







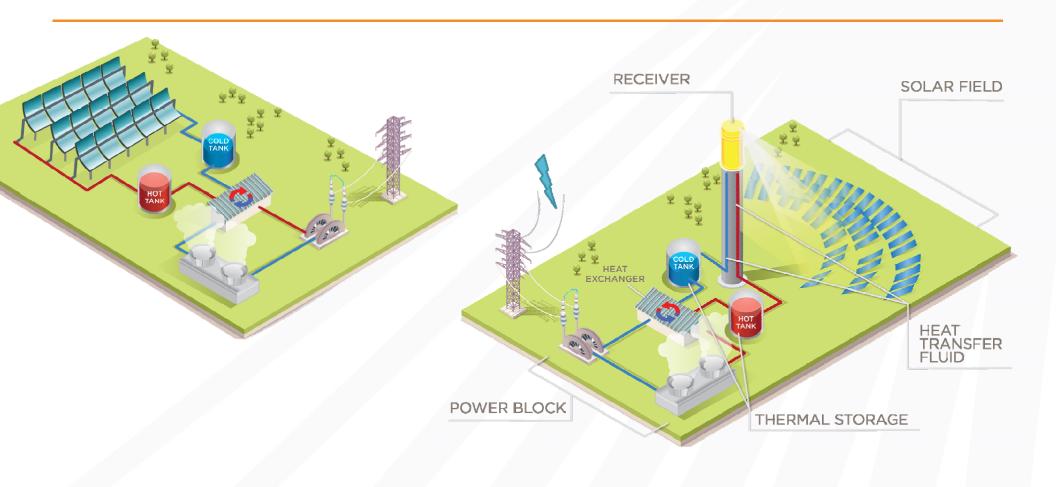


# **Concentrating Solar Thermal Power Program Overview**

Dr. Avi Shultz, CSP Program Manager Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Power Cycles Symposium March 28, 2018

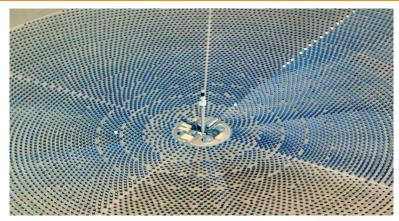
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# **CSP** with Storage is Solar Energy On-Demand



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# **CSP** is Deployed Worldwide





**4.8 GW** CSP deployed globally

**1.8 GW** CSP deployed in the U.S.

**0.4 GW** CSP deployed in the U.S. with storage

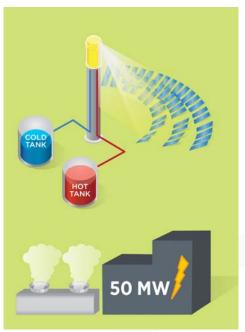
Since 2016 CSP's share of electricity generation:

- 1% of California
- 2% of Spain



## **CSP: Flexible Designs for an Evolving Grid**

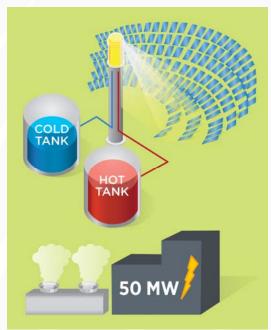
**'Peaker'** (≤6 hours of storage)



'Intermediate' (9 hours of storage)



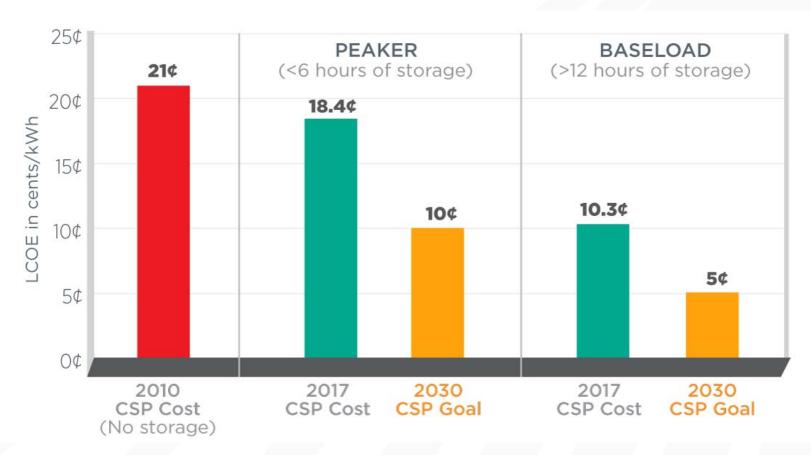
**'Baseload'** (≥12 hours of storage)



By choosing the size of the solar field and thermal energy storage, the same CSP technology can be configured to meet evolving demands of the future grid

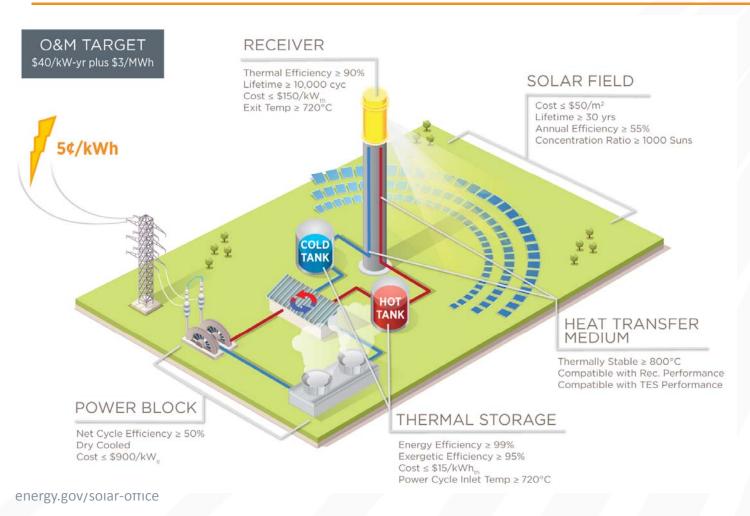


# **2030 Levelized Cost of Electricity Targets**





# **CSP Program Technical Targets**



### Collector Field

- Optical Physics
- Structural design and dynamics
- Manufacturing and automation
- Sensors and control

#### Receivers

- Optical properties
- Coatings
- · High temperature materials
- Chemistry
- · Heat Transfer, Fluid Mechanics

### TES and HTF

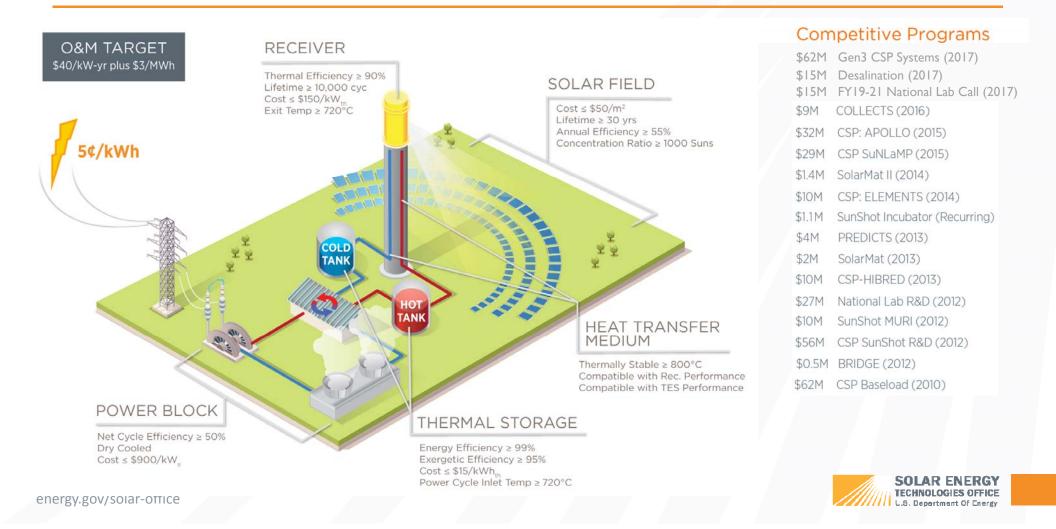
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## **Power Block**

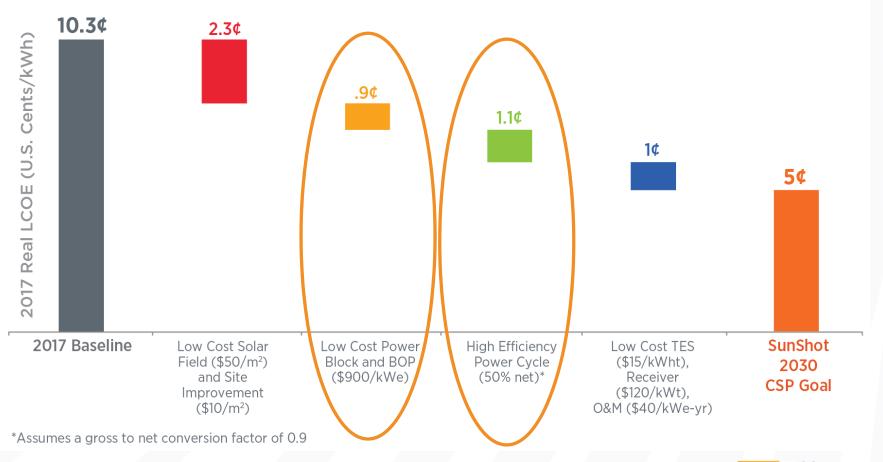
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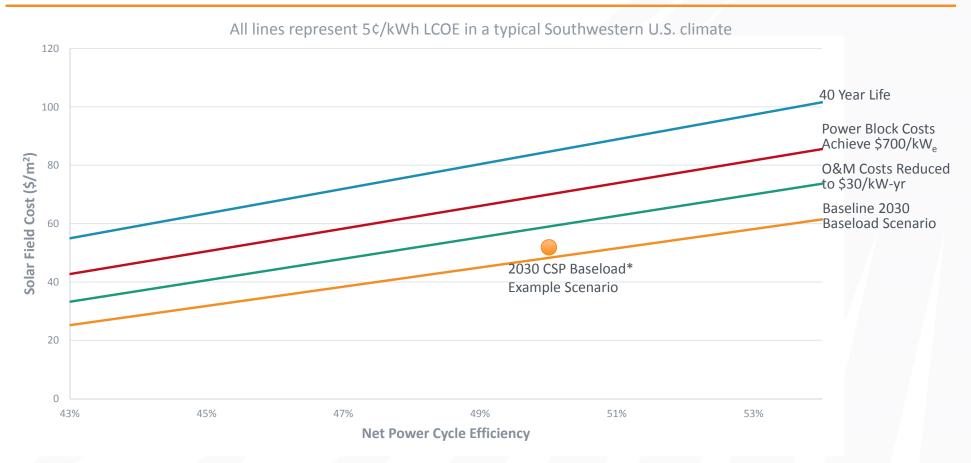


## A Pathway to 5 Cents per KWh for Baseload CSP





# Pathways to Achieving 2030 SunShot Goals

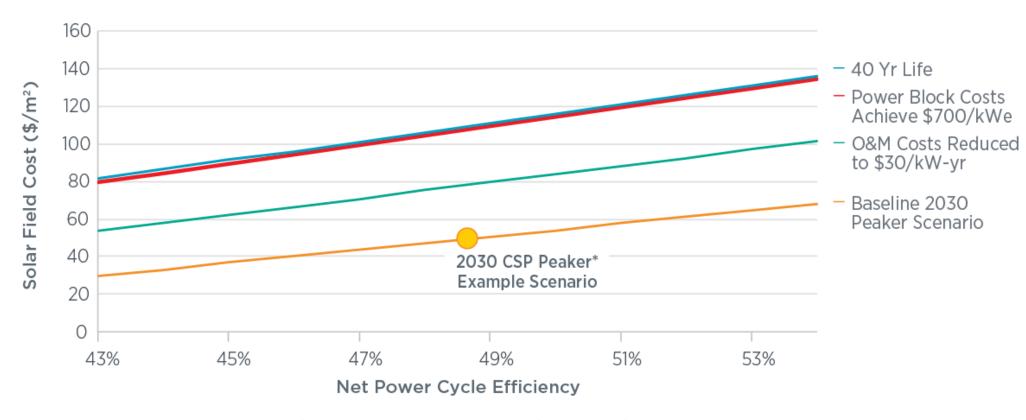


\*Baseload power plant is defined as a CSP plant with greater than or equal to 12 hours of storage



## Pathways to Achieving SunShot 2030 Goals

All lines represent 10¢/kWh LCOE in a typical Southwestern U.S. climate



\*Peaker power plant is defined as a CSP plant with less than 6 hours of storage



## **Gen3 CSP: Raising the Temperature of Solar Thermal Systems**

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{T_C}{T_H}$$

Thermal Pathway	Primary Challenges
Liquids	Reliable corrosion management with advanced molten salts
Solids	High-efficiency transfer of heat in and out of particles
Gas	Integrating low-density gases with cost- effective thermal energy storage

## **GEN3 SYSTEM INNOVATION**

CONCENTRATED STORAGE HEAT POWER CYCLE



## **Generation 3 Concentrating Solar Power Systems Funding Opportunity**



- Total federal funds available: \$62,000,000
- Full Applications were received in January, 2018
- Selections expected to be announced in May of 2018



# **SETO** sCO<sub>2</sub> Power Cycle Portfolio by Category

CATEGORY	PROJECT TITLE	PRIME
Turbomachinery	Compression System Design and Testing for sCO <sub>2</sub> CSP Operation	GE
	Development of an Integrally-Geared sCO <sub>2</sub> Compander	SwRI
	Development of High Efficiency Expander and 1 MW Test Loop	SwRI
	Physics-Based Reliability Models for sc-CO <sub>2</sub> Turbomachinery Components	GE
Materials	Lifetime Model Development for Supercritical CO <sub>2</sub> CSP Systems	ORNL
	sCO <sub>2</sub> Corrosion and Compatibility with Materials	UW-Madison
Other Components	Development and Testing of a Switched-Bed Regenerator	UW-Madison
	sCO <sub>2</sub> Power Cycle with Integrated Thermochemical Energy Storage	Echogen Power Systems
Technoeconomics	Cycle Modeling, Integration with CSP, and Technoeconomics	NREL
Primary Heat Exchanger	High Flux Microchannel Direct sCO <sub>2</sub> Receiver	Oregon State
	High-Temperature Particle Heat Exchanger for sCO <sub>2</sub> Power Cycles	SNL
	Robust, Cost-Effective Molten Salt HXer for 800°C Operation with sCO <sub>2</sub>	Purdue
	Solar Receiver with Integrated Thermal Storage for sCO <sub>2</sub>	Brayton Energy



## SETO sCO<sub>2</sub> Power Cycle Portfolio - Turbomachinery

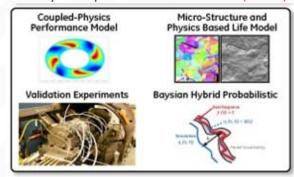
Development of High Efficiency Expander and 1 MW test loop – SunShot (2012)



Physics-Based Reliability Models for sc-CO2
Turbomachinery Components— PREDICTS (2013)



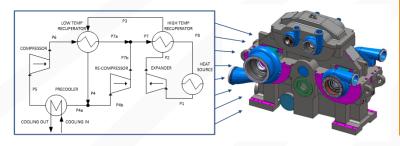




Development of an Integrally-Geared sCO<sub>2</sub> Compander – CSP: APOLLO (2015)



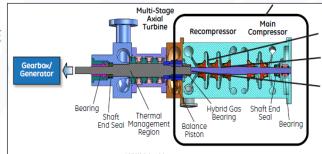




Compression System Design and Testing for sCO<sub>2</sub> CSP Operation— CSP: APOLLO (2015)

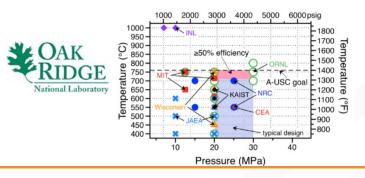






## SETO sCO<sub>2</sub> Power Cycle Portfolio – Corrosion and Components

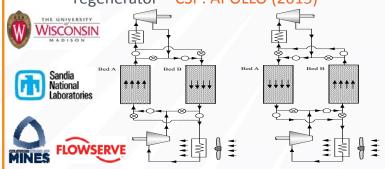
Lifetime Model Development for Supercritical CO2 CSP Systems – SuNLaMP (2015)



sCO2 corrosion and compatibility with materials – various awards



Development and testing of a switched-bed regenerator – CSP: APOLLO (2015)



sCO<sub>2</sub> Power Cycle with Integrated Thermochemical Energy Storage – Tech-to-Market 3 (2017)





Cycle modeling, integration with CSP, and technoeconomics – SuNLaMP (2015)

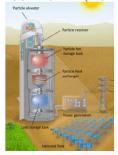




## SETO sCO<sub>2</sub> Power Cycle Portfolio – Primary Heat Exchanger

High-Temperature Particle Heat Exchanger for sCO2 Power Cycles – SuNLaMP (2015)





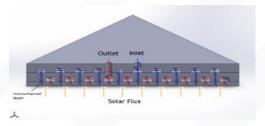
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High Flux Microchannel Direct sCO<sub>2</sub> Receiver – CSP: APOLLO (2015); SunShot (2012)



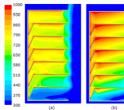


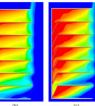


Solar Receiver with Integrated Thermal Storage for sCO2 – CSP: APOLLO (2015): SunShot (2012)



Direct sCO<sub>2</sub> Receiver Development – LPDP (2012)









## Optimizing the Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Cycle for Concentrating Solar Power Application

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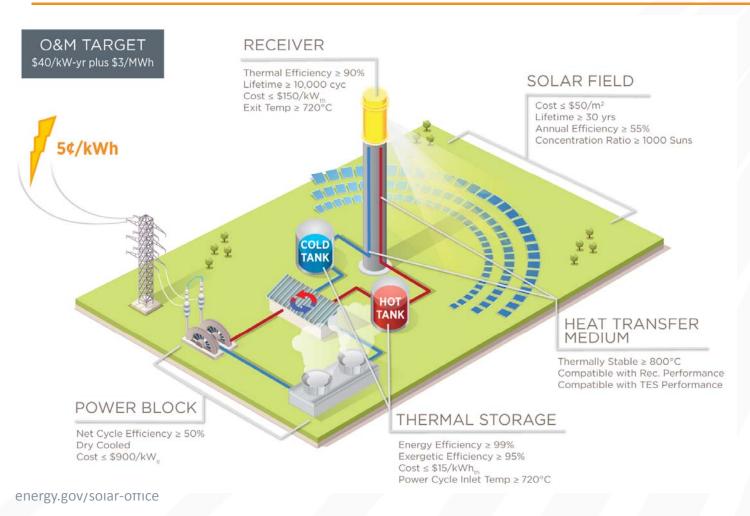
# Questions?

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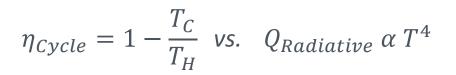
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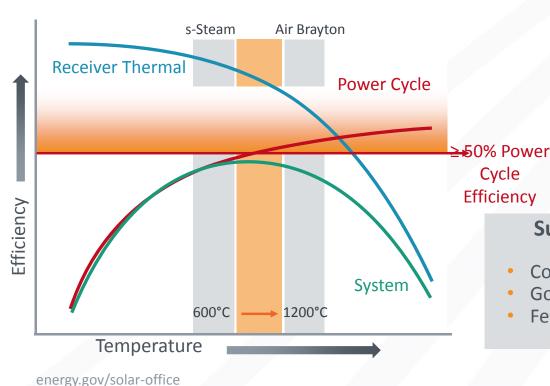
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## **Next Generation CSP will Leverage Next Generation Power Cycles**





Nuclear Energy
Nuclear Source

SCO<sub>2</sub>
Team Challenges

» Turbomachinery

» Advanced Recuperators

» Materials Development

» Sensors & Controls

» Systems Integration
and Modeling

Fossil Energy
Direct-fire

Renewable Power
Concentrating Solar

## Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> is a dense, compressible fluid:

- Compact turbomachinery
- Good compatibility with dry cooling
- Fewer loss mechanisms and parasitics

