# Energy Storage and Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)

Emerging Clean Generation Technologies

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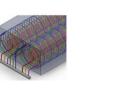
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## **Energy Storage: Low-Carbon Enabler**

- Variable renewable energy (VRE) is projected to grow significantly to reduce greenhouse gases
- Energy storage is needed to provide power when renewables cannot and for grid stability and reliability
  - 1–4 hours duration: Lower VRE, fossil use prevalent
    - Batteries
  - 4–48 hours duration: Medium VRE, some fossil backup
    - Potential for non-battery types
  - Weekly or seasonal duration: High VRE
    - Low-carbon fuels, e.g., hydrogen
- Dispatchable, reliable, safe, and cheap—and preferably synchronous

## Energy storage will require longer durations and larger scales



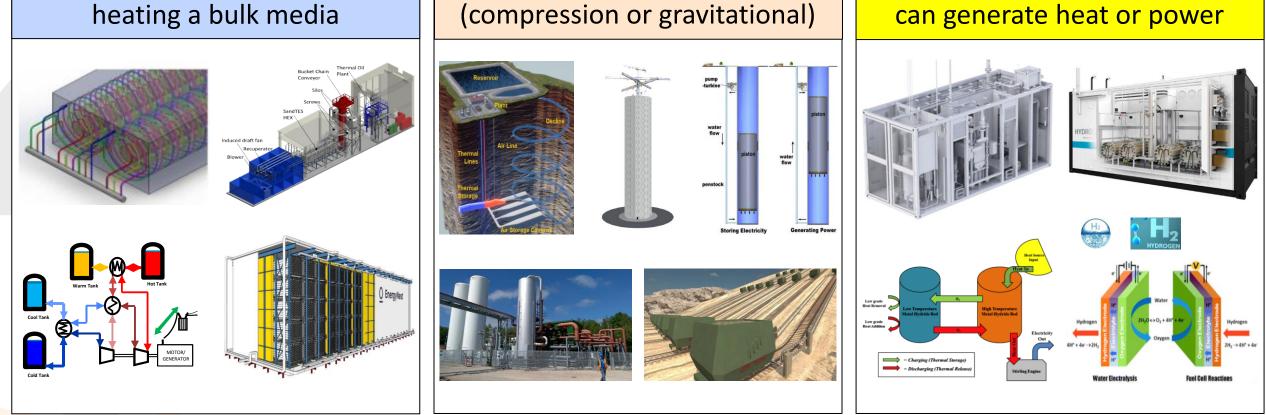
A huge amount of "bulk" energy storage will be needed – TWhs



## **Energy Storage Types**

**Electrochemical** Reversible chemical reaction generates an electrical potential difference

#### **Thermal** Energy storage achieved by heating a bulk media



**Mechanical** 

Kinetic or potential

## Advancing technology today in store for tomorrow

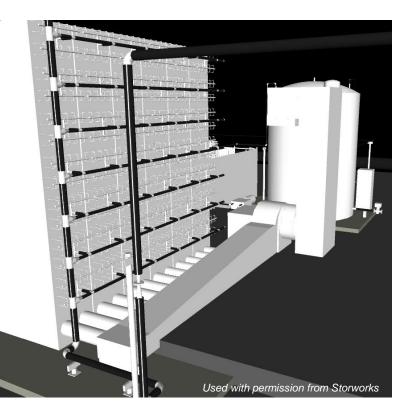


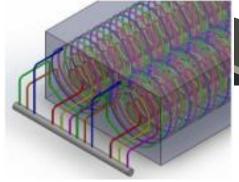
**Chemical** 

**Reaction produces product that** 

## Example: Concrete Thermal Energy Storage (CTES)

- Design, construct, and test a 10 MWh-e
   CTES system integrated to a Southern's Plant Gaston
- Low-cost material: \$68/tonne
- Solid 'thermocline' structure used to store thermal energy; steam tubes embedded into concrete as coils
- Details (per block)
  - 20 tube coils, 7 m<sup>3</sup>, 18.6 tonnes material
  - 0.75 x 11 x 12.5 m (road/rail transport)
- CTES Assembly
  - Arrangement: 10 high by 6 wide
- Operation for 11 months





Tube internal arrangement

## **Construction has started with operation in 2022**



# Production of Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>)

- H<sub>2</sub>, ammonia, biofuels, and synthetic fuels are referred to as Alternative Energy Carriers (AECs)
- AECs are not primary sources of energy, rather they are created by converting other energy sources to a fuel that can be readily transported and stored
- H<sub>2</sub> can be produced using various industrial 48% processes, energy sources (e.g., fossil fuels, biomass, electricity) and water
- Electrolysis must use low- or no-carbon electricity and gasification/SMR must use CCS to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

#### Energy penalty occurs during each conversion step "No free lunch"





Gasification of coal, oil, and biomass



Electrolysis using low- or no-carbon electricity



48%

4%



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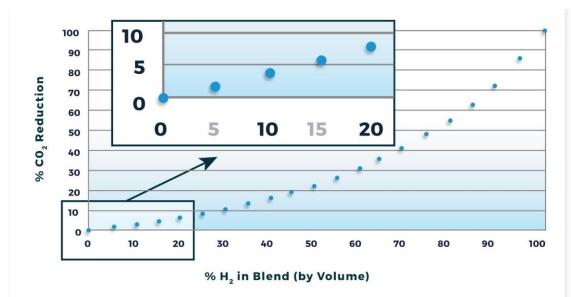
# What is the Scale and How Much Electricity is Consumed by Electrolysis for H<sub>2</sub> Production?

| Scenarios  | Annual H <sub>2</sub><br>production<br>(MMt) | Electricity<br>Consumption<br>(TWh) | Percent global<br>electricity use<br>2018 | Context  |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Current H <sub>2</sub> production, X                                 |  |                                     |   | Arrow Andrew Arrow Arr |
| All H2 production methods  | 70   |                                     |   | N E W M E X I C O  |
| Electrolysis (US)  | 0.5  | 26.6                                | 0.1                                       | Exceeds The Land of Enchantment's electricity consumption  |
| Replace 30% H <sub>2</sub> sourced from coal with electrolysis       | 21   | 1,097                               | 4.1                                       | ~ Russia's electricity consumption<br>Reduces global CO <sub>2</sub> emissions by 1%   |
| Replace 100% H <sub>2</sub> sourced from all fuels with electrolysis | 70   | 3,657                               | 13.7                                      | ~ 88% of US generation   |
| Estimated H <sub>2</sub> demand growth by 2050                       |  |                                     |   |  |
| Shell model, 2X  | 131  | 6,843                               | 25.6                                      | 2x current production  |
| Hydrogen Council, 8X   | 564  | 29,462                              | 110                                       | Exceeds global electricity consumption   |



## H<sub>2</sub> Transportation and Storage Challenges

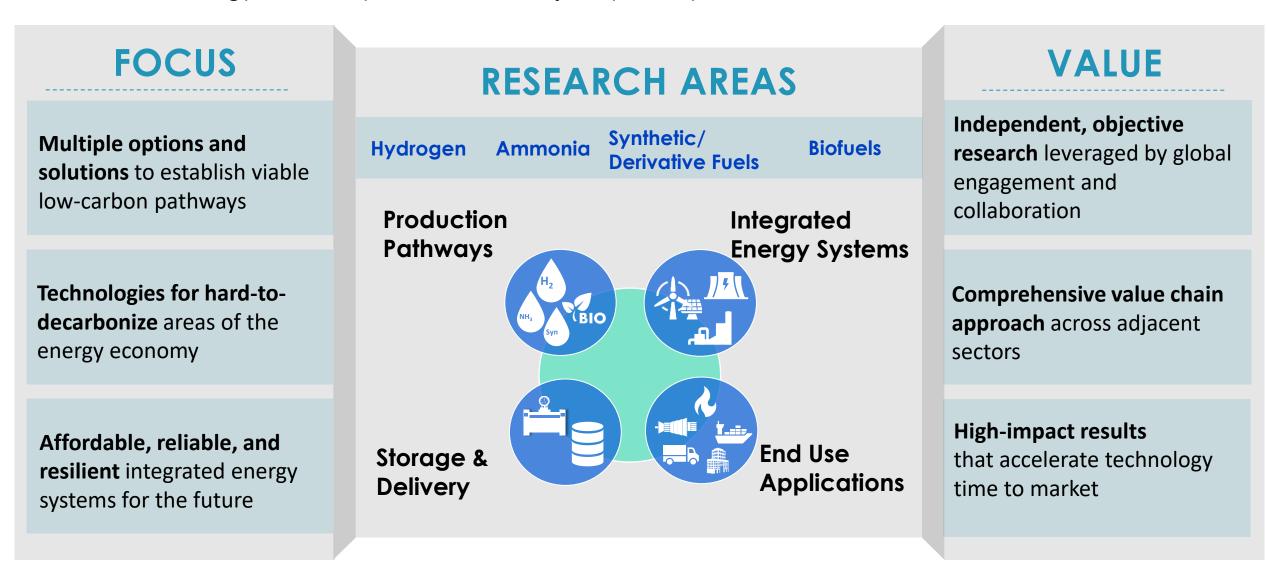
- H<sub>2</sub> contains 1/3 the energy of natural gas at normal working conditions
- Blending H<sub>2</sub> in natural gas pipelines
  - <20% blends will likely require little to no changes in end-use equipment and appliances
  - >20% will likely require upgrades to enduse equipment/appliances, compressor stations, valves, etc., but pipeline materials could potentially be repurposed
- Hydrogen's lower volumetric energy density creates storage challenges



Blending H<sub>2</sub> into NG does not result in an equivalent 1 to 1 reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



The Low-Carbon Resources Initiative (LCRI) is a five-year R&D commitment focused on the advancement of low-carbon technologies for large-scale deployment across the energy economy. This initiative is jointly led by **EPRI and GTI**.





## **Opportunities for Deploying Carbon Capture and Storage**















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## **Global CCS Project Experience**

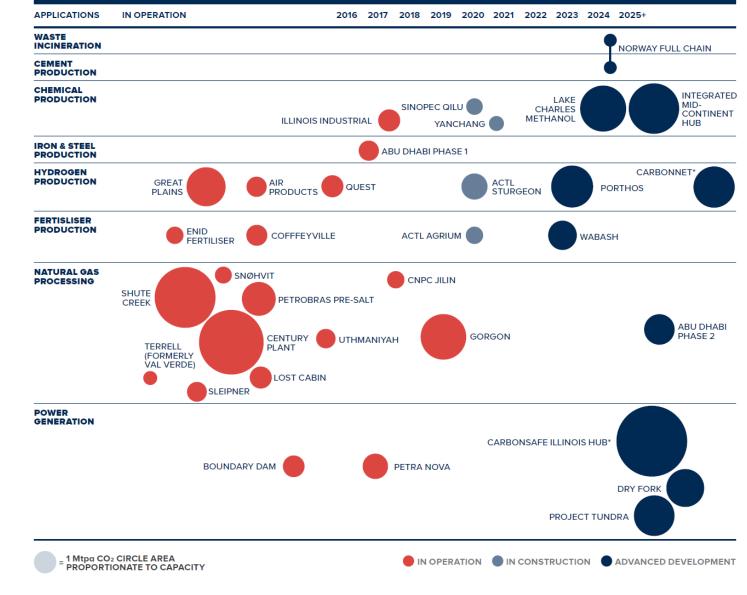
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Source: Global CCS Institute, 2019.The Global Status of CCS: 2019. Australia.

~59 Mtpa\* Largest coal-fired power station in the world 6,720 MW 25.5 Mtpa\* Largest natural gas fired power station in the world 5,597MW

\* Calculated emissions using average  $CO_2$  emission intensity for the US fleet (NG and coal are 0.42 and 1.0 tCO<sub>2</sub>/MWh, respectively). Actual plant emission intensity may differ.

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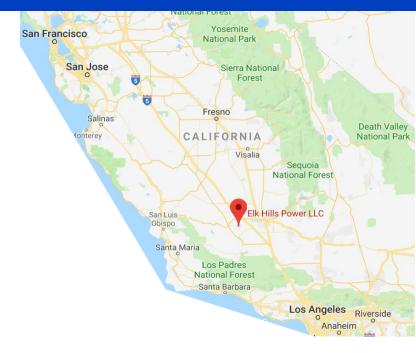


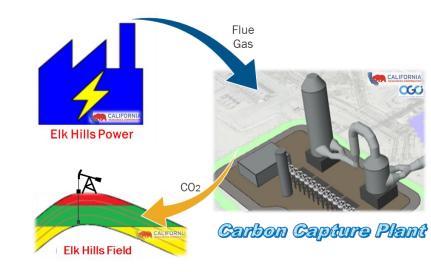
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## **Overview: CalCapture FEED Study**

- Project Objectives
  - Determine technical and economic feasibility of deploying Fluor's Econamine FG+<sup>SM</sup> post-combustion carbon capture process on CRC's 550 MWe NGCC Elk Hills Power Plant (EHPP)
  - Captured CO<sub>2</sub> used for enhanced oil recovery (EOR) and/or storage
- Project Team
  - EPRI, California Resources Corporation (CRC), and Elk Hills Carbon, LLC, a Joint Venture between CRC and Oil and Gas Climate Initiative
- Funding Total \$8,644,807
  - DOE: \$6,915,845 (80%)
  - Cost-Share: \$1,728,962 (20%)
- Performance Dates
  - October 1, 2019 September 30, 2021
- Commercial Drivers
  - EOR, Federal 45Q, CA Low Carbon Fuel Standard, CA Cap & Trade provide significant commercial drivers

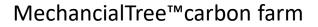


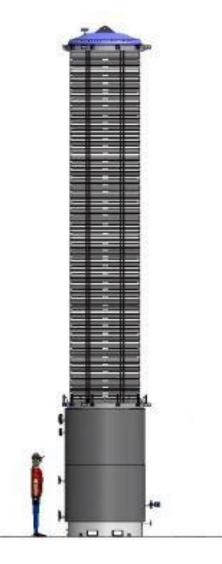




# Direct Air Capture (DAC)

- Project Objectives
  - The project will provide the design basis for blueprints for commercial plants and a thorough techno economic analysis (TEA) and life cycle analysis (LCA) of a fully integrated system for multiple climates
  - 1 ton/day for cluster of 12 trees
- Project Team
  - Carbon Collect Limited, EPRI, Arizona State University, Trimeric Corporation, PM Group Global
- Funding Total
  - DOE: \$2,500,000
  - Cost share: \$781,330
- Performance Dates
  - September 1, 2021 May 31, 2023
- Commercial Driver
  - Scalable carbon capture that can be co-located with geologic storage resources





Passive capture of CO<sub>2</sub> from ambient air

Column of disks extend to a height of 10 metres and are saturated with CO2 from ambient air

Disks are lowered into a chamber. Air is extracted before regeneration occurs to pull off the CO<sub>2</sub>.

The mechanical tree extends again to its 10 metre height to repeat the process.

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