

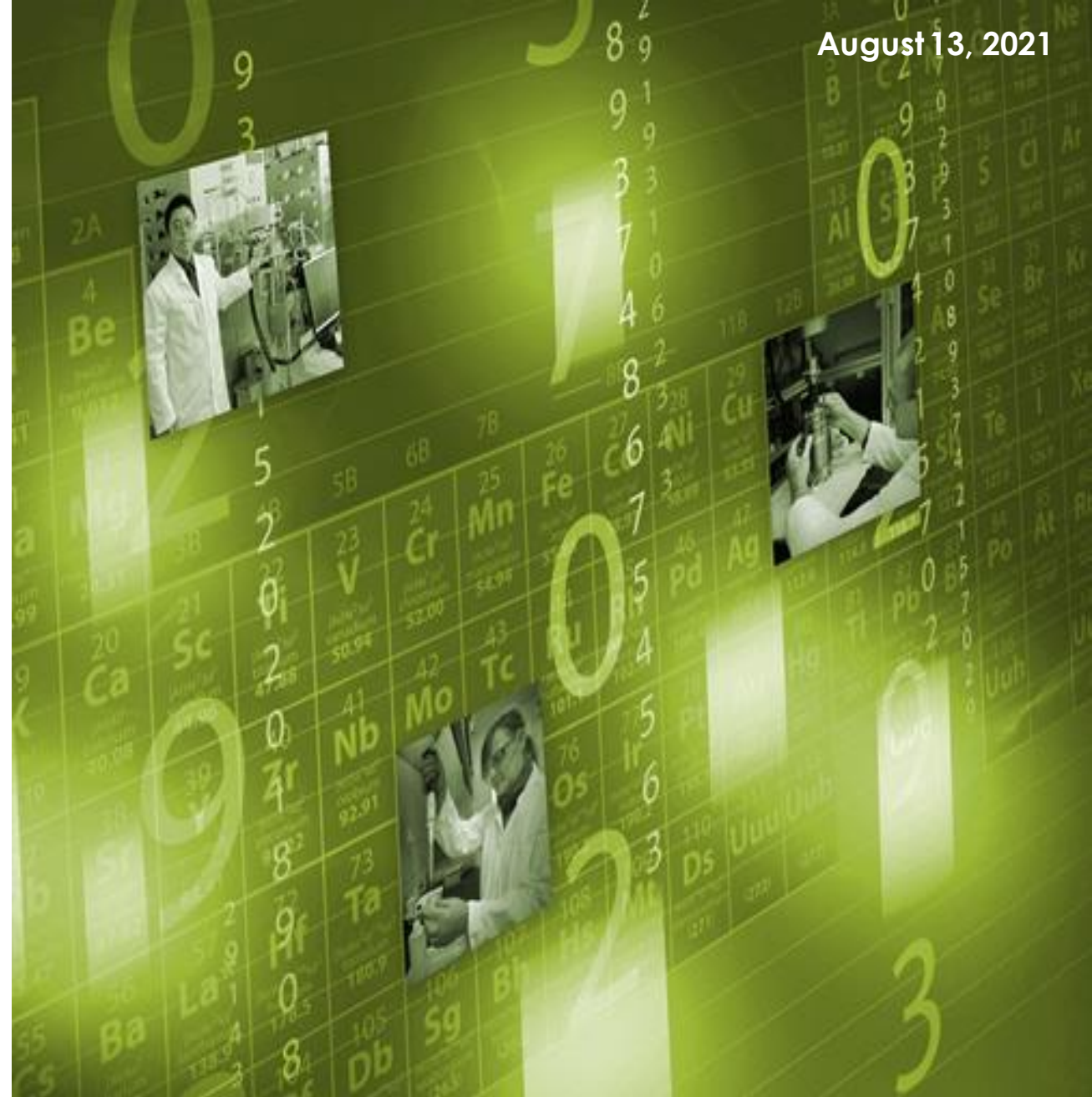
Updated Costs for Carbon Capture Retrofits

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Preliminary Results – Subject to Revision



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Agenda

- **Natural Gas Retrofit Updates**

- Design Basis
- Performance Results
- Cost Results
- Sensitivities

Design Basis

Basis for Model and Cost Development



- QGESS for Carbon Capture Retrofit (in process)
- QGESS for Capital Cost Estimation Methodology¹
- Cost and Performance Baseline for Fossil Energy Plants Volume 1: Bituminous Coal (PC) and Natural Gas to Electricity (2019) – Rev 4²
 - Cases B31A/B (NGCC)
 - H-class supplement – Cases B32A/B (in process)
- **Aspen Plus v10**
 - Previous revisions of the NGCC retrofit report were developed in GTPro
 - Development of F(retrofit)- and H-frame cases

1 - https://netl.doe.gov/projects/files/QGESSCostEstMethodforNETLAssessmentsOfPowerPlantPerformance_022621.pdf

2 - https://netl.doe.gov/projects/files/CostAndPerformanceBaselineForFossilEnergyPlantsVol1BitumCoalAndNGtoElectBBRRev4-1_092419.pdf

Site Characteristics

Parameter	Value
Location	Greenfield, Midwestern U.S.
Topography	Level
Size (NGCC), acres	100
Transportation	Rail or Highway
Water	50% Municipal and 50% Ground Water

Parameter	Value
Elevation, m (ft)	0 (0)
Barometric Pressure, MPa (psia)	0.101 (14.696)
Average Ambient Dry Bulb Temperature, °C (°F)	15 (59)
Average Ambient Wet Bulb Temperature, °C (°F)	10.8 (51.5)
Design Ambient Relative Humidity, %	60
Cooling Water Temperature, °C (°F) ^A	15.6 (60)
Air composition based on published psychrometric data, mass %	
N ₂	75.055
O ₂	22.998
Ar	1.280
H ₂ O	0.616
CO ₂	0.050
Total	100.00

^AThe cooling water temperature is the cooling tower cooling water exit temperature. This is set to 4.8°C (8.5 °F) above ambient wet bulb conditions in ISO cases.

Fuel Characteristics

Component		Volume Percentage
Methane	CH ₄	93.1
Ethane	C ₂ H ₆	3.2
Propane	C ₃ H ₈	0.7
<i>n</i> -Butane	C ₄ H ₁₀	0.4
Carbon Dioxide	CO ₂	1.0
Nitrogen	N ₂	1.6
Methanethiol ^A	CH ₄ S	5.75x10 ⁻⁶
	Total	100.0
	LHV	HHV
	kJ/kg (Btu/lb)	52,295 (22,483)
	MJ/scm (Btu/scf)	38.25 (1,027)

^AThe sulfur content of natural gas is primarily composed of added Mercaptan (methanethiol [CH₄S]) with trace levels of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S)

Emission Limits

- **Air Emissions: All cases are compliant with the current utility Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) and New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)**
 - CO₂ emission limit for NGCC technology is 1,000 lb CO₂/MWh-gross
 - B31A has a CO₂ emission rate of 741 lb/MWh-gross

Pollutant ^A	NGCC (lb/MWh-gross)
SO ₂	0.90
NOx	0.43
PM (Filterable)	N/A
Hg	N/A
HCl	N/A

^A Carbon monoxide (CO) emissions will be reported as 1 ppm

- **Water Emissions: Based on the global plant assumptions made for NGCC cases in Revision 4 of the Bituminous Baseline report, there were no water streams that required treatment to attain compliance with the effluent limitation guidelines**
 - H-frame cases will apply the same set of plant assumptions, and thus, are compliant without additional treatment technology

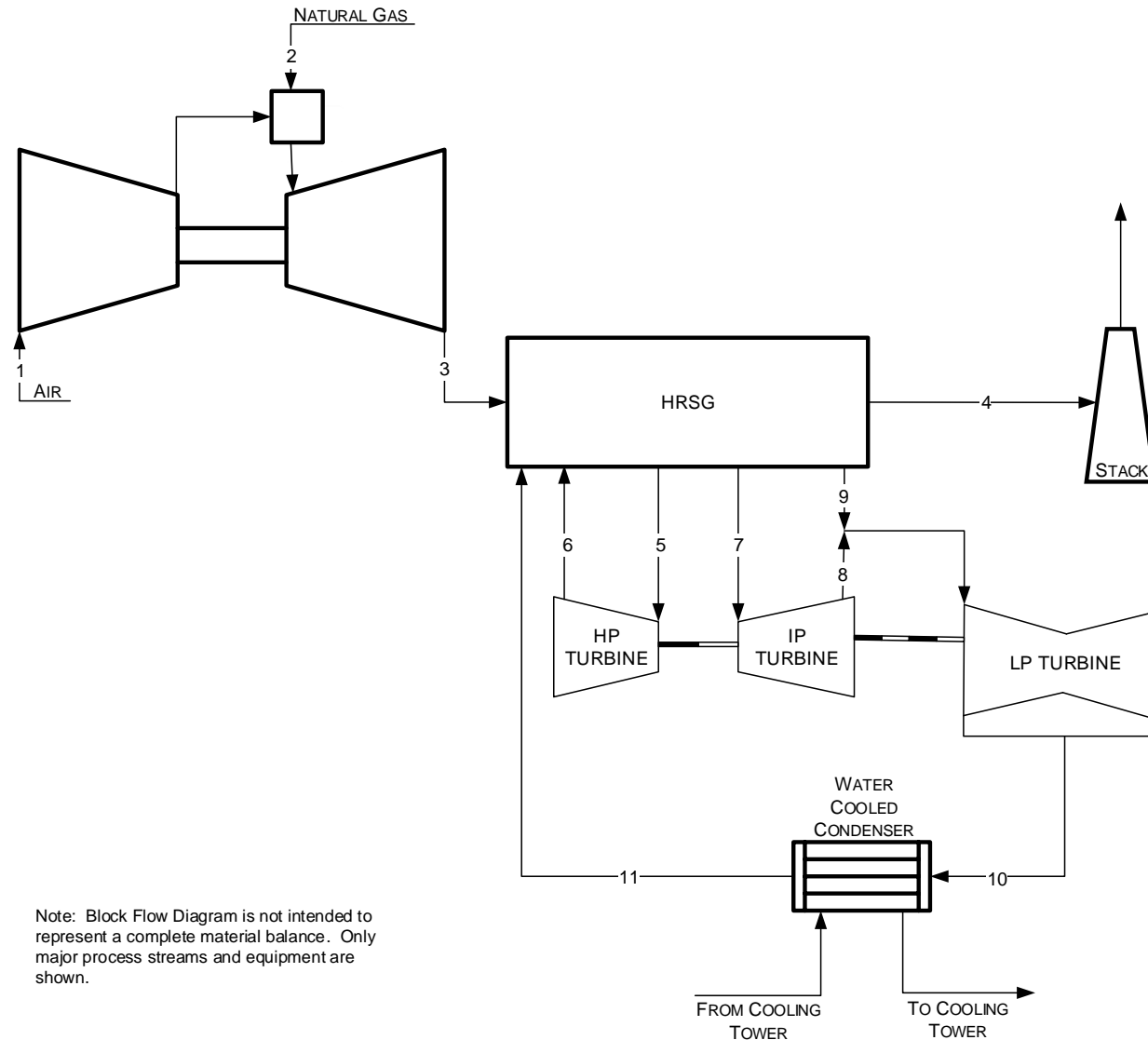
Case List

Case ^A	Unit Cycle	Steam Cycle, psig/°F/°F	Combustion Turbine	Heat Recovery	Oxidant	NOx Control	CO ₂ Separation	Capture Rate	Plant Type	Process Water Treatment
B31A	NGCC	2400/1085/1085	2 x State-of-the-art 2017 F-Class	Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG)	Air	Low NOx Burner and Selective Catalytic Reduction	N/A	N/A	Greenfield	N/A
B31B							Cansolv	90%	Greenfield	
B31A-BR							Cansolv	90%	Brownfield (retrofit)	
B32A		2700/1085/1045	2 x State-of-the-art 2017 H-Class				N/A	N/A	Greenfield	
B32B							Cansolv	90%	Greenfield	
B32A-BR							Cansolv	90%	Brownfield (retrofit)	

^A Natural Gas feed flow rate is the same amongst similar frames types.

Block Flow Diagram

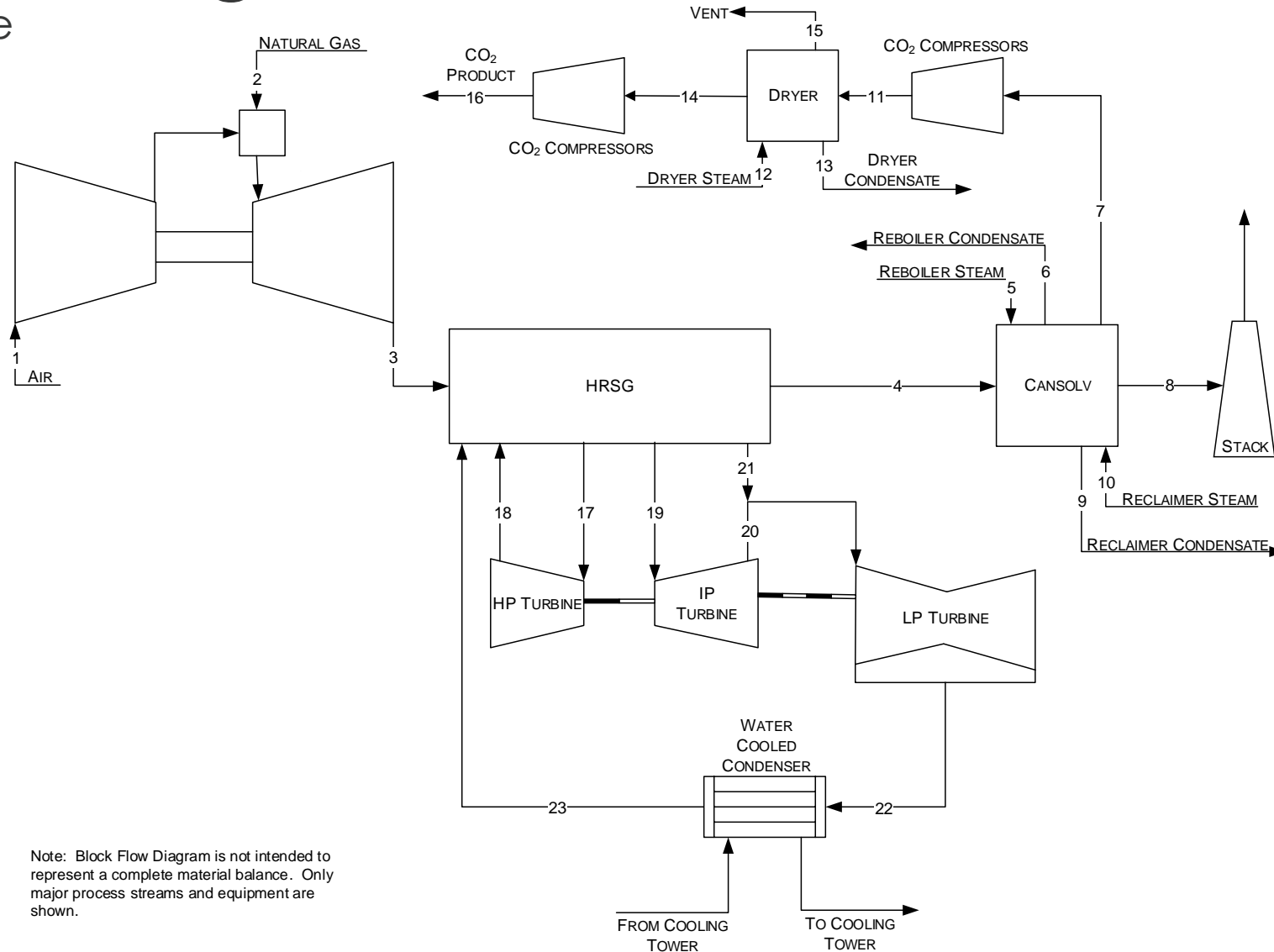
NGCC w/o Capture



Note: Block Flow Diagram is not intended to represent a complete material balance. Only major process streams and equipment are shown.

Block Flow Diagram

NGCC w/ Capture



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Derate Considerations

- **Retrofit plants are assumed to be capture ready**
 - The IP/LP crossover pressure of 73.5 psia pre-retrofit is suitable for Cansolv applications
 - In addition to the reduction in output from redirected steam flow prior to the LP turbine, additional derate due to off-design steam turbine flow was considered
- **Derate calculations were performed in the Aspen Plus models**
 - The derate is calculated as a ~2% decrease from the gross steam turbine power (reference study is Lucquiaud et al.)

- **Assumptions for retrofit cases**

- Existing units are assumed to be fully paid off
- The only capital outlays required are for the carbon capture processes (including the removal technology process equipment, a CO₂ compression train, and any modification to the existing plant required for the retrofitted technology)
- Ongoing fuel costs, as well as fixed and variable O&M, and additional consumables are included in the levelized cost of electricity calculations

$$SC = RC * \left(\frac{SP}{RP}\right)^{Exp}$$

$$FRC = RDF * SC = RDF * RC * \left(\frac{SP}{RP}\right)^{Exp}$$

SC – greenfield equivalent of the scaled cost for the retrofit technology

RC – item reference cost

SP – process scaling parameter for the retrofit equipment

RP – process reference parameter for the reference plant equipment

Exp – scaling exponent

RDF – retrofit difficulty factor

FRC – factored retrofit cost

- **The retrofit difficulty factor was applied at the total TPC level**

- RDF = 1.09 for NGCC cases
- RDF varies from 1 to 1.3 depending on difficulty of retrofit, type of equipment and labor productivity
- Value use represents an overall average

- **Financial Parameters**

- The prior study/QGESS method had financial structures for low risk (NGCC w/o capture) and high risk (NGCC w/ capture); both were three-year construction periods.
 - The updated QGESS* only includes differentiators for three versus five-year construction periods.
- The existing three-year construction period timeframe/financial structure was used as is.

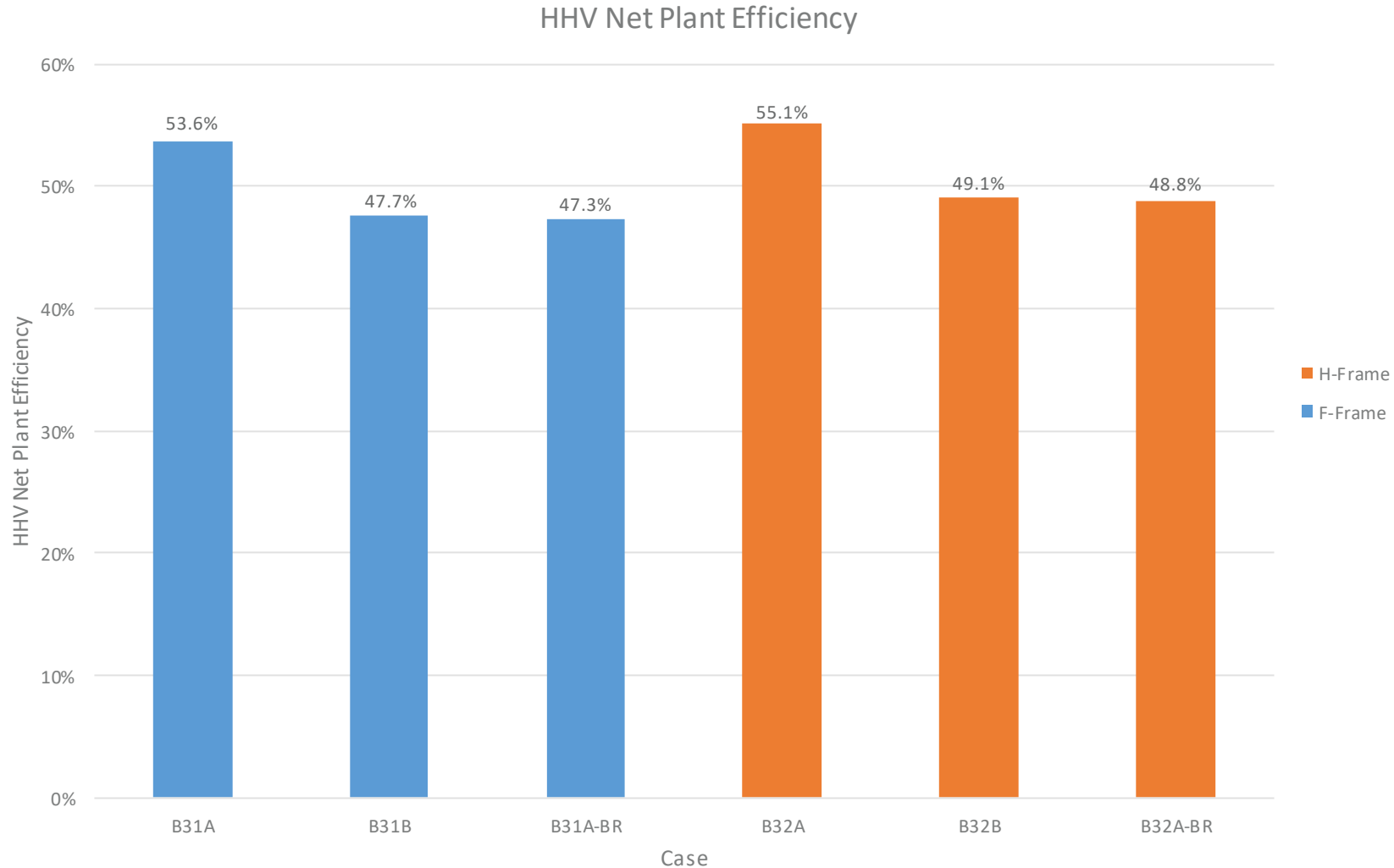
- **A make-up power cost (MPC) of \$30/MWh was added to retrofit cases to bring to net plant power back to pre-retrofit levels**

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Performance Results

Performance Summary

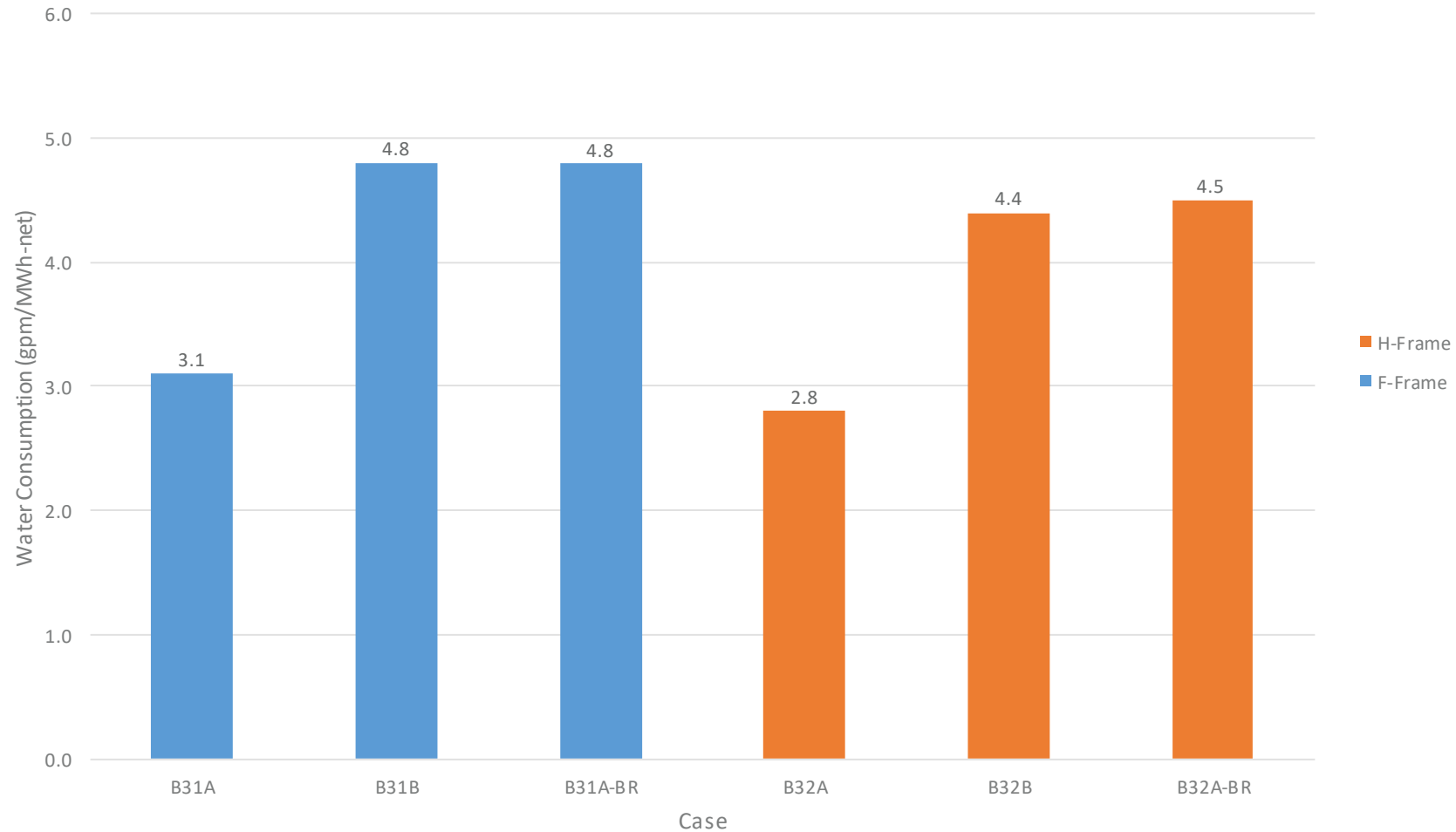
HHV Net Plant Efficiency



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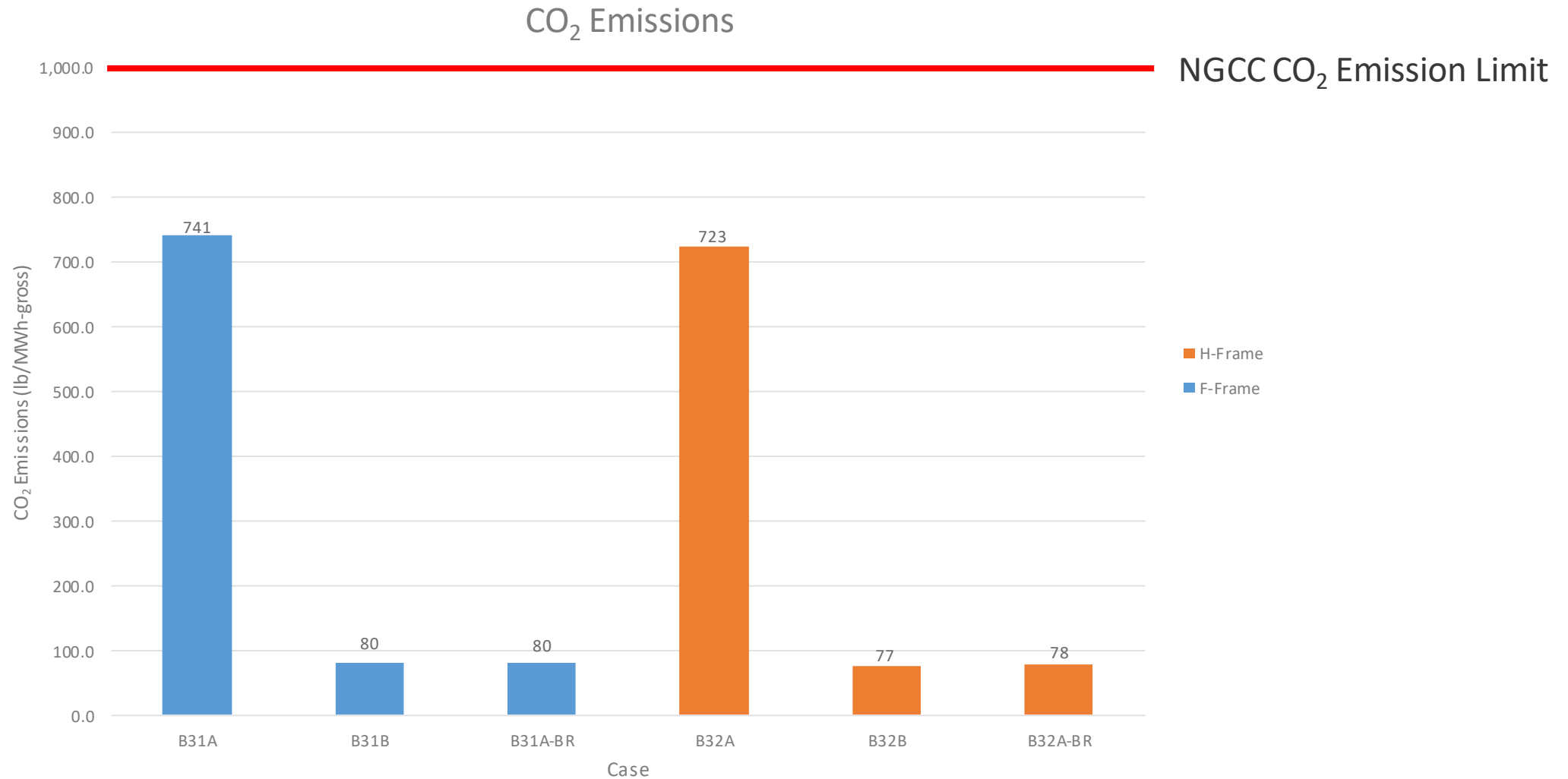
Water Usage

Water Consumption (gpm/MWh-net)



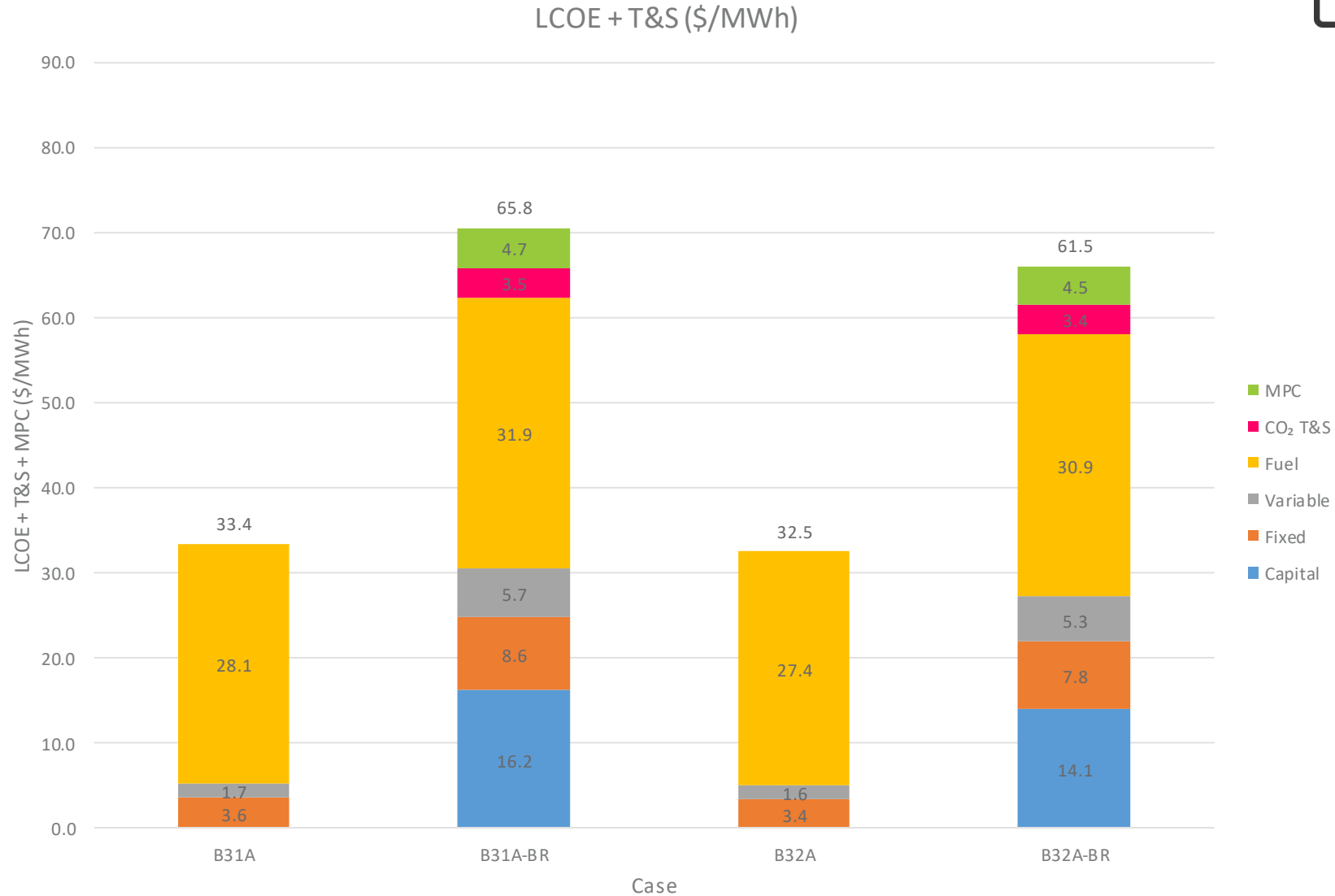
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CO₂ Emissions



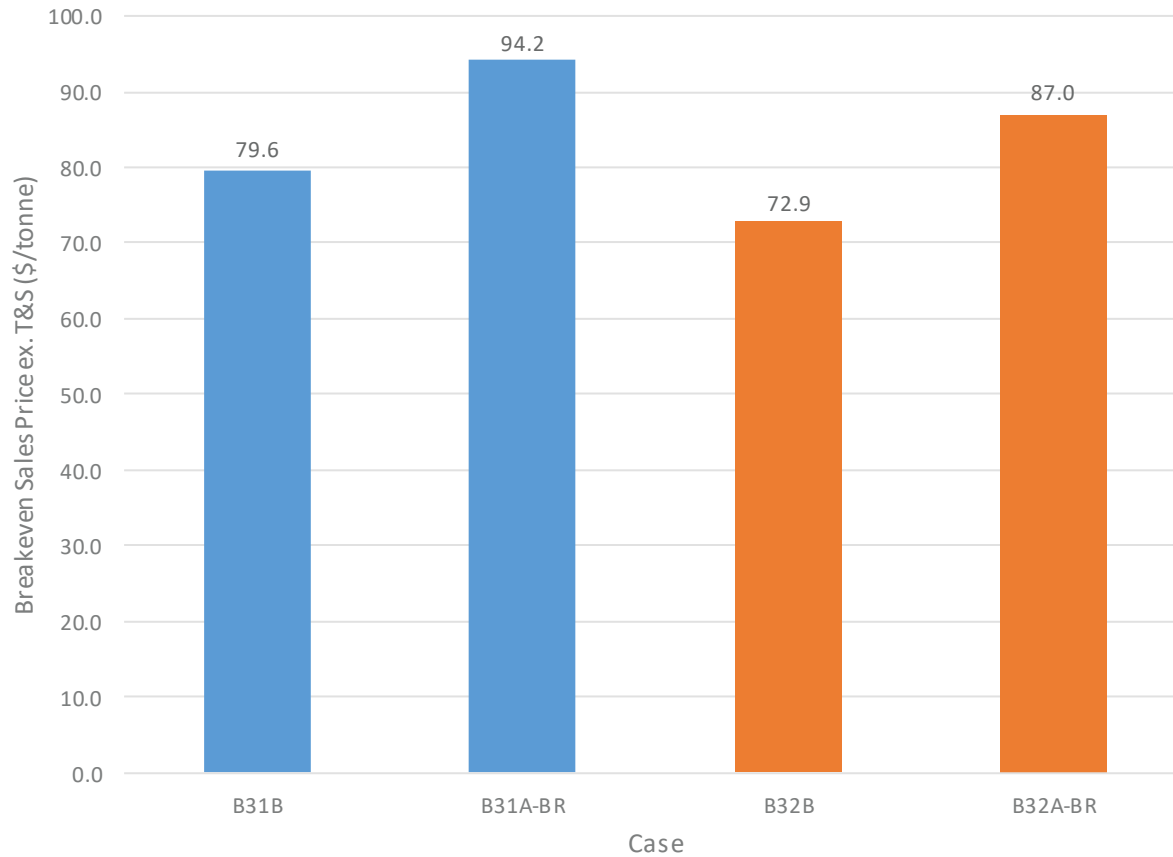
Cost Results

Levelized Cost of Electricity

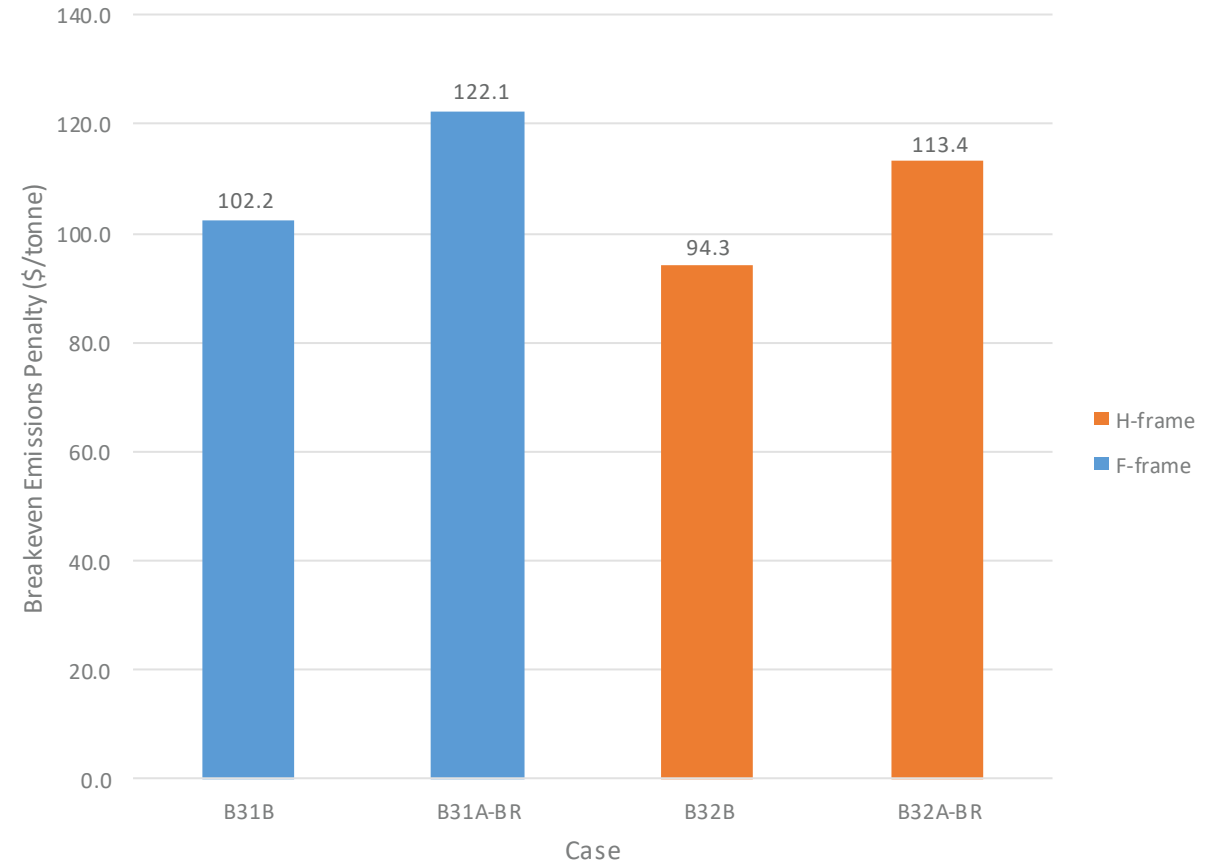


CO₂ Breakeven Point

Breakeven CO₂ Sales Price



Breakeven CO₂ Emissions Penalty



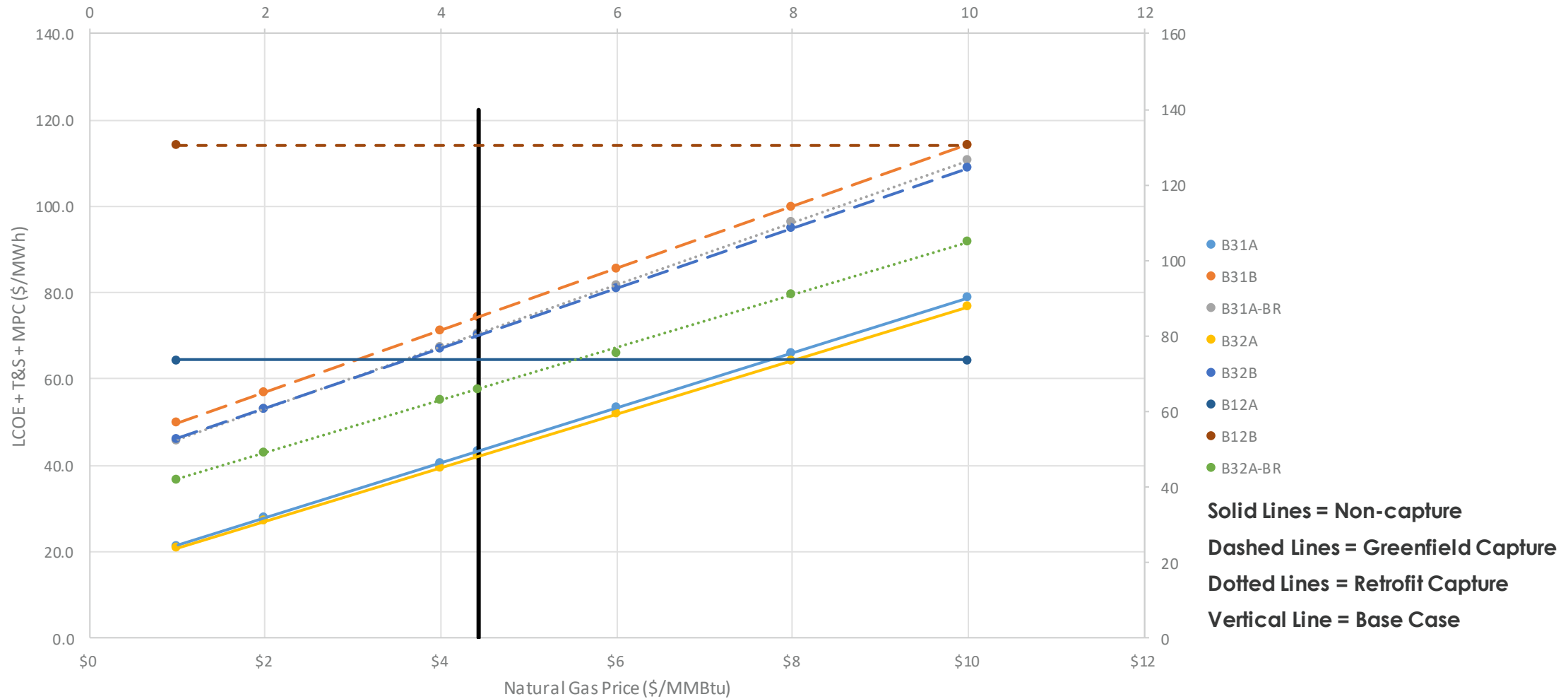
Sensitivities

- **Price of Natural Gas**
 - \$1-10/MMBtu
- **Capacity Factor**
 - 30 to 100 percent
- **Make-up Power Cost**
 - \$0/MWh - \$100/MWh

Sensitivities

Price of Natural Gas

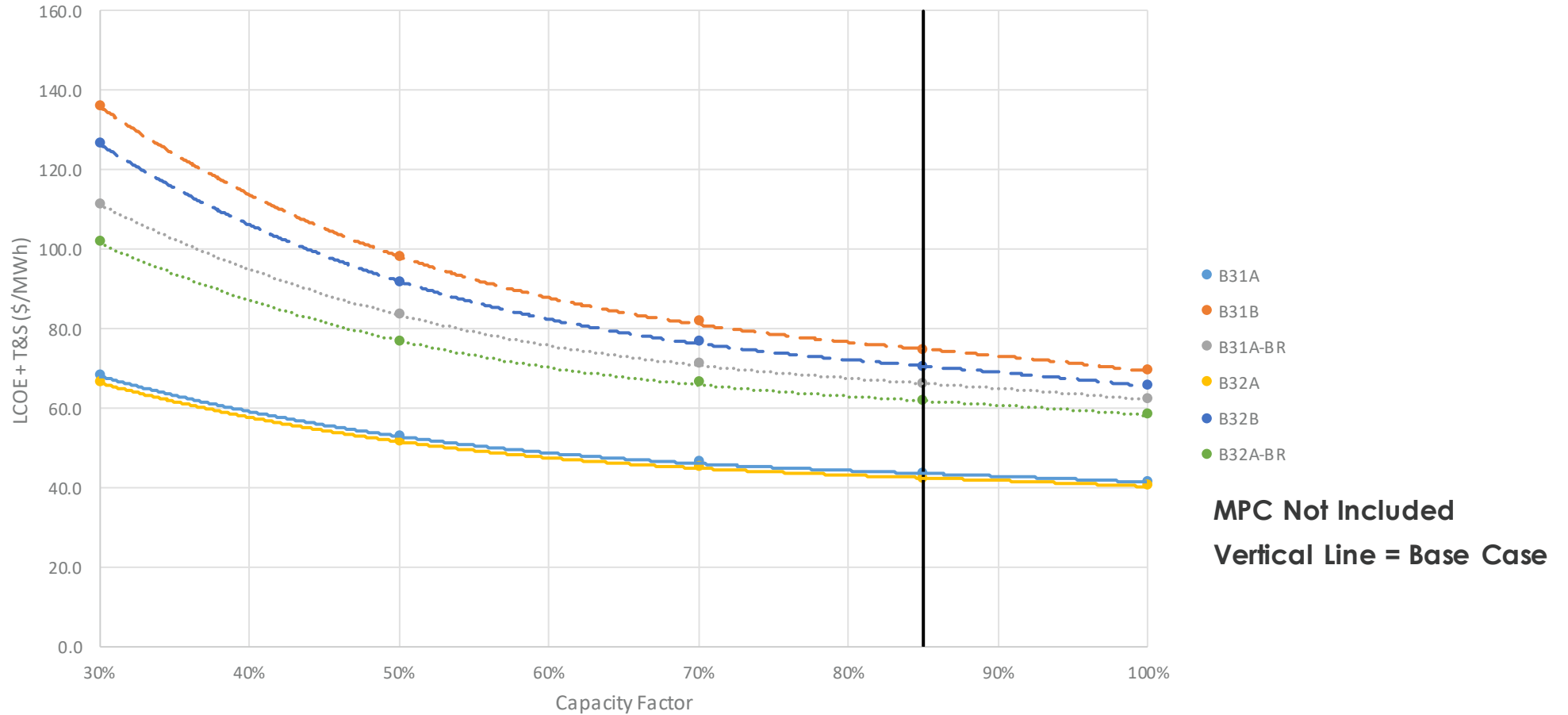
LCOE Sensitivity to the Price of Natural Gas



Sensitivities

Capacity Factor

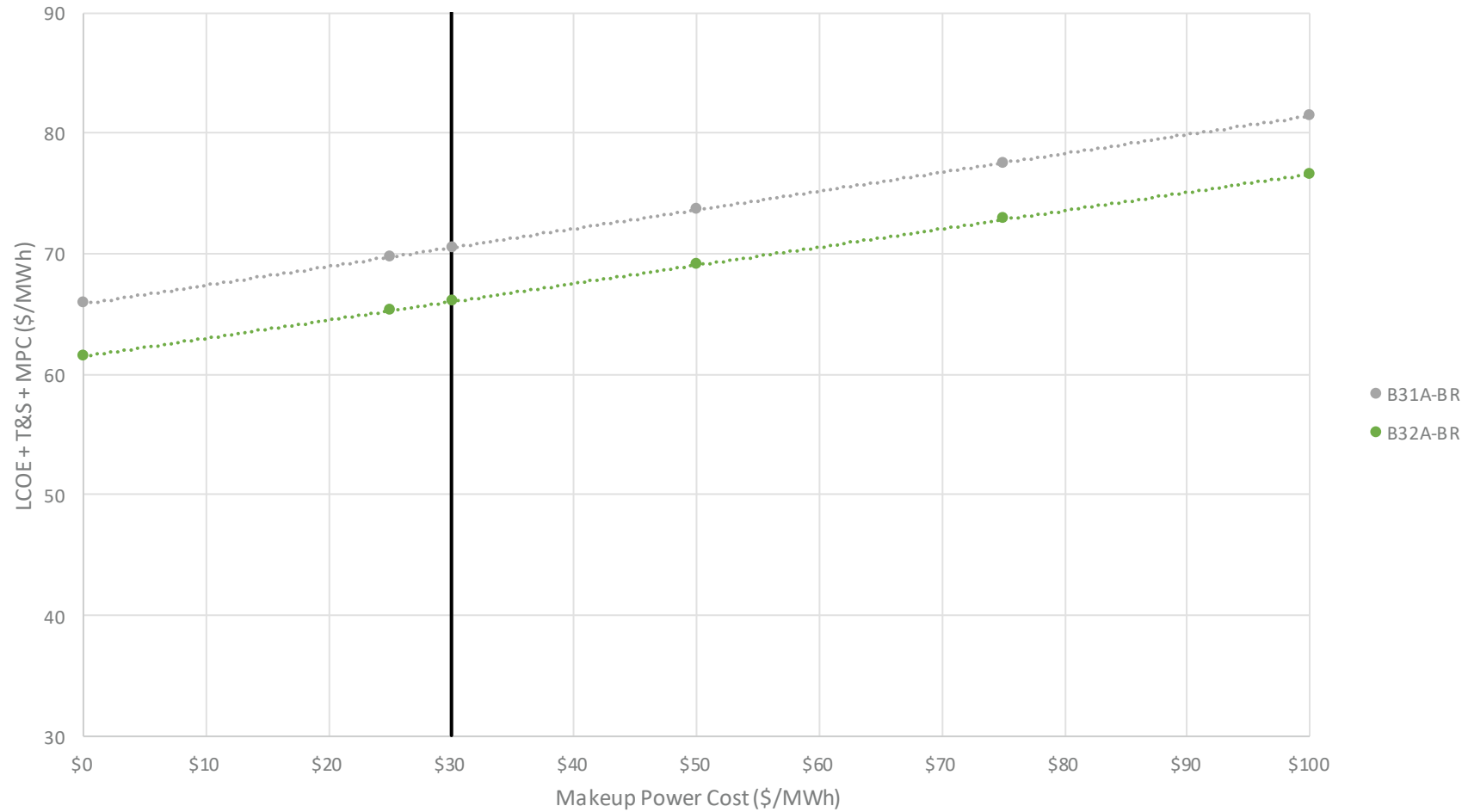
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Sensitivities

Makeup Power Cost

LCOE Sensitivity to Makeup Power Cost



Current work

- **Updating Carbon Capture Retrofit Database to reflect this report**
 - Includes update to NGCC, PC and Industrial Database
- **Analogous retrofit reports for Industrial and PC under review/development**

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