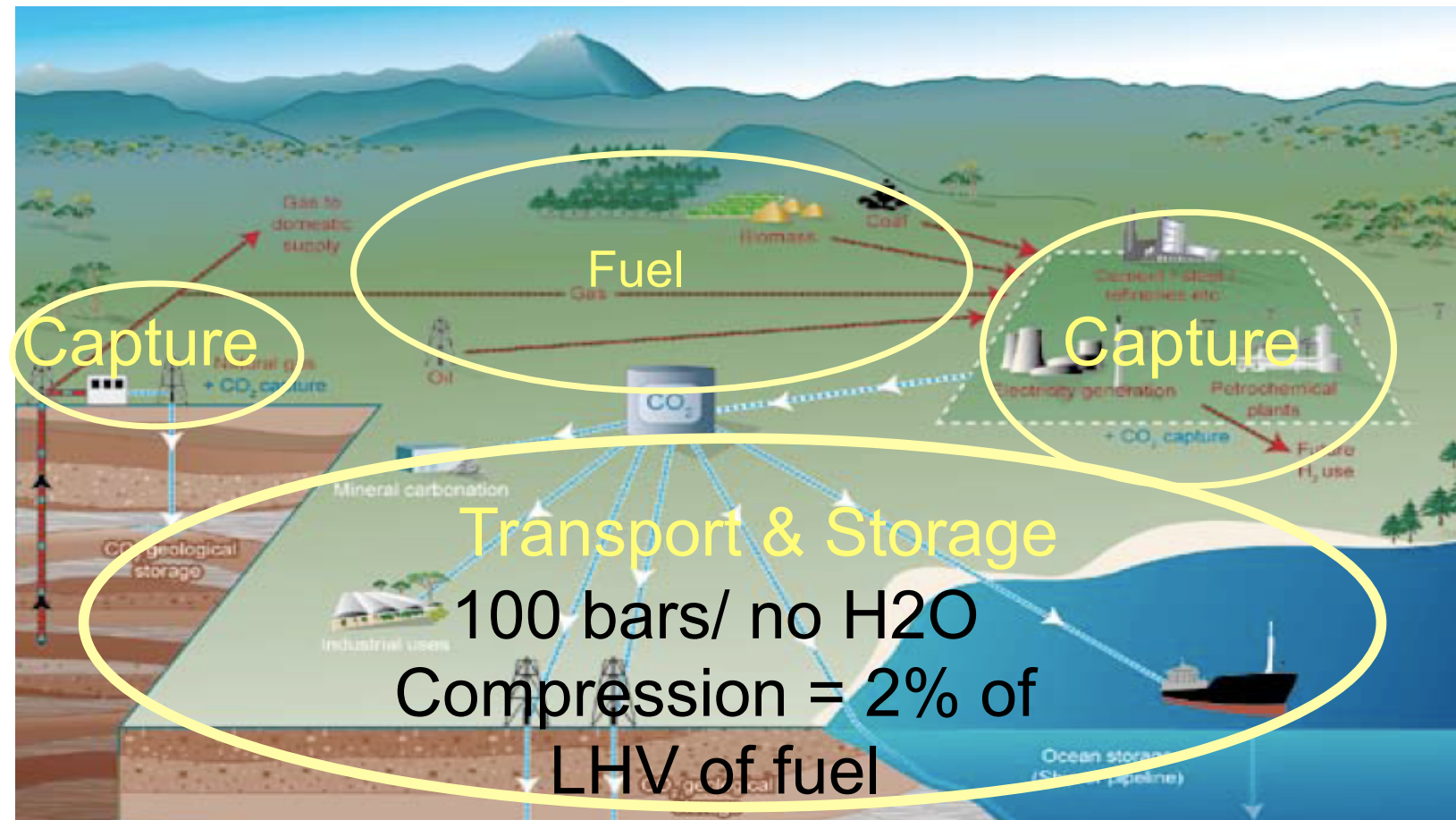


# CO<sub>2</sub> Capture, Sequestration and Re-Use

## Part II Sequestration or Re-Use

**Prof. François Marechal**

# CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage (CCS)

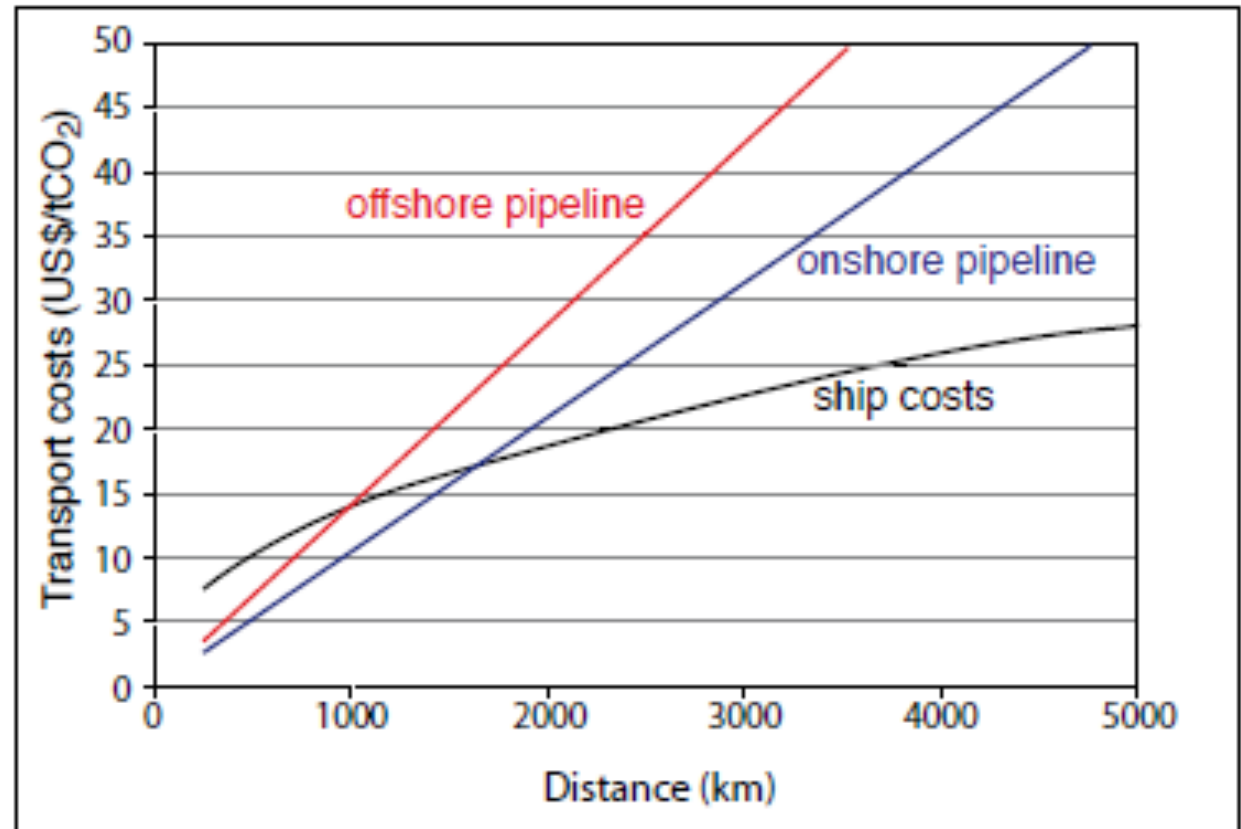


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# CO<sub>2</sub> transport

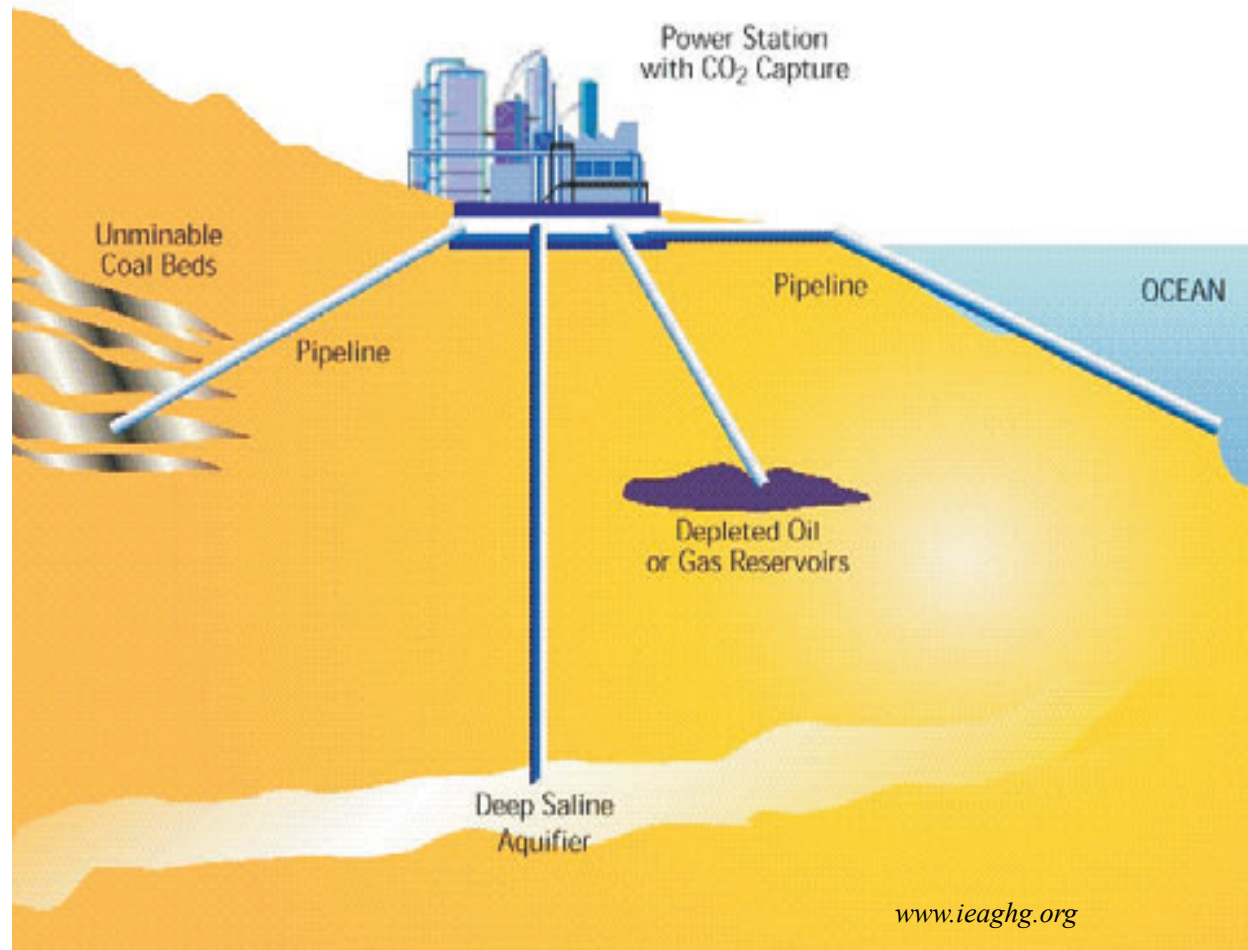
## CO<sub>2</sub> transport methods

- Pipelines
  - <1500km (small distance)
  - CO<sub>2</sub> 8MPa
  - > 20 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>/year
- Ship
  - > 1500 km (large distance)
  - CO<sub>2</sub> liq. 0.7MPa
  - ~6 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>/year
- Road & rail tankers
  - CO<sub>2</sub> -20°C, 2MPa
  - Very small scale
  - uneconomical for large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> transportation



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# CO<sub>2</sub> storage



# CO<sub>2</sub> storage : Geological storage

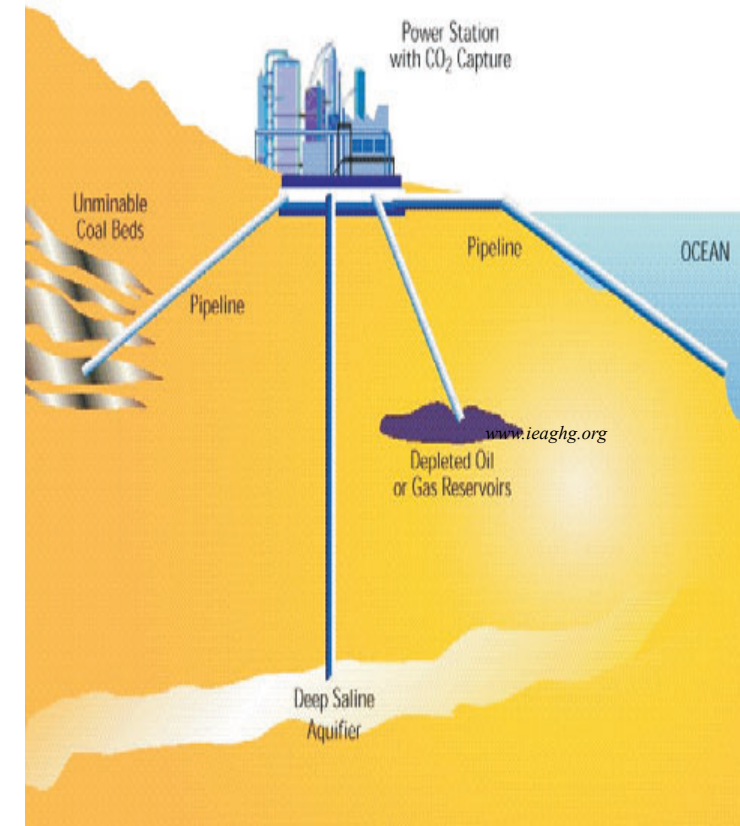
## Geological storage

- Enhanced Oil/Gas Recovery (EOR/EGR)
  - CO<sub>2</sub> is used to push gas out of gas/oil fields
  - In 2004 only 20% of the CO<sub>2</sub> used for EOR is captured CO<sub>2</sub> from energy conversion
  - Use of Water => produces toxics and radioactive elements
  - 3.15 t CO<sub>2</sub> extracted (after combustion) per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> sequestered !
- Enhanced Coal Bed Methane recovery (ECBM)
  - CO<sub>2</sub> substitutes the absorbed CH<sub>4</sub> in deep coal mines and
  - is trapped into the pore matrix of the coal due to
  - the higher affinity of CO<sub>2</sub> with coal than CH<sub>4</sub>
  - Twice as much CO<sub>2</sub> as CH<sub>4</sub> can be absorbed, so the balance is positive even if the CO<sub>2</sub> released by CH<sub>4</sub> combustion is accounted for

# CO<sub>2</sub> storage

## Geological storage

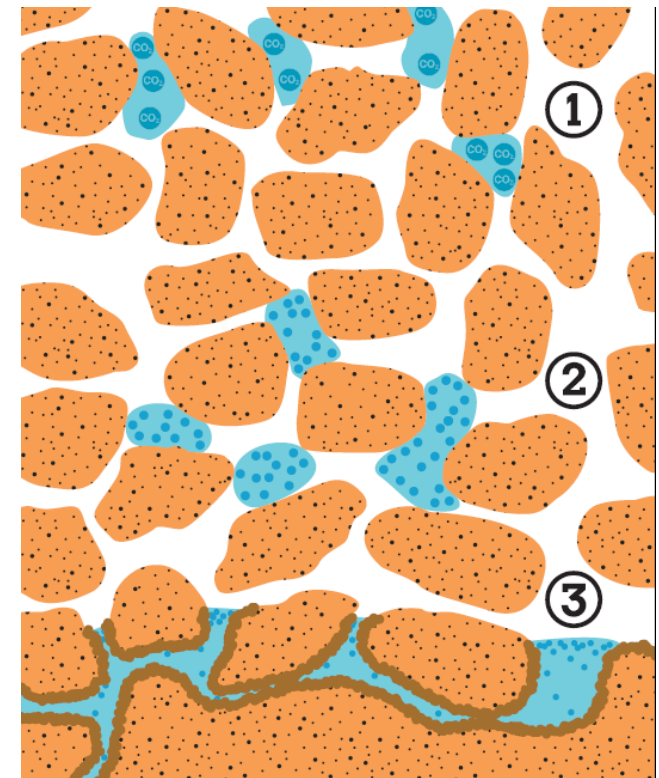
- Deep saline formations (storage in aquifers)
  - Dissolution in saline waters (not suitable for potable water)
  - CO<sub>2</sub> chemically trapped by chemical reaction producing carbonates
- Storage in mines & chemical storage
  - CO<sub>2</sub> reaction with naturally occurring minerals (magnesium silicate) to produce carbonates that could be stored permanently



# CO<sub>2</sub> storage

## Trapping methods

- Residual trapping
  - Injected CO<sub>2</sub> is trapped in the tiny pores of the rocks
- Dissolution trapping
  - Part of the CO<sub>2</sub> dissolves into the surrounding water
- Mineral trapping
  - Heavy CO<sub>2</sub>-rich water sinks to the reservoir's bottom where over time it may react to form minerals (limestone, sandstone)



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# CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity

## Geological storage capacity

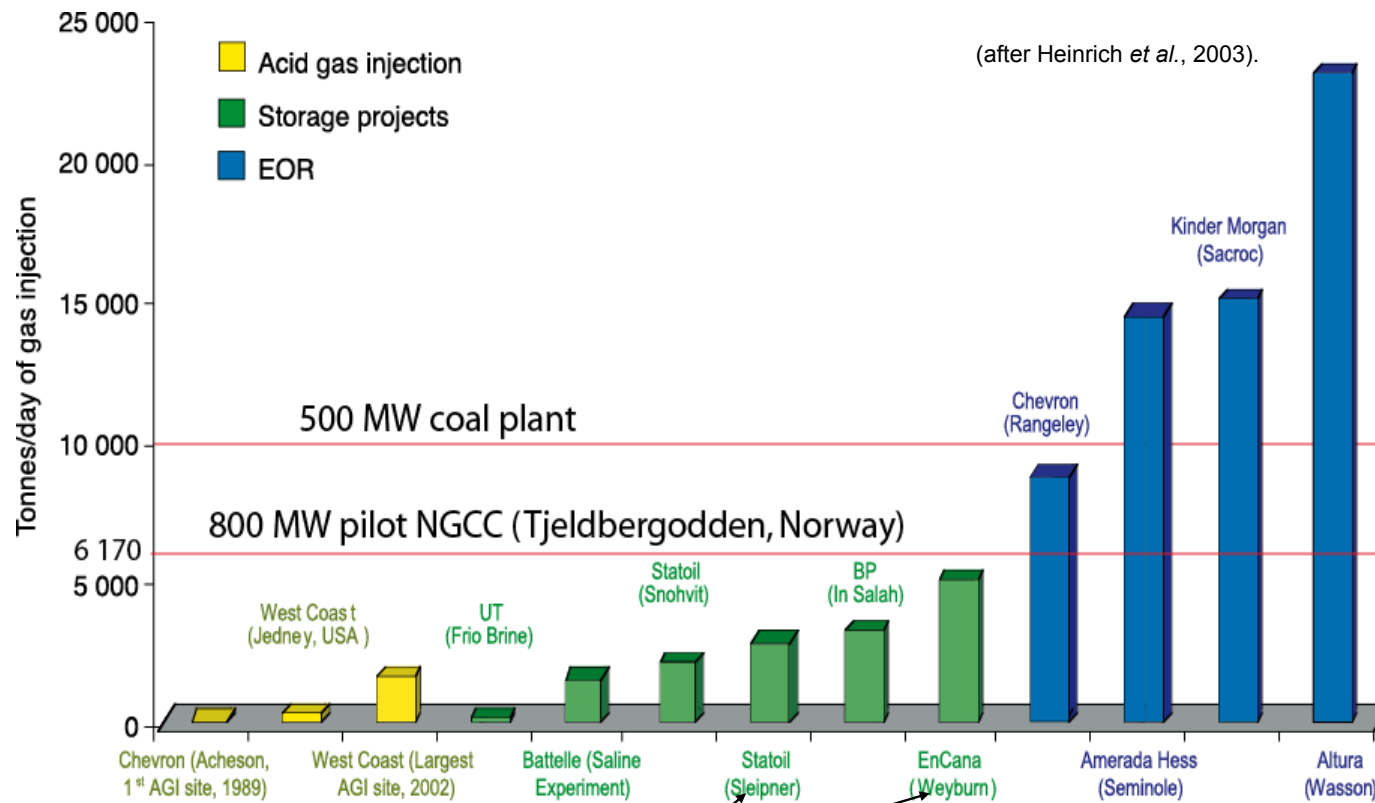
| Option                | Lower estimate GtCO <sub>2</sub> | Upper estimate GtCO <sub>2</sub> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Oil/Gas fields        | 675                              | 900                              |
| Unminable coal beds   | 3-15                             | 200                              |
| Deep saline formation | 1000                             | 10000                            |

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- Economic potential for CCS: 200-2000 GtCO<sub>2</sub>
- Largely sufficient geological storage capacity
- Storage cost depends on:
  - Depth & permeability of storage formation
  - Number of wells needed for injection
  - Type of reservoir
  - Onshore/offshore
  - 0.5-8 \$/tCO<sub>2</sub> + 0.1-0.3 \$/tCO<sub>2</sub> monitoring
  - Including EOR 10-16\$/tCO<sub>2</sub> net profit (depends on oil/gas prices)



# CCS: gas injection projects

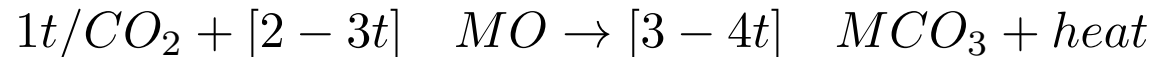


3 injection sites (1-2 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>/yr) are running since several years :  
Norway (1996), Canada (2000), Algeria (2004)

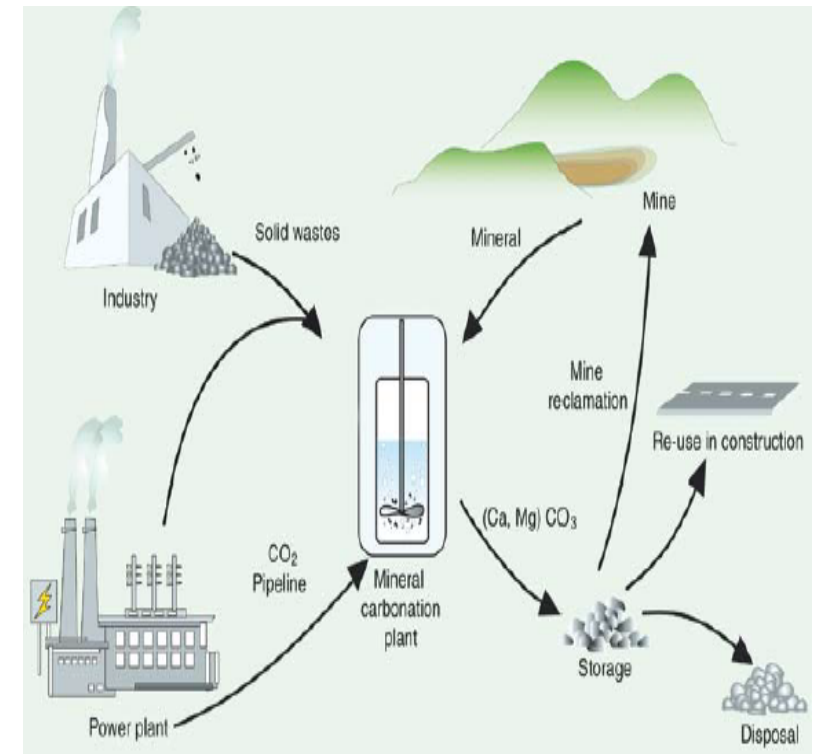
# CO<sub>2</sub> storage by carbonation

## Mineral Carbonation

- CO<sub>2</sub> conversion to solid inorganic carbonates by chemical reaction



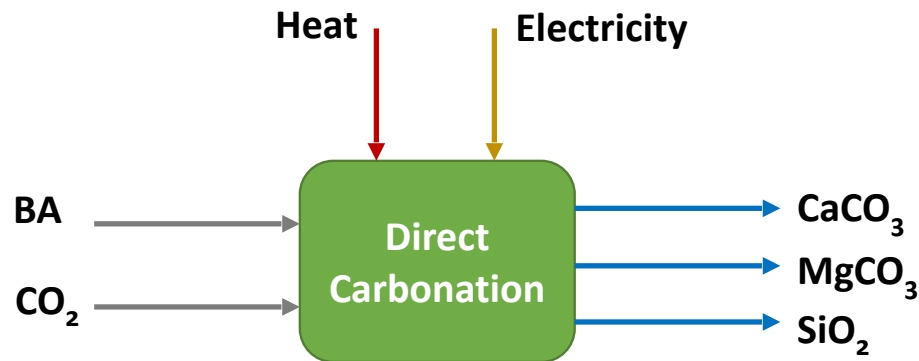
- MO= Metal oxide (MgO, CaO) or Mg<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>, Mg<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub>
- Magnesium carbonate (MgCO<sub>3</sub>) or calcium carbonate (CaCO<sub>3</sub> limestone)
- =accelerated or assisted natural “weathering”
- Available silicate rocks are larger than needed to fix all fossil-derived CO<sub>2</sub>, however limited to technically exploitable reserves
- Heat ≈ 60 kJ/mol CO<sub>2</sub> (to compare with 400 kJ/mol CO<sub>2</sub> for combustion)
- CCS system with carbonation 60-180% more energy input per kWh than reference plant without capture
- Cost: 50-100\$/tCO<sub>2</sub> mineralized
- Considerable environmental
- impact mining & disposal



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# EPFL Wet Direct Carbonation Balance

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| Carbonation Reactor | Inlet | Outlet | Unit |
|---------------------|-------|--------|------|
| SiO <sub>2</sub>    | 10.5  | 11.9   | t/h  |
| MgSiO <sub>4</sub>  | 1.17  | 1.13   | t/h  |
| CaSiO <sub>3</sub>  | 5.2   | 2.6    | t/h  |
| Σ Feedstocks (BA)   | 16.9  | 15.6   | t/h  |
| CO <sub>2</sub>     | 1.00  | 0      | t/h  |
| CaCO <sub>3</sub>   | 0     | 2.22   | t/h  |
| MgCO <sub>3</sub>   | 0     | 0.05   | t/h  |

|                            |     |                      |
|----------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| Heat pre-treatment (650°C) | 161 | kWh/tCO <sub>2</sub> |
| Heat reaction (80 -150°C)  | 106 | kWh/tCO <sub>2</sub> |
| Electricity [1]            | 685 | kWh/tCO <sub>2</sub> |

The Mass balance reference is 1t/h of stored CO<sub>2</sub>

## References:

- IPESE [1]: Ostavari, H. et al. Rock 'n' use of CO<sub>2</sub>: carbon footprint of carbon capture and utilization by mineralization. Sustainable Energy fuels, 2020, 4, 4482

# Summary: CCS cost

| CCS system components                                          | Cost range                                   | Remarks                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Capture from a coal- or gas-fired power plant                  | 15-75 US\$/tCO <sub>2</sub> net captured     | Net costs of captured CO <sub>2</sub> , compared to the same plant without capture.                                      |
| Capture from hydrogen and ammonia production or gas processing | 5-55 US\$/tCO <sub>2</sub> net captured      | Applies to high-purity sources requiring simple drying and compression.                                                  |
| Capture from other industrial sources                          | 25-115 US\$/tCO <sub>2</sub> net captured    | Range reflects use of a number of different technologies and fuels.                                                      |
| Transportation                                                 | 1-8 US\$/tCO <sub>2</sub> transported        | Per 250 km pipeline or shipping for mass flow rates of 5 (high end) to 40 (low end) MtCO <sub>2</sub> yr <sup>-1</sup> . |
| Geological storage <sup>a</sup>                                | 0.5-8 US\$/tCO <sub>2</sub> net injected     | Excluding potential revenues from EOR or ECBM.                                                                           |
| Geological storage: monitoring and verification                | 0.1-0.3 US\$/tCO <sub>2</sub> injected       | This covers pre-injection, injection, and post-injection monitoring, and depends on the regulatory requirements.         |
| Ocean storage                                                  | 5-30 US\$/tCO <sub>2</sub> net injected      | Including offshore transportation of 100-500 km, excluding monitoring and verification.                                  |
| Mineral carbonation                                            | 50-100 US\$/tCO <sub>2</sub> net mineralized | Range for the best case studied. Includes additional energy use for carbonation.                                         |

- CO<sub>2</sub> capture cost determines the CCS cost

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# Summary: Global CCS projects

## According the Global CCS Institute

- 238 projects involving CO<sub>2</sub> capture, transport and/or storage are active or planned worldwide
  - 9 are already operational
  - 2 are under construction
  - 69 are at planning stages (CO<sub>2</sub> capture-transport-storage chain is demonstrated)

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EU CCS projects

Courtesy of the IEAGHG



# CO<sub>2</sub> utilisation

## CO<sub>2</sub> can be used as a product

**Table 7.2** Industrial applications of CO<sub>2</sub> (only products or applications at the Mtonne-scale): yearly market, amount of CO<sub>2</sub> used, its source, and product lifetime (Aresta and Tommasi, 1997; Hallman and Steinberg, 1999; Pelc et al., 2005). The figures in the table are associated with a large uncertainty.

| Chemical product class or application | Yearly market (Mt yr <sup>-1</sup> ) | Amount of CO <sub>2</sub> used per Mt product (MtCO <sub>2</sub> ) | Source of CO <sub>2</sub>        | Lifetime <sup>b</sup> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Urea                                  | 90                                   | 65                                                                 | Industrial                       | Six months            |
| Methanol (additive to CO)             | 24                                   | <8                                                                 | Industrial                       | Six months            |
| Inorganic carbonates                  | 8                                    | 3                                                                  | Industrial, Natural <sup>a</sup> | Decades to centuries  |
| Organic carbonates                    | 2.6                                  | 0.2                                                                | Industrial, Natural <sup>a</sup> | Decades to centuries  |
| Polyurethanes                         | 10                                   | <10                                                                | Industrial, Natural <sup>a</sup> | Decades to centuries  |
| Technological                         | 10                                   | 10                                                                 | Industrial, Natural <sup>a</sup> | Days to years         |
| Food                                  | 8                                    | 8                                                                  | Industrial, Natural <sup>a</sup> | Months to years       |

<sup>a</sup> Natural sources include both geological wells and fermentation.

<sup>b</sup> The fraction of used CO<sub>2</sub> that is still stored after the indicated period of time drops to zero.

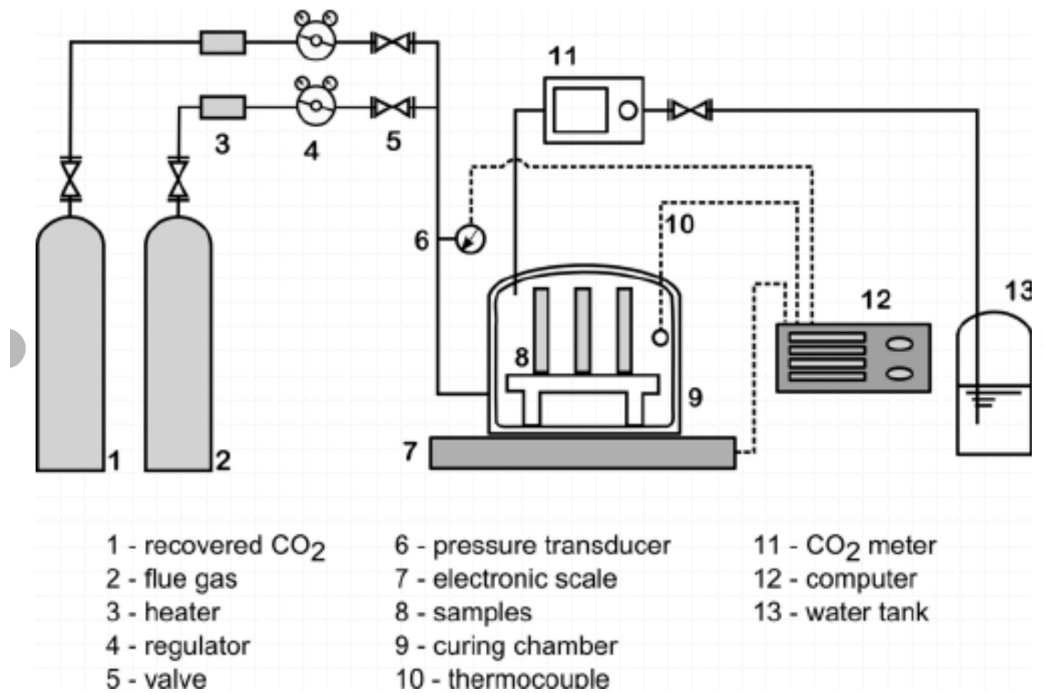
It is important that the CO<sub>2</sub> used as carbon is not going to release fossil C in the atmosphere at an other time e.g. short term plastic usage

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Chapter 7 : Mineral carbonation and industrial uses of carbon dioxide

# EPFL Cement curing

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Carbonation curing schematic for using either pressurized recovered CO<sub>2</sub> or pressurized flue gas.

Per unit CO<sub>2</sub> sequestered    CO<sub>2</sub> emitted    CO<sub>2</sub> avoided

Carbonation

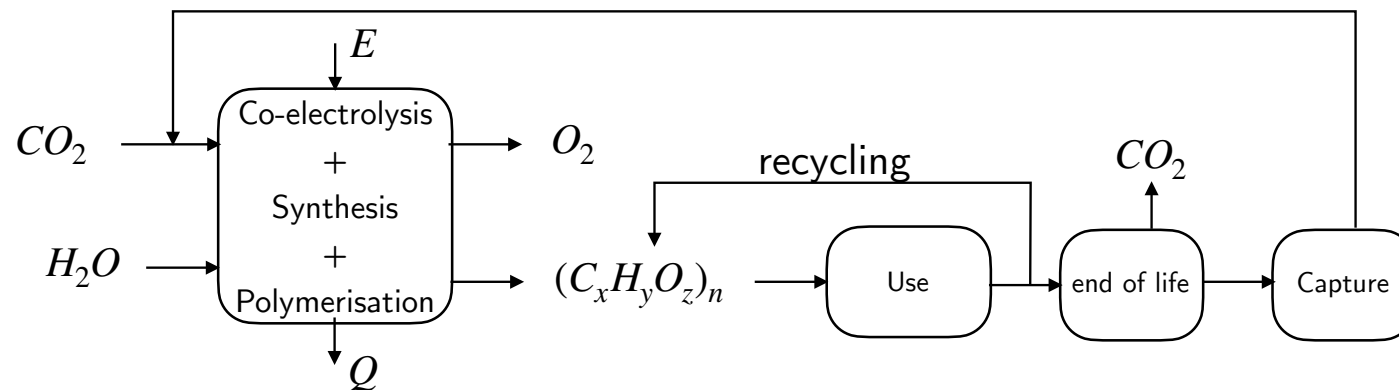
|        |      |      |
|--------|------|------|
| Cu-OPC | 1.4  | 3.35 |
| Cu-WOA | 1.23 | 3.35 |
| Cu-ISS | 2    | 3.35 |
| Cu-WCA | 1.45 | 3.35 |
| Ex-WOA | 0.56 | 3.35 |

use as construction materials (substitution)





- 55 kg/cap/year produced from the waste of fuel production
  - 75 % single use (2.7 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kg polymer = 111 kg/cap/year)
  - 25 % long term use (2.0 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kg polymer = 27.5 kg/cap/year **sequestered**)

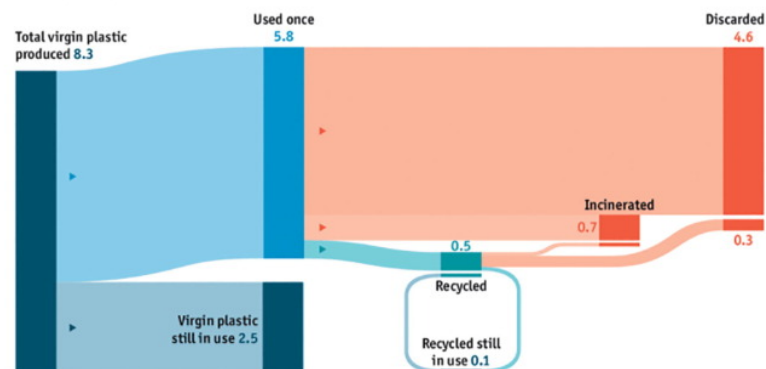


Plastic world production: 55 kg plastics/capita/year



## The end of all things

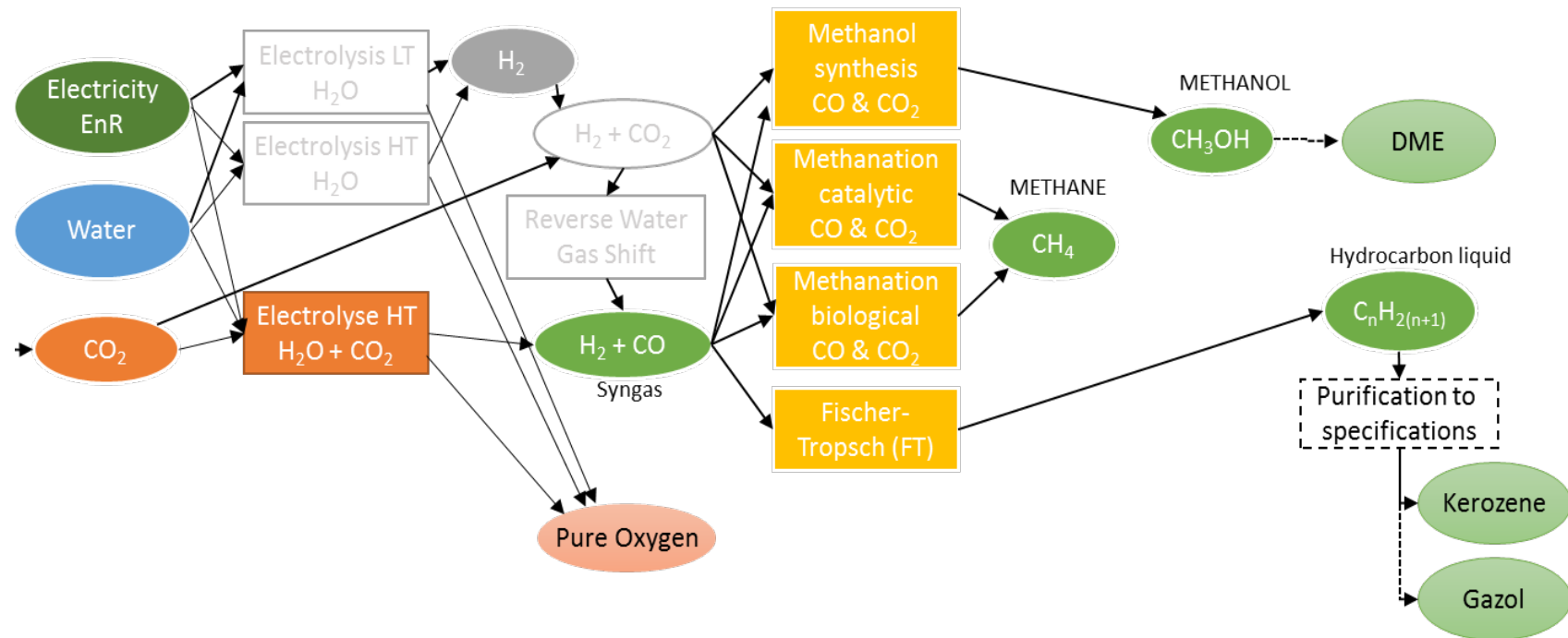
Global plastic production and use, 1950-2015, tonnes, bn



Source: "Production, use, and fate of all plastics ever made" by R. Geyer et al., *Science Advances*

# CO<sub>2</sub> utilization : E-Fuels

Conversion of captured CO<sub>2</sub>: as a source of Carbon  
Power-to-chemicals/stored energy



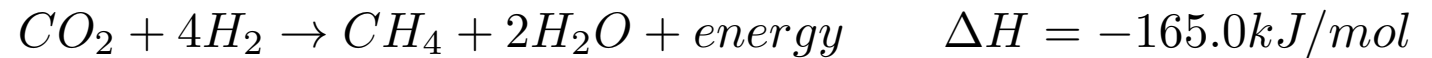
Electricity has to be from renewable energy resources

# CO2 reuse : Power2Gas concepts

**Electrolysis :  $H_2O + E \Rightarrow H_2 + 1/2 O_2$  (e.g. Proton exchange membrane systems eff  $\approx 60\%$ )**

**+ Methanation (Sabatier Reaction)**

- Typical Temperature : 250°C-400°C
- Catalyst : Ni
- Exothermic



- Biological catalysis<sup>(1)</sup>
  - Typical Temperature : 40-70°C
  - Catalyst : thermophilic methanogen *Methanothermobacter thermautotrophicus*
  - [www.electrochea.com](http://www.electrochea.com)
- Co-Electrolysis (SOEC) + Methanation or Fisher-Tropsch
  - Typical Temperature : 800°C



(1) Matthew R. Martin, et al. "A Single-Culture Bioprocess of *Methanothermobacter thermautotrophicus* to Upgrade Digester Biogas by CO<sub>2</sub>-to-CH<sub>4</sub> Conversion with H<sub>2</sub>," *Archaea*, vol. 2013, Article ID 157529, 11 pages, 2013.

(2) Diethelm, S., Herle, J. V., Montinaro, D. and Bucheli, O. (2013), Electrolysis and Co-Electrolysis Performance of SOE Short Stacks. *Fuel Cells*, 13: 631–637. doi: 10.1002/fuce.201200178

# EPFL Fuels production : Power2X

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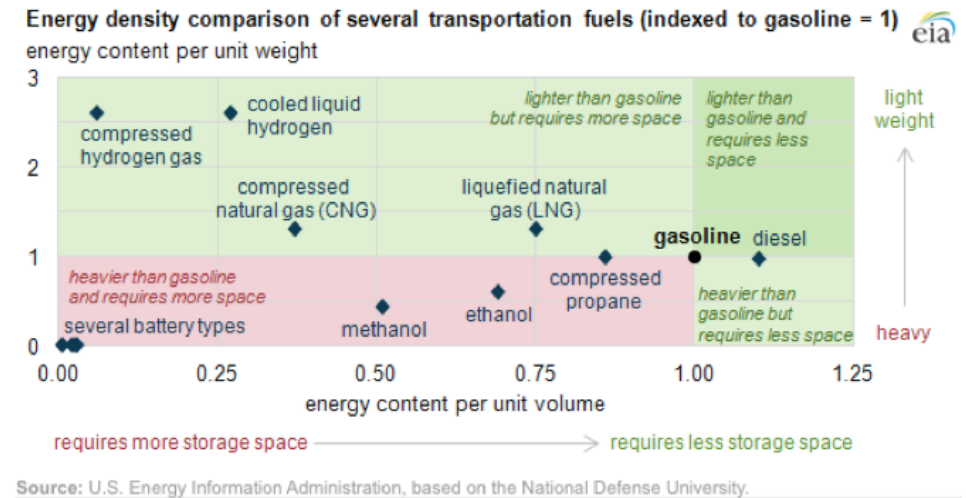
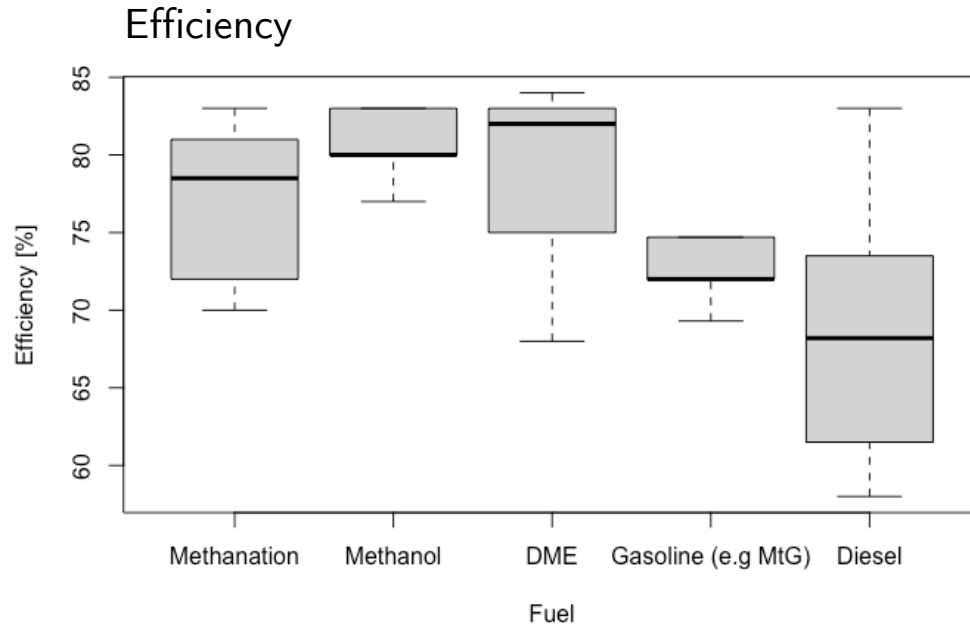
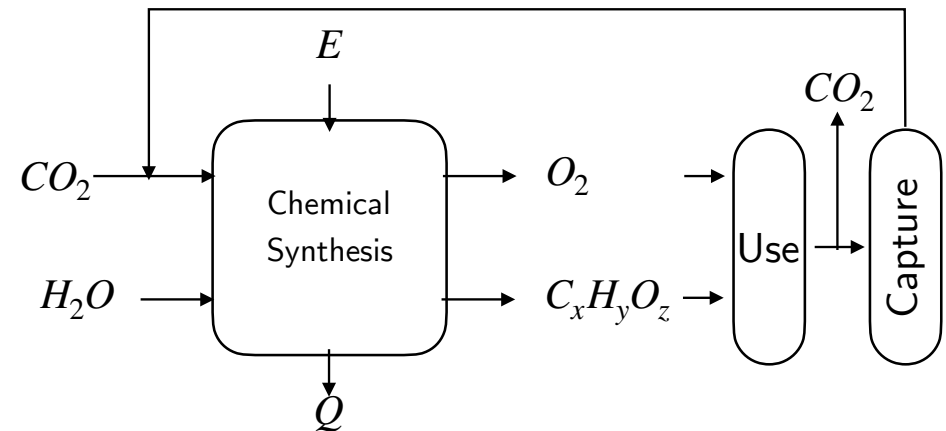


Figure 2.1: Energy density of various fuels (source: eia [39])

Life cycle efficiency

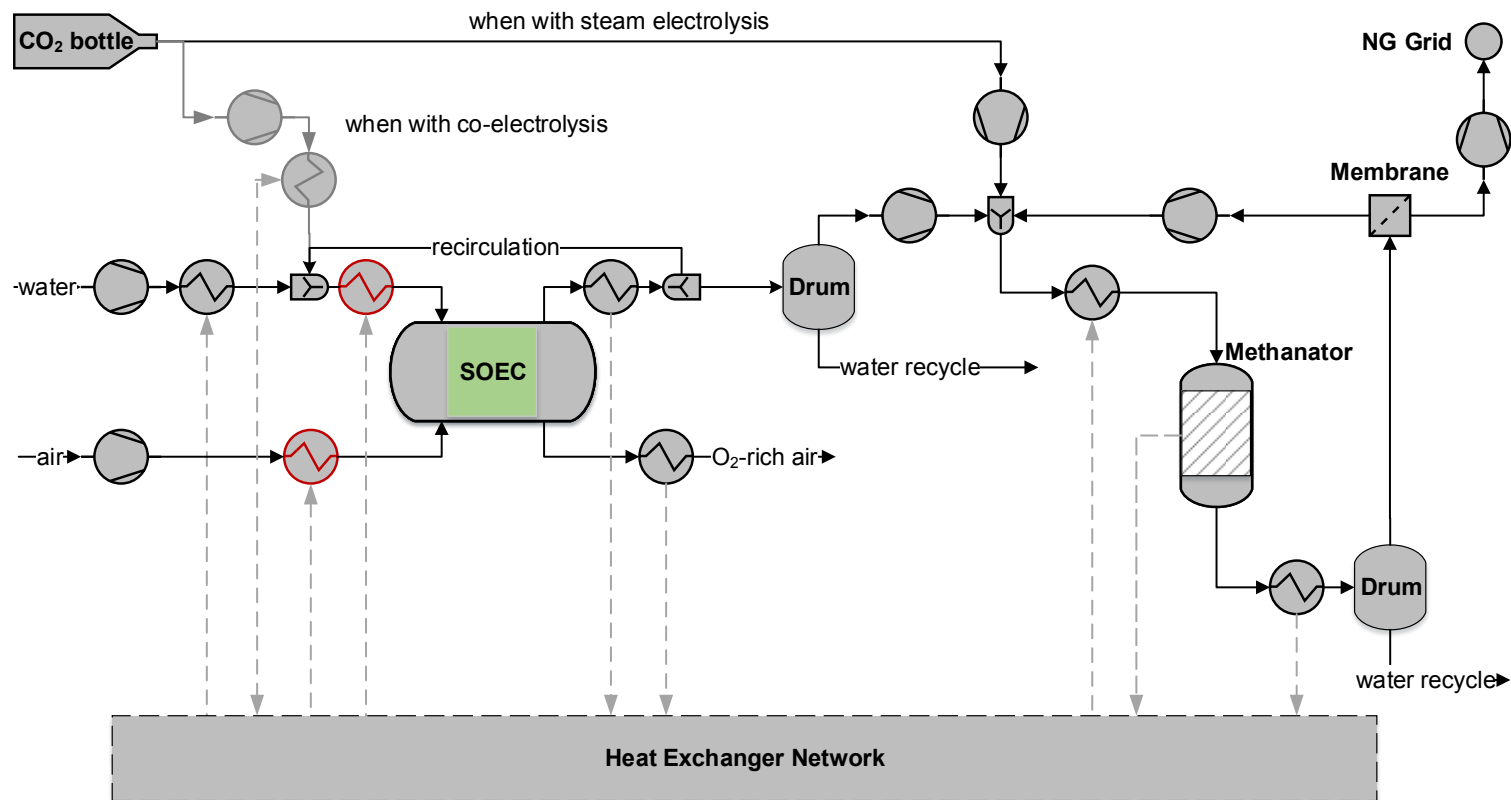
|            | Per unit CO <sub>2</sub> captured | CO <sub>2</sub> emitted | CO <sub>2</sub> avoided | KPI <sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub> |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Syn. Fuels | Methane                           | 0.31                    | 1.39                    | -1.08                         |
|            | Methanol                          | 0.23                    | 1.49                    | -1.26                         |
|            | DME                               | 0.22                    | 1.51                    | -1.29                         |
|            | Diesel                            | 0.22                    | 1.20                    | -1                            |
|            | Gasoline                          | 0.20                    | 1.20                    | -0.96                         |

Based on El. Swiss mix



# Electrolysis and Co-Electrolysis

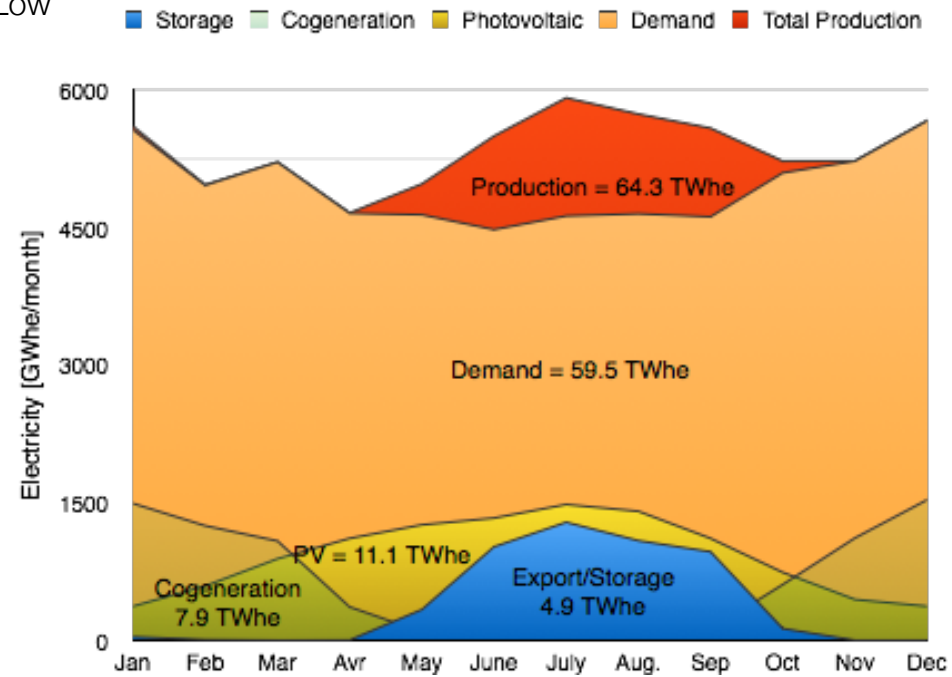
Efficiency reaches 80% of HHV



# Electricity storage

## Who is going to use the extra amount in the Summer ?

Scenario 2050 : OFEN / Low



<http://www.energyscope.ch>

## Swiss Energy System

Storage Cogeneration Photovoltaic Demand Total Production

### Excess in summer

