



# **Cryogenic Carbon Capture Development Progress and Field Test Data**

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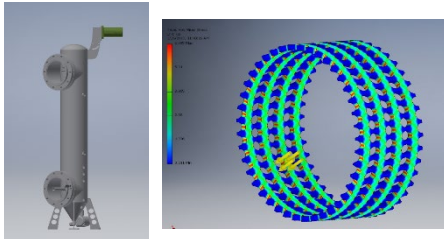
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# CCC-Dev Project Timeline

## Phase 1

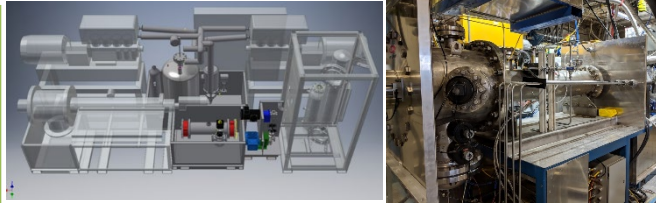
De-Risking Individual  
Unit Operations



Oct 2016 – Sept 2017

## Phase 2

Field Test Skid  
Modification



Oct 2017 – Dec 2018

Field Test at Hunter  
Power Plant



Jan 2019 - Jun 2019

# Overview

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High-level review of CCC technology

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Full-scale techno-economic discussion

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Detailed discussion process and subsystems

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Testing data from field tests

# Current Carbon Capture Technology Challenges

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## Expensive

\$70/tonne CO<sub>2</sub> (more for existing plants)

25%-30% Parasitic Load

## Difficult to retrofit

Require an entirely new plant in some cases or significant modifications/integration with the steam cycle and turbine in others

## Produce CO<sub>2</sub> gas

Requires additional compression and purification for transportation and many uses

# CCC Provides the Solutions

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**Half the cost and energy**

Even greater advantages in retrofit scenarios

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**Easily retrofits to any stationary emissions source**

Applicable to NG and coal power plants, cement plants, NG burners, etc. without plant modifications

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**Produces CO<sub>2</sub> ready for use**

Produces high-purity (>99.9%), high pressure CO<sub>2</sub> ready for transportation and sale

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# CCC has Additional Unique Advantages

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**Robustly  
handles SO<sub>x</sub>  
and NO<sub>x</sub>**

With development may be able to replace SOX, NOX, and mercury treatments

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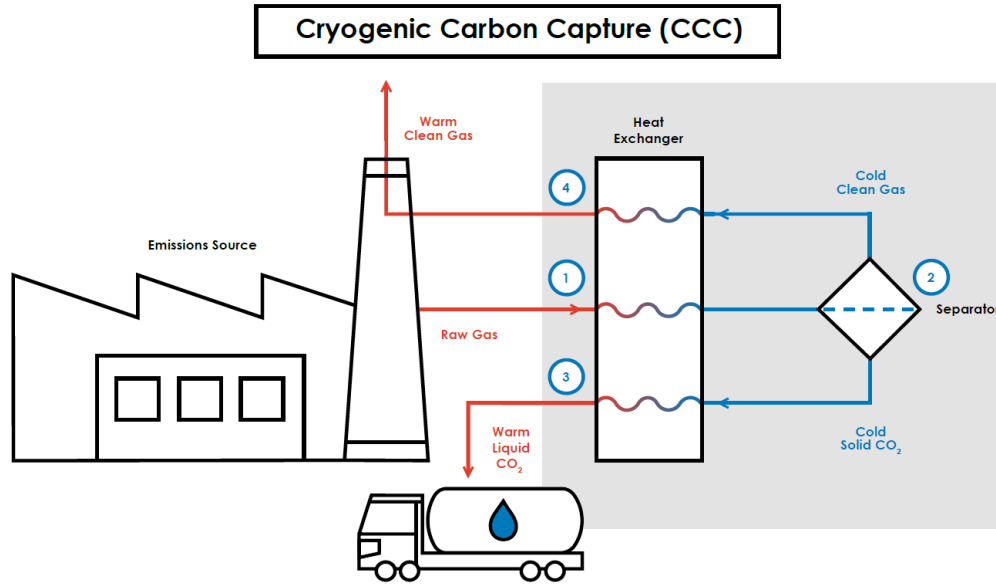
**Option of Grid-  
Scale Energy  
Storage\***

Integrates with intermittent renewables on the grid, allows for 80% reduction in parasitic load during peak demand

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\*See appendix for more details

# CCC is a Simple Process



*The CCC process (1) cools a dirty exhaust gas stream to the point that the CO<sub>2</sub> freezes using mostly heat recuperation, (2) separates solid CO<sub>2</sub> as it freezes from the clean gas, (3) melts the CO<sub>2</sub> through heat recuperation and pressurizes it to form a pure liquid, and (4) warms up the clean, harmless gas releasing it to the atmosphere. See appendix slides for more detailed flow diagrams.*

# Independent Validation

Of all these processes [CCS technologies], I regard the CCC process to have the greatest potential by a significant margin.

-Howard Herzog, MIT Energy Initiative



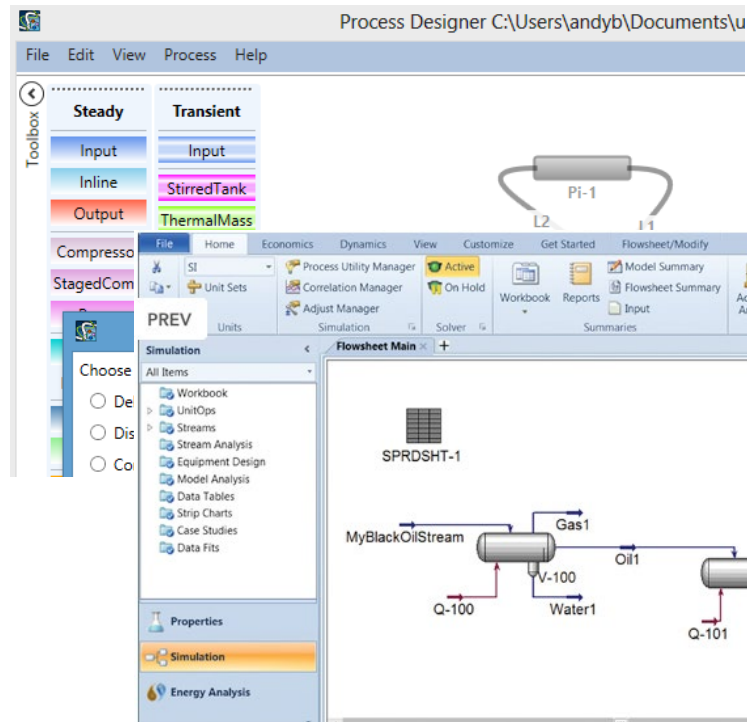




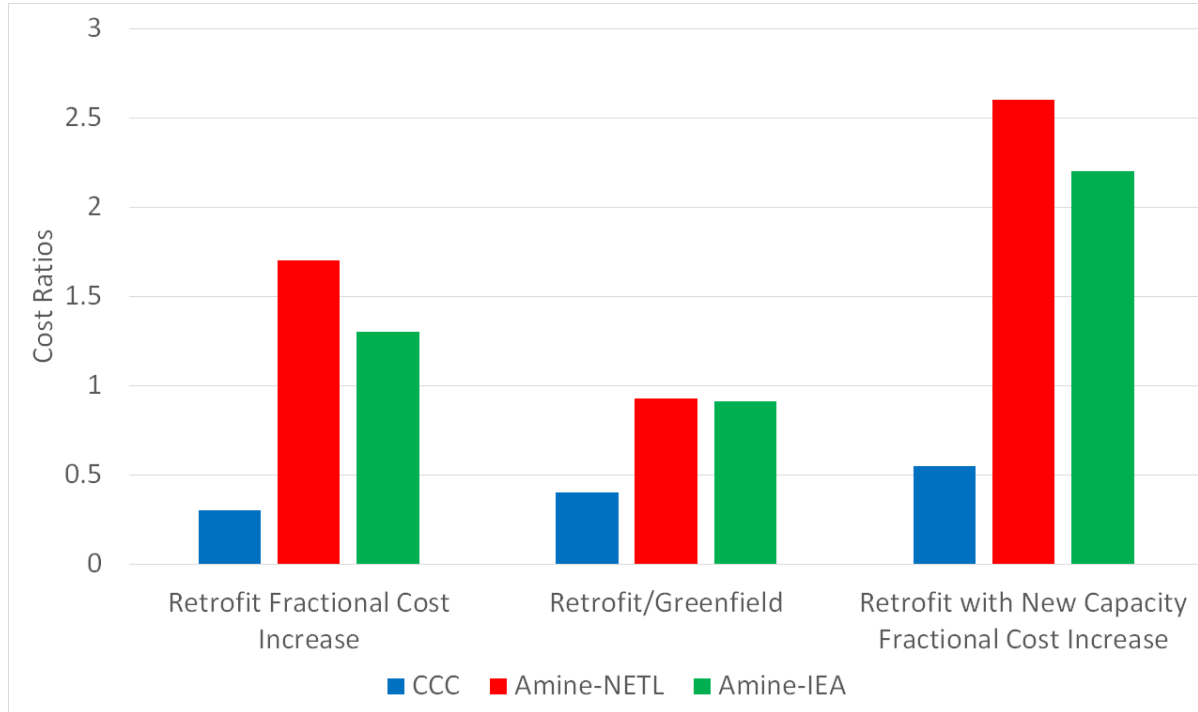
# FULL SCALE TECHNO-ECONOMIC DISCUSSION

# Process Simulation and Modeling

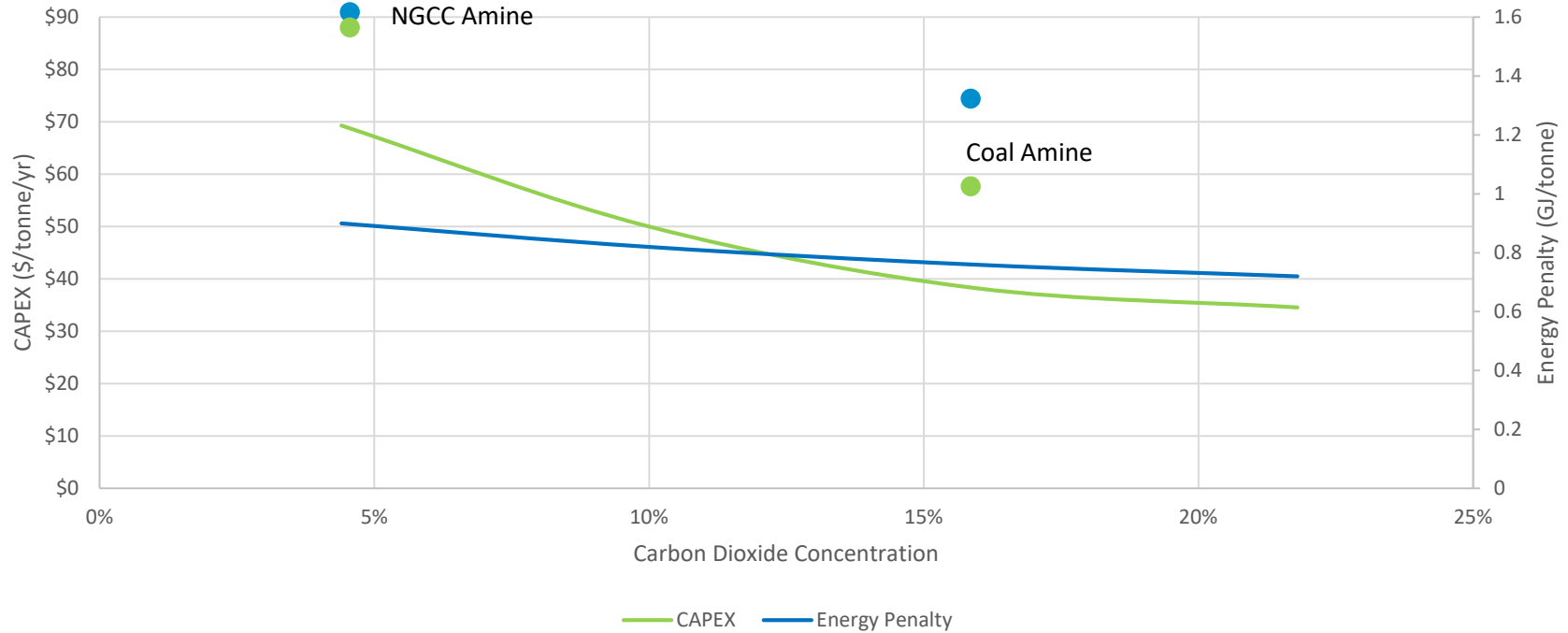
- Robust in-house process simulation software developed specifically for CCC
- Capable of simulating various sizes and applications ranging from our skid-scale system to full-scale
- Thermodynamically rigorous calculations
- Results comparable to Aspen simulations
- Vetted and checked by various project partners and third-party contractors



# Retrofit Costs

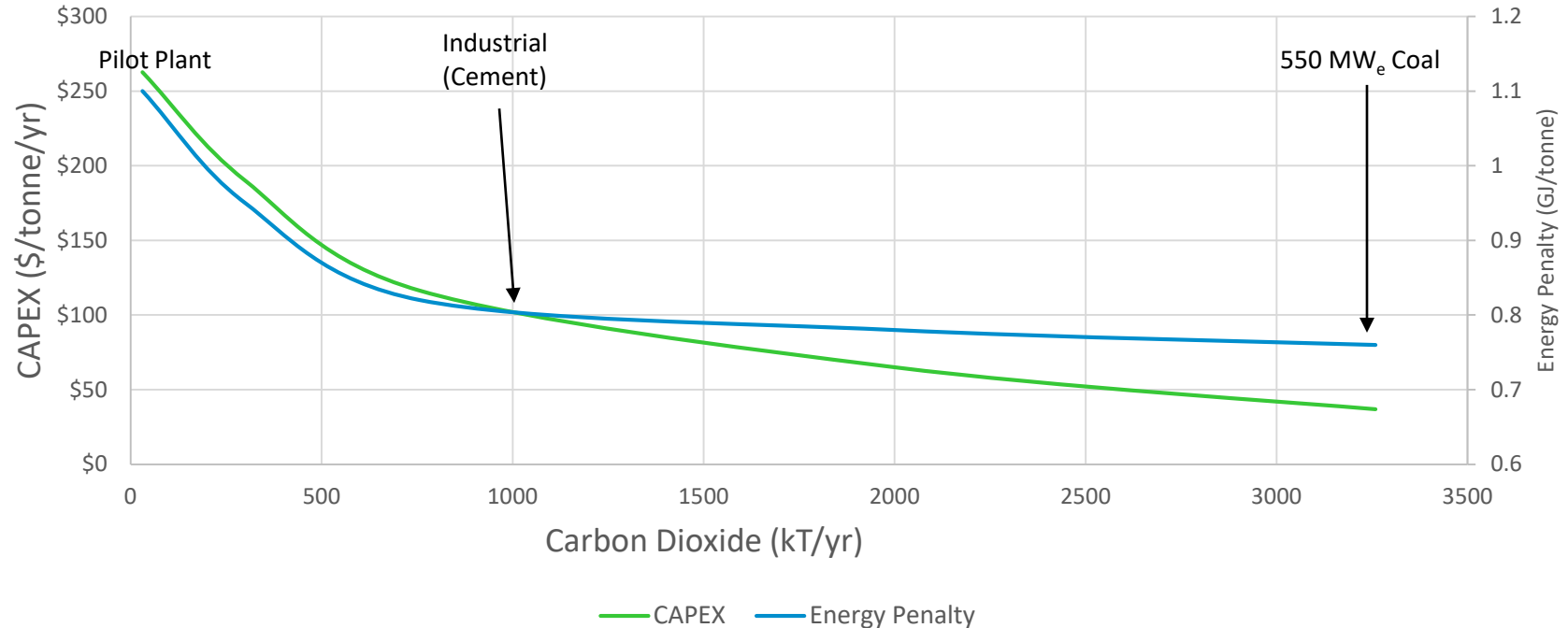


# Cost and Energy with Composition

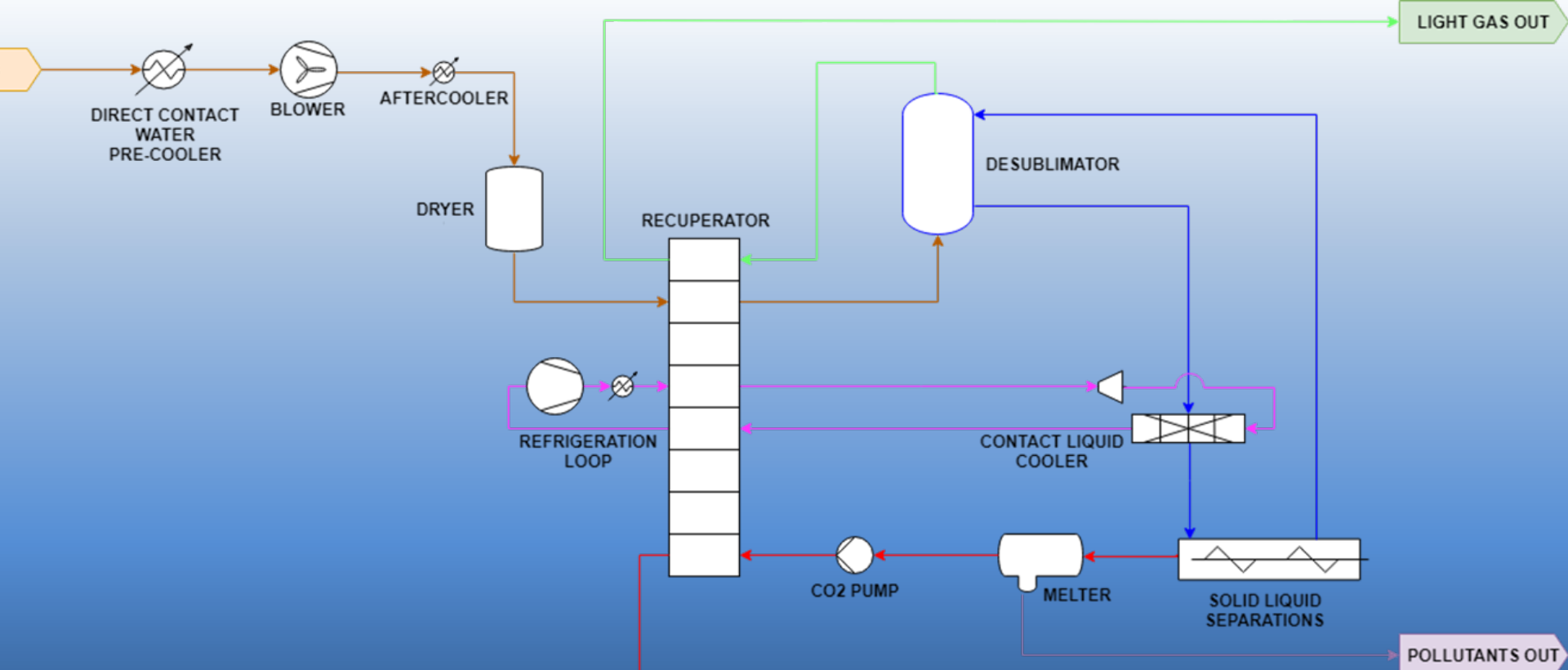


CAPEX numbers is the total equipment cost, not depreciated over any timeframe, and it does not include operating costs. These numbers assume large installations on the order of a power plant

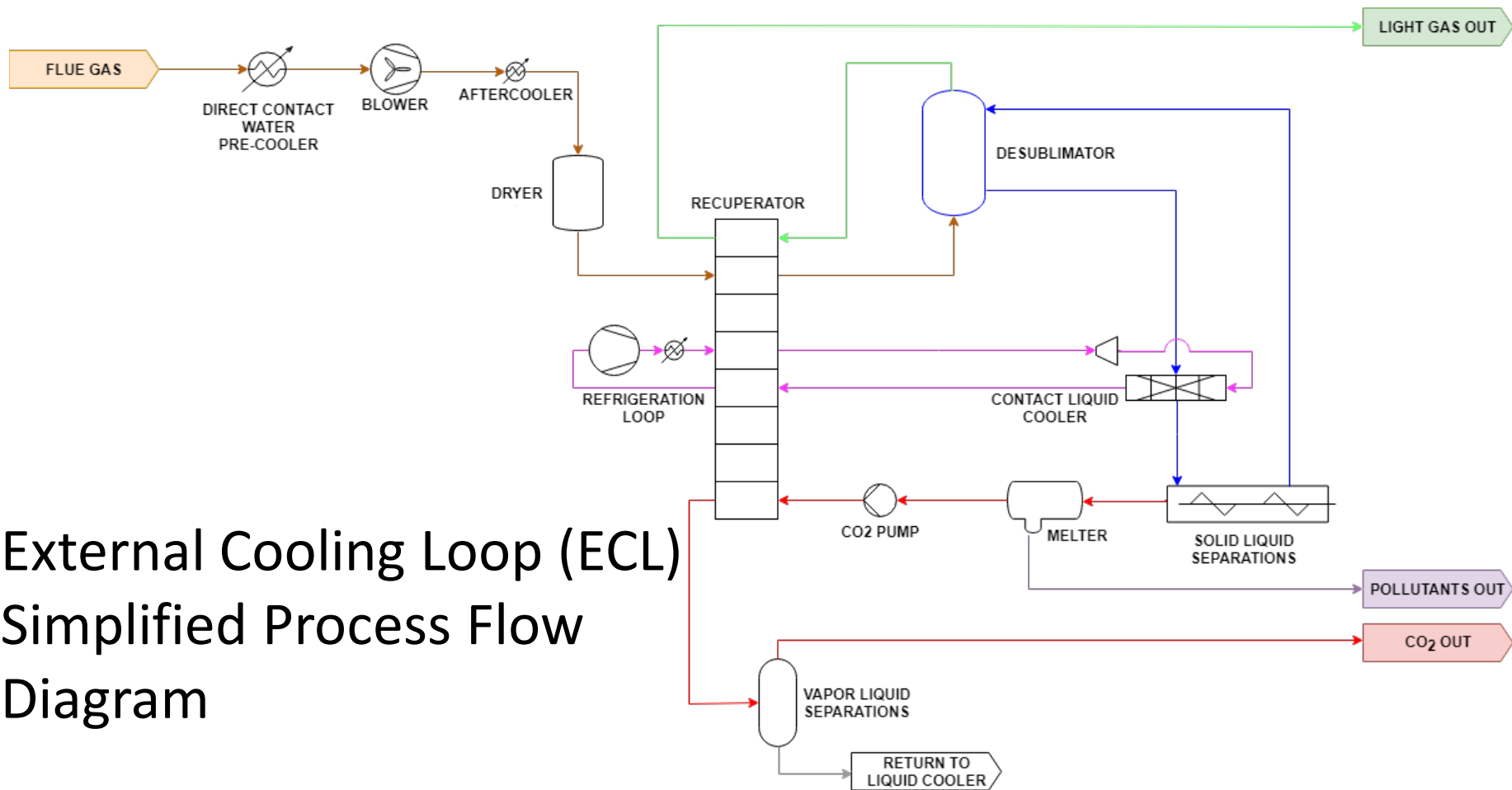
# Cost and Energy with Plant Size



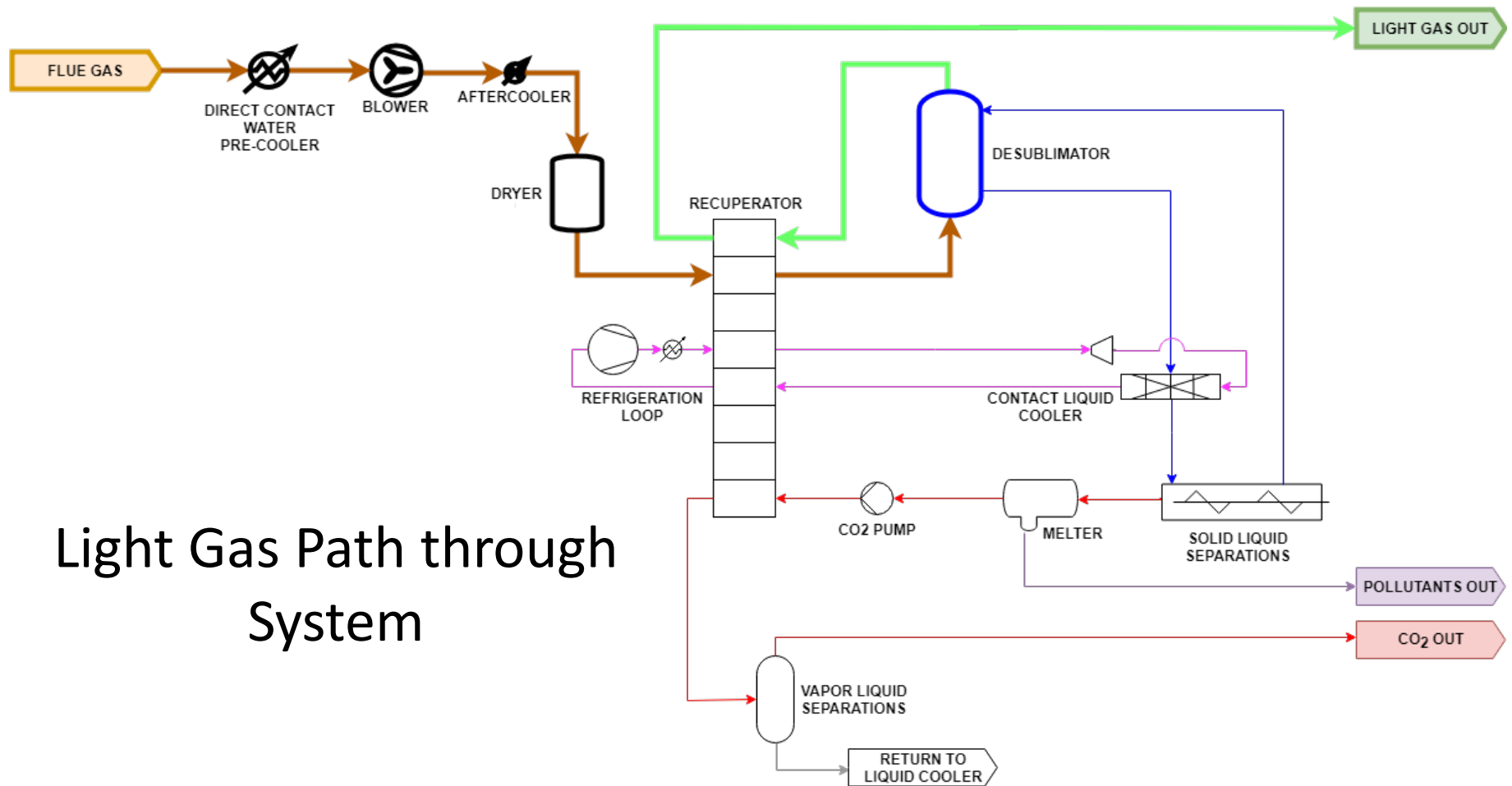
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# PROCESS PFD AND SUBSYSTEMS WALKTHROUGH

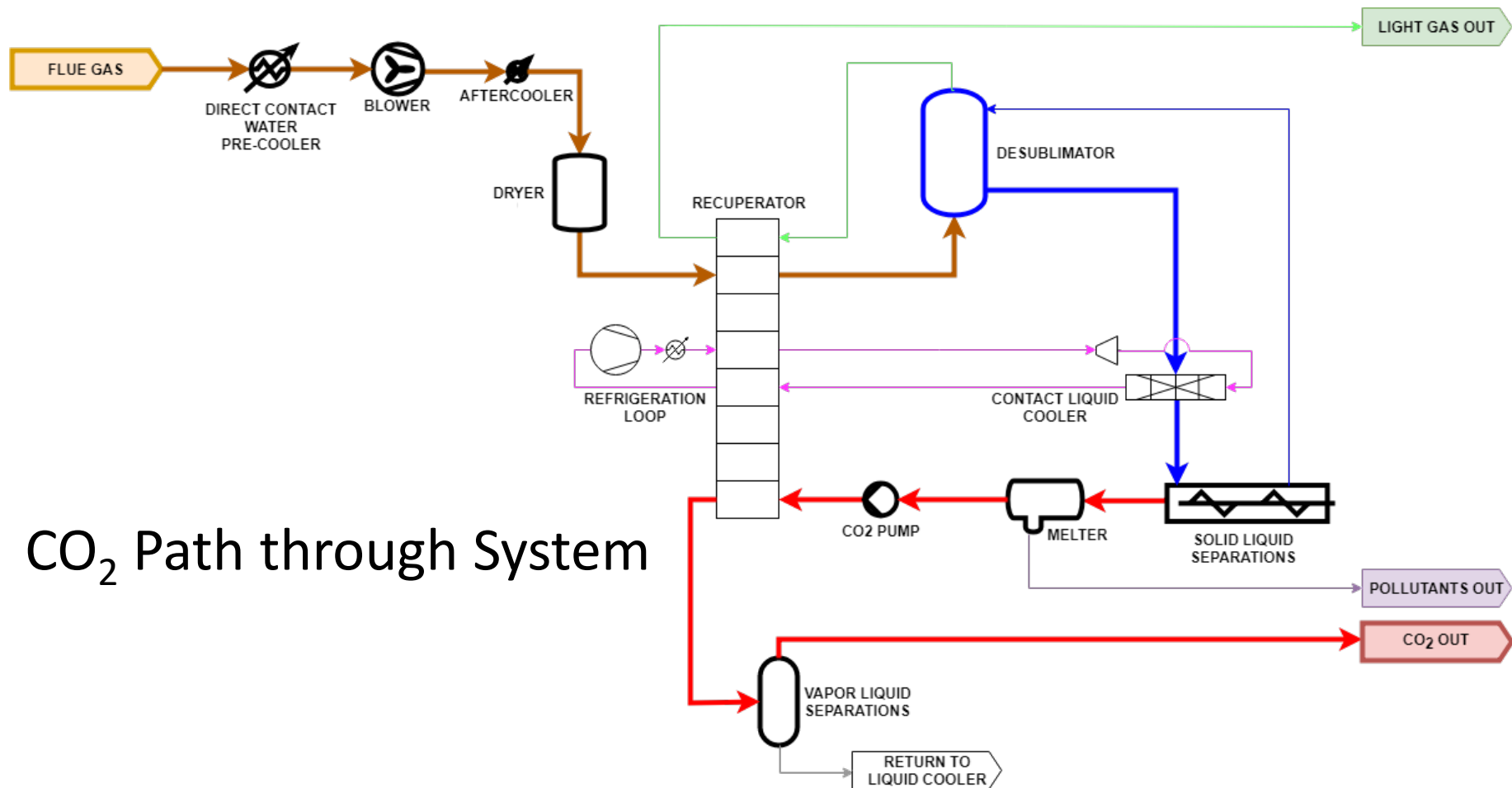


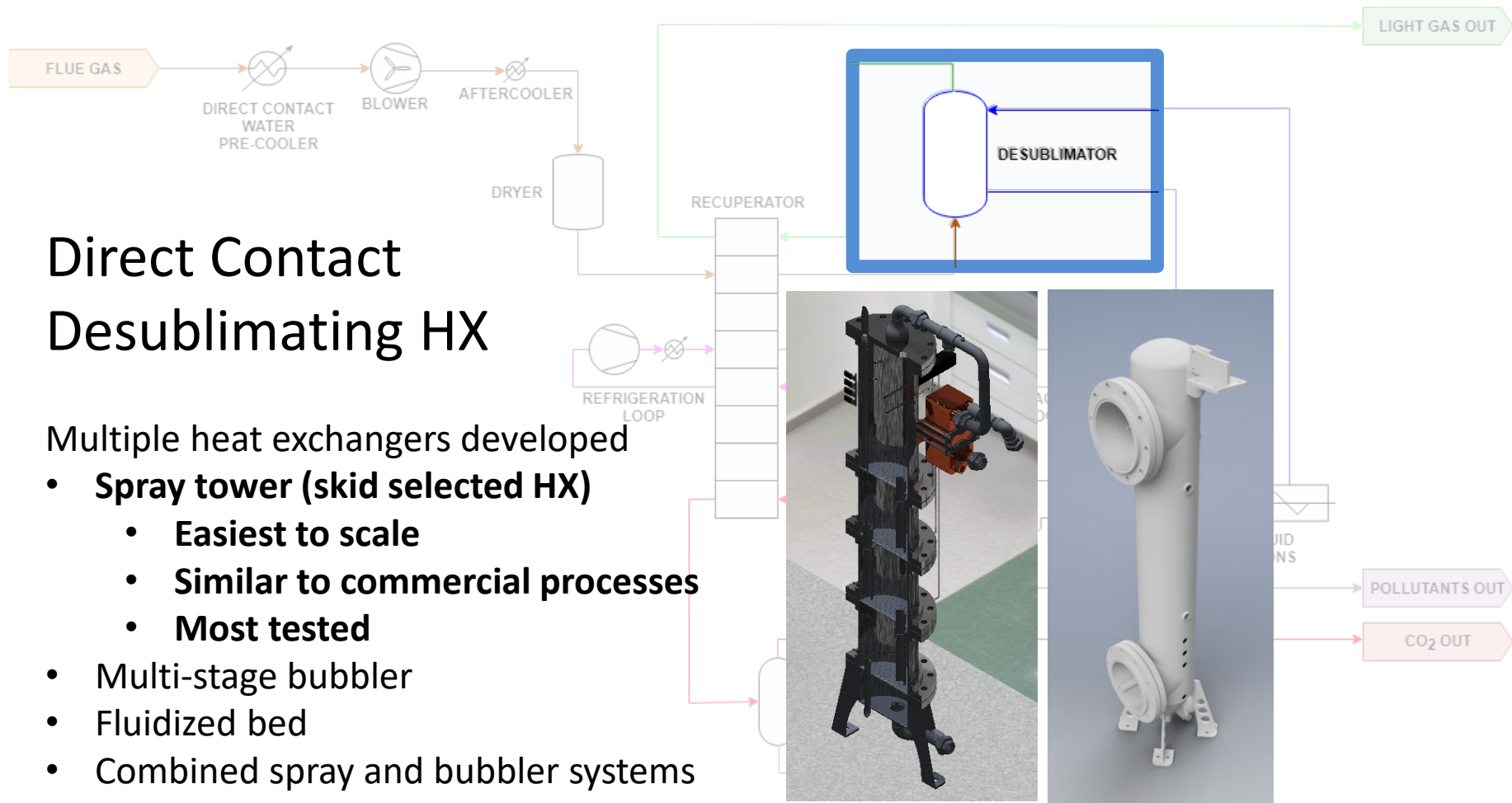
# External Cooling Loop (ECL) Simplified Process Flow Diagram

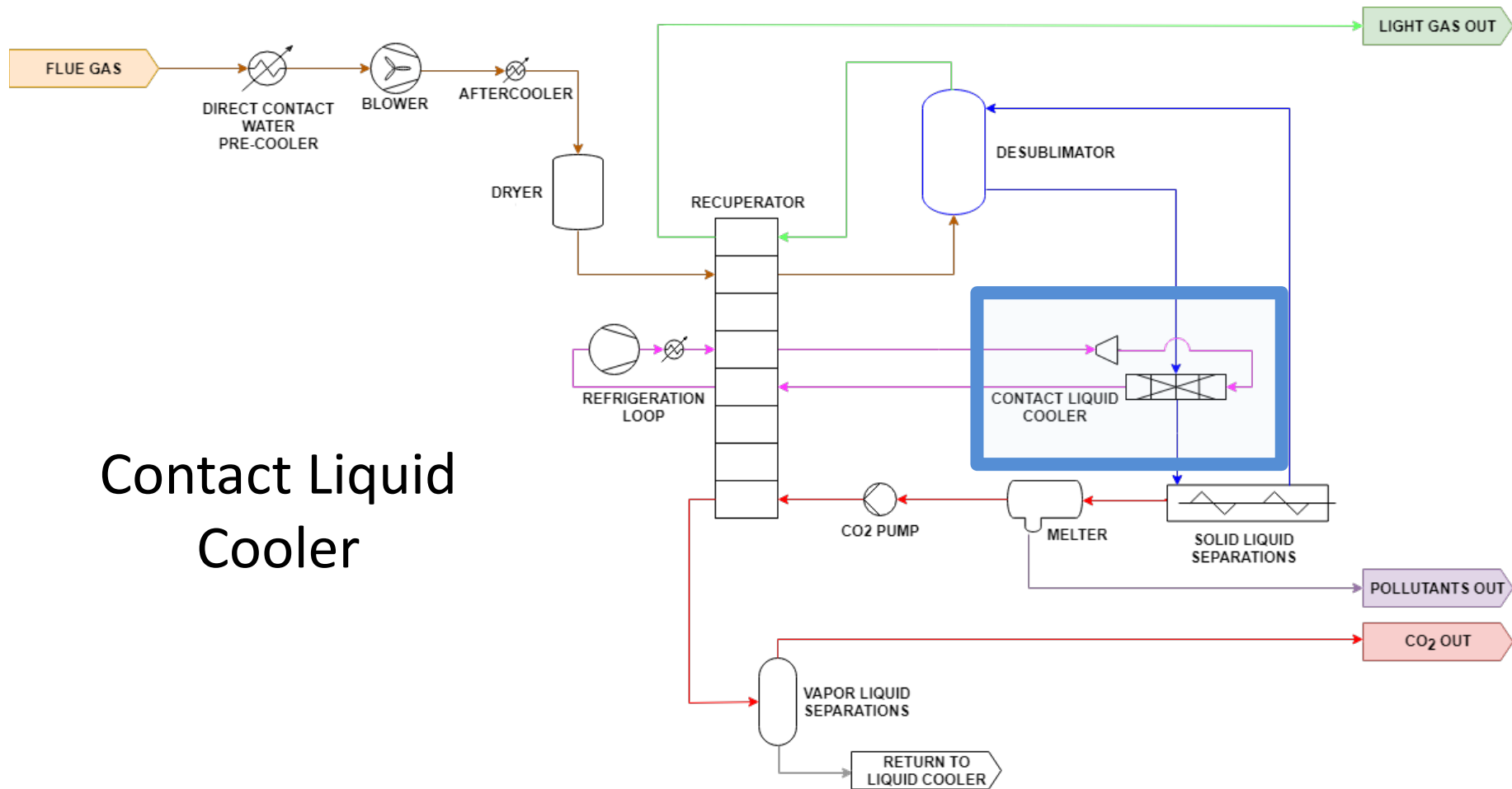


## Light Gas Path through System

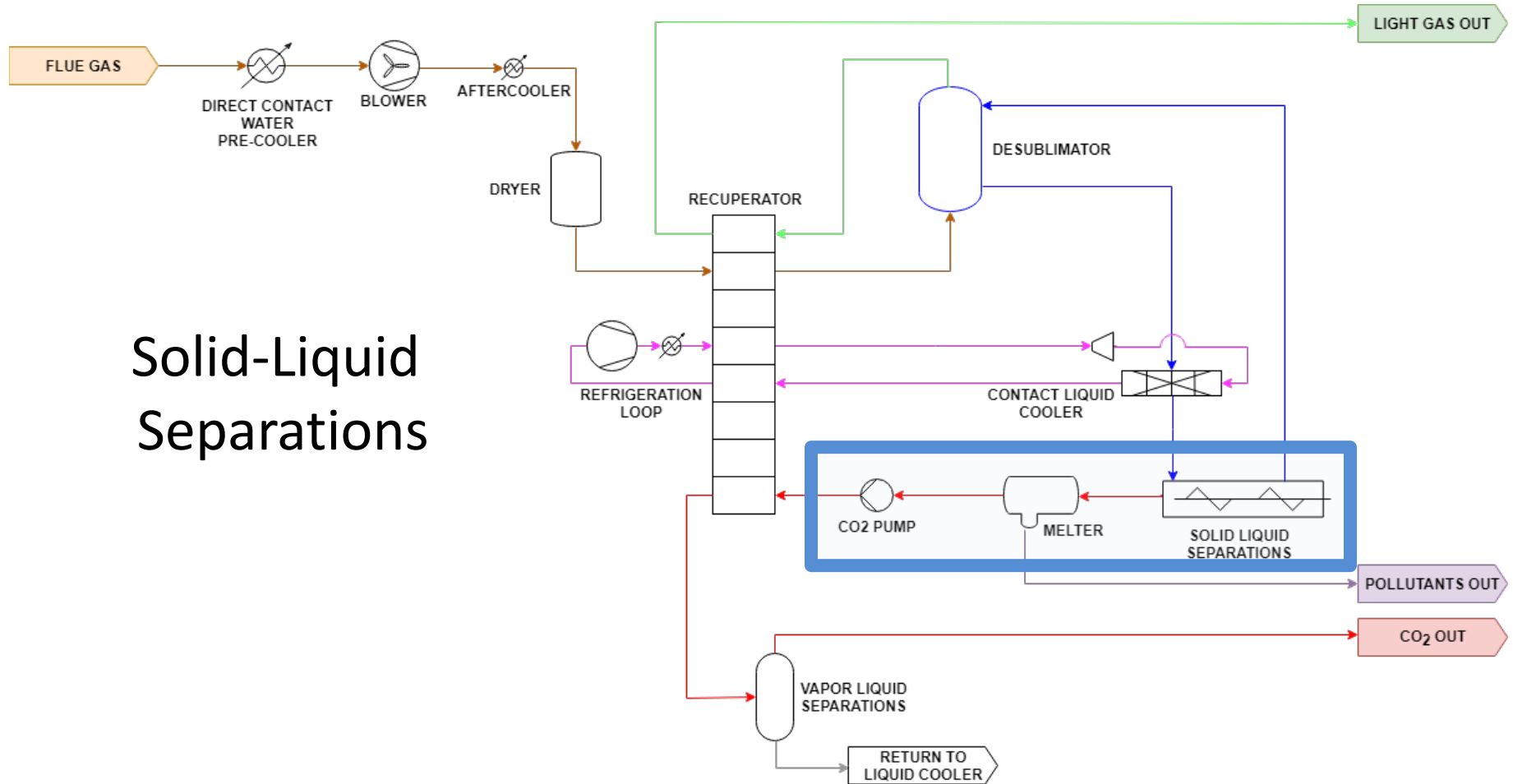


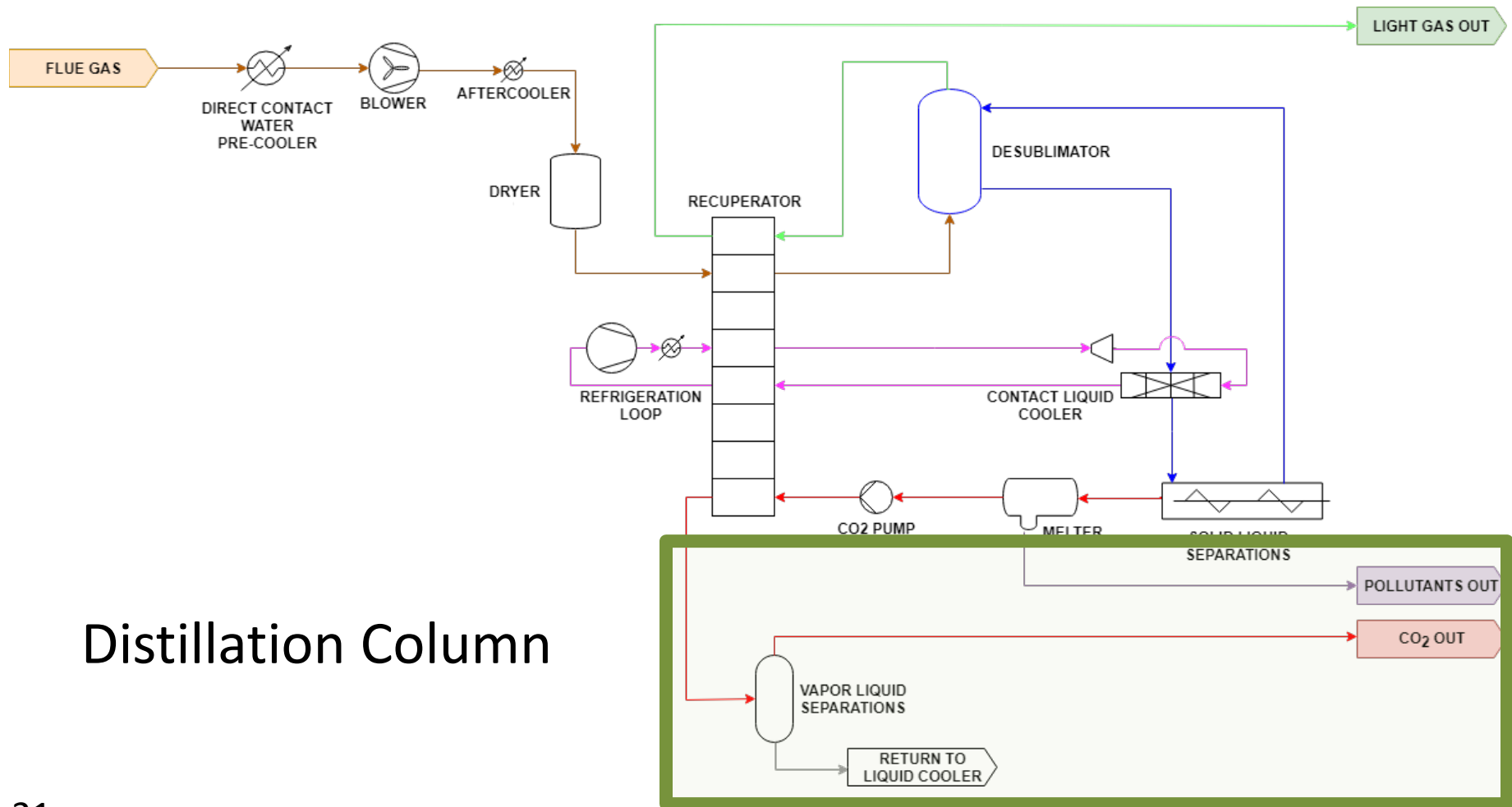






# Solid-Liquid Separations





# Distillation Column

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## Skid Scale



Sulzer assisted with design

Built by SES

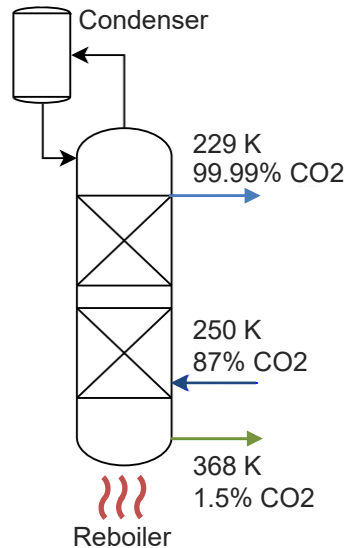
Packed bed with 7 theoretical stages

Operated for 8+ months at Hunter power plant

99.99% CO<sub>2</sub> design spec exceeded in actual operation

Sized for 1 tonne/day CO<sub>2</sub>

## Pilot/Full Scale



Direct scale up from skid-scale

>99.99% CO<sub>2</sub> design spec

Condenser cooling provided by heat of melting CO<sub>2</sub>—no additional utility required

Reboiler utility can be provided by low pressure steam, natural gas burner, or electric heater

Alternative designs with no/reduced reboiler load



## 1 TPD SKID-SCALE OPERATION



# Objectives of Skid System

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  - Proof of concept of the CCC process
  - Develop and test most innovative unit operations
  - Improve reliability, efficiency, and scalability of overall process
  - Extended tests with real flue gas
- Not intended to
  - Achieve representative energy and cost numbers
  - Use same equipment design as full scale

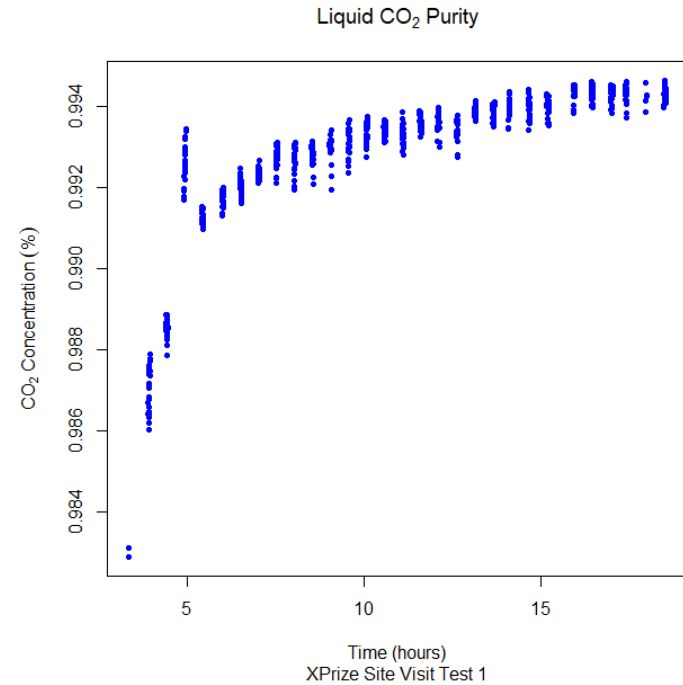
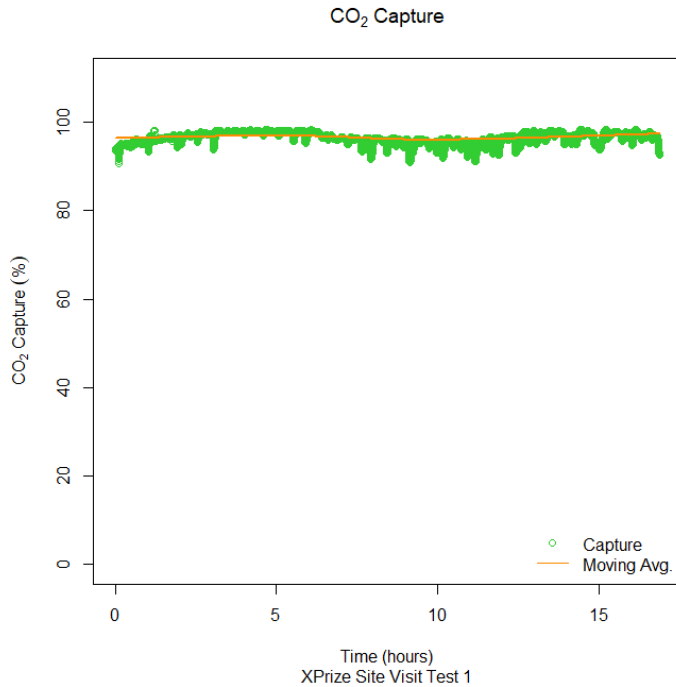


# Selected Skid Instrumentation

Parameter	Instrument	Purpose	Location
<b>Inlet Flue Gas Composition</b>	Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), Nondispersive infrared (NDIR)	Measuring the concentrations of CO <sub>2</sub> and other pollutants	(2)
<b>Flue Gas Temperature</b>	Thermocouples (TC)	Validating thermodynamic models	(1)(2)
<b>Cooling Load</b>	TC's, Coriolis Meter	Measure the cooling obtained from the Stirling Coolers	LN2 Tank, CL Cooler
<b>Clean Gas Composition</b>	FTIR, NDIR	Determine capture rate	(6)
<b>Slurry Composition</b>	Coriolis Meter	Monitor thickness of slurry	(4)
<b>Melter Liquid Composition</b>	Coriolis Meter	Monitor efficiency of screw press system	(5)
<b>Spray Tower Recirculation Rate</b>	Coriolis Meter, Turbine Meter	Monitor flow into spray tower	(3)
<b>Liquid CO<sub>2</sub> Composition</b>	FTIR	Monitor liquid CO <sub>2</sub> purity	Clean CO <sub>2</sub> Out

# OVERALL TEST RESULTS

# High Capture and Purity



# Hunter Plant Test Results

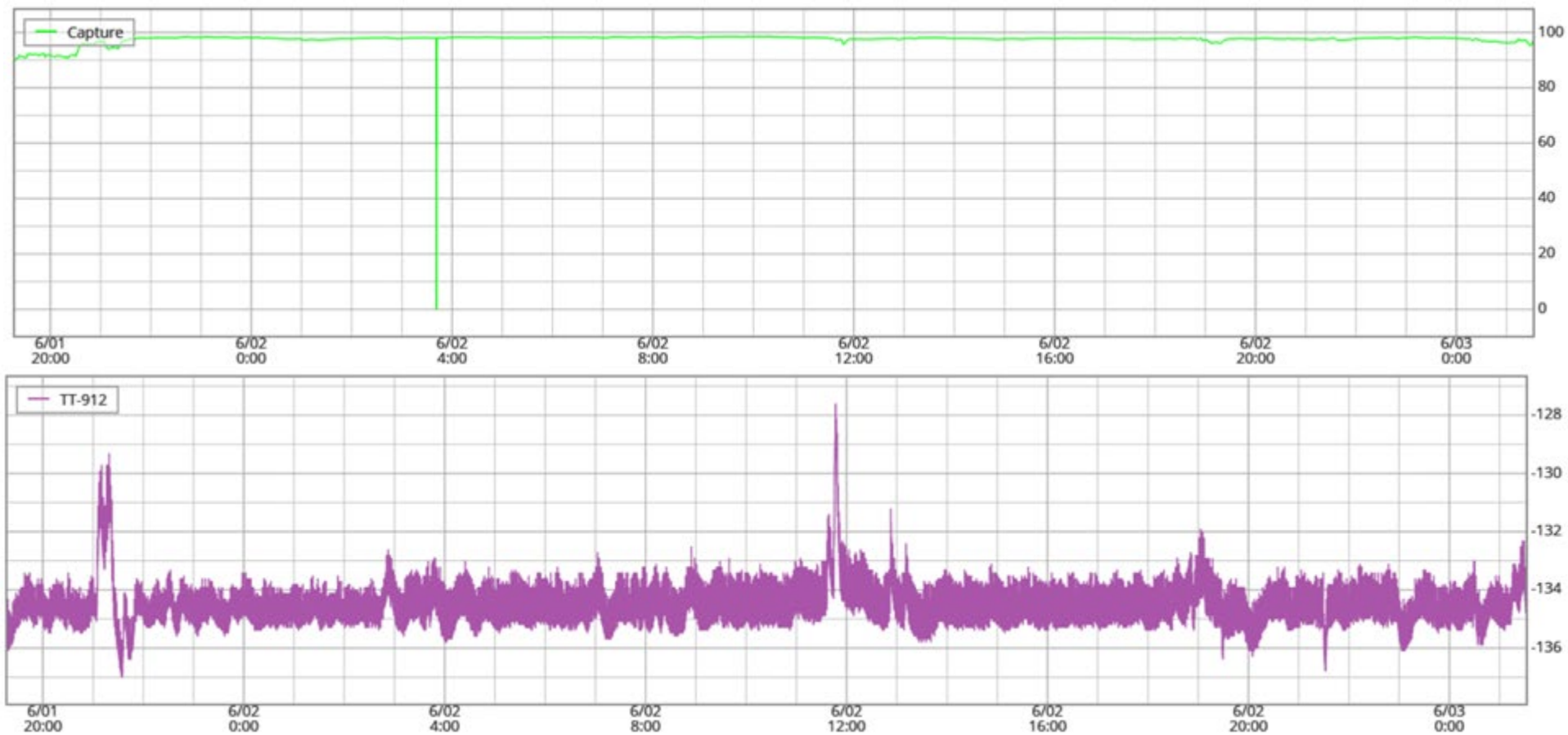
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- Testing was delayed due to delays with equipment construction and unexpected equipment failures
- Over 450 cumulative hours of testing
- Typical test results
  - 90-98% CO<sub>2</sub> capture
  - Tests reached 1 tonne/day, but overall capacity and test duration missed targets

Test Run (1-3 June 2019)

98% avg. CO<sub>2</sub> capture

-135 °C avg refrigerant T



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