Finding the Signal In the Noise

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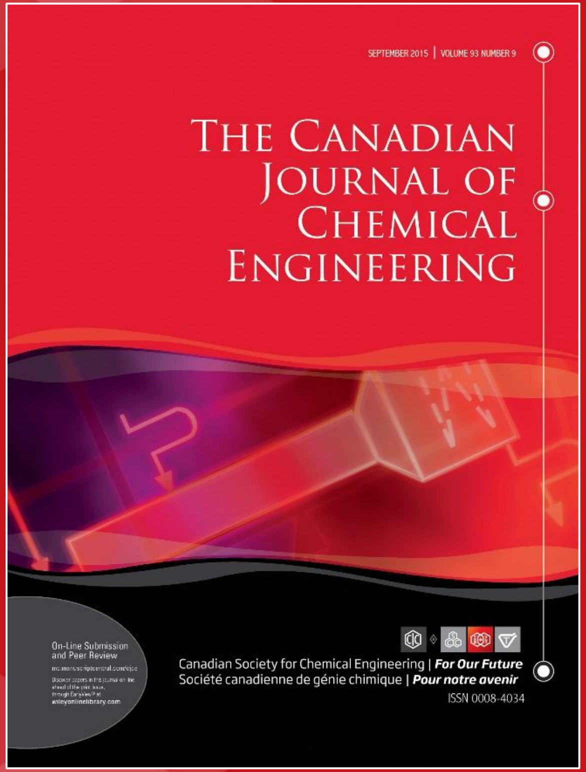

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Triple Bottom Line of Sustainability

Economical

- Capital
- Operating
- Supply Chain & Materials
- Job Creation / Losses
- Profitability
- Loans/Financing
- Stockholders
- Uncertainty and Risk

Environmental

- **Greenhouse Gases**
- **Particulates**
- **Deforestation**
- **Land Use / Transformation**
- **Resource Depletion**
- **Water Consumption**
- **Toxicity**
- **Wildlife Impact**
- **Noise**

Societal

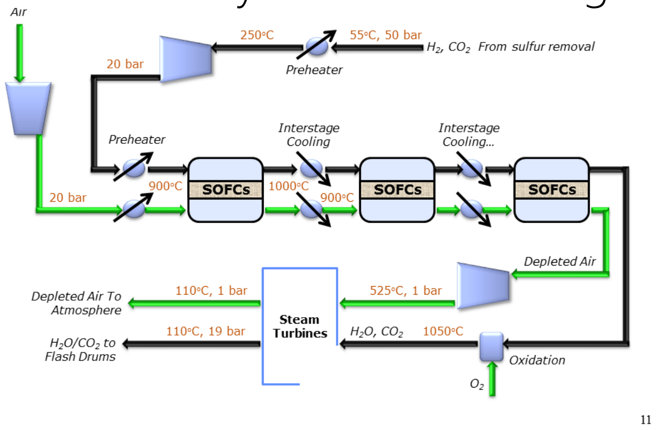
- Public Acceptance
- NIMBYs
- BANANAs
- Health Impacts
- Public/Employee Safety
- Accidents
- Public Policy
- Electoral Politics

Sources: Jimenez-Gonzales and Constable. *Green Chemistry and Engineering, 2012. And contributions from many individuals.*

Big Picture – Adams Group Research Methods

Unit Operation Design

Process Synthesis and Design



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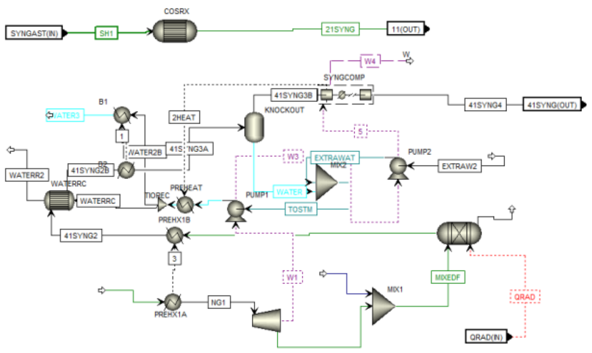
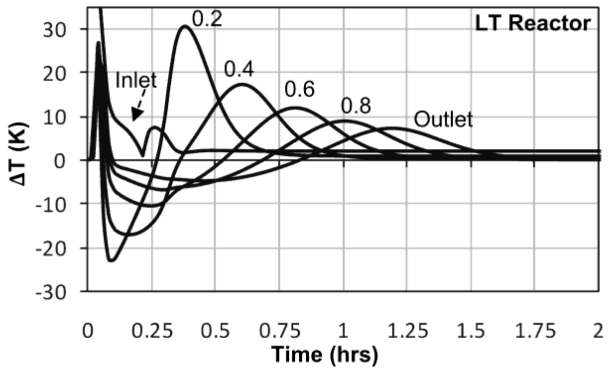
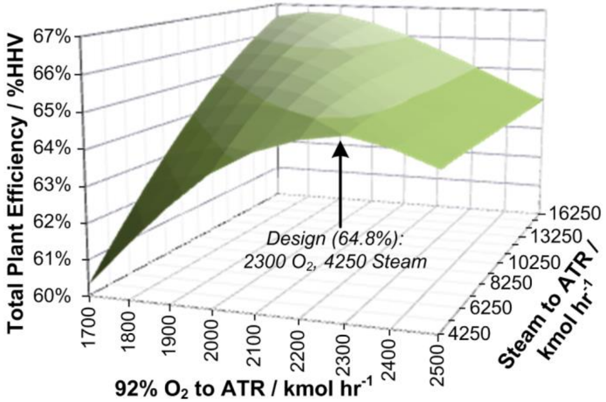


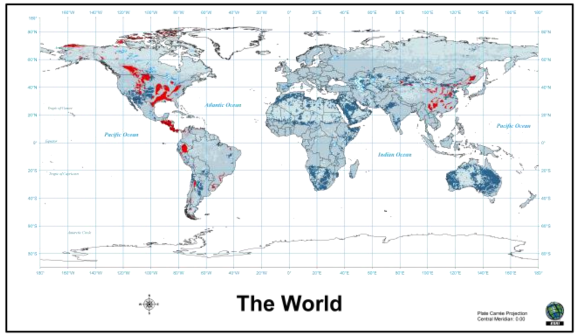
Process Dynamics



Process Optimization



Economics, Policy, and Environment (LCA)



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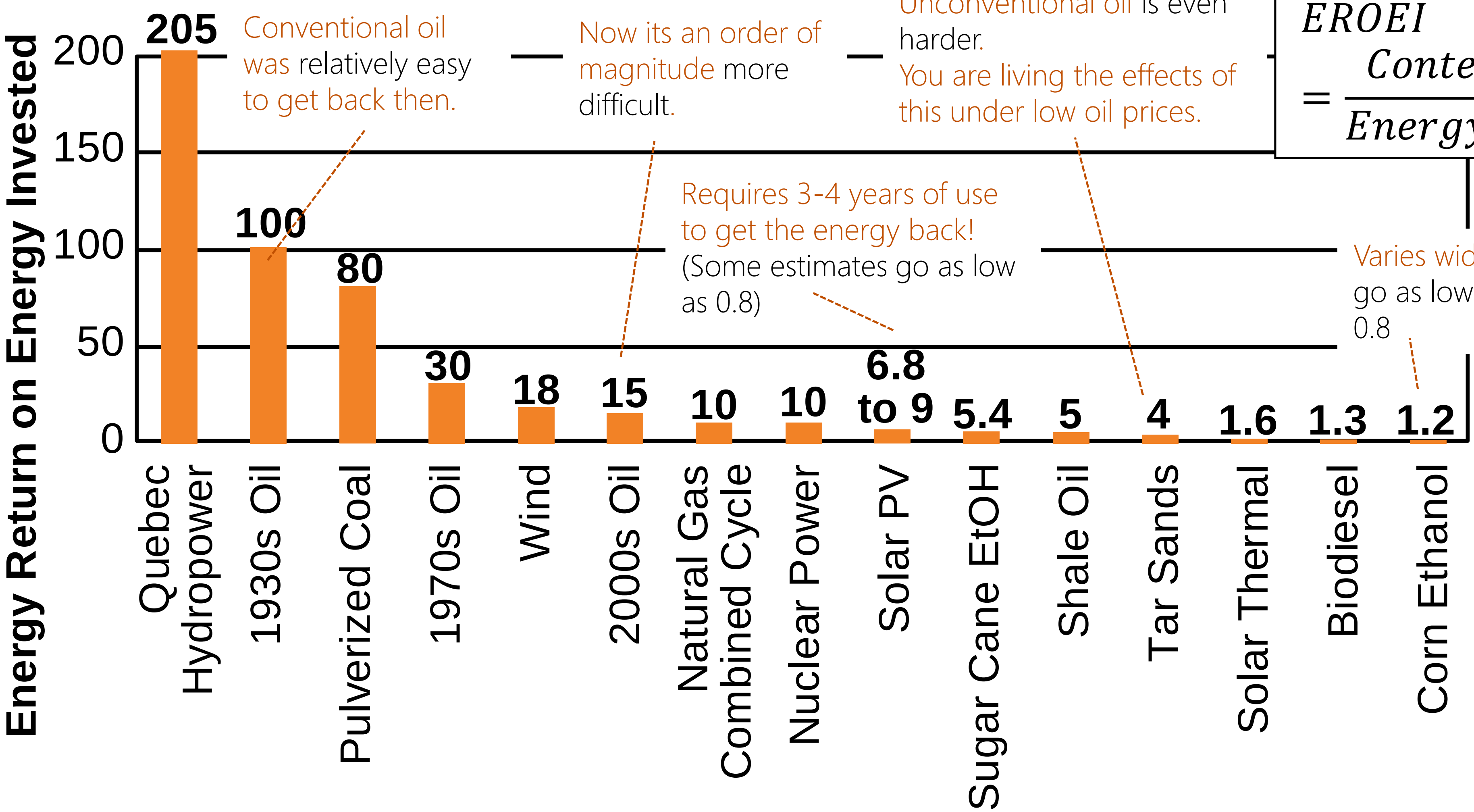
Energy Return on Energy Invested (EROEI)

$$EROEI = \frac{Content\ of\ Product\ Delivered}{Energy\ Expended\ To\ Produce\ It}$$



Disclaimer: This is an overly simplistic metric with wide variability depending on data, assumptions and methods. But it's still useful to make my point.

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Scale and Why It Matters

- At $50/tonne CO_2 emission tax (Canada Federal 2022 Minimum)
  - Global CO_2 Emissions: 36 billion tonne / yr
  - Global Tax Value: $1.8 trillion / year (2.4% of World GDP)
  - Canada's GDP: $1.5 trillion / year
- This is how the three tiers are linked in practice for Canada
  - (For climate change at least)
- Key Tools for Chemical Engineers:
  - Techno-economic analysis (TEA)
  - Life cycle analysis (LCA)

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Sources: Environment and Climate Change Canada. *Pricing carbon pollution in Canada: how it will work*. Accessed October 2017.
PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency. *Trends in Global CO2 Emissions*, 2016.
The World Bank Databank, *GDP (Current USD)*, Accessed Oct 2017.

Big Picture Motivation

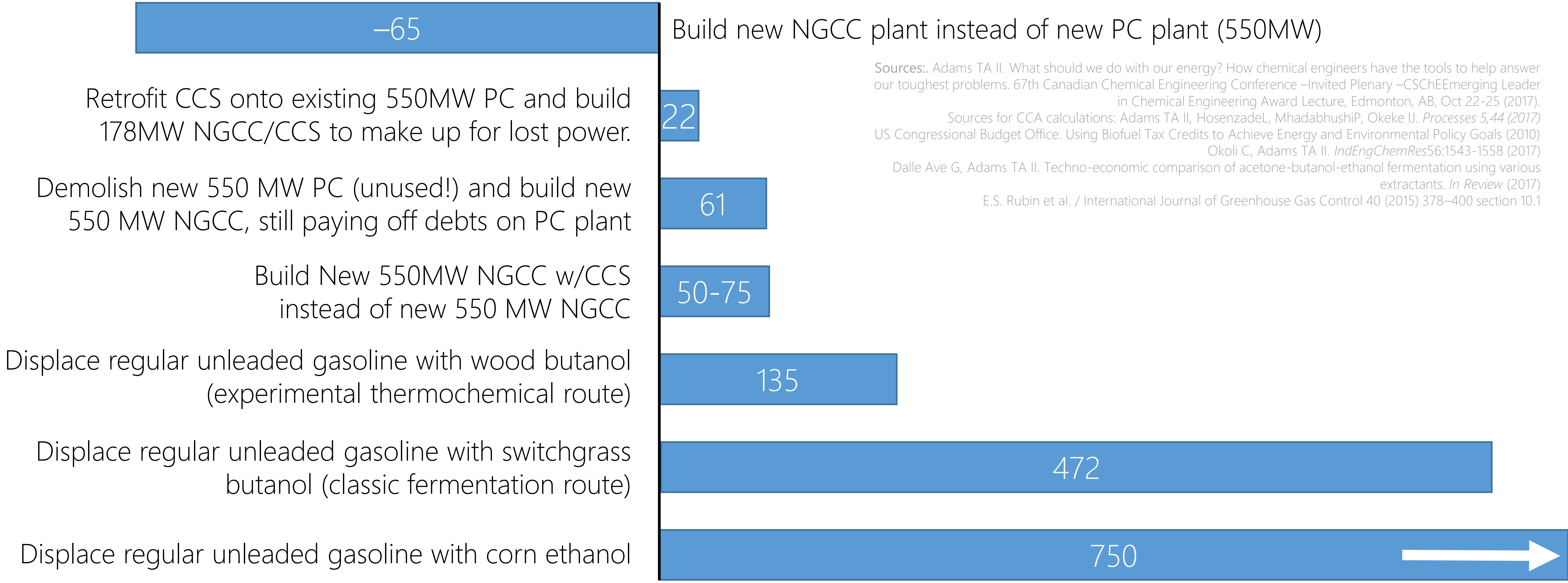
- We have so many technology ideas for reducing greenhouse emissions.
- Which should we focus on now?
- Where should our money be invested?
- What should we do first, and then next?

Cost of CO_2 Avoided: Where do we invest $$$?

$$CCA = \frac{Cost\ of\ Option\ 2\ - Cost\ of\ Status\ Quo}{GHG\ Emissions\ of\ Status\ Quo\ - GHG\ Emissions\ of\ Option\ 2}$$

- Both should yield same product/service
- Use Life Cycle emissions

CCA (in 2016$US per tonne of CO_2 equivalents)



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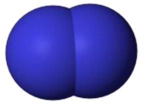
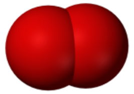
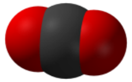
Fundamental Problem of CO_2 Capture and Sequestration

- Fundamental problem: separation of CO_2 and N_2 in flue gases:
  - We need to go from dilute to high purity
- We need to go from low pressure to high pressure
- And there's an awful lot of it (~7 million ton/yr per coal power plant).

TYPICAL COAL POWER FLUE EXHAUST, 1 BAR

	Mol %	Kinetic Diameter (Images to Scale)
N_2 (&Ar)	68%	 3.6 Å
O_2	2%	 3.45 Å
CO_2	13%	 3.30 Å
H_2O	17%	 2.7 Å

CO_2 PIPELINE LIMITS, 120 BAR

	Kinder Morgan	Sleipner
N_2 (&Ar)	<4%	3-5%
O_2	<50ppm	<50ppm
CO_2	>95%	93-96%
H_2O	<690ppm	<Saturated

Sources: NETL 2007 - Bituminous Baseline Report (see required reading). Adams & Barton, AIChE J (2010)
deVisser E., et al. Dynamis CO2 quality recommendations. Int. J. Greenhouse Gas Cont. 2008, 2, 478–484
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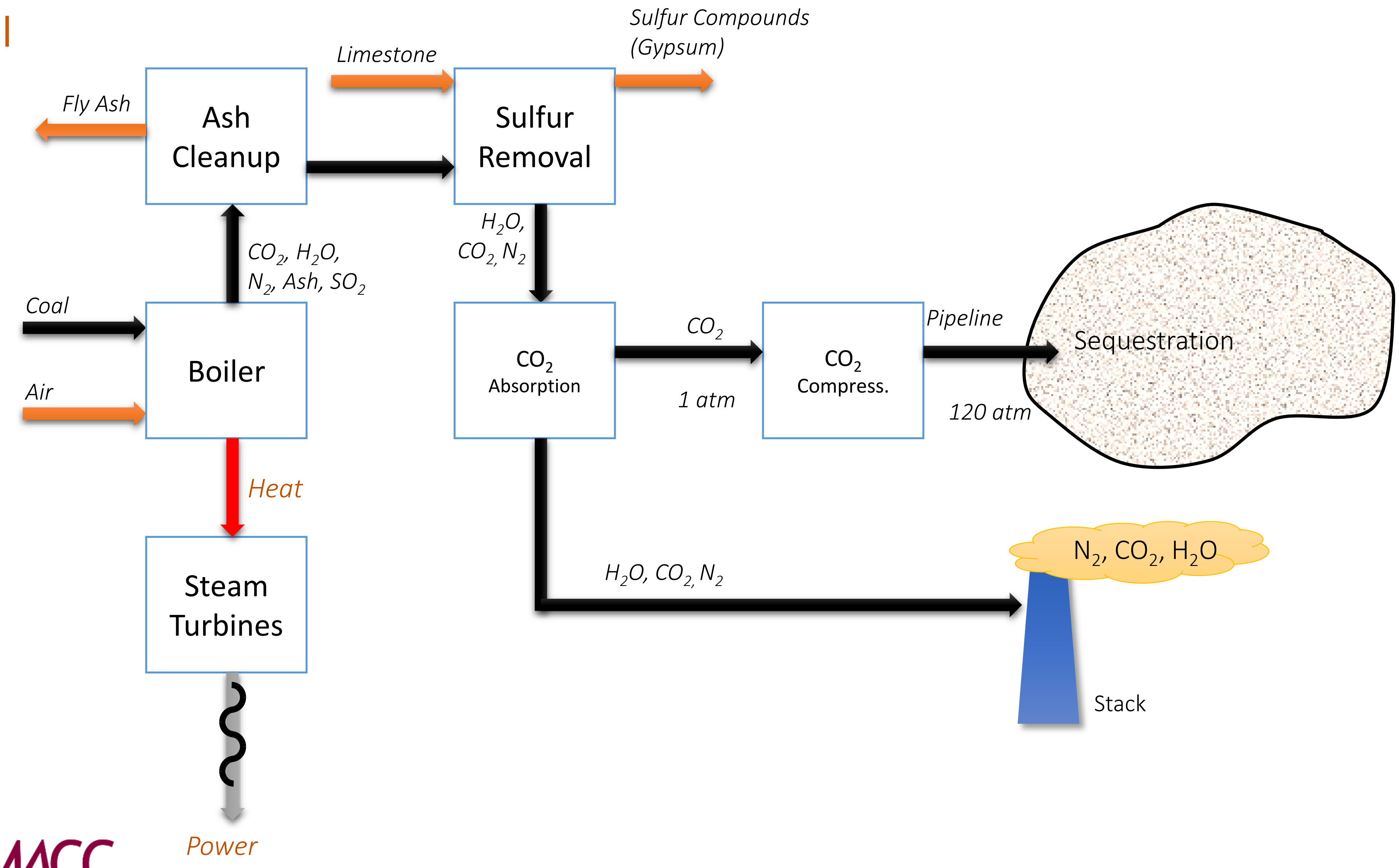
Post-Combustion Solvent-Based Capture

Pulverized Coal Example

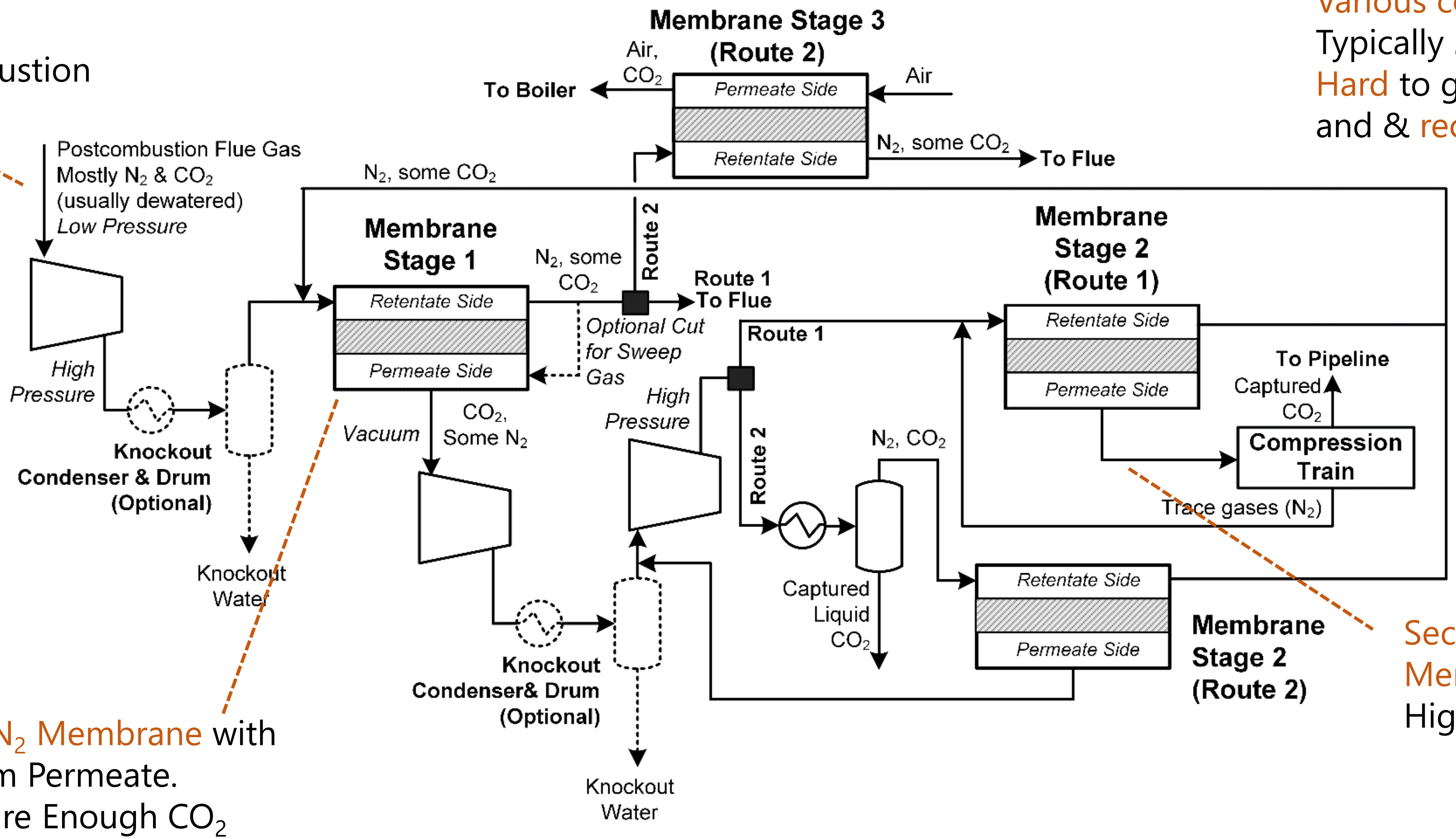


Source: NETL 2007 - Bituminous Baseline

Post-Combustion Membrane-Based Capture

Flue Gas from
Upstream Combustion

Various configurations
Typically 2 or 3 stages
Hard to get both purity and & recovery



Second CO_2 / N_2 Membrane
Higher Purity CO_2

CO_2 / N_2 Membrane with Vacuum Permeate.
Not Pure Enough CO_2

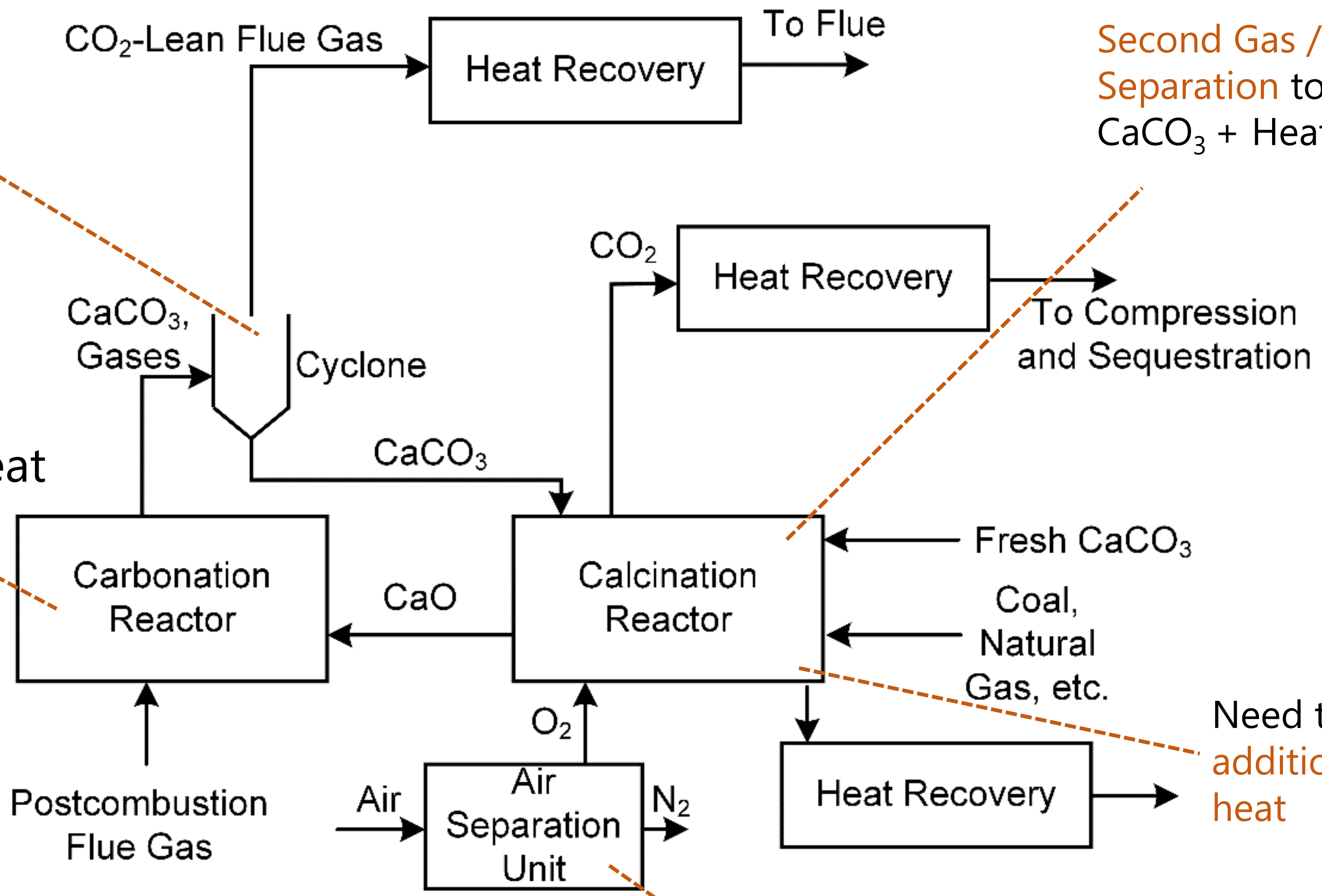
Source: Adams TA II, Hoseinzade L, Madabhushi P, Okeke IJ. Processes 5:44 (2017).

Post-Combustion Solid-Based Capture

Solid Calcium Carbonate
Cycloned from rest of flue gases

Second Gas / Solid Separation to release CO_2.
$CaCO_3 + Heat \rightarrow CaO + CO_2$

$CaO + CO_2 \rightarrow CaCO_3 + Heat$



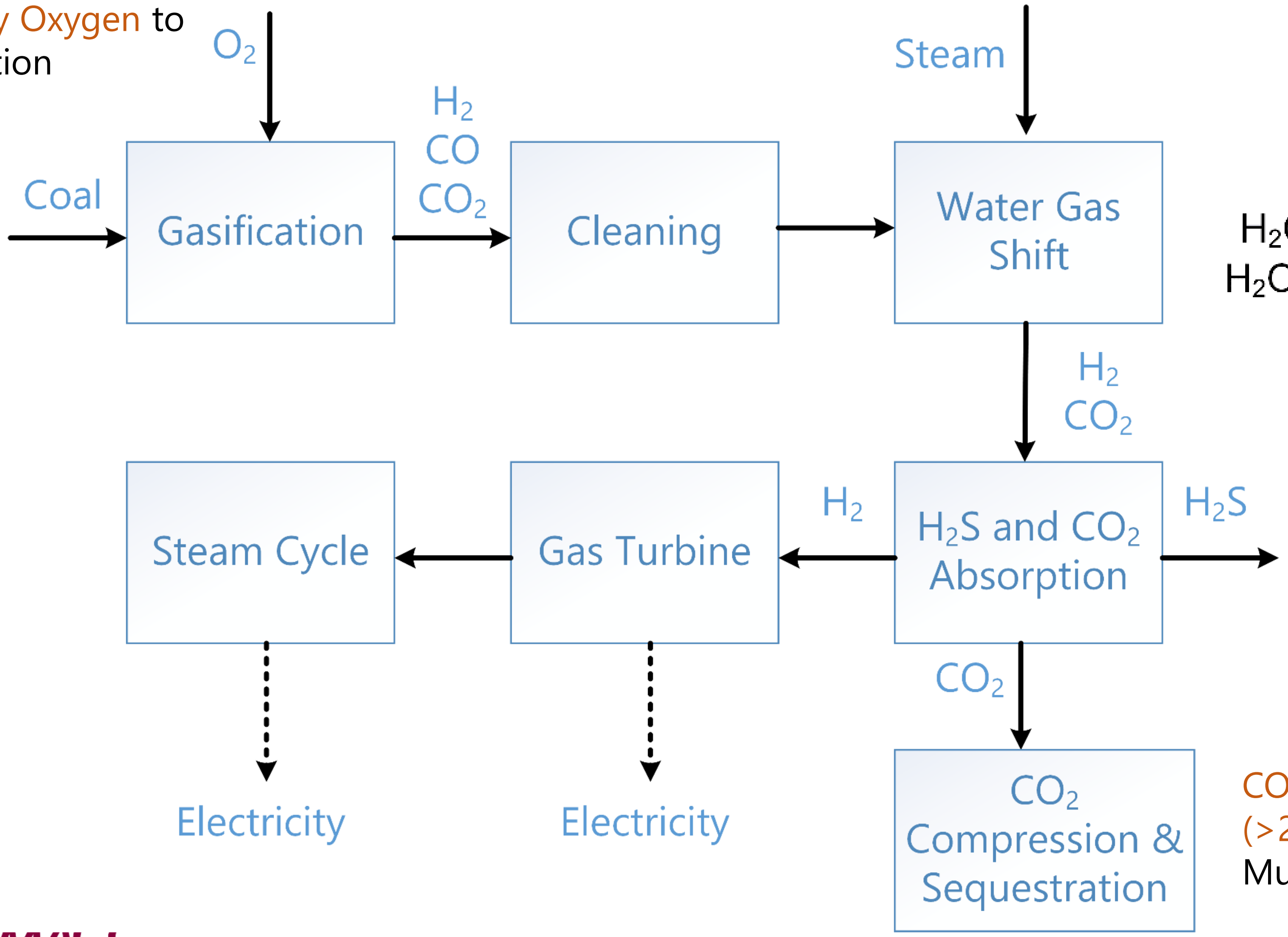
Need to burn additional fuel for heat

Need High Purity Oxygen to prevent N_2 injection

Source: Adams TA II, Hoseinzade L, Madabhushi P, Okeke IJ. Processes 5:44 (2017).

Pre-Combustion Solvent-Based Capture (IGCC)

Need High Purity Oxygen to prevent N_2 injection



WGS Reactors

$H_2O + CO \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2$

$H_2O + COS \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2S$

Selexol or Rectisol Solvents

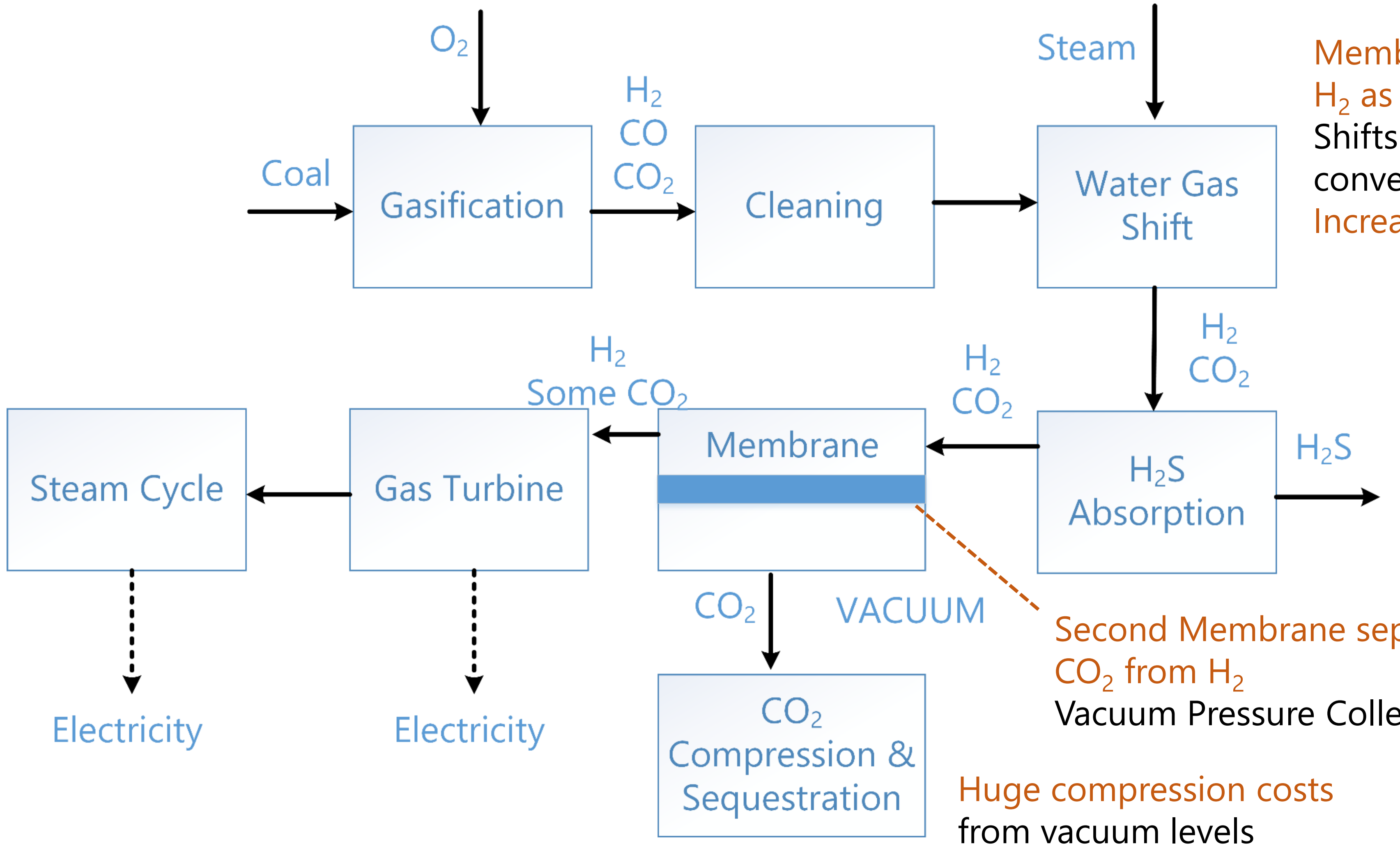
Capture H_2S and CO_2 in separate stages

H_2/CO_2 Separation Principle

CO_2 captured at higher pressures (>20 bar)

Much lower compression costs

Pre-Combustion Membrane-Based Capture



Membrane-enhanced WGS removes H_2 as produced
Shifts equilibrium to toward higher conversion
Increases CO_2 concentration for later

Second Membrane separates CO_2 from H_2
Vacuum Pressure Collection

Huge compression costs
from vacuum levels

Source: Adams TA II, Hoseinzade L, Madabhushi P, Okeke IJ. Processes 5:44 (2017).

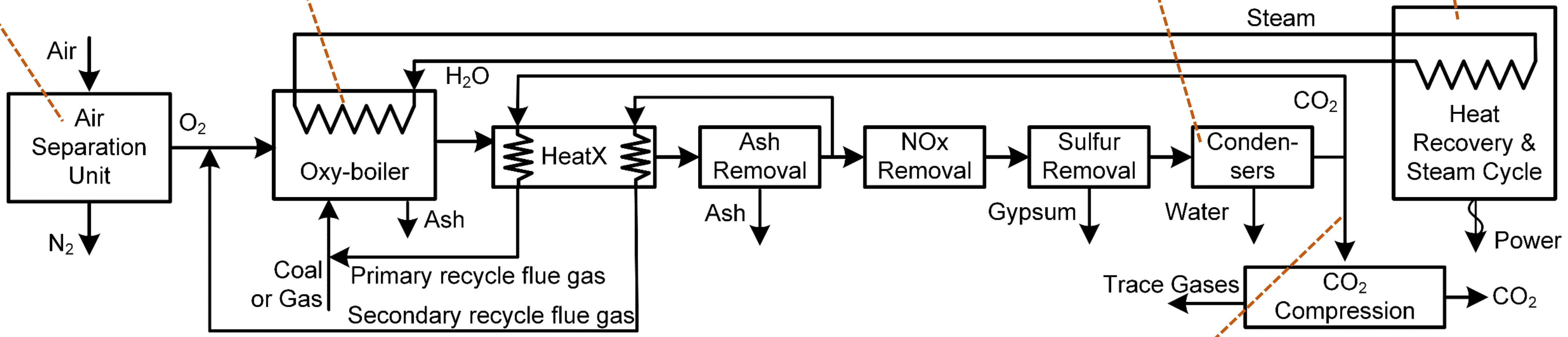
Oxyfuel Combustion

Fuel combusted in N2-free flame
Diluted with CO_2 for thermal management

Very Large ASU

CO_2/H_2O Separation
via water condensation

Power Produced through
Steam Cycles



CO2 captured at
atmospheric pressure

Source: Adams TA II, Hoseinzade L, Madabhushi P, Okeke IJ. Processes 5:44 (2017).

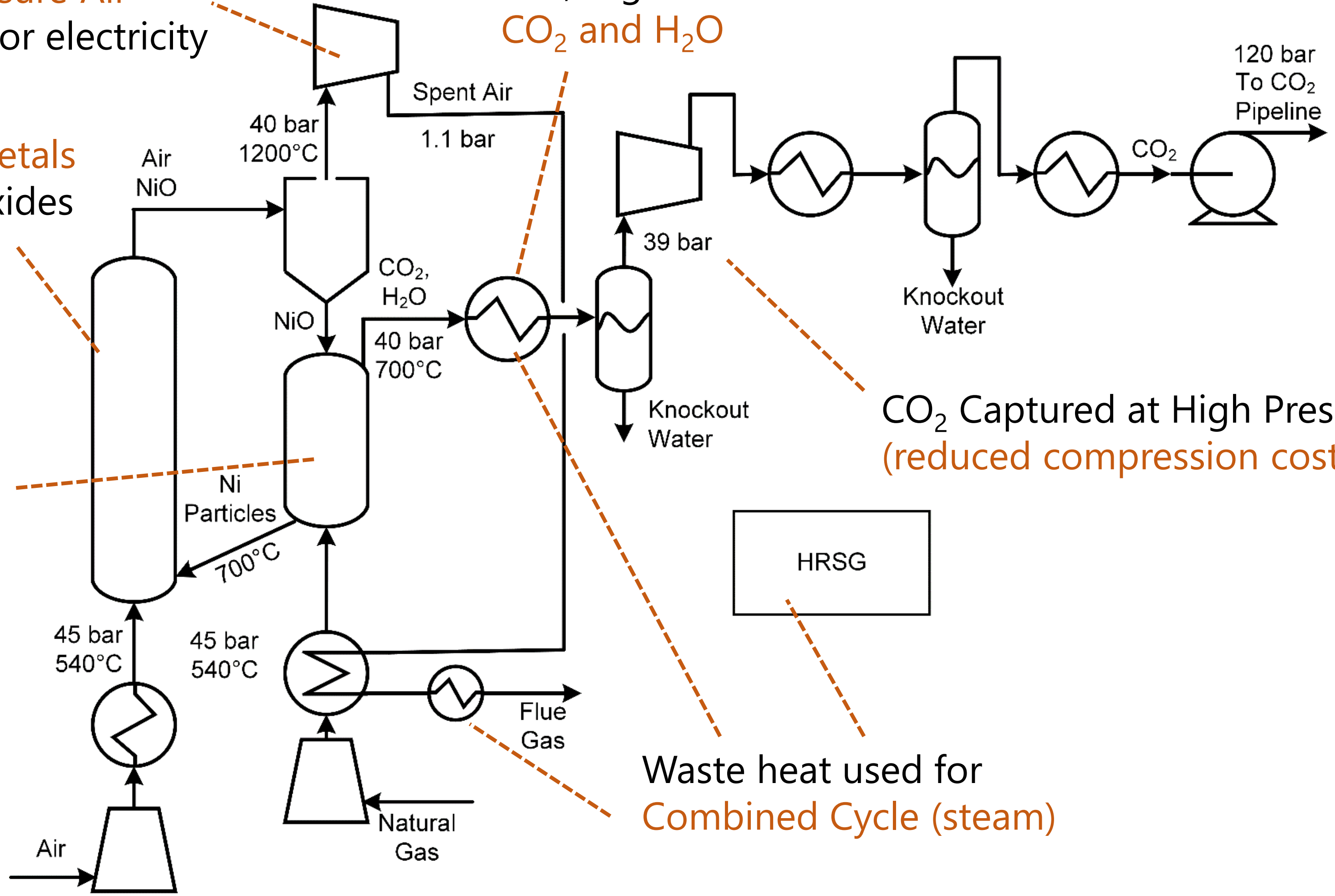
Chemical Looping Combustion

Hot, High Pressure Air
Spins turbine for electricity

Hot, High Pressure
CO_2 and H_2O

Air reacts with reduced metals
Creates heat and metal oxides
$O_2 + Me \rightarrow MeO + Heat$

Fuel combusts using
metal oxides instead of air
$MeO + CH_4 + Heat \rightarrow$
$H_2O + CO_2 + Me$

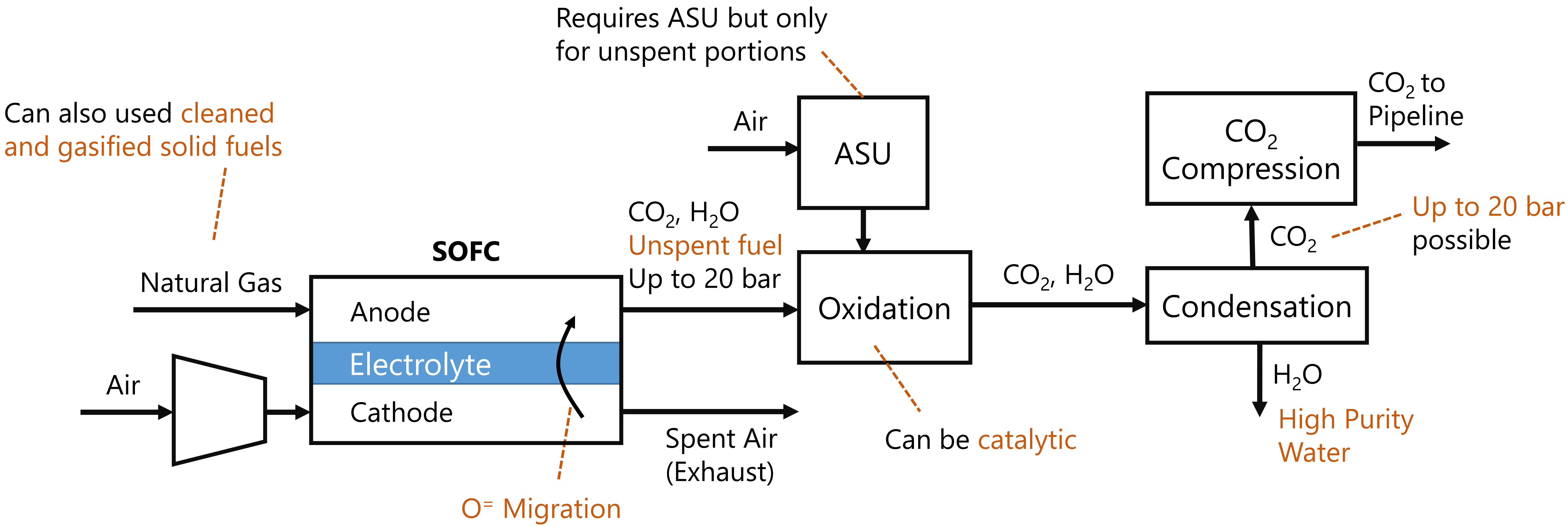


CO_2 Captured at High Pressure
(reduced compression costs)

Waste heat used for
Combined Cycle (steam)

Source: Adams TA II, Hoseinzade L, Madabhushi P, Okeke IJ. Processes 5:44 (2017).

Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC) Process



Recap

Type	Separation Problem	ASU Requirements	CO_2 Capture Pressure	Example Applications
Solvent-based Post-Combustion	CO_2/N_2	—	1 bar	Pulverized Coal, NGCC
Membrane-Based Post-Combustion	CO_2/N_2	—	Vacuum	Pulverized Coal, NGCC
Solid-Based Post-Combustion	CO_2/N_2	Low	1 bar	Pulverized Coal, NGCC
Solvent-Based Pre-Combustion	CO_2/H_2	Medium	10-50 bar	IGCC, pre-reforming NGCC
Membrane-Based Pre-Combustion	CO_2/H_2	Medium	Vacuum	IGCC, pre-reforming NGCC
Oxyfuels	CO_2/H_2O	High	1 bar	Gasified Coal/Nat Gas
Chemical Looping	CO_2/H_2O	—	10-50 bar	Gasified Coal/Nat Gas
Solid Oxide Fuel Cells	CO_2/H_2O	Low	1-20 bar	Gasified Coal/Nat Gas

Key Problems

- No systematic comparison between processes
- Everyone claims their own process is the best when compared against some other
- Wide variation in assumptions, strategies and ideas.

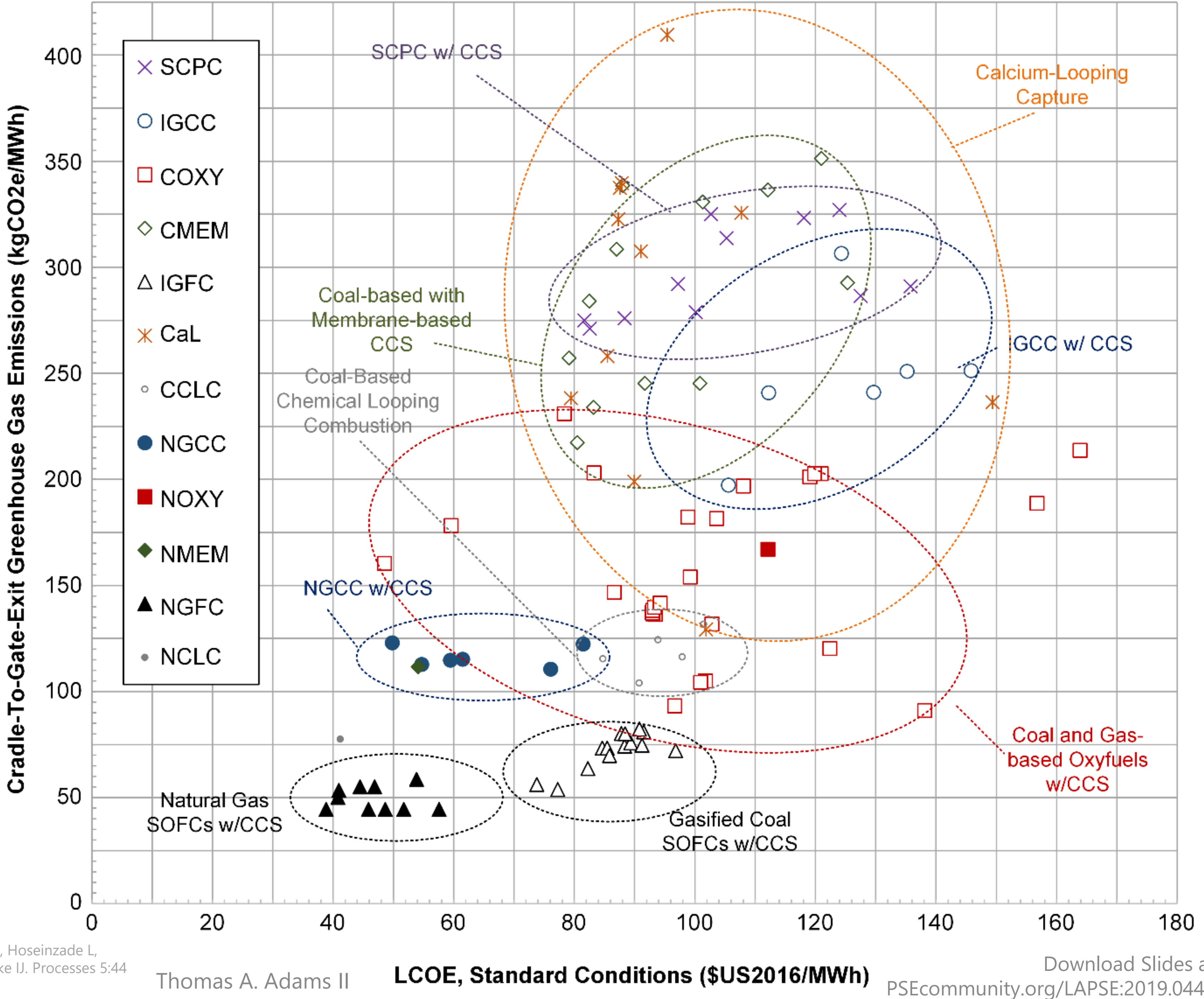
- Solution: Meta-Study of ~100 published data points on those 8 processes.
- Convert to a standard basis of comparison

Standards

- Size: 550 MW net, plant gate
  - Nonfuel costs scaled with power law method p=0.9
- Time & Place: 1Q2016 USA
  - Time: North American Plant Cost Index
  - Place: Purchasing Power Parity Index
- Fuel
  - US Bituminous Coal #6 2016 Avg Price
  - US Conventional Average Gas Mix 2016 Avg Price
- Captured CO_2 at plant gate
  - Pressure: >115 bar
  - Purity: >95 mol%
  - Capture Rate: 90-100%
- LCA: Cradle to Gate GHG
  - Consistent NOx production where neglected in original
  - Standardize cradle-to-plant-entrance life cycle impacts
- CCA: Cost of CO_2 Avoided
  - Same standard plant without CCS
  - SCPC and NGCC US baseline std's

Overall

- SOFC clear winner for coal and gas
- NGCC w/CCS excellent near term solution
- No point in using membranes!
- Oxyfuels / CLC good coal intermediate step



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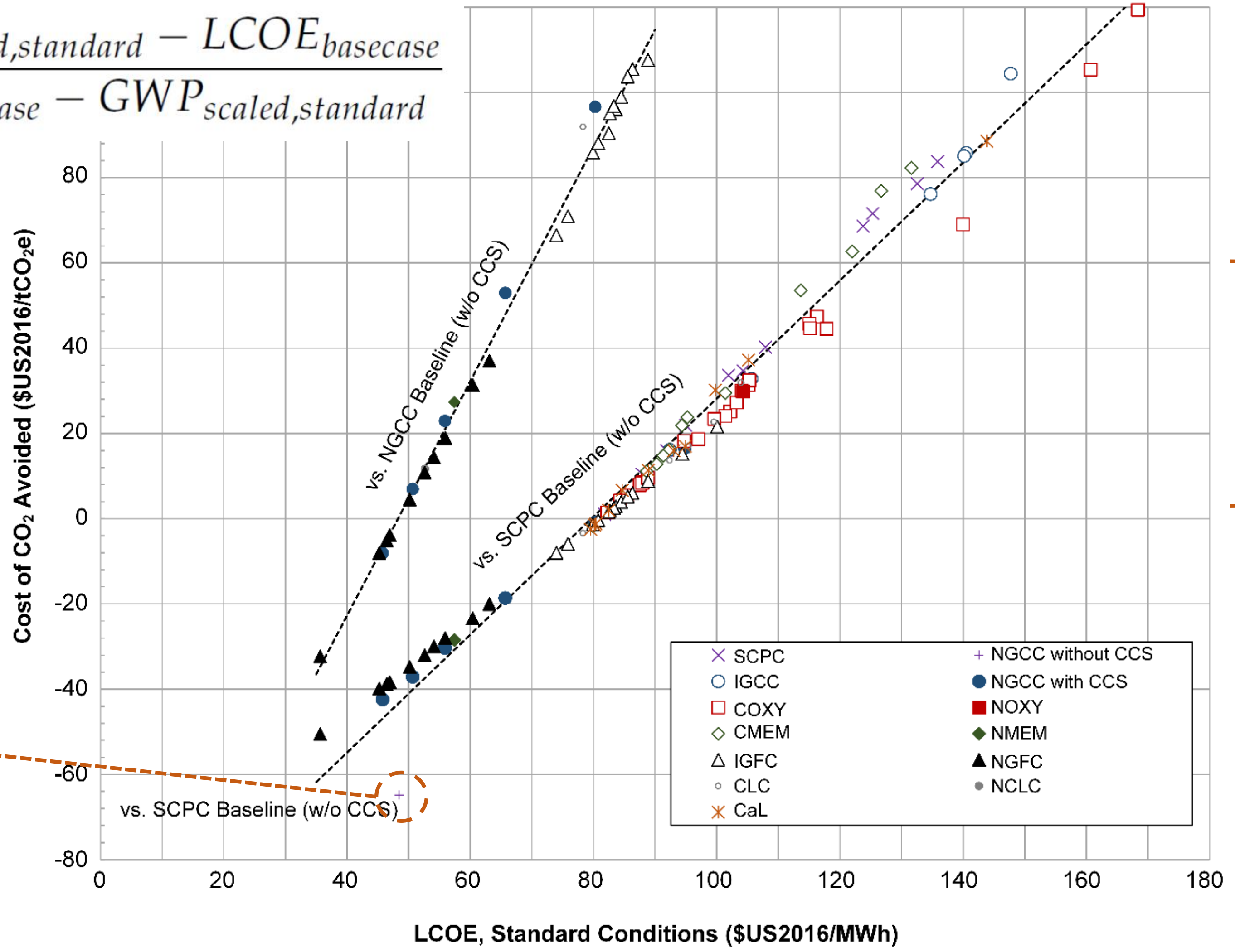
Cost of CO_2 Avoided

$$CCA = \frac{LCOE_{scaled,standard} - LCOE_{basecase}}{GWP_{basecase} - GWP_{scaled,standard}}$$



Special Point:
Switching from coal to gas w/o CCS
No point to new coal at all in North America!

Sweet Spot:
The best of post-combustion solvent systems are the only mature technology to be competitive.
Rest requires CO_2/H_2O style power gen.

Negative CCA means:
Gas is so cheap in North America, there is no point to using coal at all.

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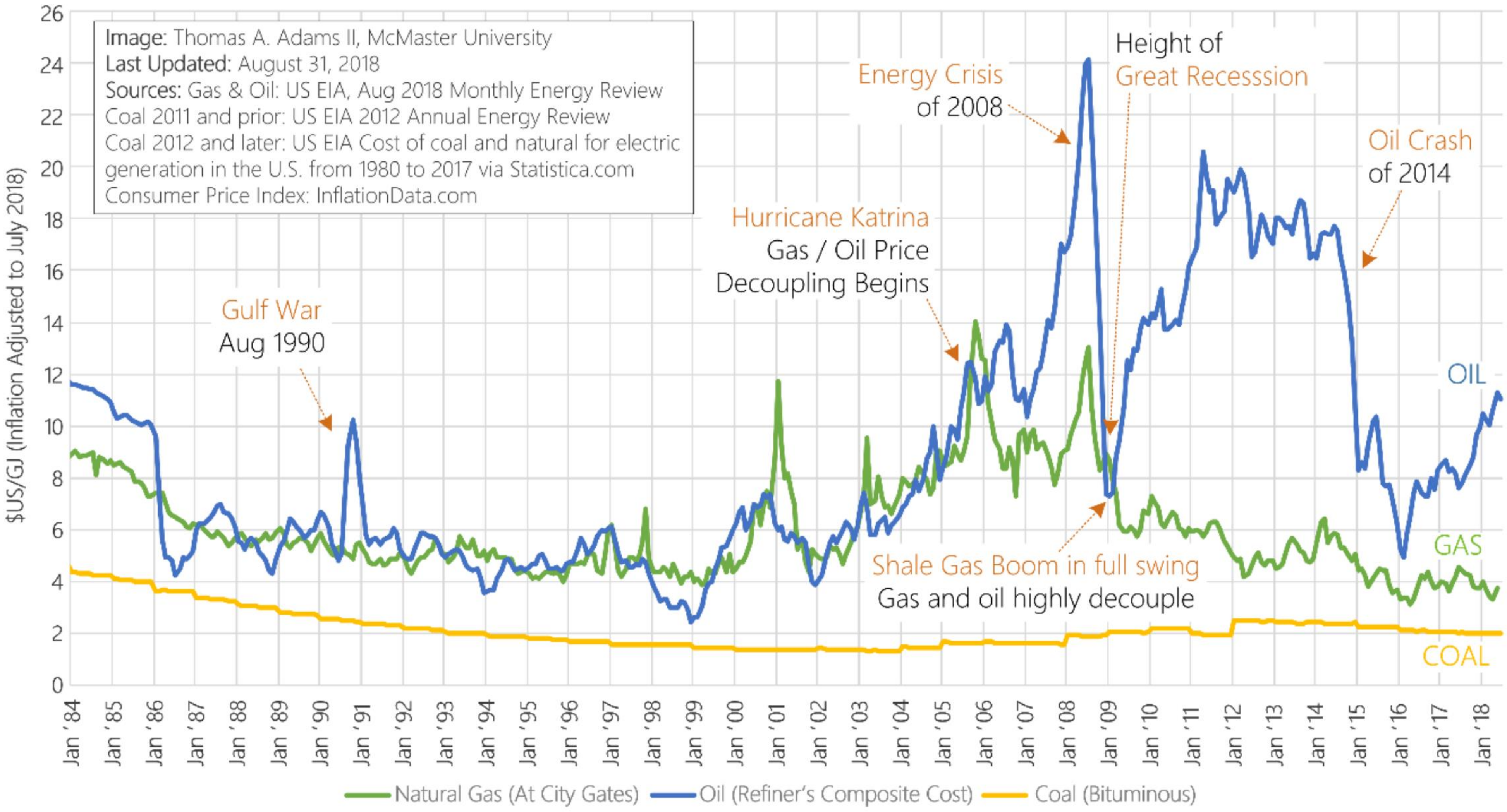
Price Trends



Source: Subramanian, Avinash Shankar Rammohan, Gundersen, Truls, Adams, T. A. II Modeling and simulation of energy systems: A Review, *Processes*,, 6 (12) 238 (2018)

Meta-Study Conclusions

- No point to building new coal
  - (as long as gas prices stay low)
  - IGCC cannot compete with SCPC
  - Calcium Looping unlikely to either
- Membranes not so promising
  - Coal: Only fictional membranes could compete with solvents at the system level
  - Gas: At best competes with solvent directly, maturity / lifetime issues aside.
- SOFC is best way to use coal
  - (Could be better than gas in Asian context. Asian study needed!)

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Near Term: Use NGCC with CCS
  - Closest thing we have to commercial
- Long Term: Use SOFCs with CCS
  - Needs research and investment now
  - Best fossil fuel approach possible
  - Translates well in foreign situations

Expanding and Standardizing

Big Picture Lessons from Study

- Rather hard to do cross-comparative research of eco-techno-economic analyses (ETEAs)

~O(1,000-10,000) researcher-hours

- But the rewards of doing meta-studies like this are significant

Very useful society, business, and policy conclusions

- A standardization of ETEA methodology for the field would greatly amply the impact of each of our own studies

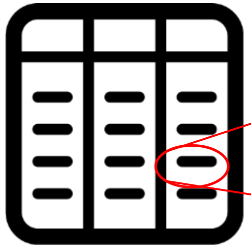
Individual studies would have greater influence

Proposal: Develop recognized standards for performing TEAs and ETEAs

Standard Types	Details….
Base Case Status Quo For Comparison	“Standard” power plants, “standard” refineries, “standard” chemical processes, etc.
Life Cycle Analysis Methodologies	Existing ISO standards, boundary definitions, impact analyses assumptions, methods, etc.
Plant Sizing / Delivered Products	Standard representative capacities and qualities
Metric Definitions	CCA, NPV, efficiencies, HHV vs LHV, other assumptions
Cost Estimations	Standard cost curves, approaches, and assumptions
Transparency and Verifiability	Spreadsheets and models released open-access
Data Formats	Open document formats, etc.

Example Use of Standards: Authors

Researcher Defines ETEA Study as Usual



Consults standards table

PSE-3:
Fuels,
North America,
Large Scale

Selects appropriate, scenario, assumptions and metrics

Research Performed

$NPV_{PSE\text{-}3}$ = \$1.2 bln

$CCA_{PSE\text{-}3}$ = \$40.3/tonne

$GHG_{PSE\text{-}3}$ = 4.5 tCO_2e

Metrics Computed according to Standard

$NPV_{alternate}$ = \$1.3 bln

$CCA_{alternate}$ = \$41.3/tonne

$GHG_{alternate}$ = 4.2 tCO_2e

Non-standard metrics also reported (special cases, etc.)

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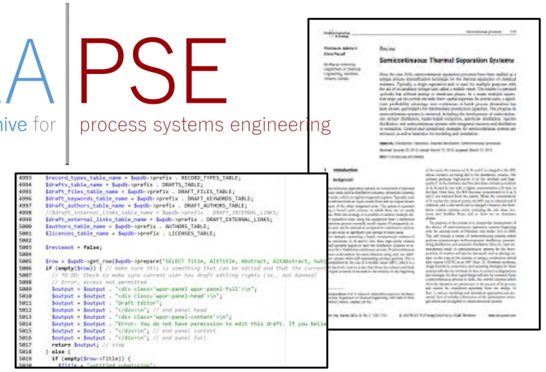

Paper Published. Models / spreadsheets / code released to public database

Example Use of Standards: Readers

Reader studies paper using PSE standard

$NPV_{PSE\text{-}3}$ = \$1.2 bln

$CCA_{PSE\text{-}3}$ = \$40.3/tonne

$GHG_{PSE\text{-}3}$ = 4.5 tCO_2e

Reader sees standard metrics, immediately understood

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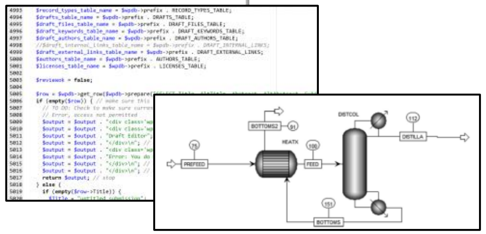

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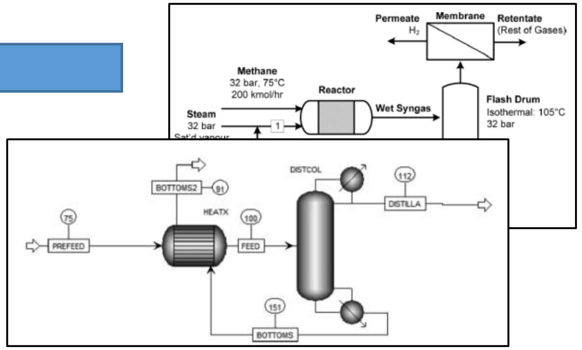
Reader considers other papers using the same standards



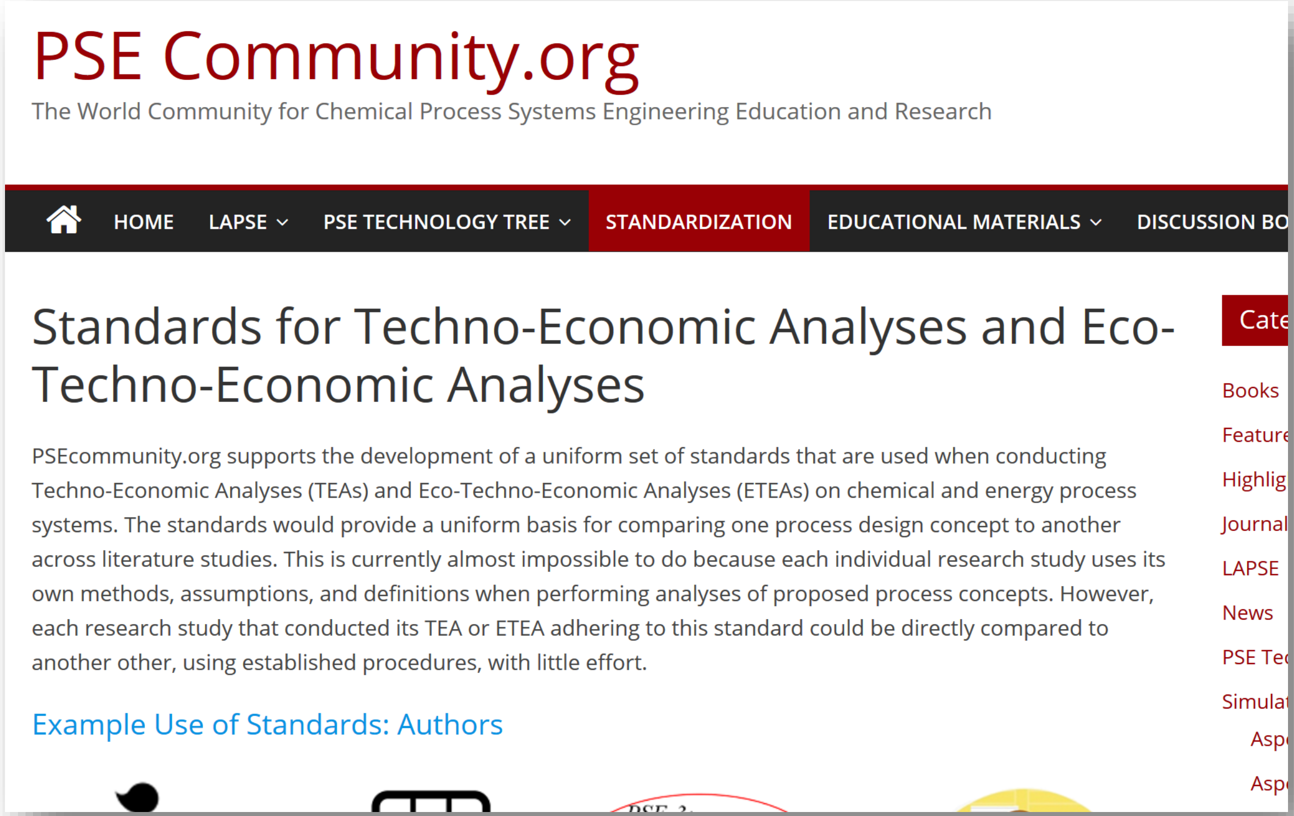
Reader easily incorporates standardized models into own work

Reader rapidly performs comparisons and research

All standardized research has high impact and citations!

Standardization Committee

- Call for members and stakeholder input
- Go to http://PSEcommunity.org/standards



Wrap Up

- We can learn a lot from eco-techno-economic meta studies
  - Critical for taking meaningful and near-term action on climate change
  - Critical for policy and business
  - See through the hype.
- Current culture of the field:
  - Hide models and code
  - C.Y.A.
  - Nonstandard methods
  - Not working toward common goal
- Goal: Make it as easy as possible for others to use and understand your research for societal benefit
  - Join me!