

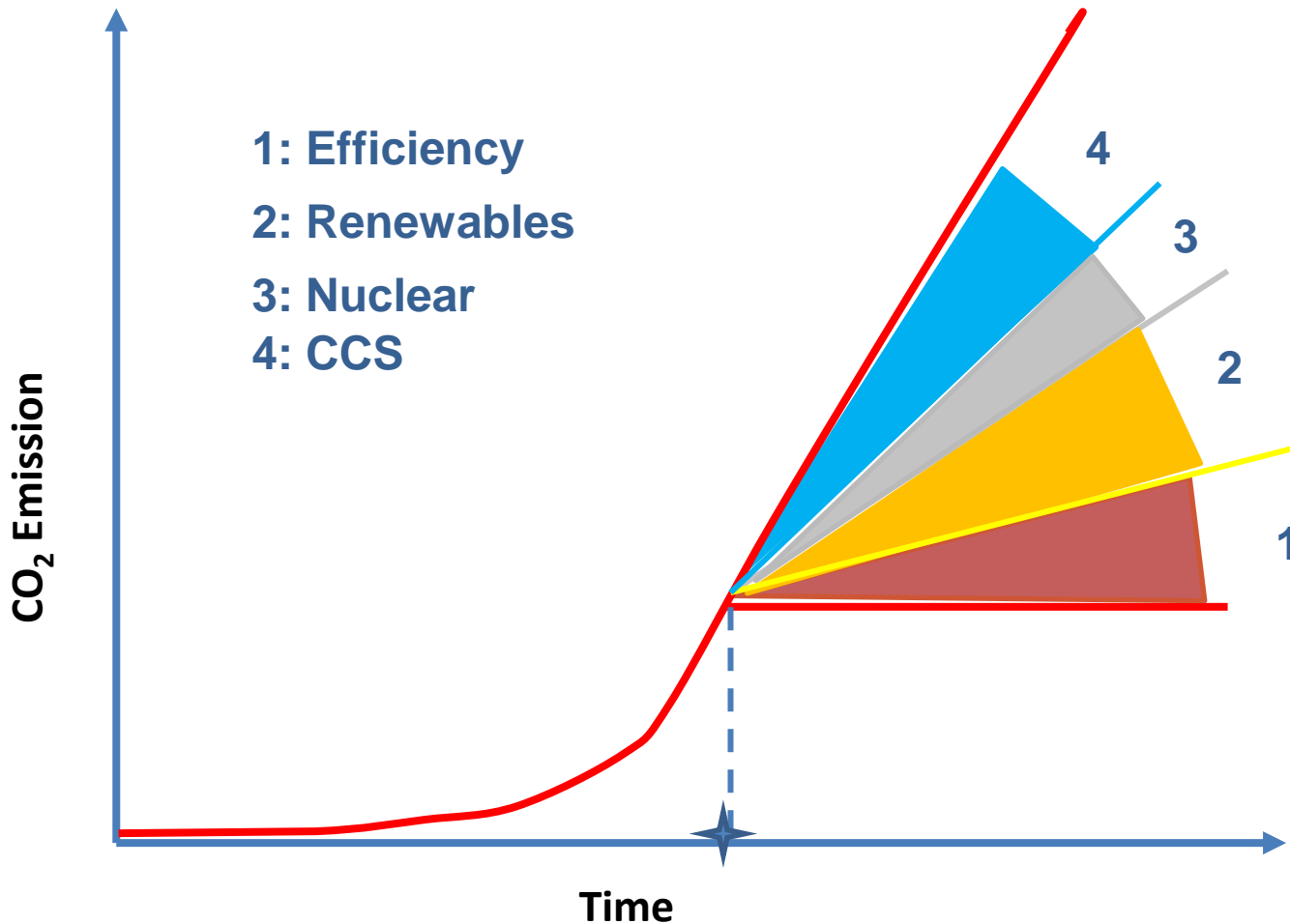
# CO2CRC's Capture Facilities (Demonstration)



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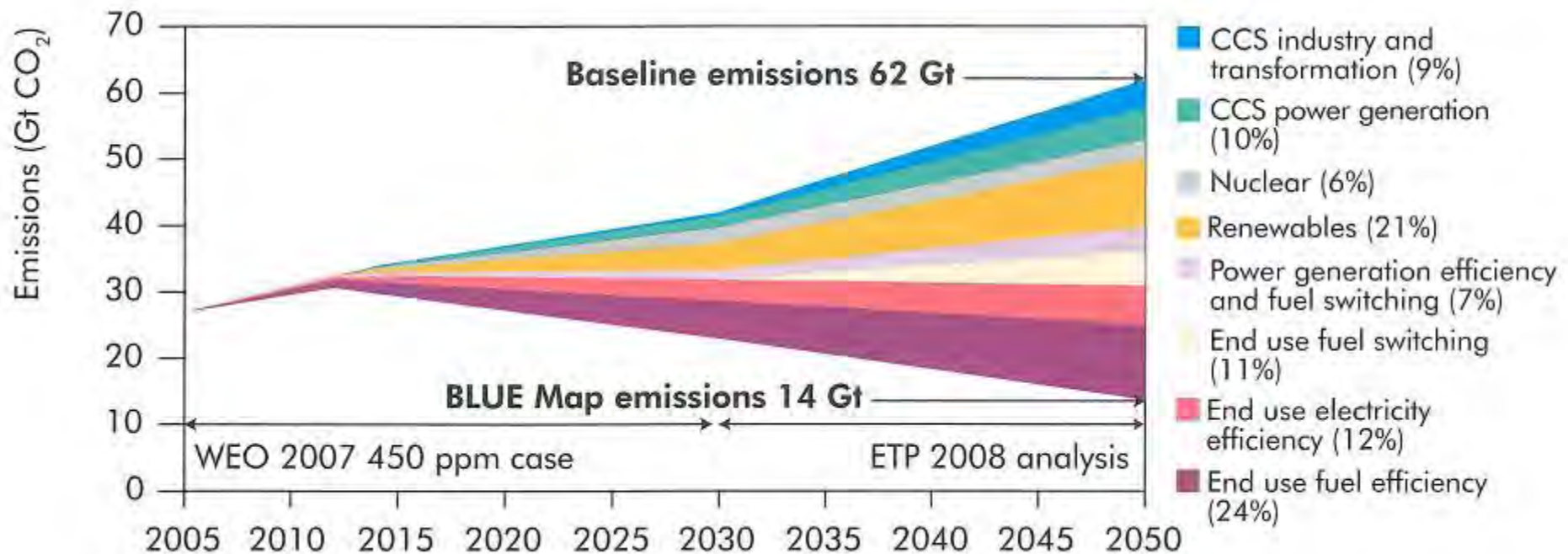
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# GHG Reduction Mitigation Portfolio



Wedges Theory of Prof Stephen Pacala (Princeton Univ) in an SBS's Cutting Edge's documentary, "Power-Surge"

# CCS - Global Mitigation by 2050



Globally, 20% of 48 Gt reduction from CCS – 10 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> pa

One of the portfolio of options

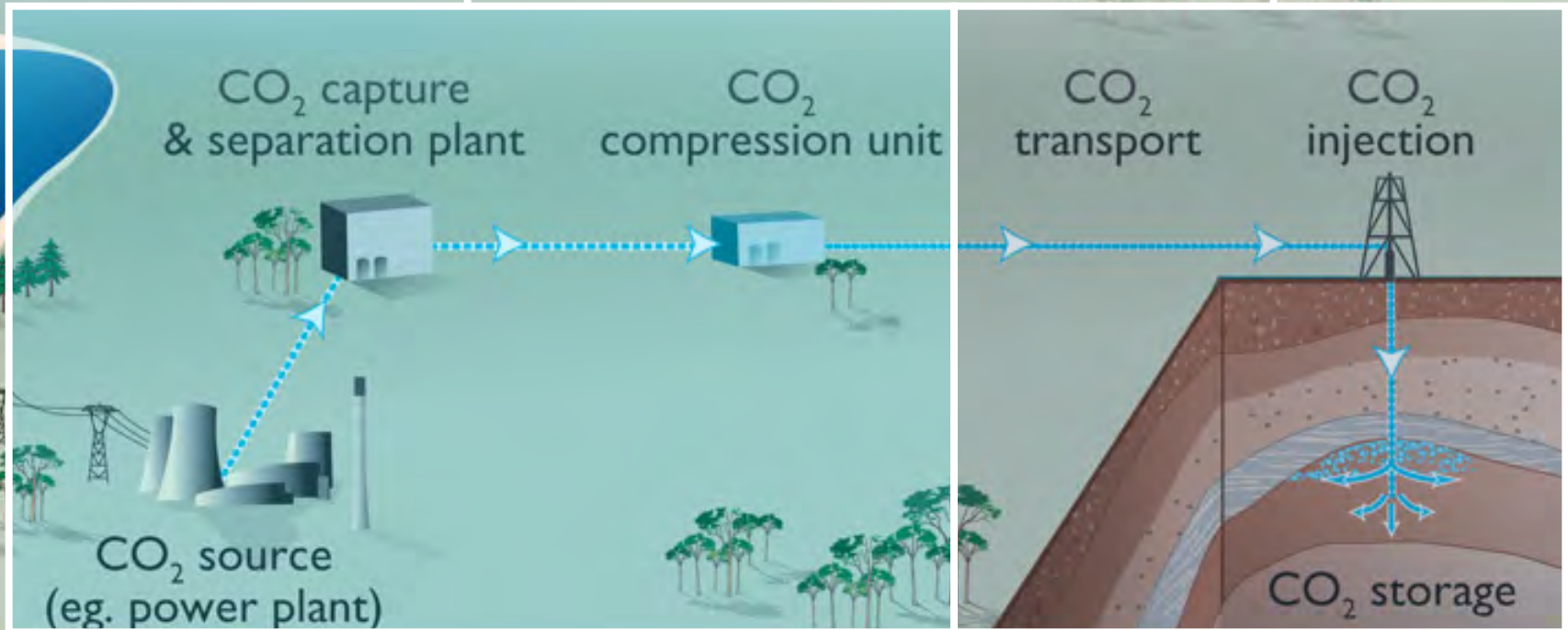
- IEA – 2008 – ETP: Figure 2.2 Contribution of emission reduction options, 2005-2050.



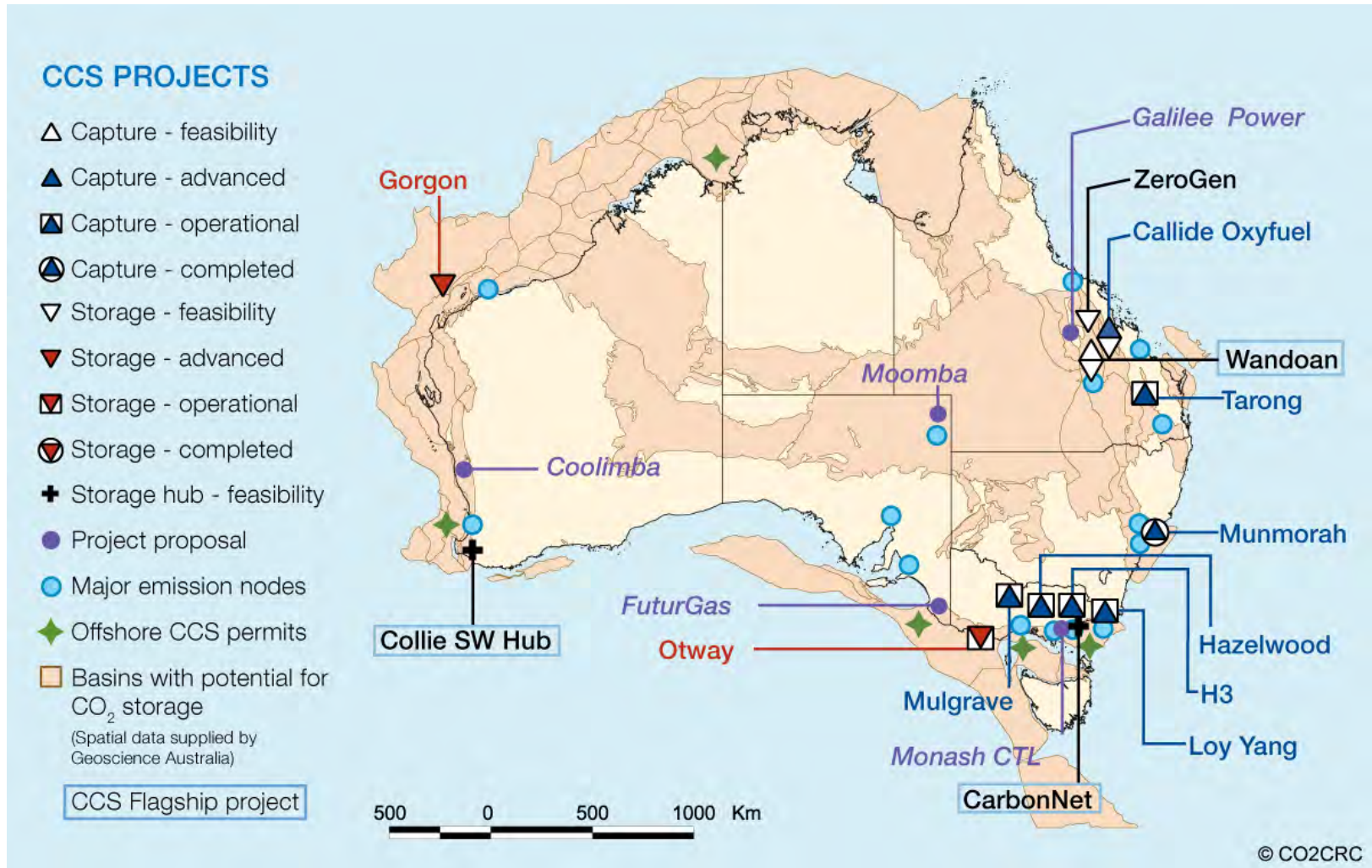
# CO<sub>2</sub>CRC

**Capture Research & Demonstration**

**Storage Research & Demonstration**

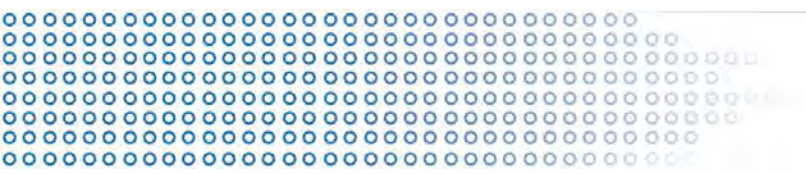
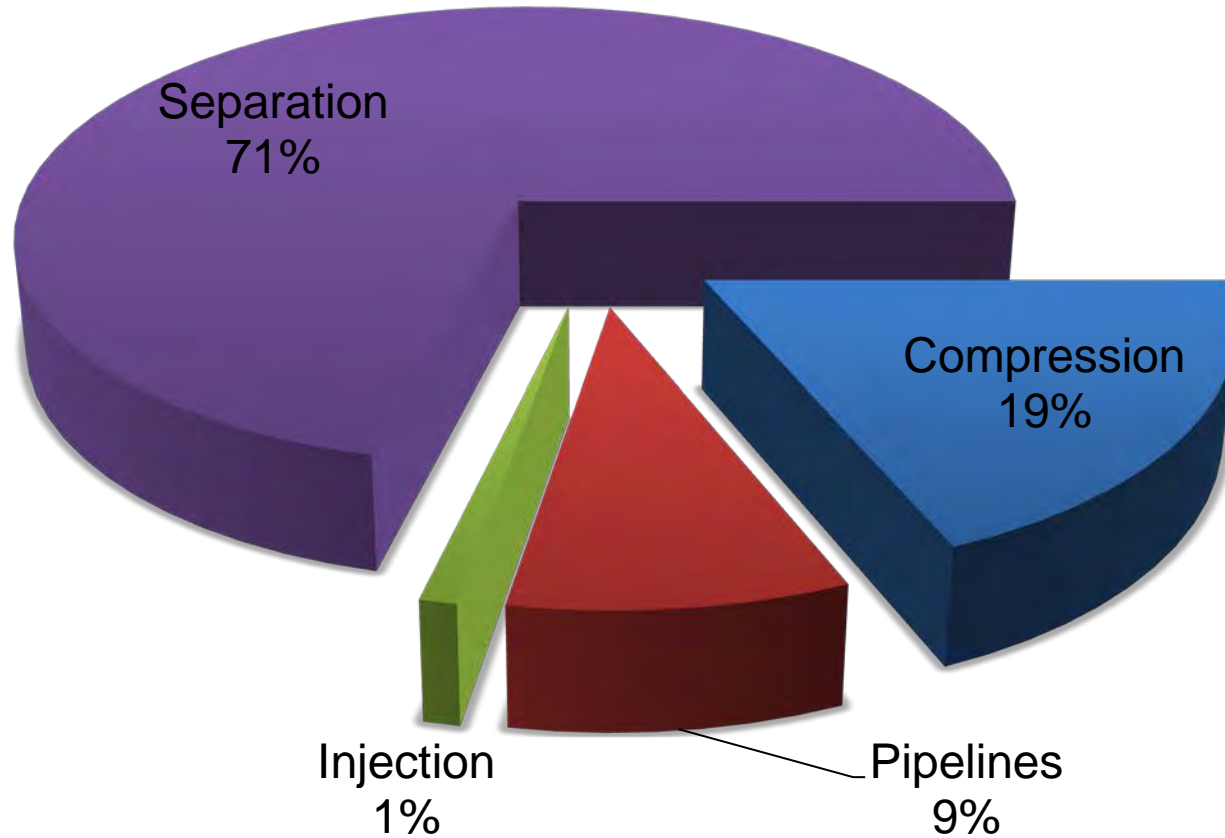


# Carbon capture and storage projects in Australia

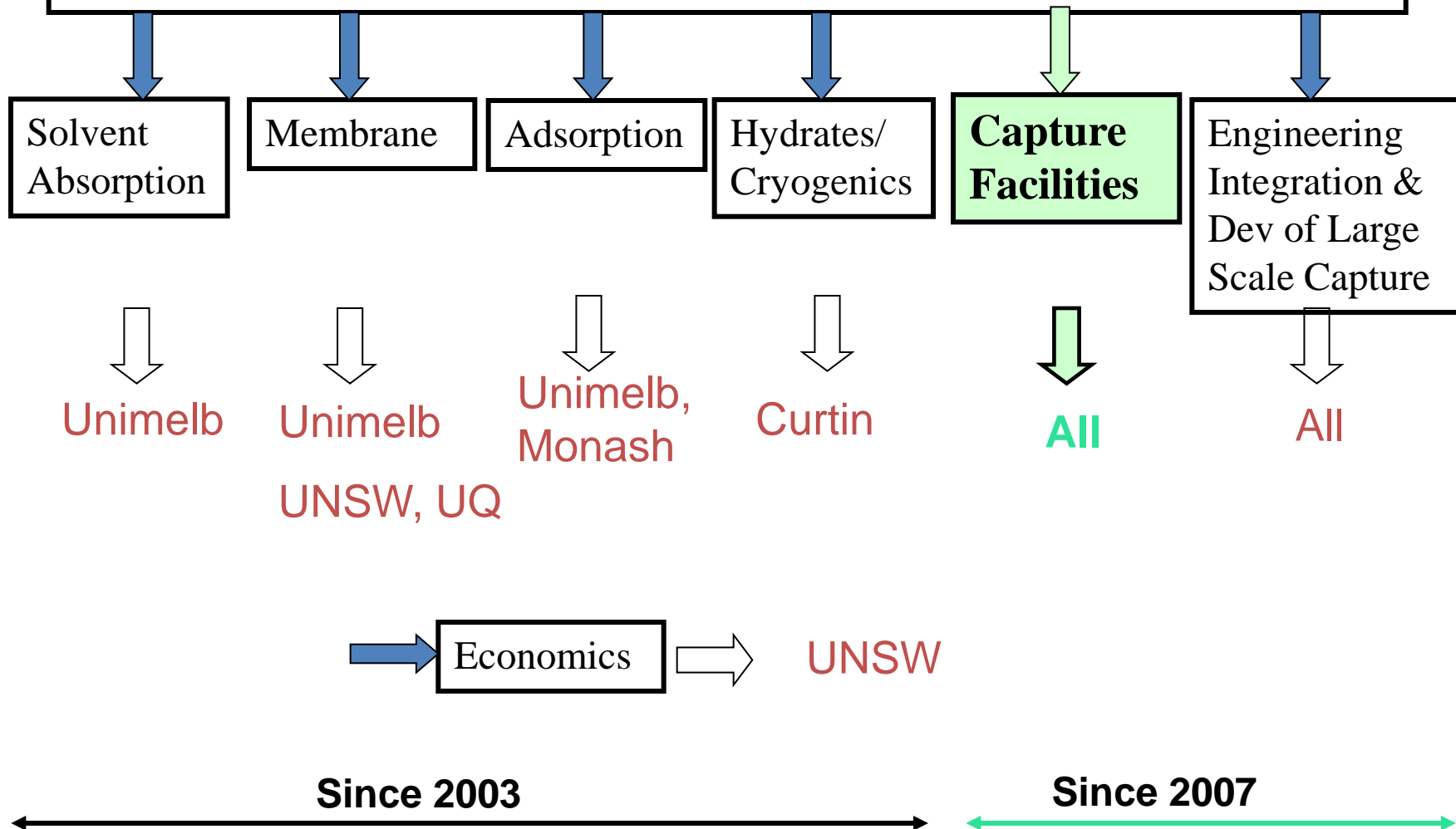


# Indicative cost breakdown

(for optimal pipeline routes in SE Qld)



# CO2CRC Capture Research





# Key Issues for CO<sub>2</sub> Capture for Commercial Application

## Technical, Cost and Safety

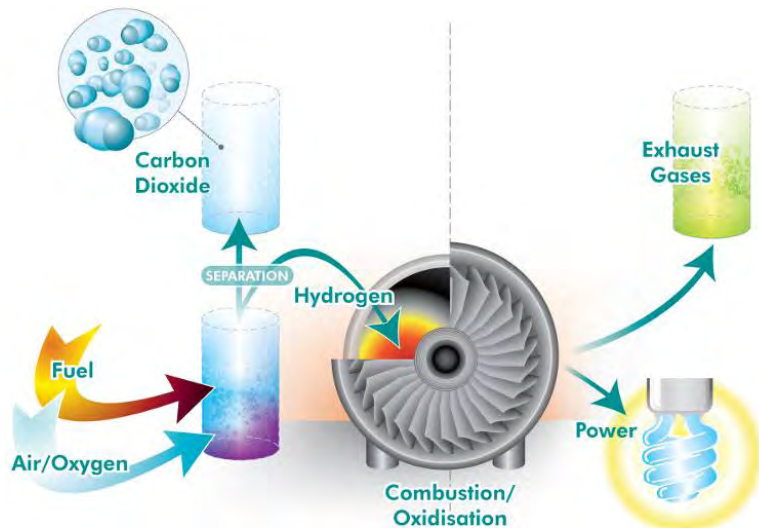
- At what cost and what efficiency?
- how?
- What to do about contaminants?
- Regional hubs?
- Although safety risks are similar as in any other chemical industries, specificity of its application inside power plants is new



# Demonstration of Capture Projects

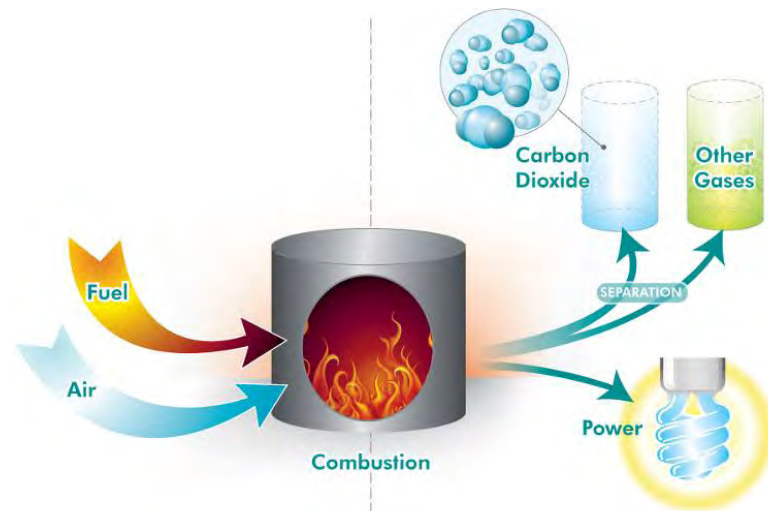
- Background
  - ✓ Brown coal in Latrobe Valley
  - ✓ Initiated by VIC ETIS and supported by BCIA
- Areas: Pre-combustion (~\$6.8 M) and Post-combustion (~\$ 5.5M), each using 3 diff technologies: **Absorption, Membrane & Adsorption**

Gasification – pre-combustion capture



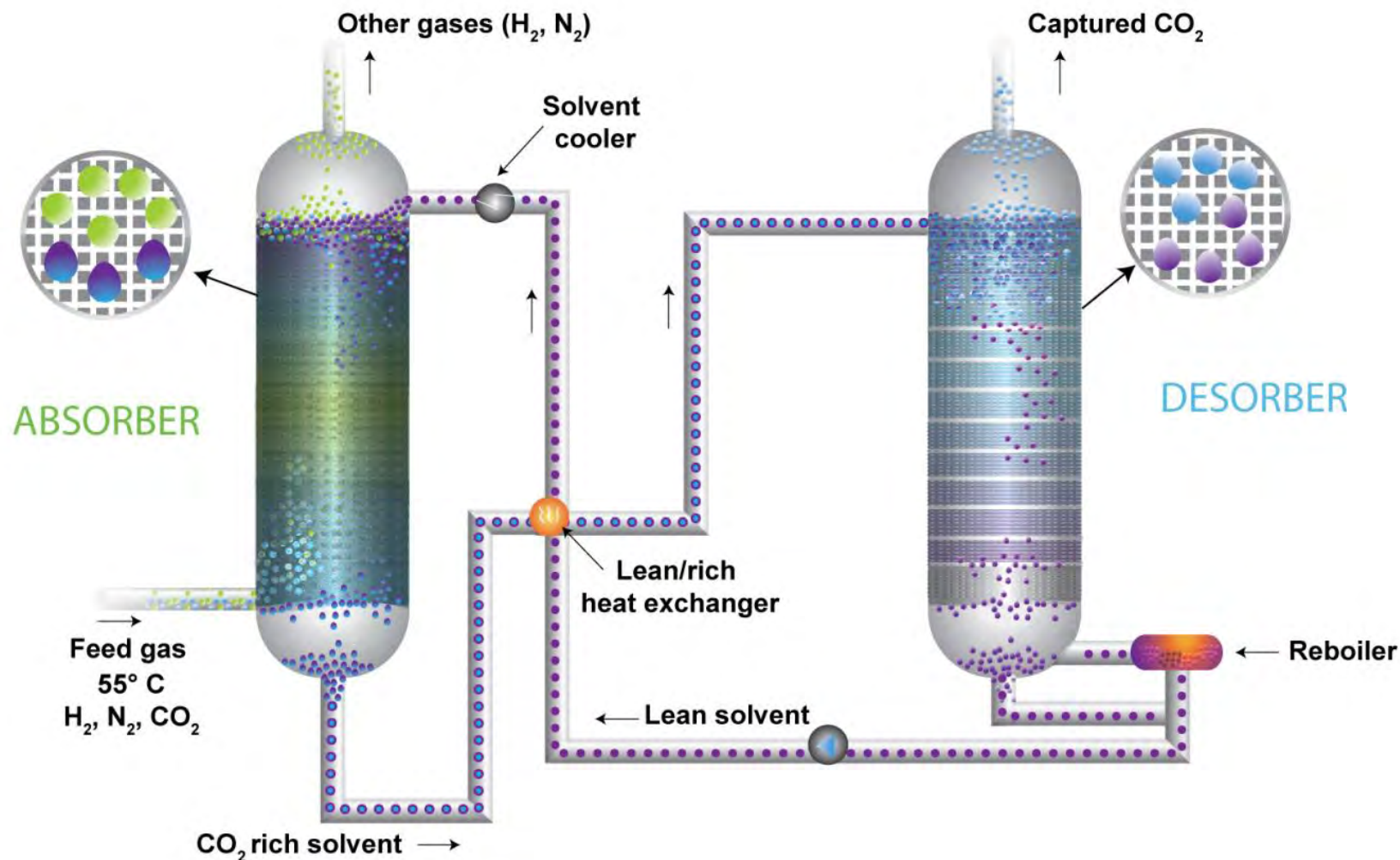
CO<sub>2</sub> Vol% - up to 40%

Post combustion capture

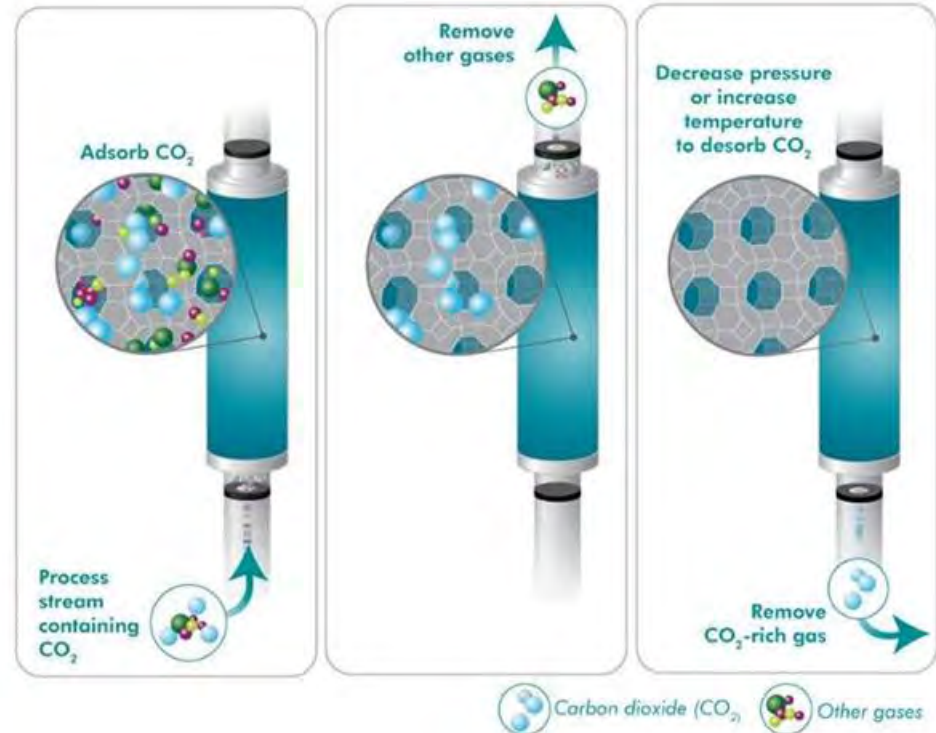
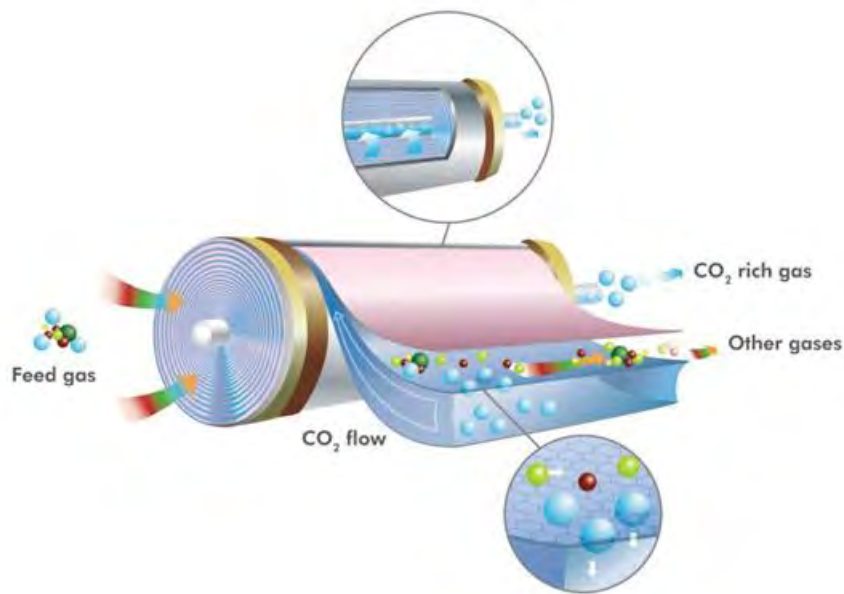


CO<sub>2</sub> Vol% - 12 to 15%

# Solvent Absorption Process

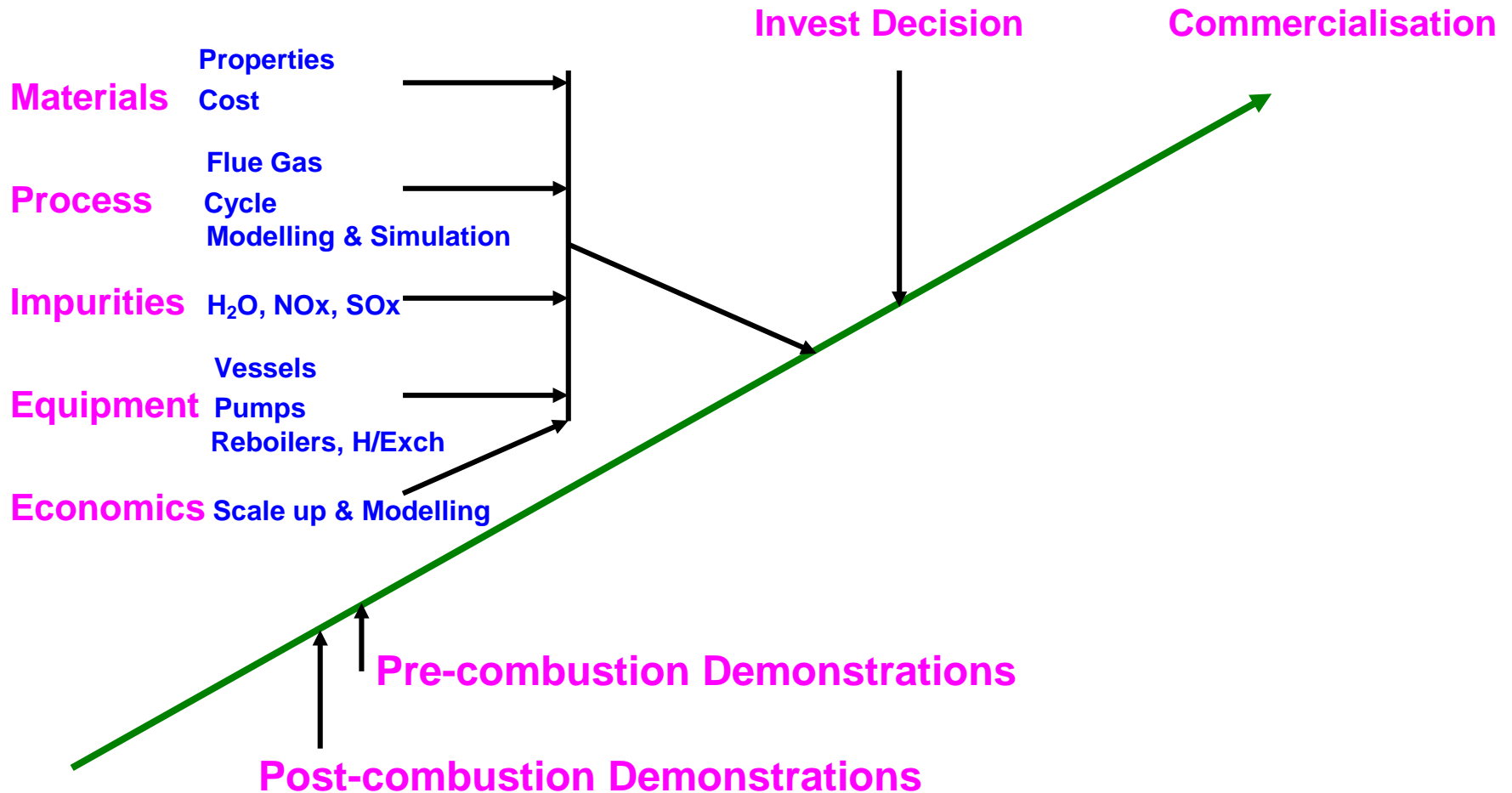


# Membrane and Adsorption Process





# Broad Research Picture



# Demonstration Projects Focus

- **develop, operate and maintain CO2CRC's world-class capture facilities**
- **nurture novel capture opportunities in early stages of development**

## Lab capture program (Research)

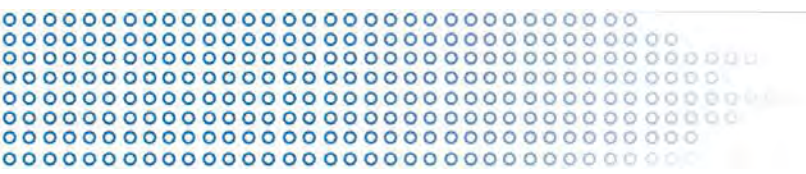
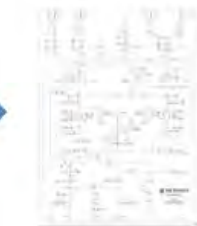
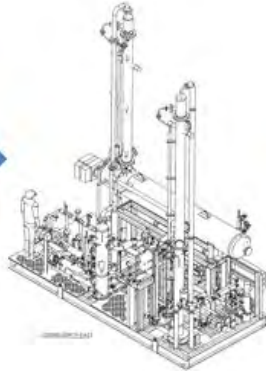
- **Research on capture technologies: solvent, membrane, adsorbent, and cryogenics**
- **Develop existing materials / new novel materials, relevant processes and equipment to lower capture cost**
- **Support to pilot plant operation and evolution of results**



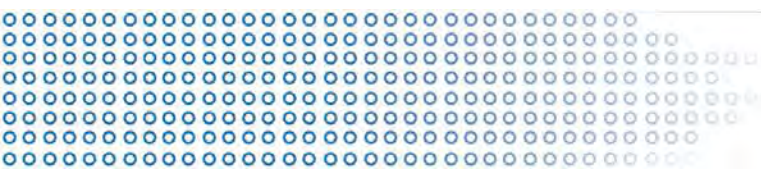
## Capture Demonstration program (in pilot scale)

- **Testing of existing and emerging technologies using real flue gas / syngas**
- **Identification of engineering issues and ways to resolve them**
- **Hands-on operational experience**
- **Verification of simulation results and recommend requirements for future test and commercial scale plants**

# From Lab to Design to Pilot: CO2CRC Mulgrave Capture Project (Pre-combustion)



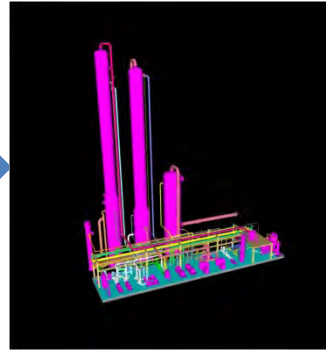




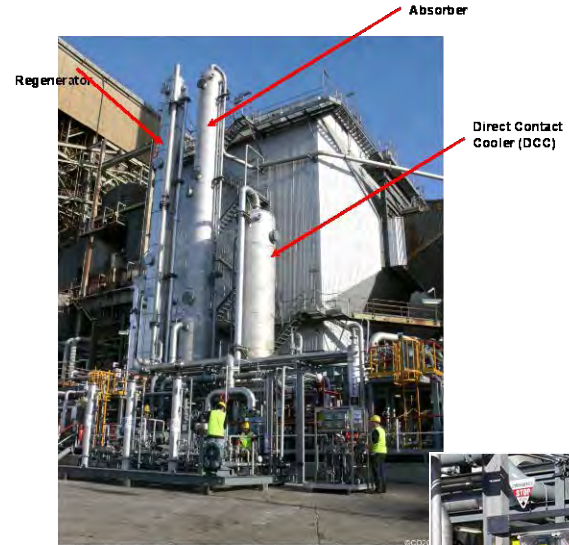
# From Lab to Design to Pilot: H3 Capture Project at Hazelwood



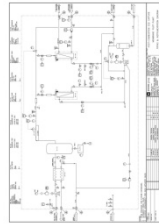
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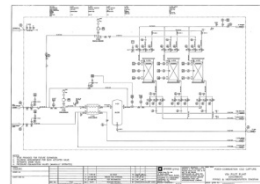
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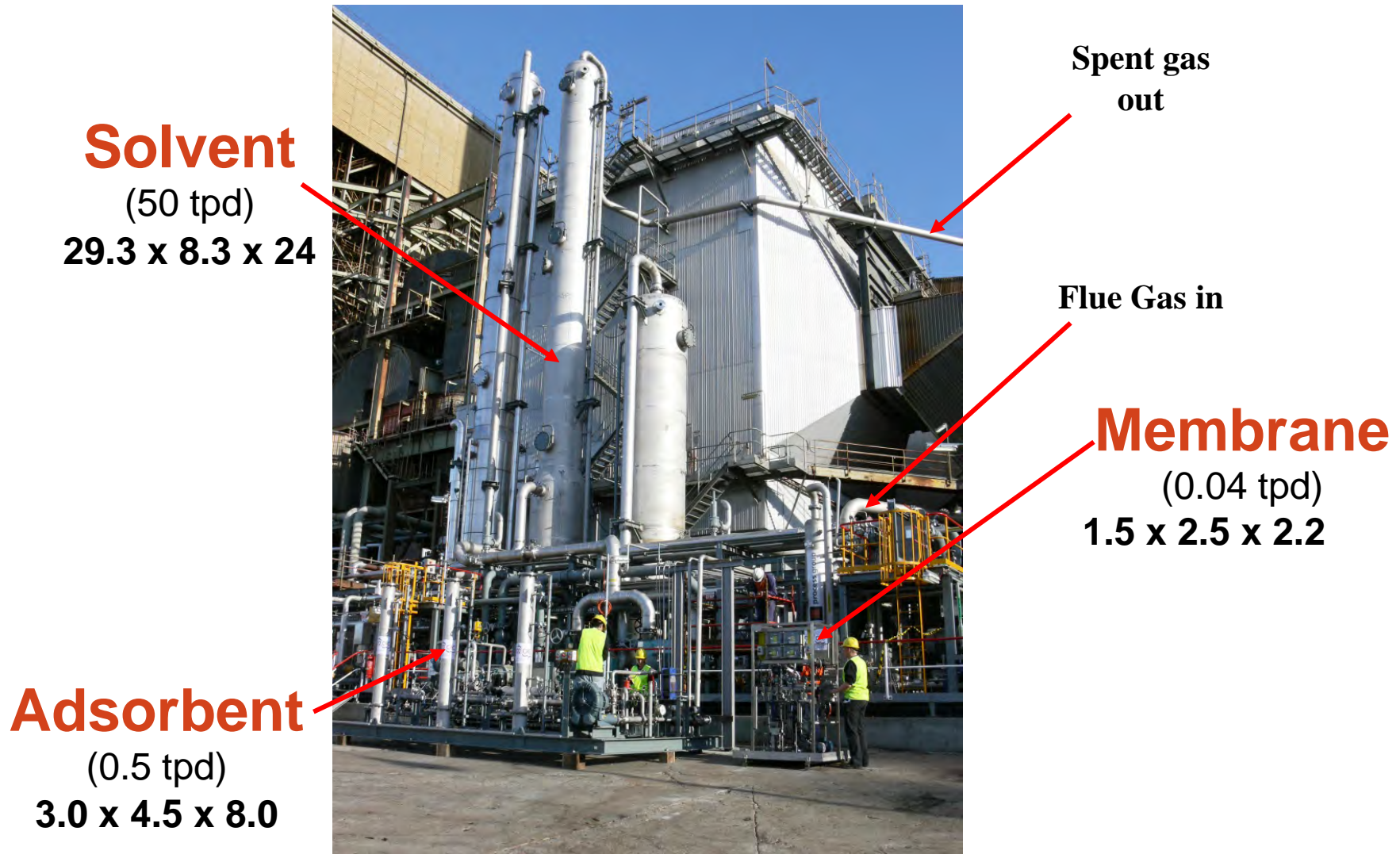


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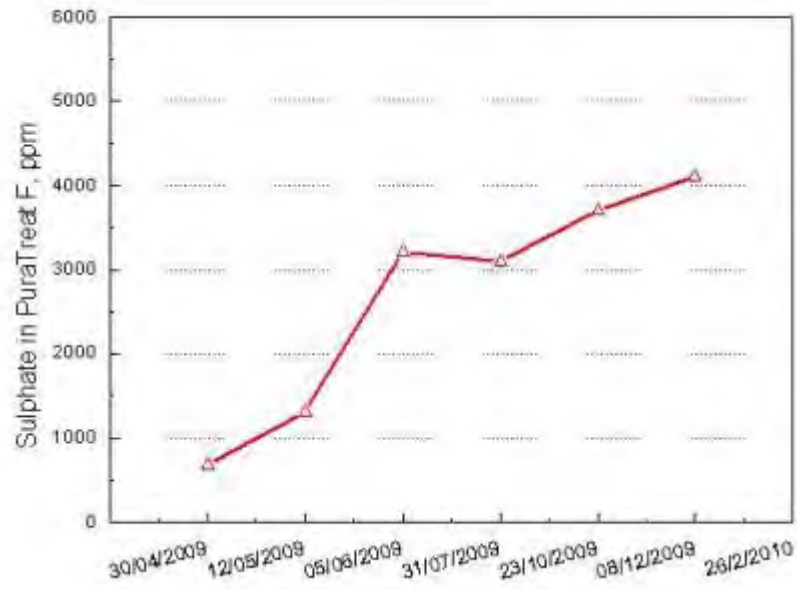


# H3 Capture Project at Hazelwood Power Plant

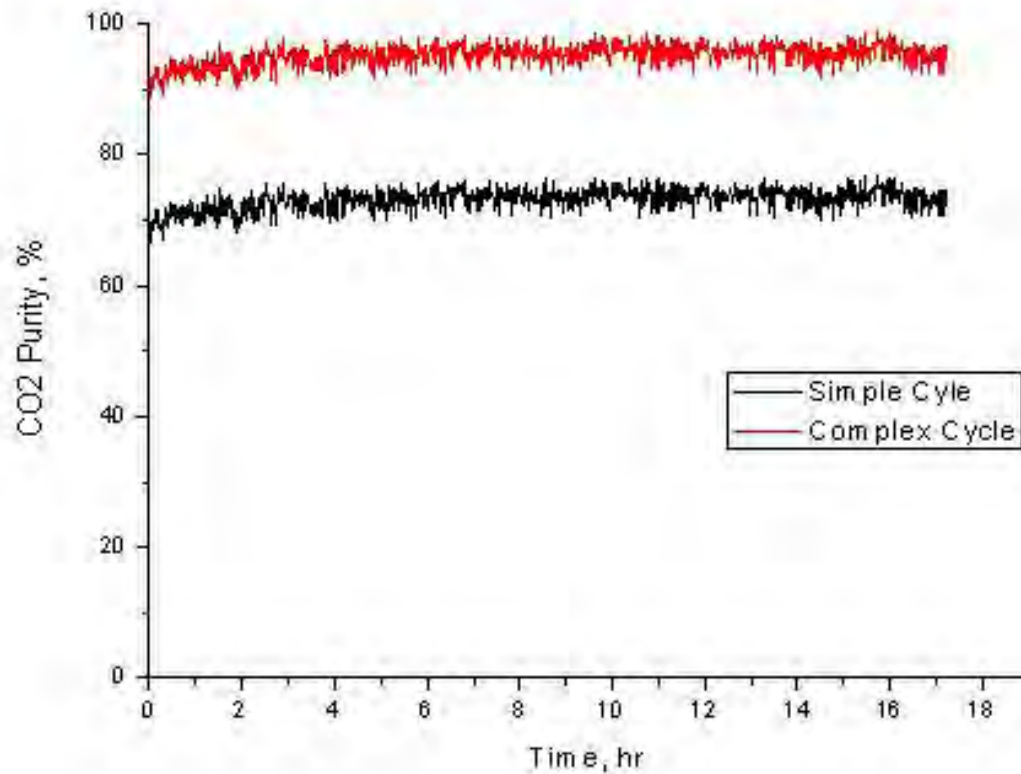




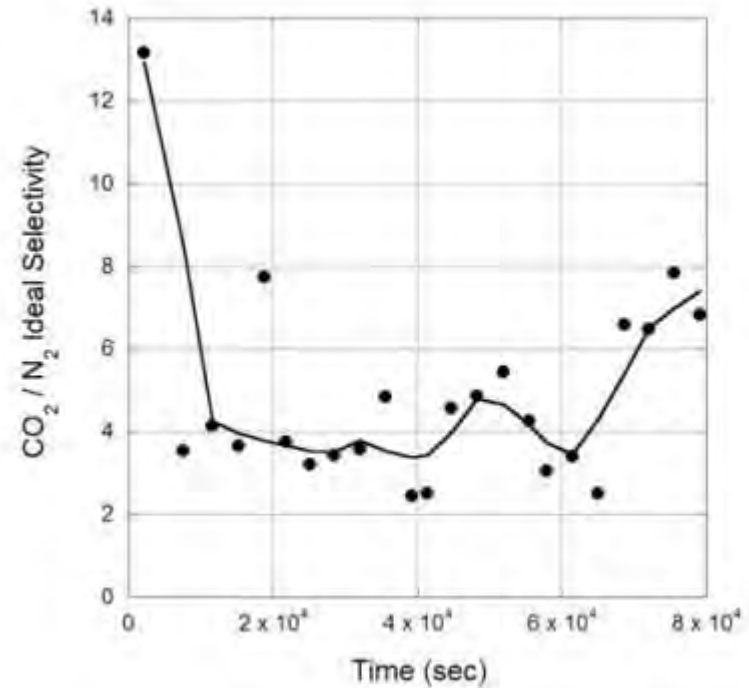
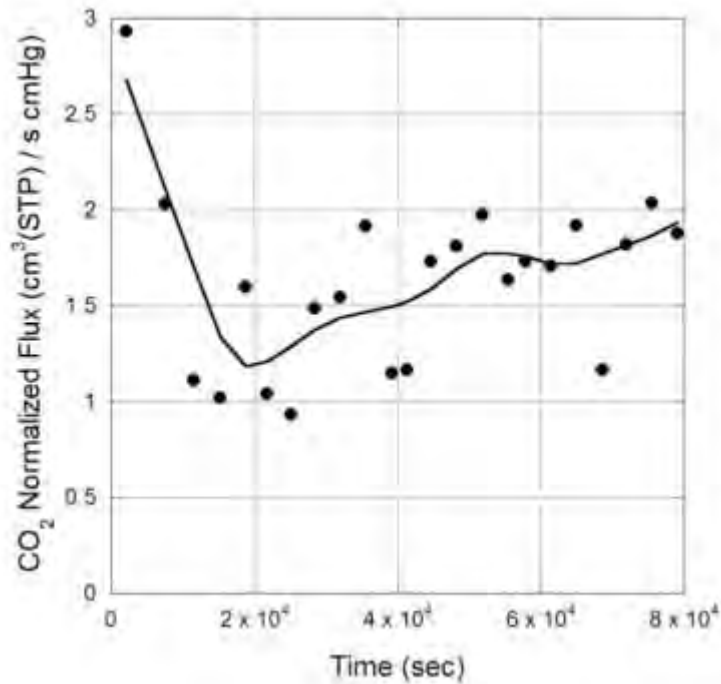
# Sulphate build-up in PuraTreat™ F and Precipitation in $K_2CO_3$



# Product Purity – Adsorption Tests



# Gas Separation Membrane Tests



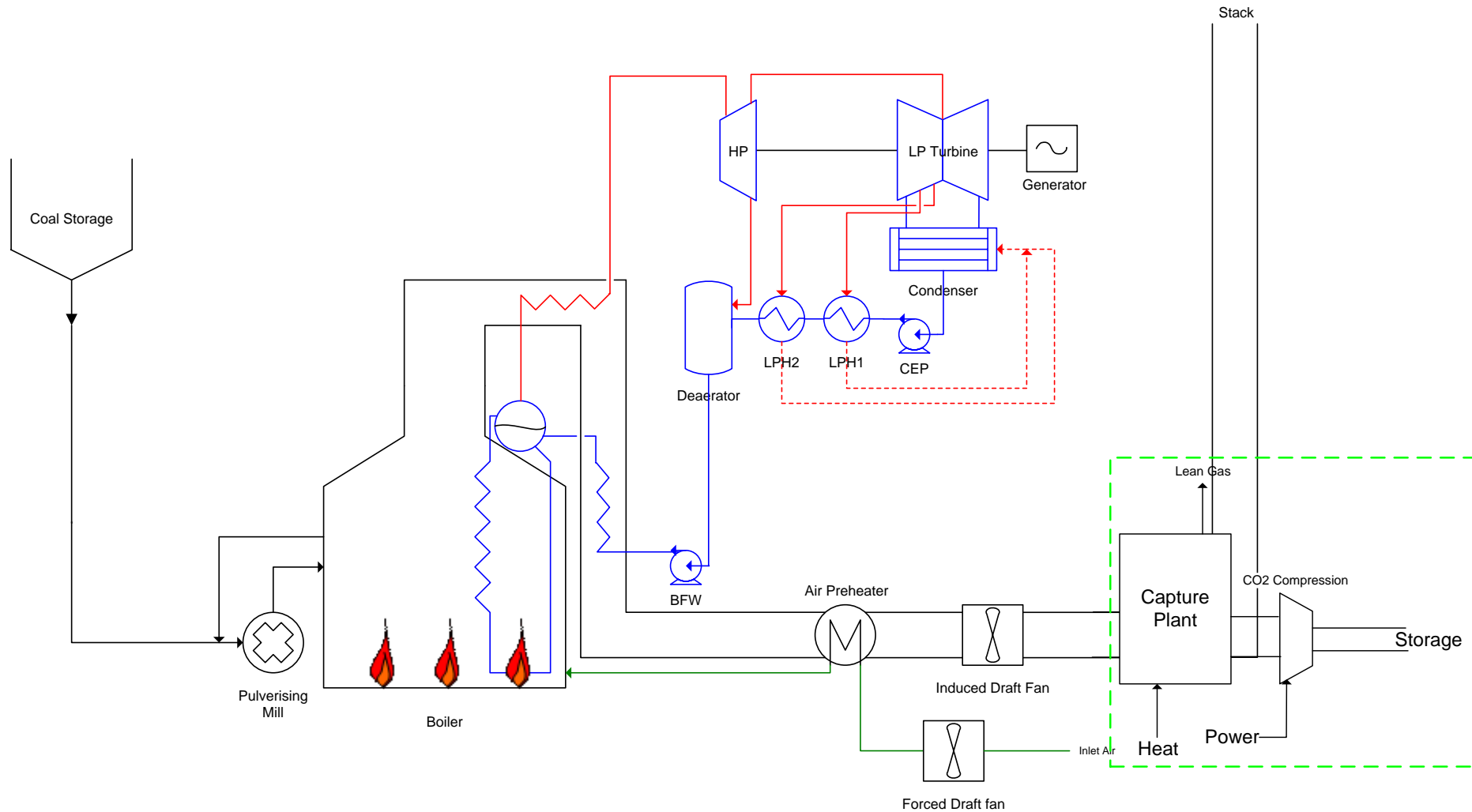


# Data Evaluation

**Data acquired helped producing information on:**

- ✓ **Large scale simulation**
- ✓ **Plant & process improvement (Energy penalty)**
- ✓ **Economics (Cost per tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided, Cost of Electricity etc)**
- ✓ **Comparison between various technologies for commercial scale CCS and confidence in implementing them**
- ✓ **Skill development**
- ✓ **Recommendations for further development**

# Pulverised Coal Power Generation

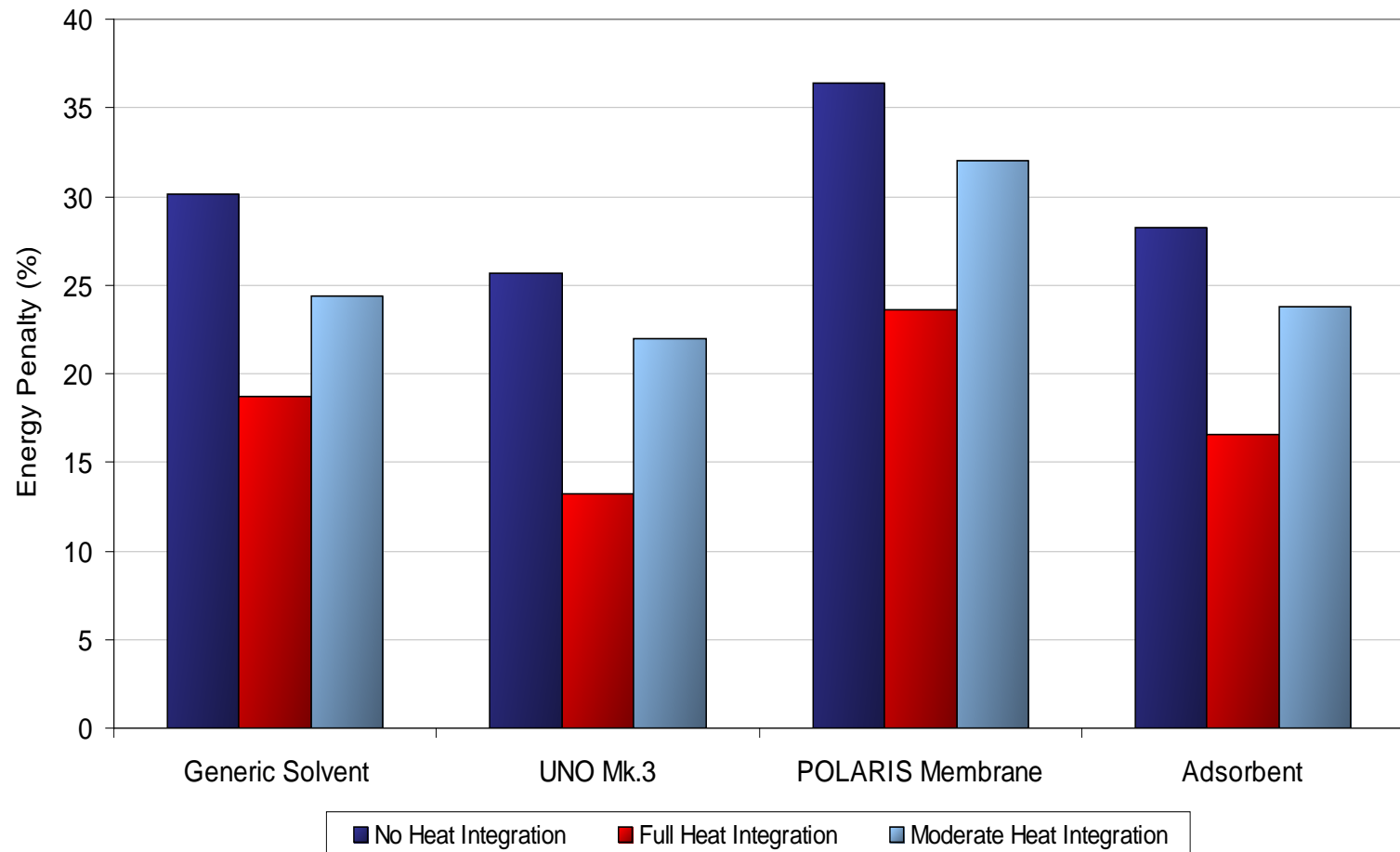


# CO2CRC UNO MK3 Solvent Capture Project at Hazelwood (with funding from BCIA)

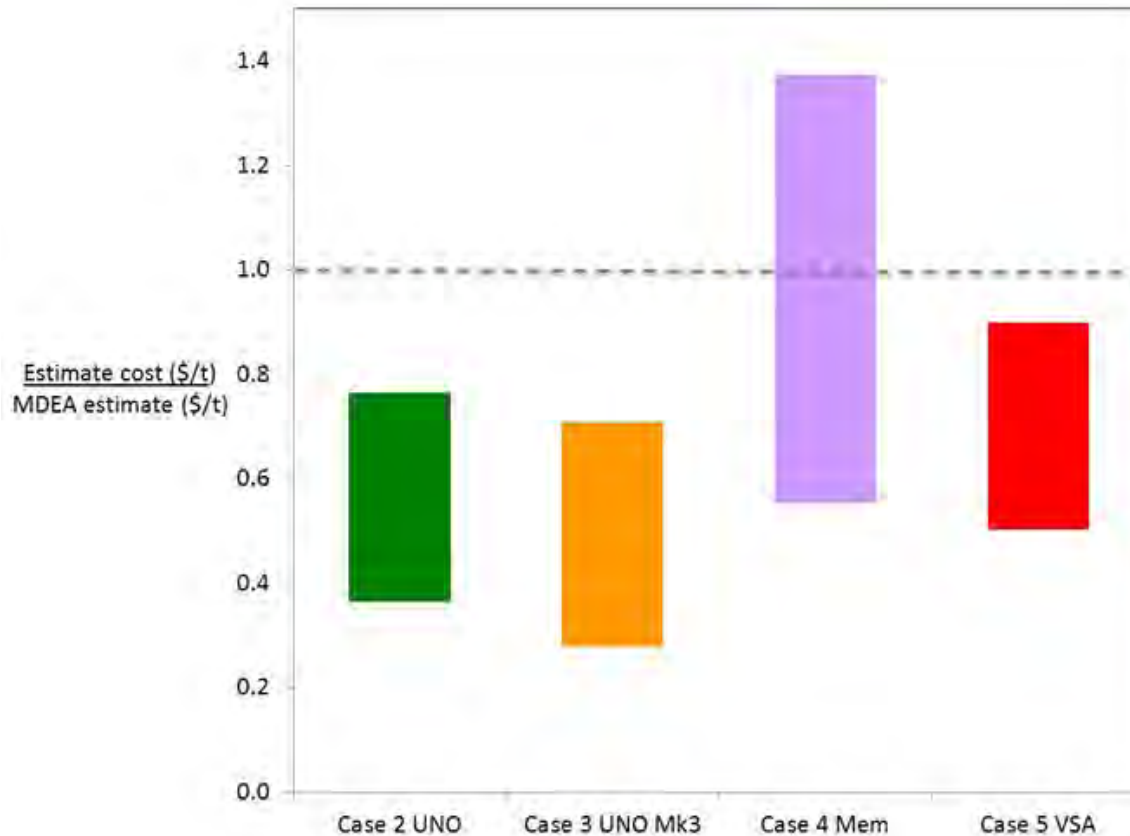
- 1 tonne per day CO<sub>2</sub> capture plant to test and demonstrate the CO2CRC precipitating potassium carbonate solvent (UNO MK3) process is under commissioning at this stage
- Involves researchers for CO2CRC based at the University of Melbourne and UNSW
- This process is expected to be more efficient and economic than a conventional solvent process



# Energy Penalty for the Options Reviewed



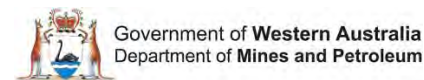
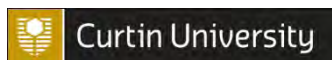
# Ratio of upper and lower estimate costs for alternative CO<sub>2</sub> capture technologies compared to the estimate for MDEA solvent



# Outcomes & Future Status

- **Two capture demonstration projects (total 6 pilot plants)**
  - ✓ Met objectives and gained confidence in the safe design, construction, erection and the operation of capture plants in power plant set up.
  - ✓ First application of the 3 different capture techn in parallel
  - ✓ Data towards scaling up: plant & process; handling impurities; heat & process integration; economics
  - ✓ Skills development in all areas: over 20 researchers involved
  - ✓ Visitors; 150 publs, 35 in refereed journals, ..... etc enhanced the cause and awareness of CCS
- **Authoritative project management established for multi-party, multi-site, multi-objective projects. Careful management with people skills to satisfy various interest groups**
- **Although safety risks are similar as in any other chemical industry, specificity of its application inside power plants is new**
- **Work is underway for the new project funded by BCIA to test/ demonstrate our solvent ppt system (UNO MK 3)**

# CO2CRC Participants



**Supporting Partners:** The Global CCS Institute | The University of Queensland | Process Group | Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory  
CANSYD Australia | Government of South Australia | Charles Darwin University | Simon Fraser University

