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# **Moving Beyond 90% Carbon Capture by Highly Selective Membranes and Processes**

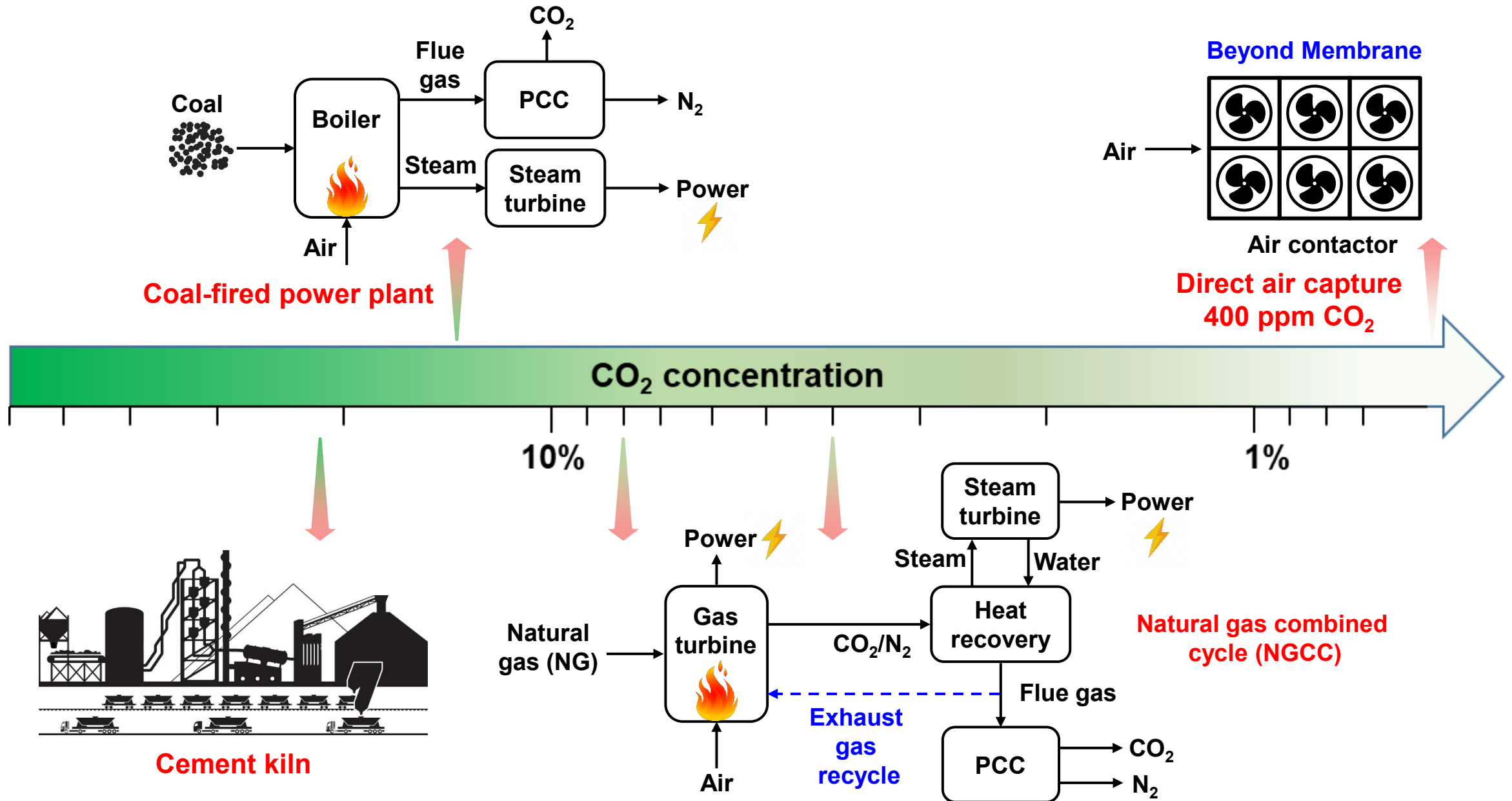
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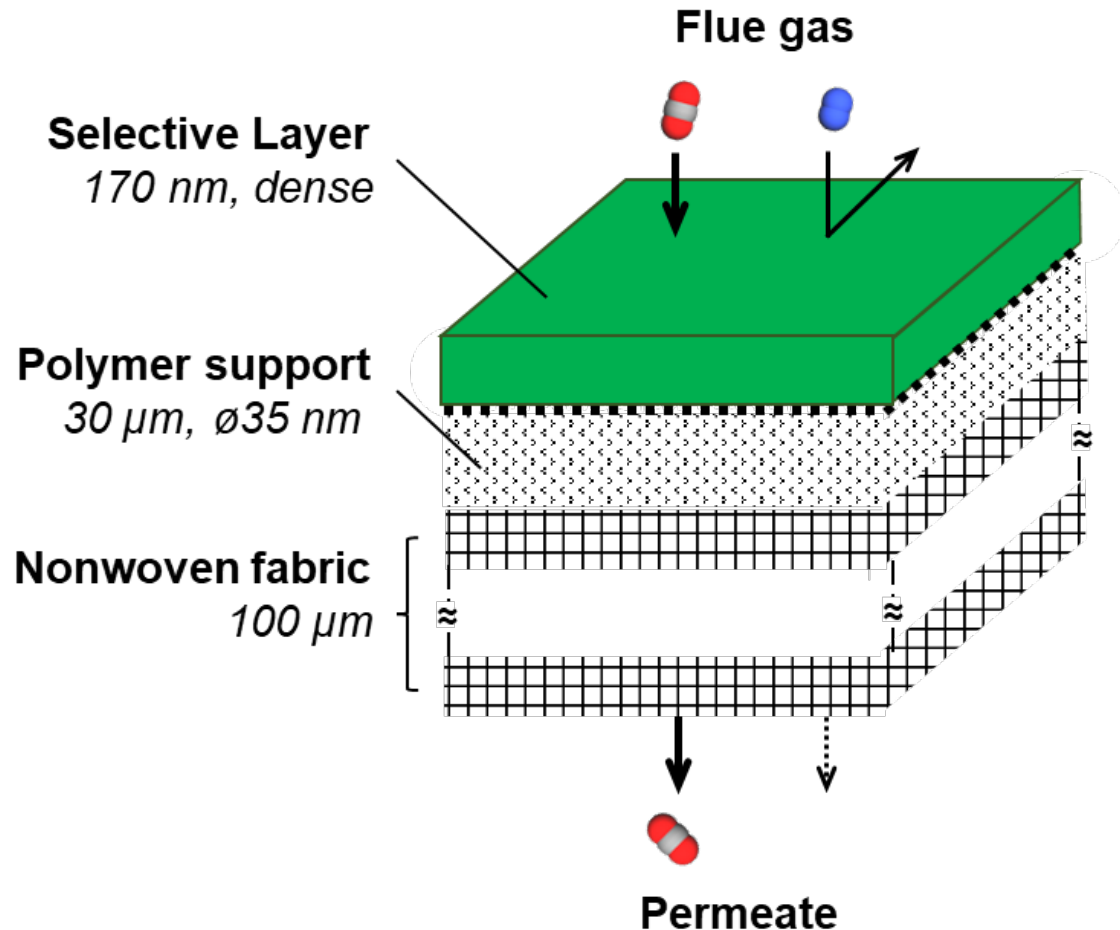
# Post-Combustion Capture (PCC) from Stationary Sources



# Facilitated Transport Membranes

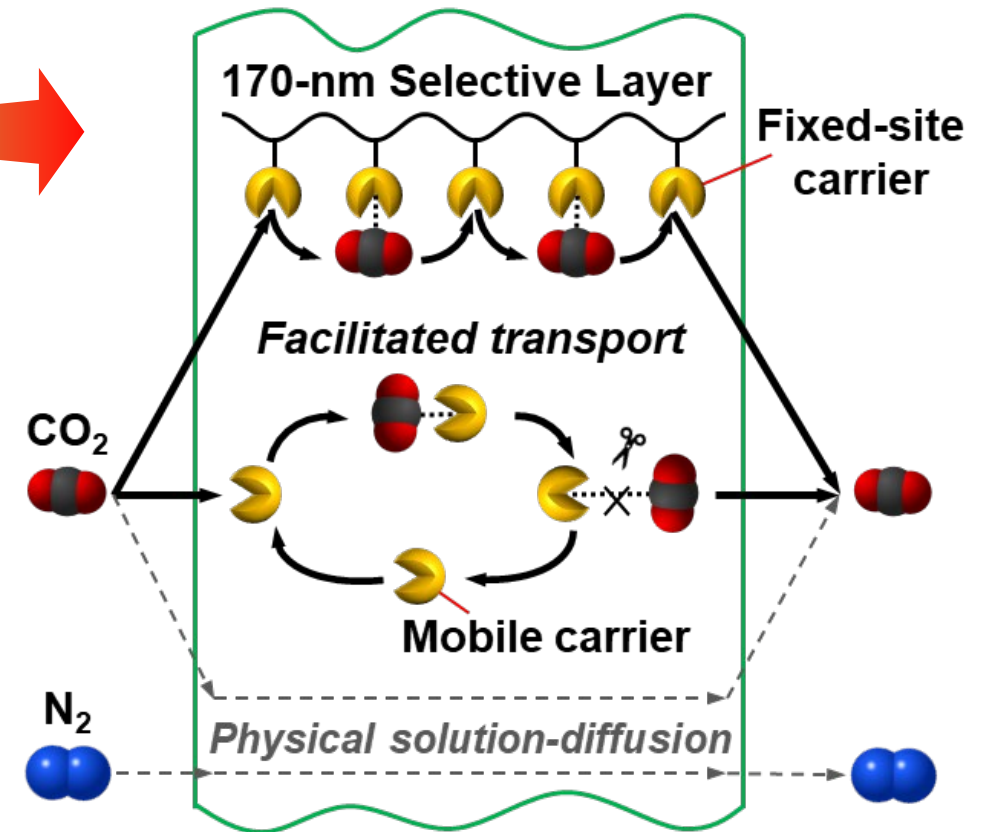
## Thin-Film Composite (TFC) Membrane Structure: 3 Layers

Efficient and scalable membrane for low cost

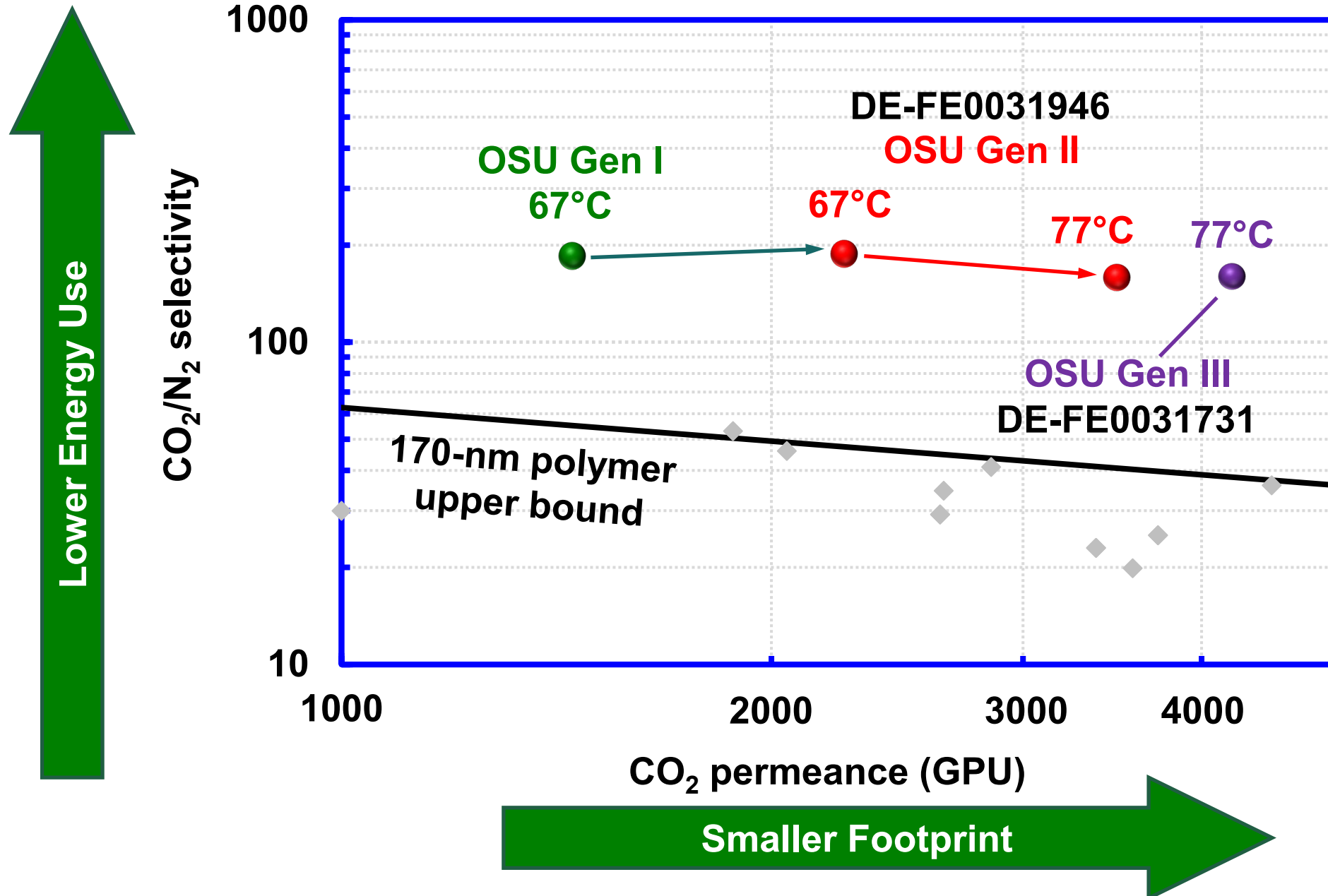


## Amine-Based Facilitated Transport Membrane

Highly selective  $\text{CO}_2$  separation by reactive diffusion

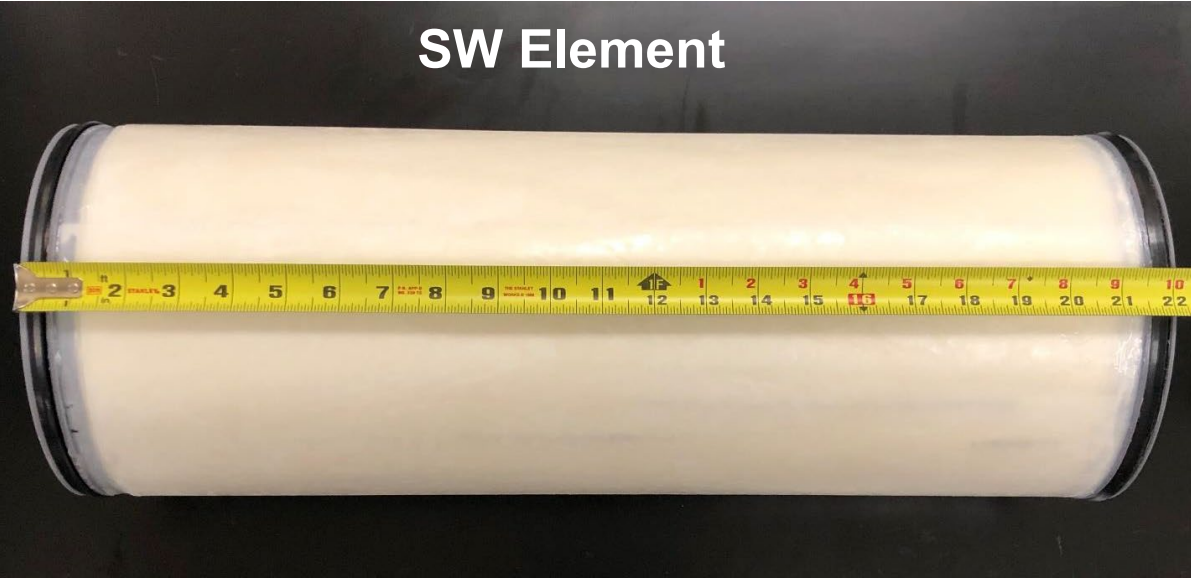


# Evolution of OSU's Membrane Technology

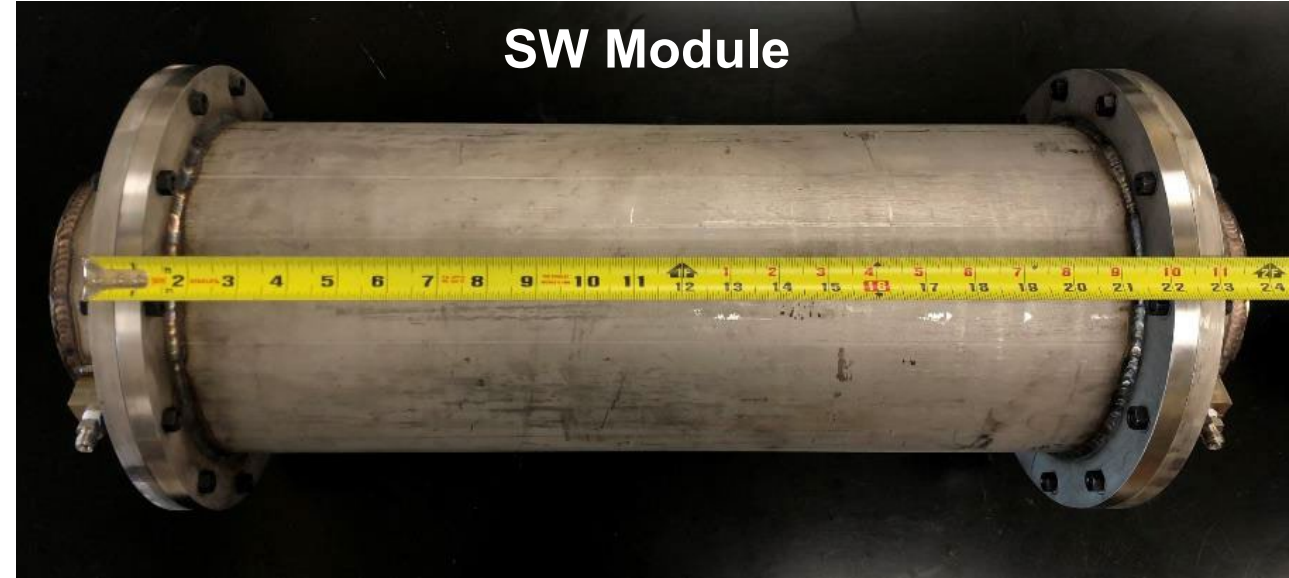


# Photos of $\varnothing 8''$ SW Element and Module

SW Element



SW Module



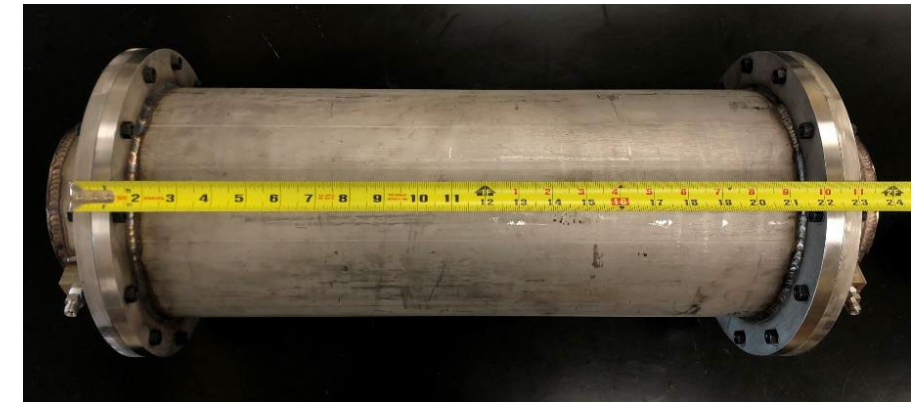
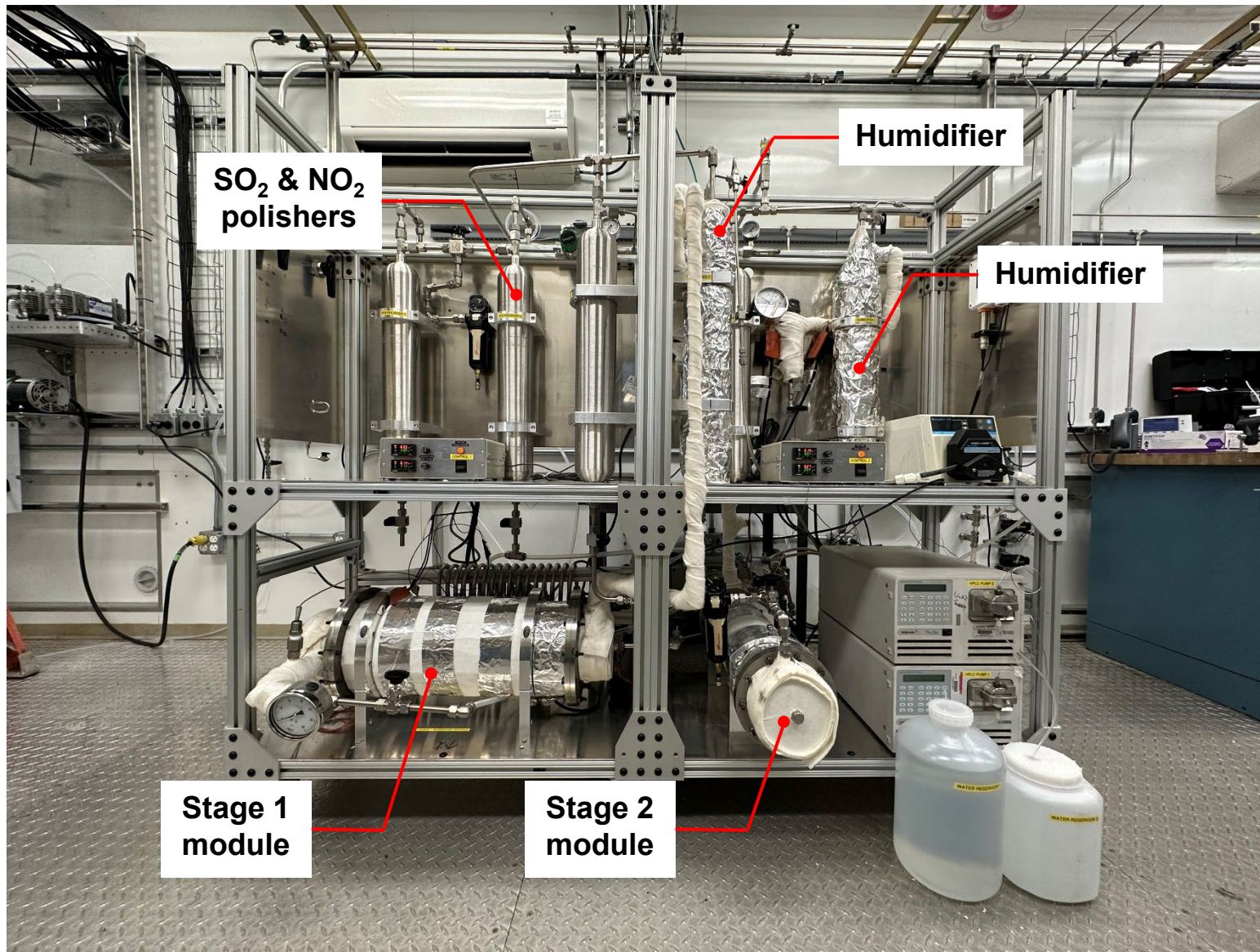
- **$\varnothing 8''$  SW element**

- Commercial diameter
- Half of commercial length
- 41 membrane leaves
- 35 m<sup>2</sup> membrane area
- 2000 m<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>3</sup> packing density





# 2-Stage Bench Skid at NCCC



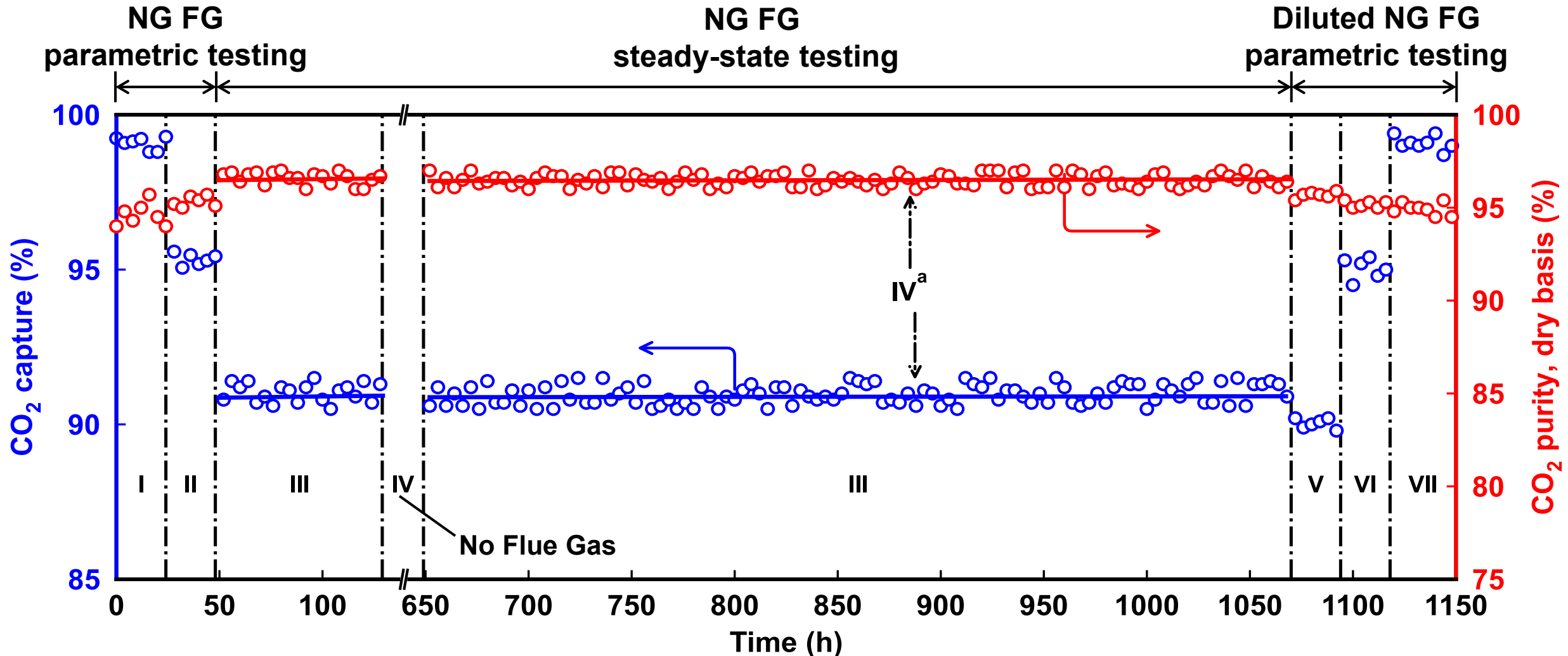
**Stage 1 Module ( $\phi 8''$ , 35 m<sup>2</sup>)**



**Stage 2 Module ( $\phi 5''$ , 12 m<sup>2</sup>)**

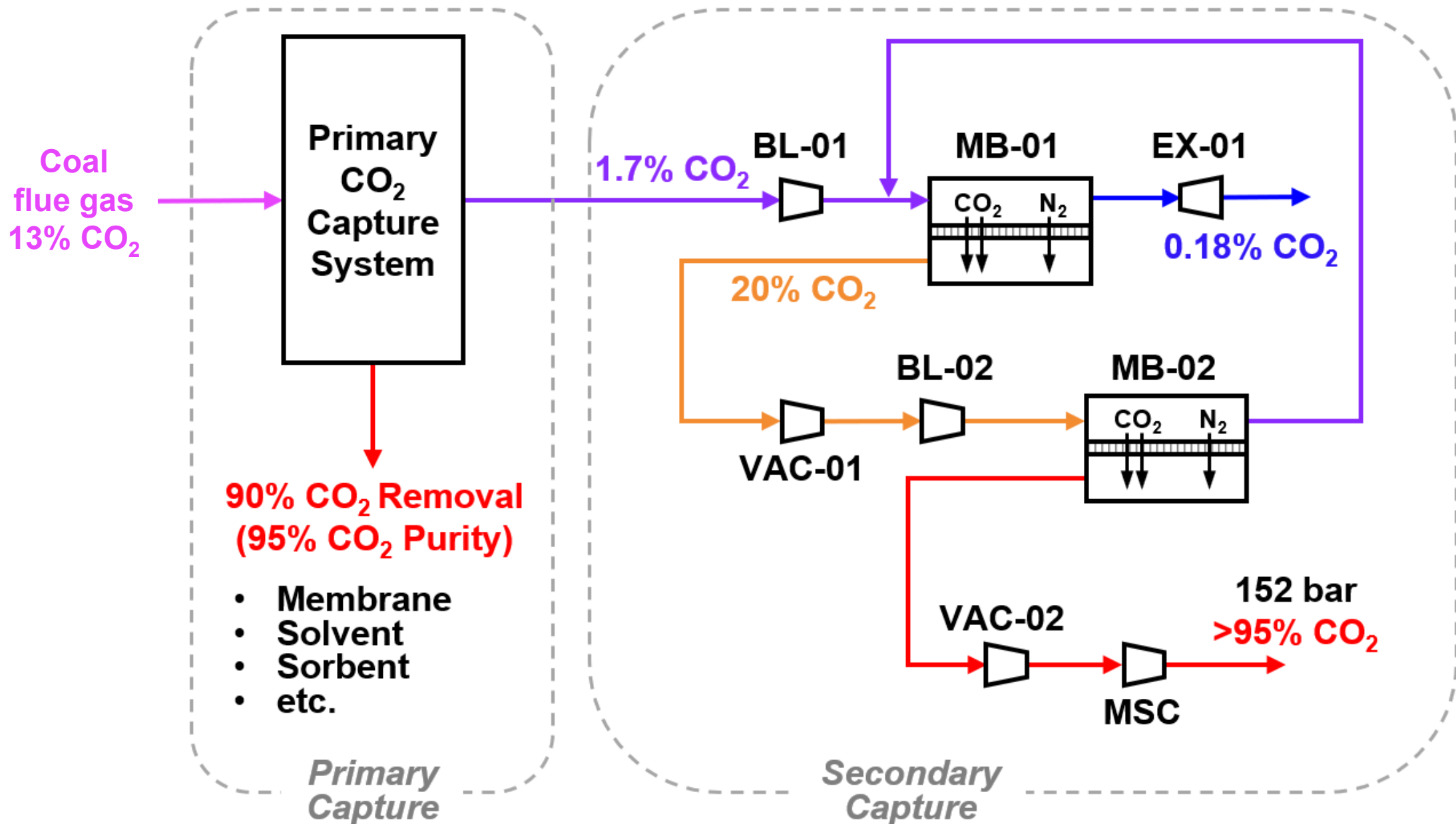
- NCCC = National Carbon Capture Center, Wilsonville, AL

# Skid Testing with NG FG (8.6% CO<sub>2</sub>) and Diluted NG FG (4.3% CO<sub>2</sub>) at NCCC



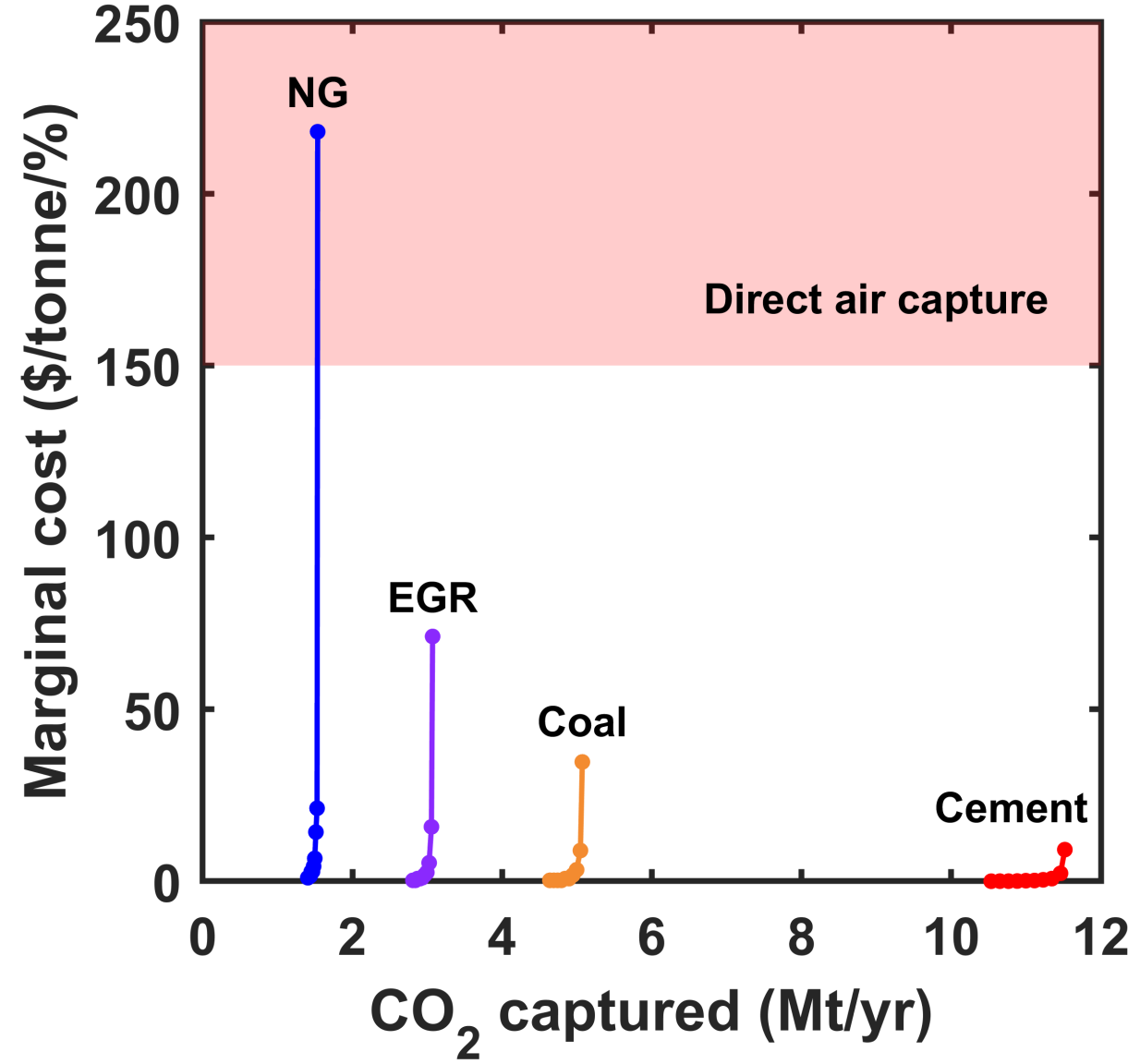
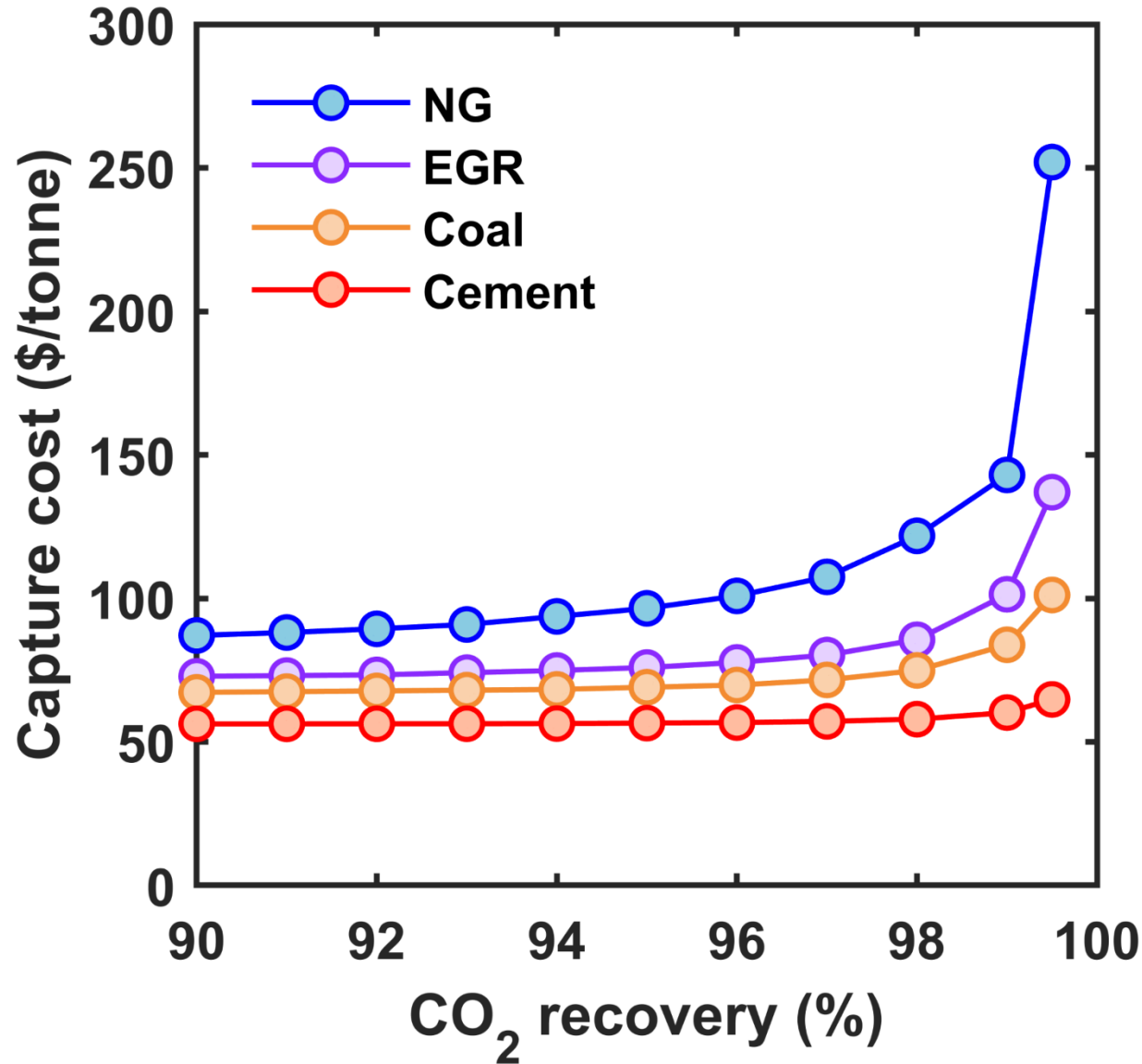
- 90–99% CO<sub>2</sub> capture degrees achieved for both CO<sub>2</sub> conc's, all with ≥95% CO<sub>2</sub> purity
- Good membrane module and process stabilities demonstrated at NCCC

# Membrane as Secondary Capture Unit

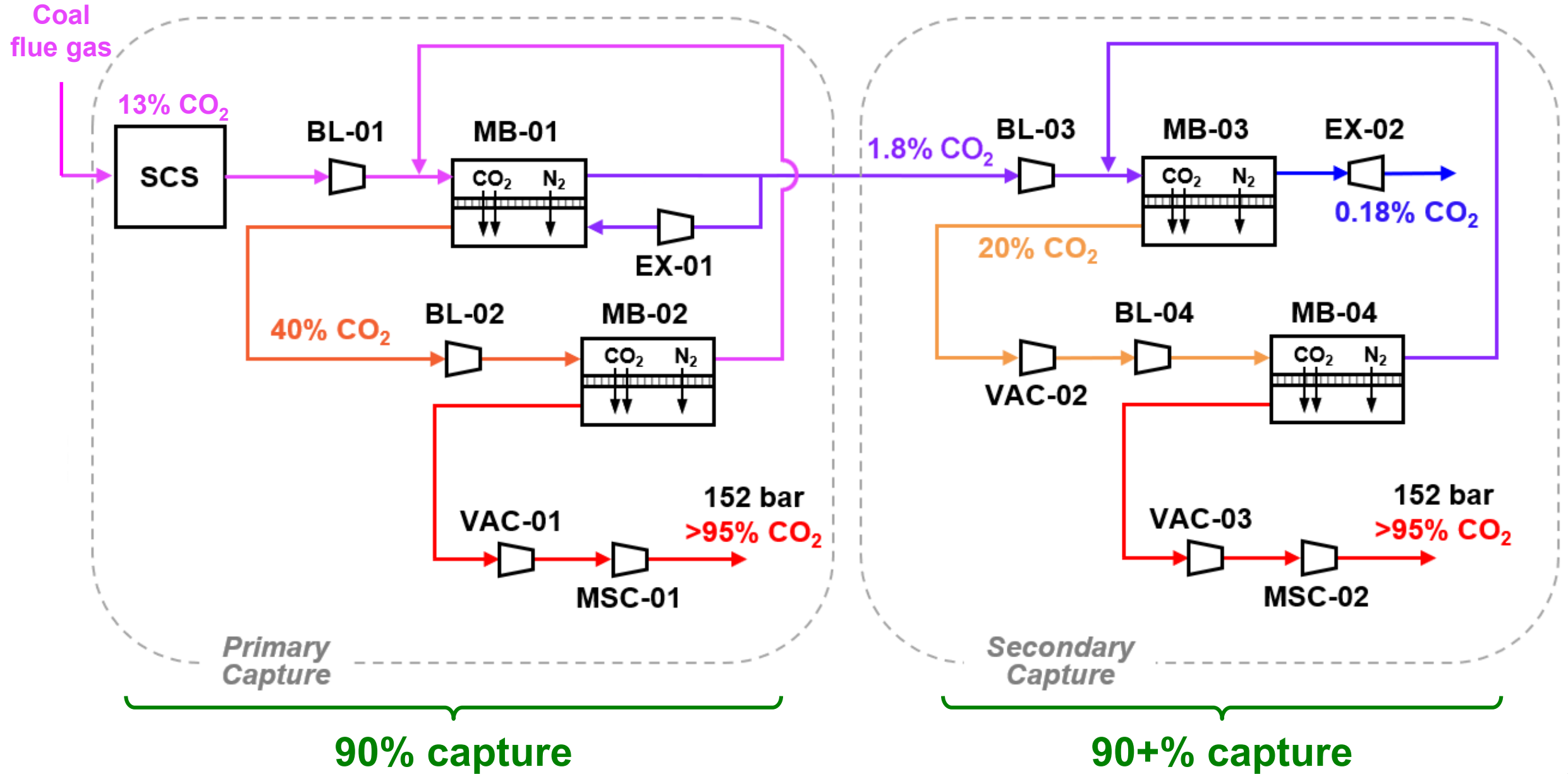




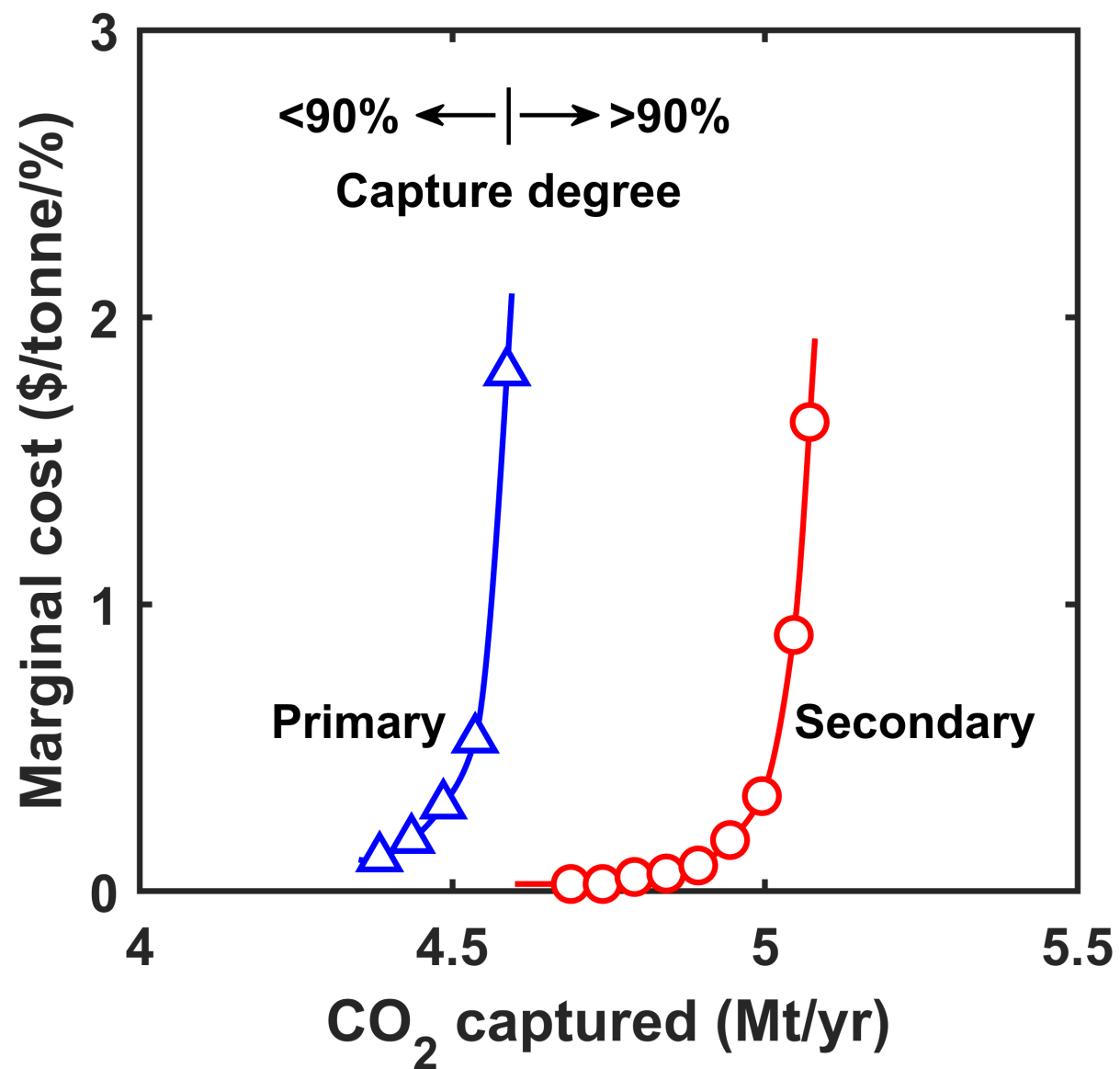
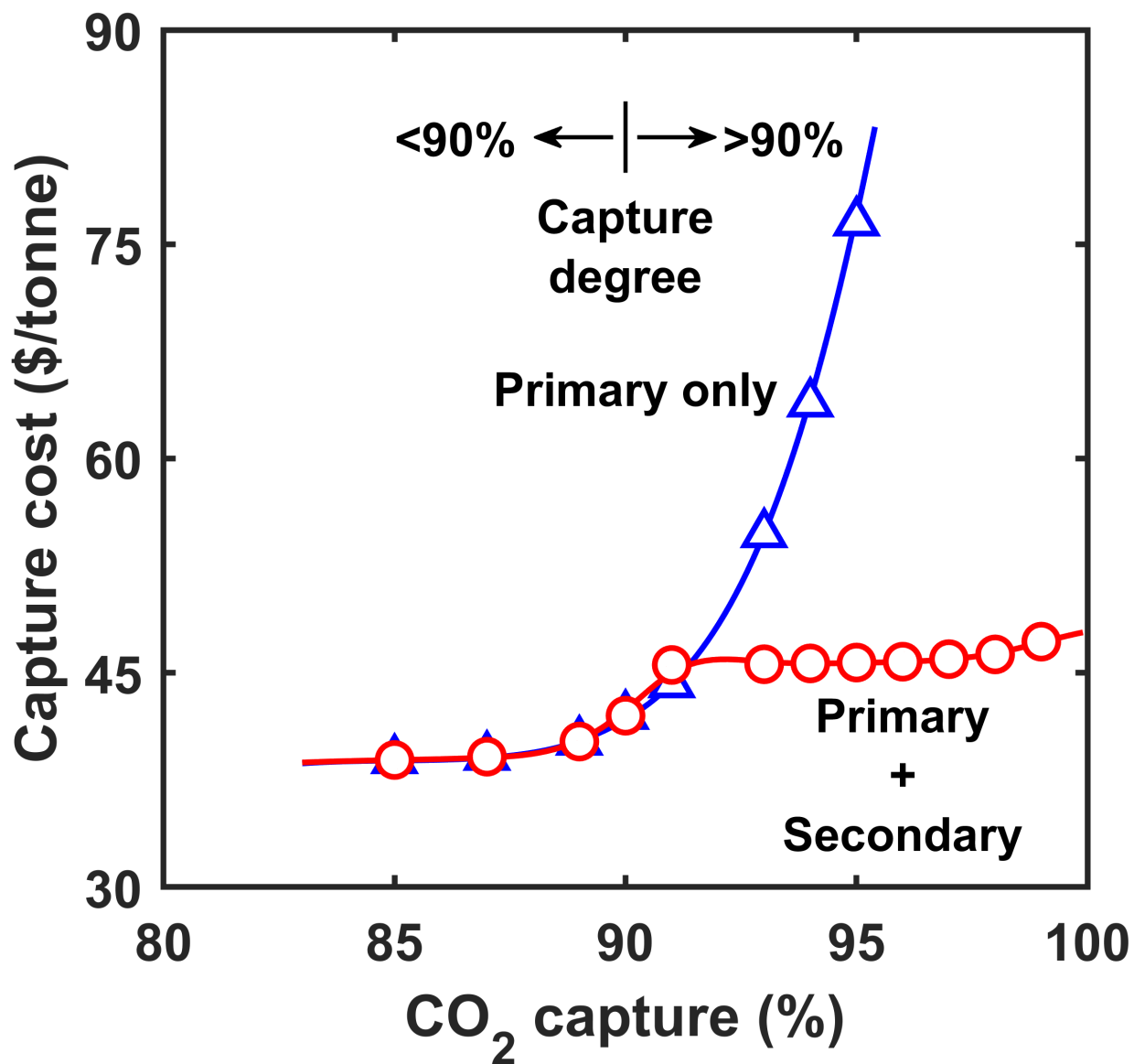
# Effect of CO<sub>2</sub> Recovery



# Membrane-Only Process for 90+% Capture



# Marginal Costs for Beyond 90% Capture

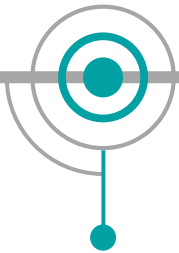


# Timeline of Key Field Demos



- 6 full-size SW modules
- Repurposed skid at ITC
- 95% CO<sub>2</sub> capture

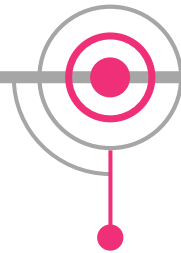
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1.4 m<sup>2</sup> SW module  
Coal FG at NCCC

1 TPD integrated membrane skid  
Coal FG at OSU; NG FG at NCCC

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20 TPD membrane skid  
Coal FG at ITC  
8 full-size SW modules

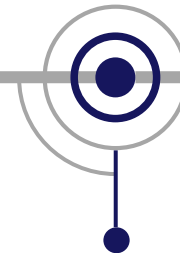
5 TPD membrane skid  
NGCC FG at ITC

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3 TPD membrane skid  
Cement FG at Holcim

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- 2 full-size SW modules
- Holcim plant in Holly Hill, SC
- 99% CO<sub>2</sub> capture



Full-size module





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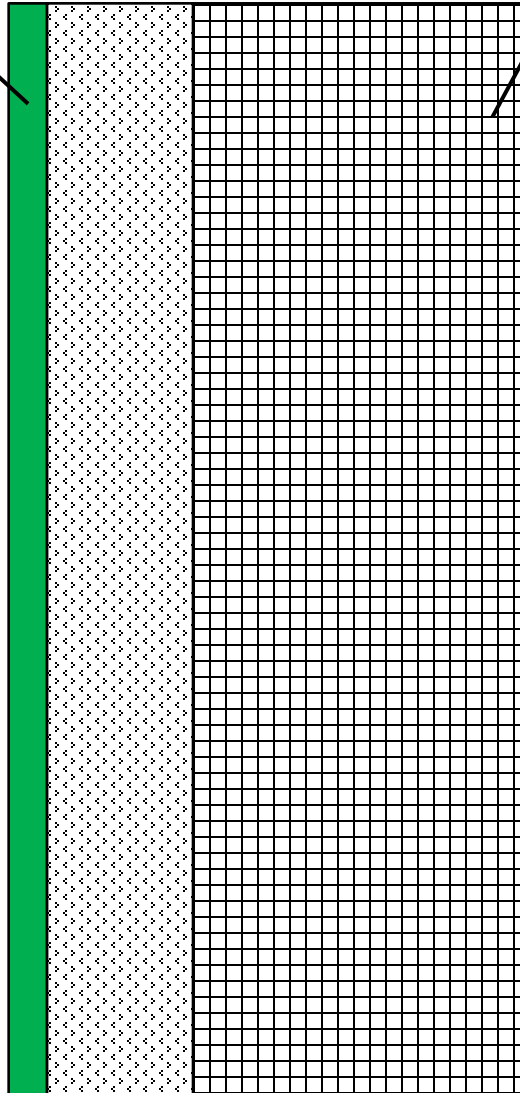
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