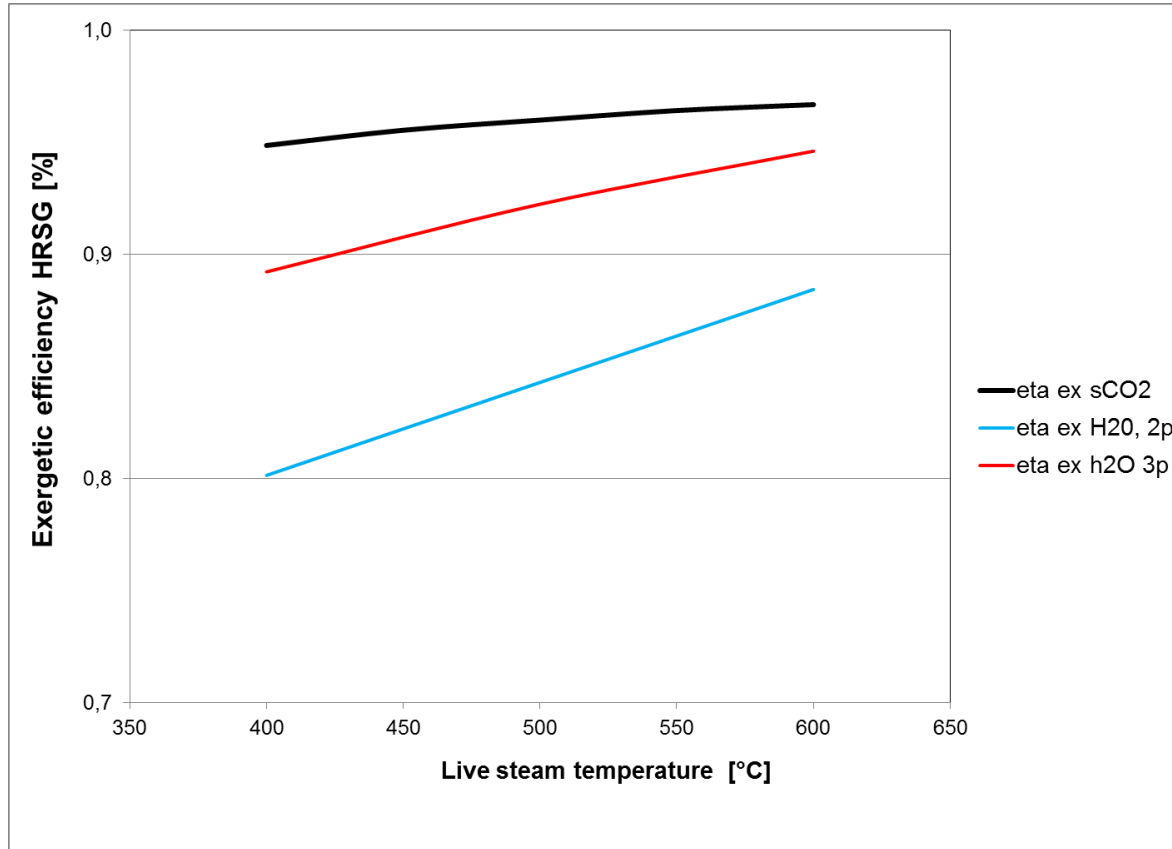
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→ Lower optimization potential of main steam pressure with lower flue gas temperature

# Technology Potentials - Secondary Heat Sources



$$\eta_{Ex} = \frac{\dot{E}_{working\ fluid}}{\dot{E}_{flue\ gas}}$$

→ Higher potential for sCO2 at lower waste heat temperatures



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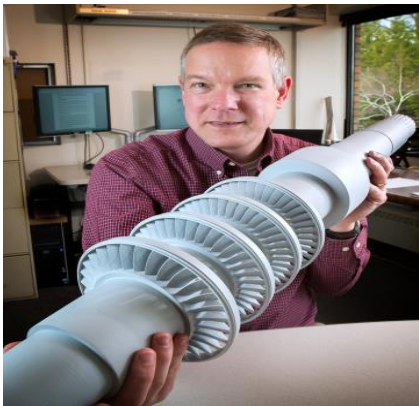


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# International R&D activities



**ENERGY**  
This Is What We Call Ecomagination: GE Is Building A CO<sub>2</sub>-Powered Turbine That Generates 10 Megawatts And Fits On A Table



Shouhang IHW signed agreement with EDF on supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Brayton cycle coupled with Concentrated Solar Power plant

On, Dec 28, 2017, Shouhang IHW signed an agreement on technology cooperation of supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Brayton cycle coupled with CSP plant with EDF.

**World's First**  
Hyundai Heavy, KEPCO Develops Source Technology for Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Turbine



Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. and Korea Electric Power Corp (KEPCO) have developed an tion emission free steam generating technology using fuel waste for the first time in the world.



**EPS100 HEAT RECOVERY SOLUTION**

8MW NAMEPLATE CAPACITY



Increasing coal and lignite power plants' flexibility

The **Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Cycle** for Flexible & Sustainable Support to the Electricity System (sCO<sub>2</sub>-Flex) aims to adapt fossil-fuel power plants to the future energy system requirements.



**BRIEF**

**Toshiba ships turbine for NET Power supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> carbon capture plant**

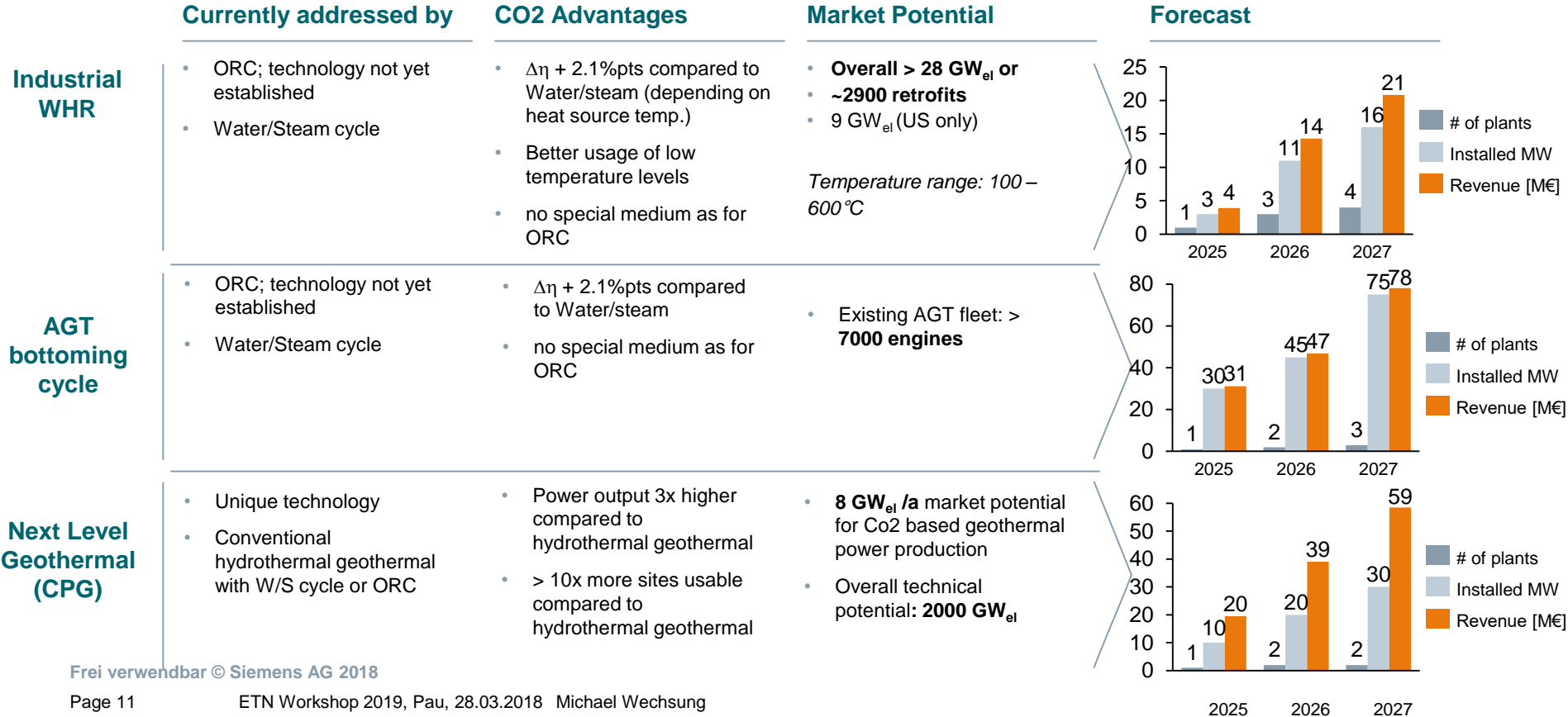
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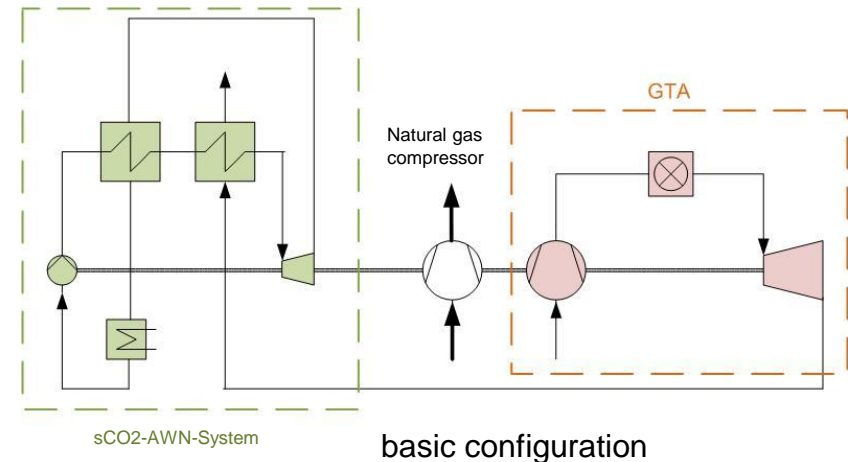
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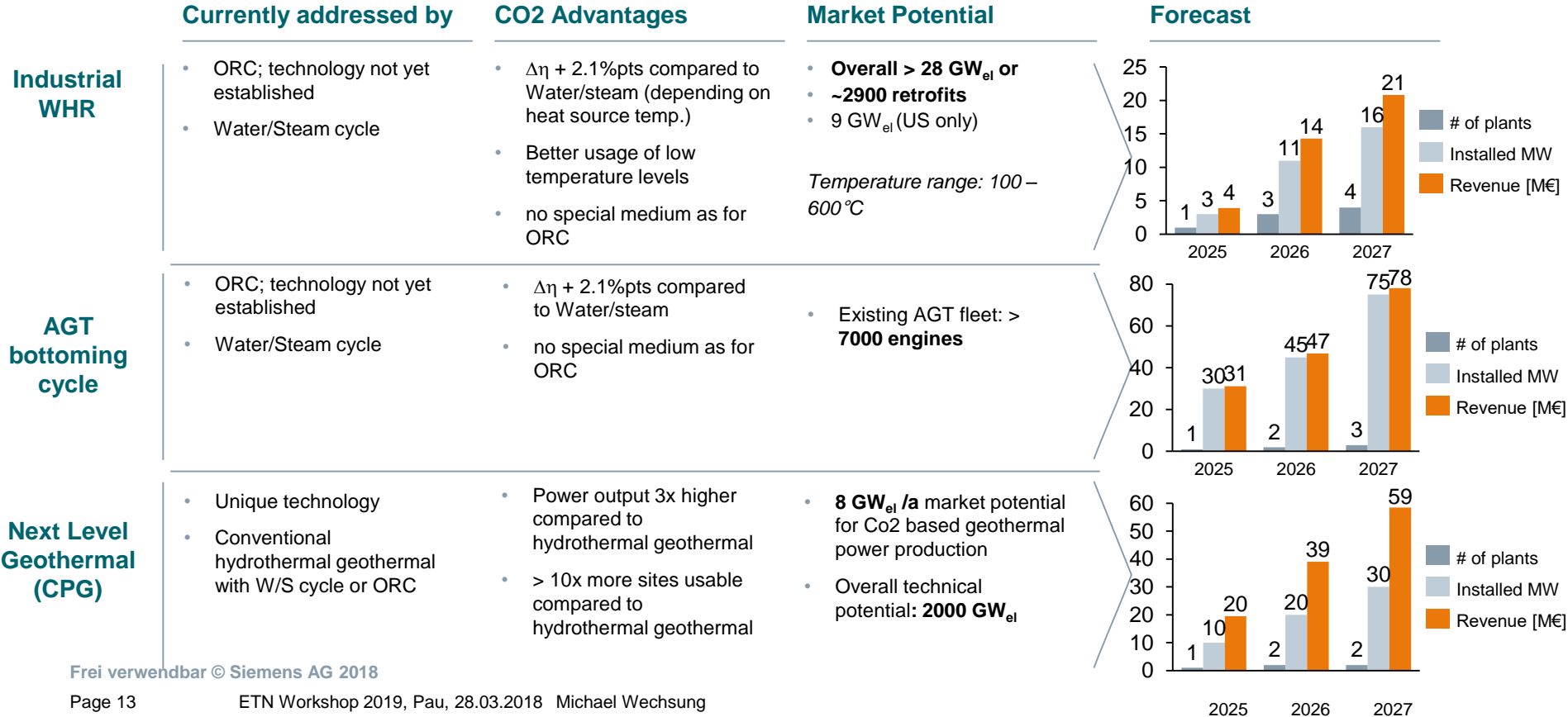
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## Example - sCO<sub>2</sub> secondary process for GT in natural gas compressor stations

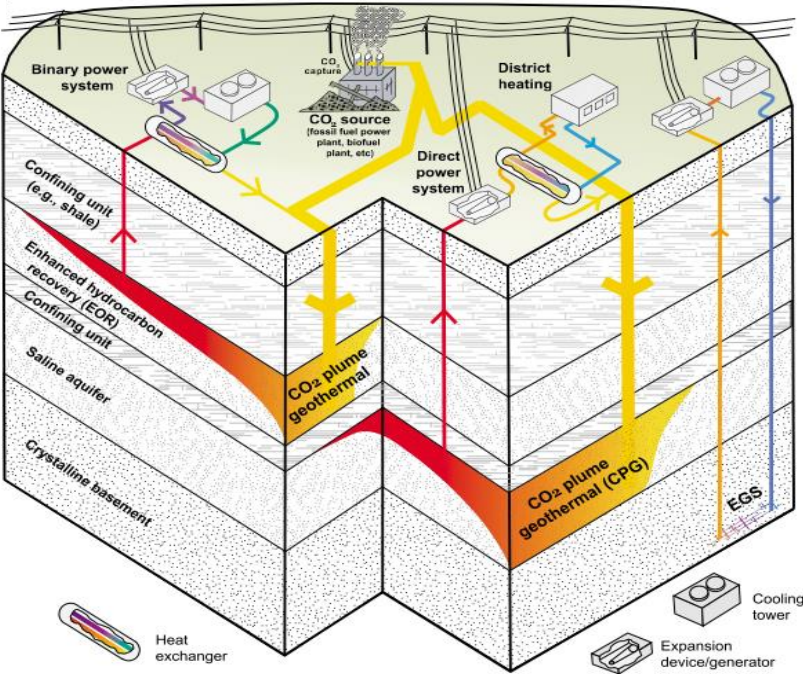
- High impact: Large number, **auxiliary power requirements at full load about 1% of the transported quantity per 250 km**
- Most of the compressor drive turbines consist without waste heat recovery, waste heat recovery concepts based on STIG (e.g. Aquarius-GT), downstream DTA with power generation (e.g. GVS Weitendorf of the Trans-Austria gas pipeline)
- Completely new application for sCO<sub>2</sub> technology in GT for mechanical drive and variable speed  
In contrast to the sCO<sub>2</sub> applications currently considered for power generation (generator drive, constant speed), the sCO<sub>2</sub> turbine can also be imagined as a booster for the natural gas compressor drive.  
The variable speed is a new challenge.





# Innovative idea: CO<sub>2</sub>-based geothermal power generation

## CO<sub>2</sub>-based geothermal energy



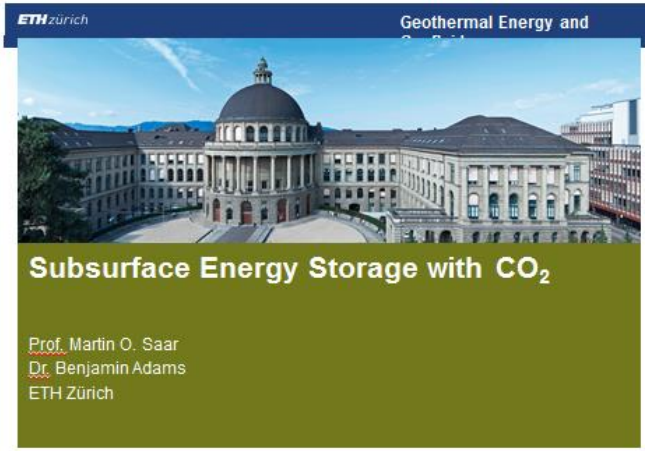
Applied Energy 140 (2015) 365–377



### A comparison of electric power output of CO<sub>2</sub> Plume Geothermal (CPG) and brine geothermal systems for varying reservoir conditions

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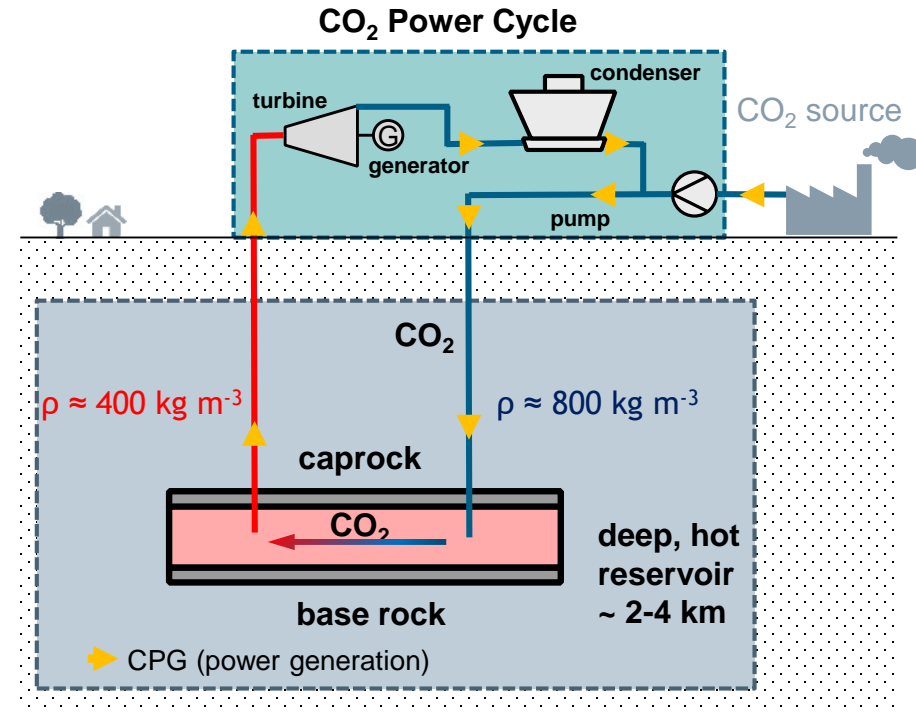


# CO<sub>2</sub>-based geothermal power generation

## Basic Concept

### Characteristics & benefits

- Density varies with temperature  
→ Self circulating due to **thermosiphon**
- 2 to 5 lower viscosity of sCO<sub>2</sub> compared to brine  
→ **higher mobility**
- **Efficient** use of geothermal energy  
at **lower temperatures**
- **More sites worldwide usable**  
e.g. exhausted oil and gas fields
- Direct cycle possible  
→ easy cycle design, **less components**
- **Energy storage** of excess renewable power (CPGES)





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## Overall system/ Cycle:

- Conventional **operating and control concepts** cannot be adapted due to over- or near-critical process control and must be redeveloped on the basis of dynamic system modeling
- **Process architectures** must be optimized for the respective applications taking into account the influence of fluid purity and ambient conditions

## Materials:

- **Unclear material** behaviour e.g. due to oxidation or carburisation → technical risk, **development of new materials may be necessary**
- **New model approaches** based on experimentally obtained data required for the evaluation of component **lifetime prediction**

## Heat Exchanger:

- Suitable approaches for **modelling the heat transfer**, especially in the vicinity of the critical point, must be **identified and further developed** for the design of the internal and external heat exchangers.
- High demands on **heat exchangers** (high efficiency, high surface density, high process parameters) require **new concepts and production processes**.

### Turbo machinery:

- **High-precision substance data models** for industrial requirements (processing time) required to adapt design and dimensioning methods for supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>
- **New calculation models** for CO<sub>2</sub> specific loss correlations, leakage rates, etc. necessary → Need for experimental data
- **New sealing technologies** are absolutely necessary to increase efficiency potentials. This can necessitate the use of new materials and production technologies, and the influence on the overall system must be evaluated (mechanics, rotor dynamics)
- **New design concepts** must be developed for high thermodynamic performance, low pressure losses at low cost & footprint
- **Modelling of the heat transfer** of supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> necessary to evaluate the tangential operating behaviour

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# German research project “CARBOSOLA”



## Objectives / Challenges

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- Detailed analysis of economic potentials and optimization
- Develop scientific fundamentals for design & simulation incl. CO<sub>2</sub> test rig
- Design of a sCO<sub>2</sub> demonstration plant CO<sub>2</sub> cycle (TRL3) for a WHR application

### Challenges

- Compressor design due to compression in the critical region of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Cost effective heat exchanger due to large heat exchanger surfaces
- Overall plant layout and operational concept

## Project data & schedule

**Project budget:** 3'5 EUR,

**Project duration:** 3 years

**Submit of application:** until 31. Jan. 2019

**Scheduled project start:** 01.Oct. 2019 (confirmation pending)

## Development partner

**SIEMENS**



## Work packages

### WP 1

Potential study & optimization  
sCO<sub>2</sub>-CC (T<sub>max</sub> < 550 °C)

Responsible: Siemens

### WP 2

Potential study & optimization  
sCO<sub>2</sub>-CSP (T<sub>max</sub> > 6050 °C)

Responsible: DLR

### WP 3

Scientific fundamentals  
for design and simulation  
of sCO<sub>2</sub>-Technologie

Responsible: TUD

### WP 4

Component and system  
design of a WHR  
demonstration plant

(T<sub>max</sub> < 500 °C)  
Responsible: Siemens

### WP 5

Development of sCO<sub>2</sub> test  
rig (>600 °C) for component  
tests and generic  
experiments

Responsible: HZDR

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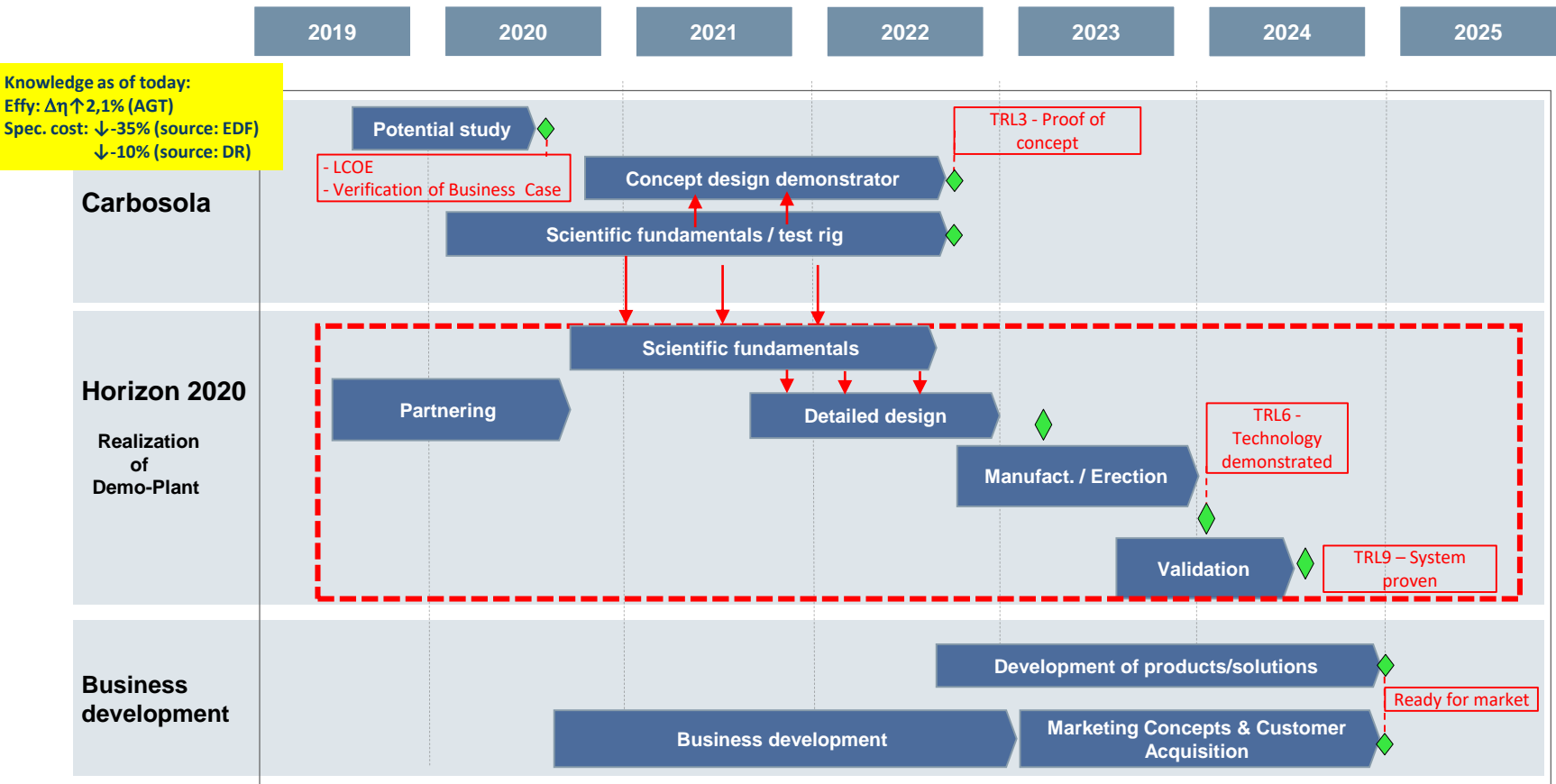
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# Carbosola & Horizon 2020 as a part of the European sCO<sub>2</sub> Technology Roadmap





**Goal:** The operation of a sCO<sub>2</sub> demonstration plant

- validates the operability of waste heat cycle,
- verifies the performance of components and
- demonstrates the potential to produce a low LCOE

### **R&D Activities:**

- Turbine and compressor concepts, enhanced design tools, new sealing technologies, advanced blade technology
- High pressure low cost heat exchangers, waste heat recovery units considering limited space, limited pressure drop, harsh fluids and gases
- Process architectures, operational concepts, I&C technology

### **Budget estimation:**

- Starting point TRL3, (results from CARBOSOLA project, applied for at BMWI)
- TRL3-6: 5 M€
- TRL 7-9: 35 M€ (approx. 15 MW)

**Partner: ...**

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## Technology potential

- Simple & compact cycle structure
- Potential for lower power plant cost
- Potential for better performance compared to w/s

## Challenges

- Turbine and compressor concepts including advanced sealing technologies
- Optimized cycle architectures considering specific fluid properties
- High-performance, high-temperature heat exchangers essential
- Operational concept

## Next steps



- Provide scientific technological fundamentals
- Develop concept for a sCO<sub>2</sub> demonstration plant
- Find partners for cooperation (technical cooperation & financing)
- Generate ideas for potential applications
- Proof of concept / Realization of CPG demonstrator

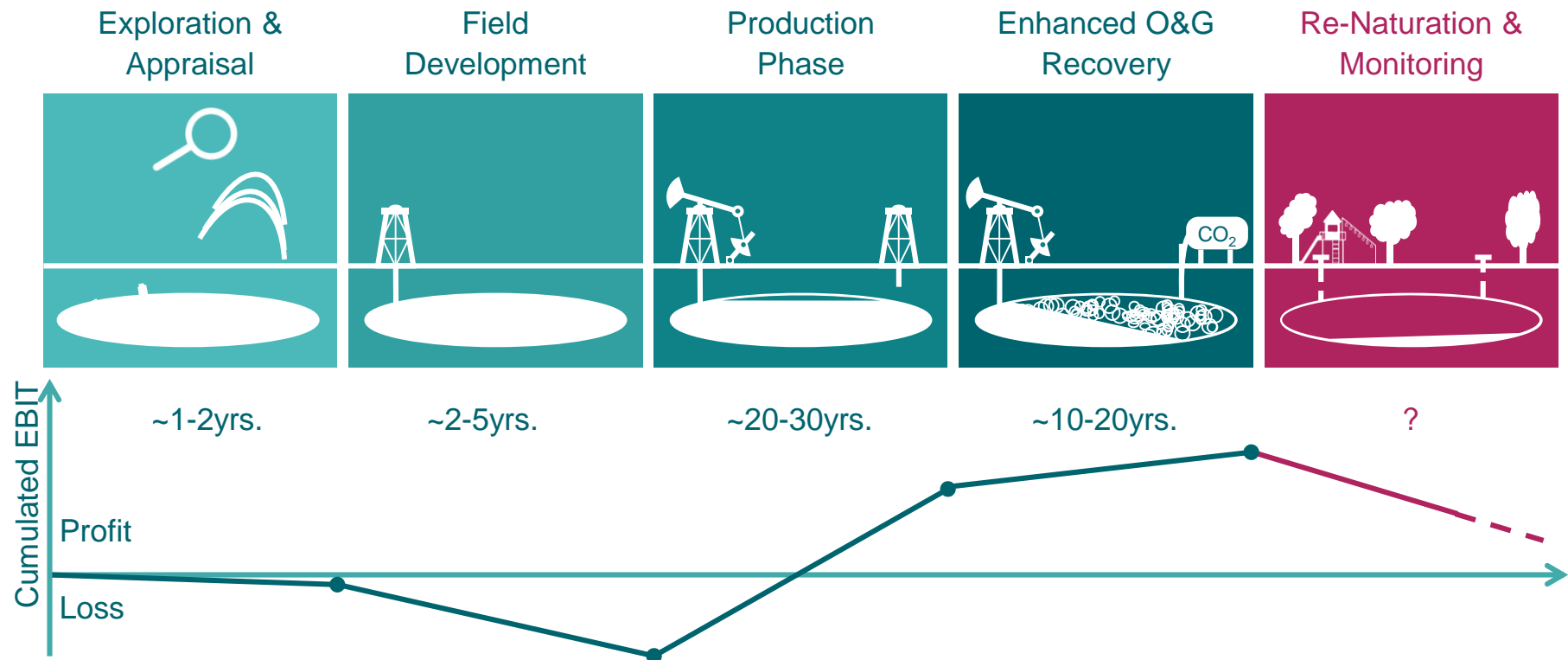
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# Next Level Geothermal Power (NLGP)

## Life Cycle Scheme of Oil & Gas (O&G) Fields



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