

# Alaska State Senate Resources Committee

## Alaska's Multi-GW Opportunity

***Sage  
Geosystems***

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# Experienced Team of Industry Leaders



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Previously global VP of Unconventional Wells at Shell.



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Previously Chief Scientist and global VP Technology for Wells at Shell.



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*Modeling Director*



**Weatherford**



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*GM Strategy & Development*



**Shannon Bolton**

*Project Manager*



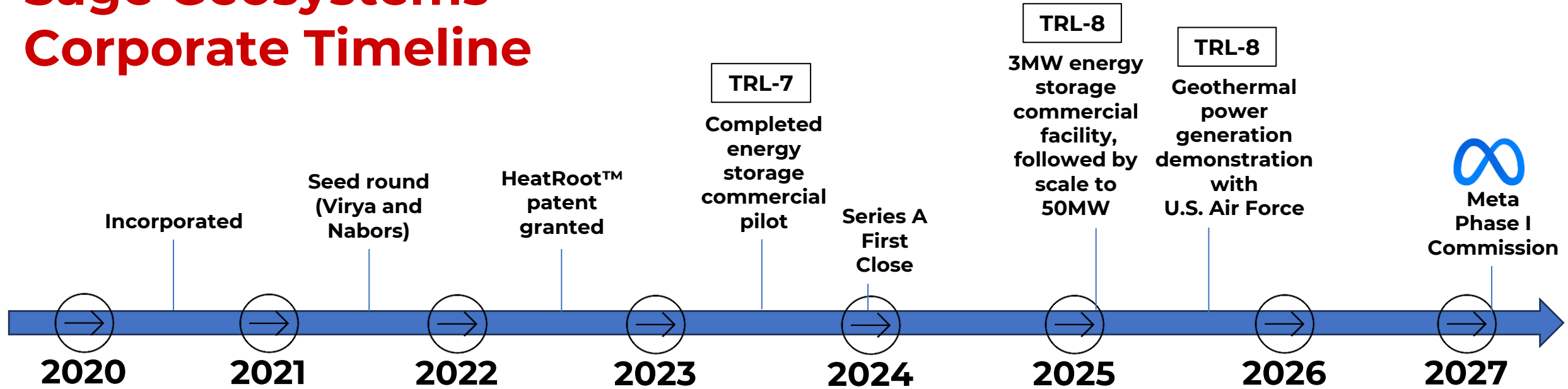
**Mike Eros**

*Chief Geoscientist*

**ExxonMobil**



# Sage Geosystems Corporate Timeline



## In less than 4 years, Sage has:

- Reached TRL-7
- One cornerstone patent granted (gravity fracturing methodology)
- One cornerstone patent with all claims allowed (using the earth's pressure energy)
- Designed, built, and load-tested a full-scale 3MW sCO<sub>2</sub> turbine in partnership with SwRI

## Over the next year, Sage will:

- Commission its first EarthStore™ 3MW commercial energy storage facility
- Buy/sell electricity to the ERCOT grid to enable moving from equity to project financing
- Demonstrate its geothermal technology and generate electricity in a joint effort with the U.S. Air Force





# Alaska's Abundant Geothermal and Subsurface Energy Storage Potential

## High Potential:

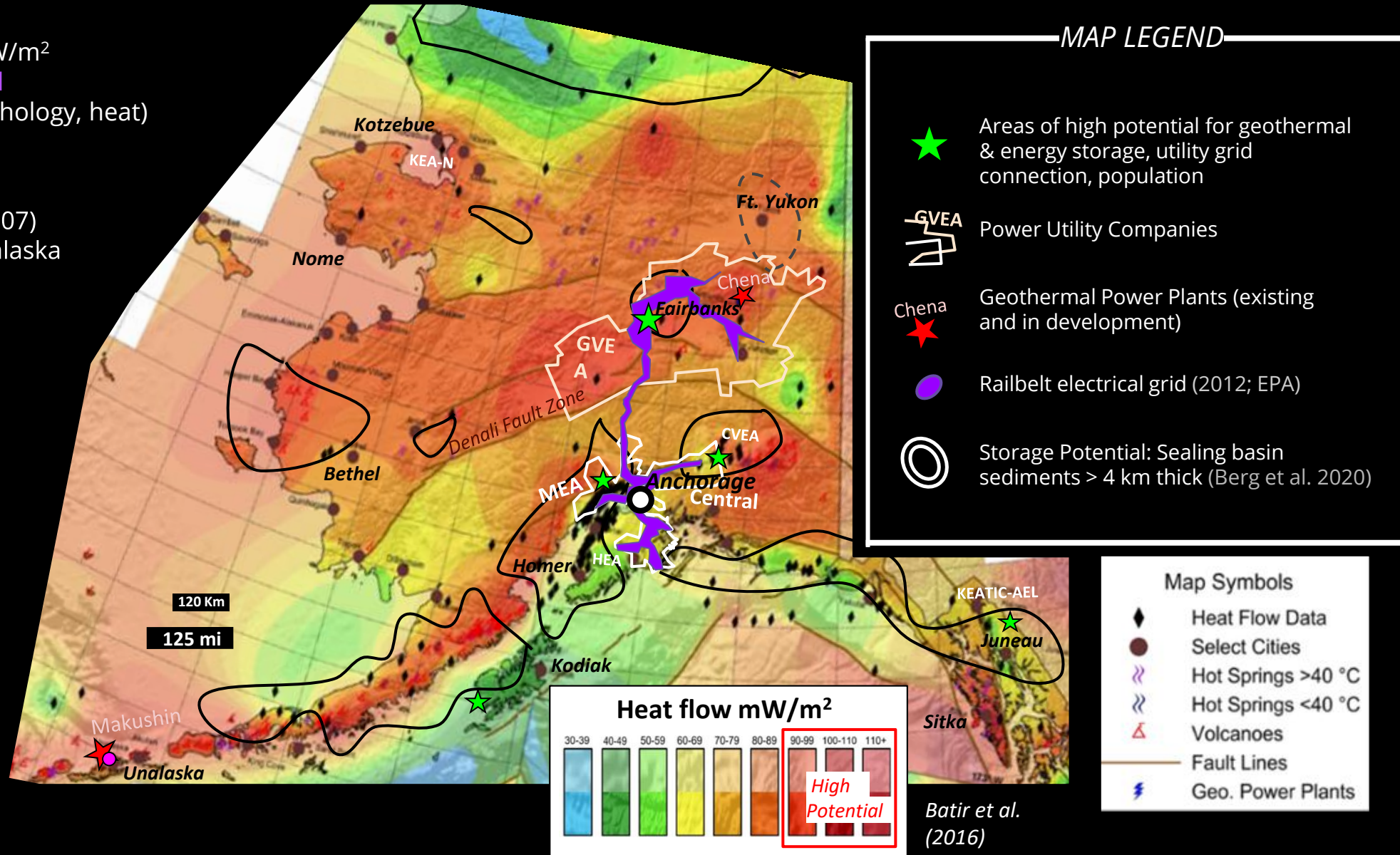
- Subsurface heat  $>90 \text{ mW/m}^2$
- Proximity to Railbelt grid
- De-risked subsurface (lithology, heat)

## Geothermal Developments:

- $<500\text{kW}$  Chena Plant (2007)
- $\sim 15 \text{ MW}$  Makushin / Unalaska Plant (planned)



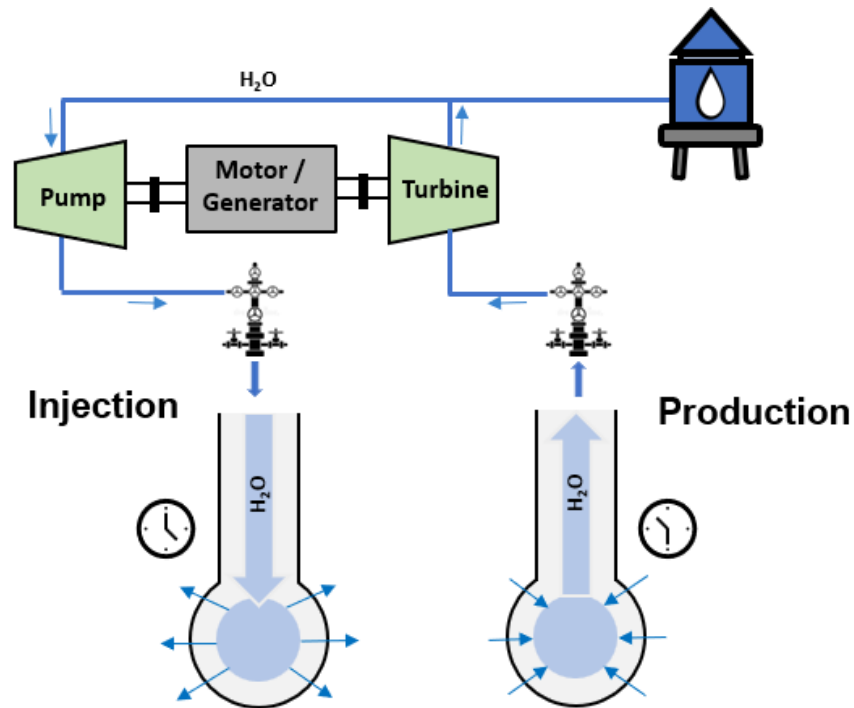
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# New Subsurface Energy Solutions: Two Products Built on Same Technology

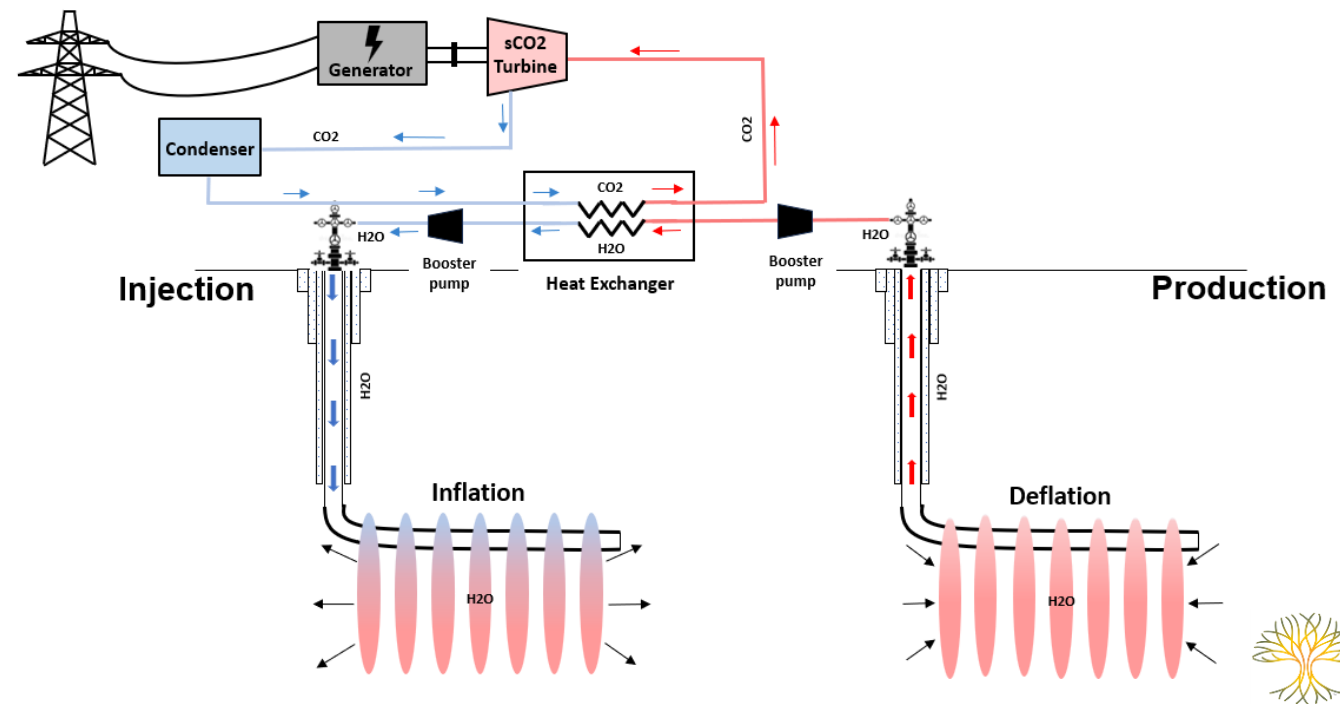
## Energy storage (EarthStore™)

- Uses only **pressure (mechanical) energy**
- **70-75% round-trip efficiency (RTE):**
- **< 2% water losses and 3MW-5MW per well**
- Can be designed for **short-duration** (3-4 hours) **or long-duration** (24+ hours)
- **Demonstrated in Texas** (2022-2025)



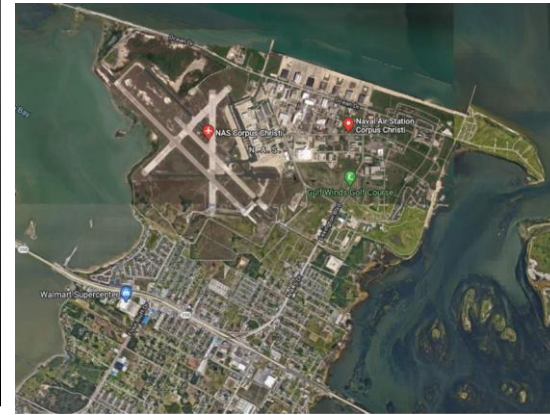
## Geothermal (Geothermal Geopressured System)

- Uses **pressure and heat energy**
- **80% of the tech is the same** (using pressure energy), with the remaining 20% being a **heat exchanger** and **binary cycle turbine**
- Sage's GGS geothermal technology will be demonstrated in 2025 with the **U.S. Air Force**





# U.S. Department of Defense Projects



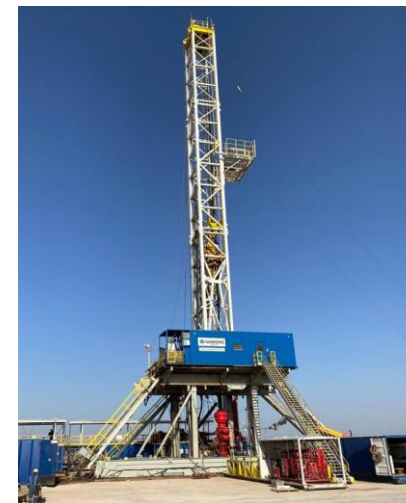
**Feasibility Study for U.S. Army & DIU at Fort Bliss  
[Ongoing]**

**Feasibility Study for U.S. Navy & DIU at Naval Air Station CC  
[Ongoing]**



**Commercial 3-5MW Installation for U.S. Air Force  
at Ellington Field in Houston, TX  
[PPA to follow geothermal demonstration in Starr County]**

**Geothermal Demonstration for U.S. Air Force in Starr County, TX  
[Funded - Targeted for 2025]**

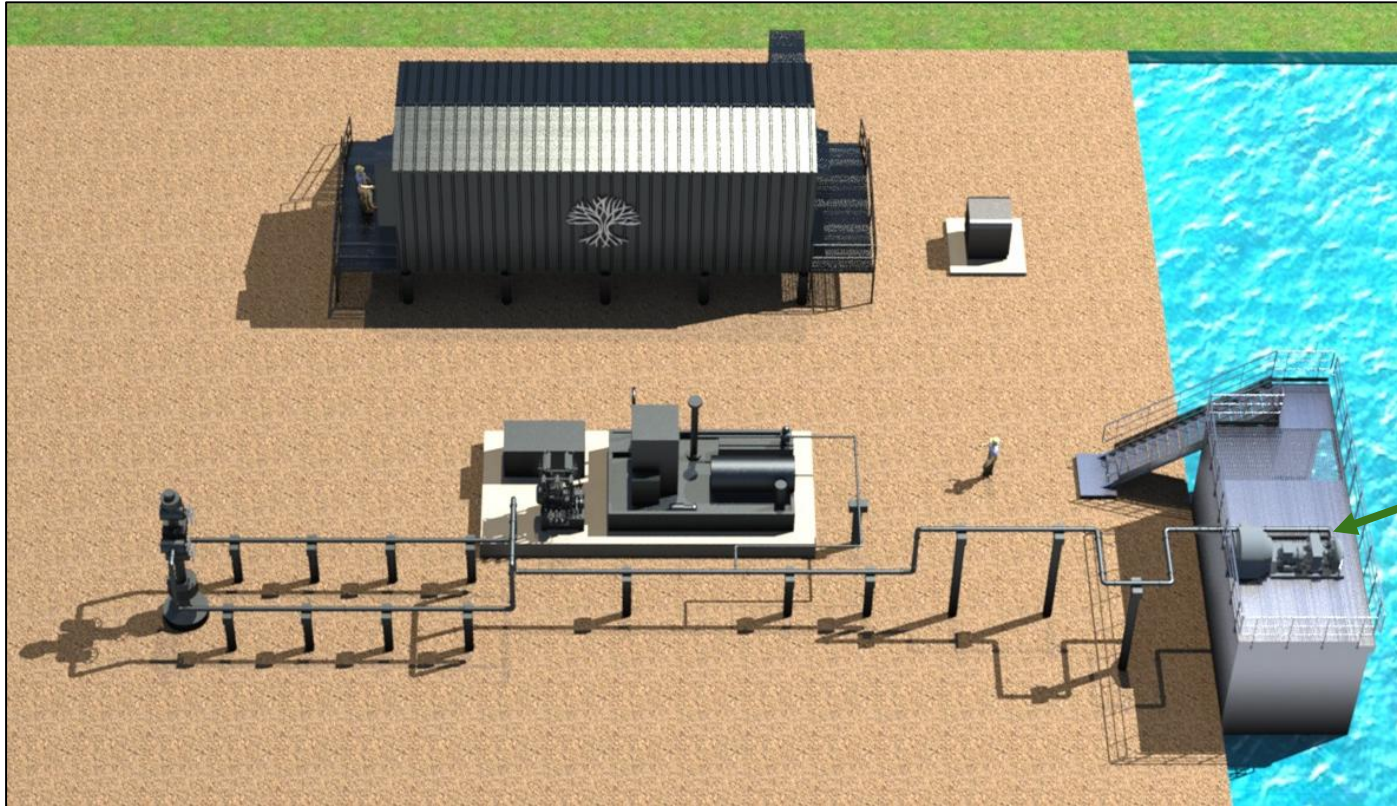




# First Commercial 3MW Subsurface Storage Facility (2025)

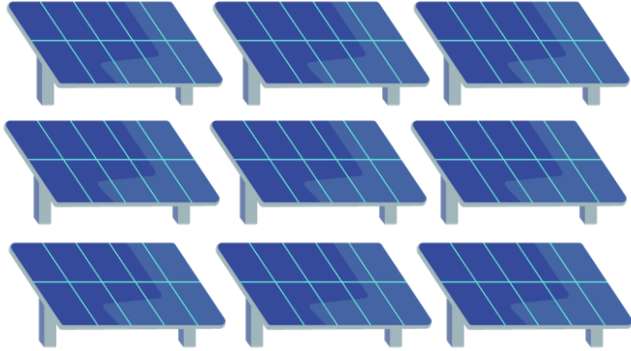
**COD in January 2025 in partnership with  
San Miguel Electric Cooperative Inc. (SMECI)**

**3MW Pelton turbine / generator**



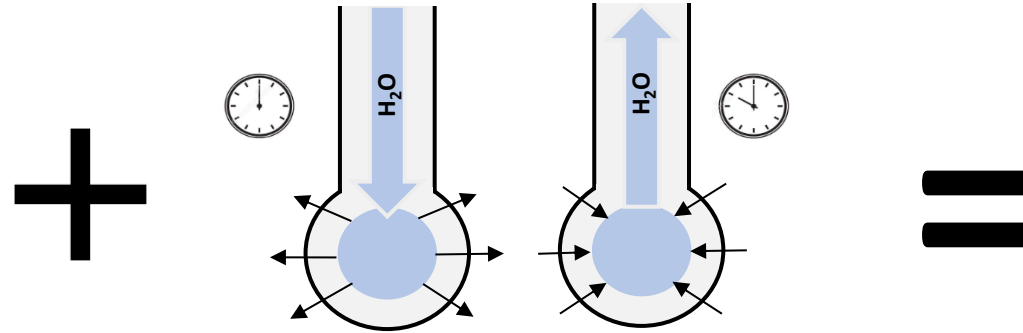
# Use Case: Solar + Storage = Scalable 24/7 Power

## Solar



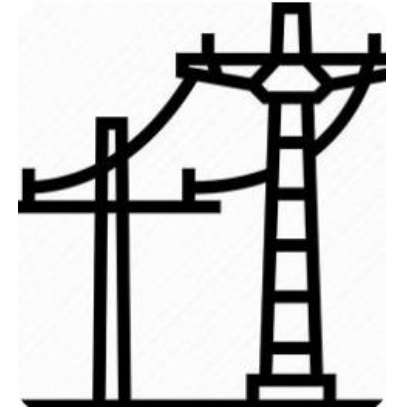
- **Solar = 200MW** to sell directly to off taker
- **Overbuild (2.7x) = 540MW** to pump and store water in well

## Energy Storage



- **Energy storage = 200MW** to sell when the sun is down

## 24/7 Power



**200MW** to sell **24/7**



- **Scalable to GW**
- **10 wells at 3-5MW/well**
- **Footprint = 15-20 acres**



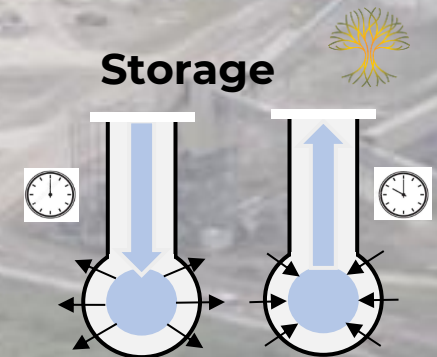
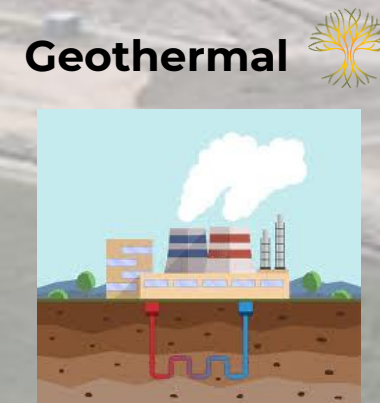
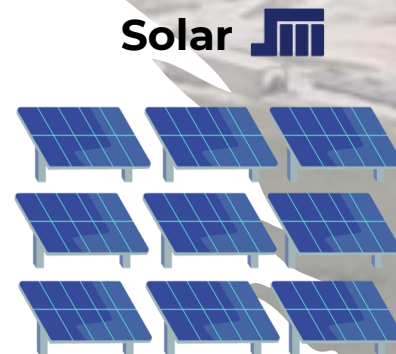
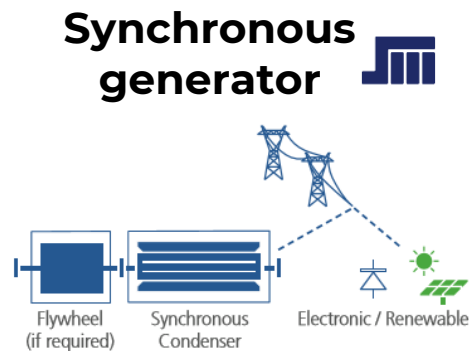


# Energy Storage + Solar: Coal Power Plant Repurposing

**Texas Example:**  

**San Miguel Electric Cooperative Inc. (SMECI)  
With Sage Geosystems: Lignite Coal Plant Staged  
Plan**

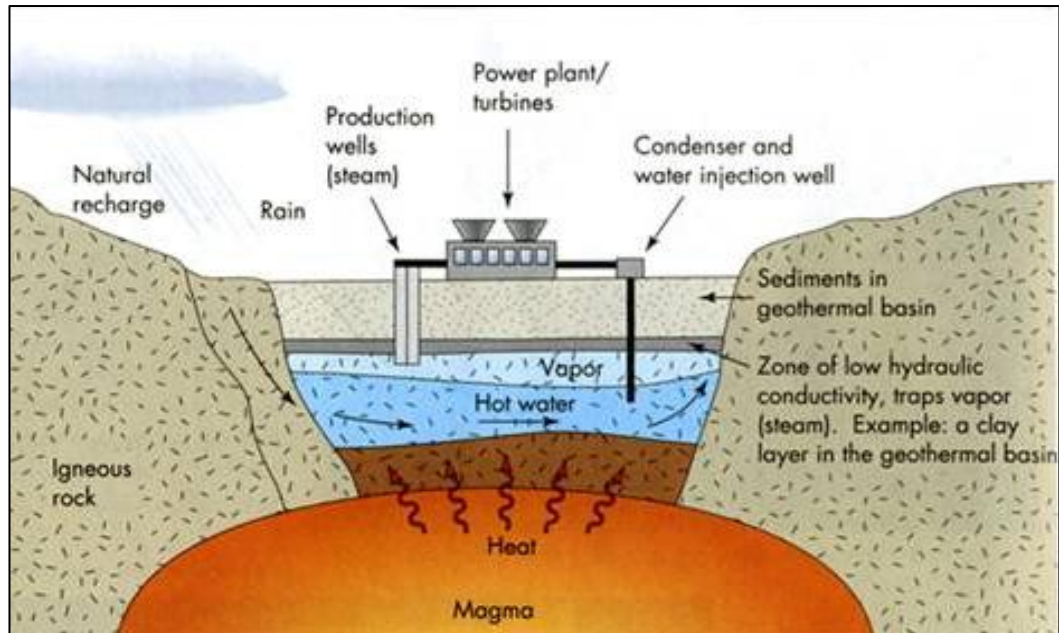
- Convert 410MW coal plant to clean, renewable power
- 1GW by 2030 = solar with storage + geothermal power
- Repurpose 400 SMECI jobs
- Fill economic void left from coal plant closure



# Geothermal is < 1% of Utility Power

## Current: Conventional Geothermal

- Permeable rocks naturally flowing steam/water
- Geographically limited to areas near volcanoes
- Production rates often unpredictable

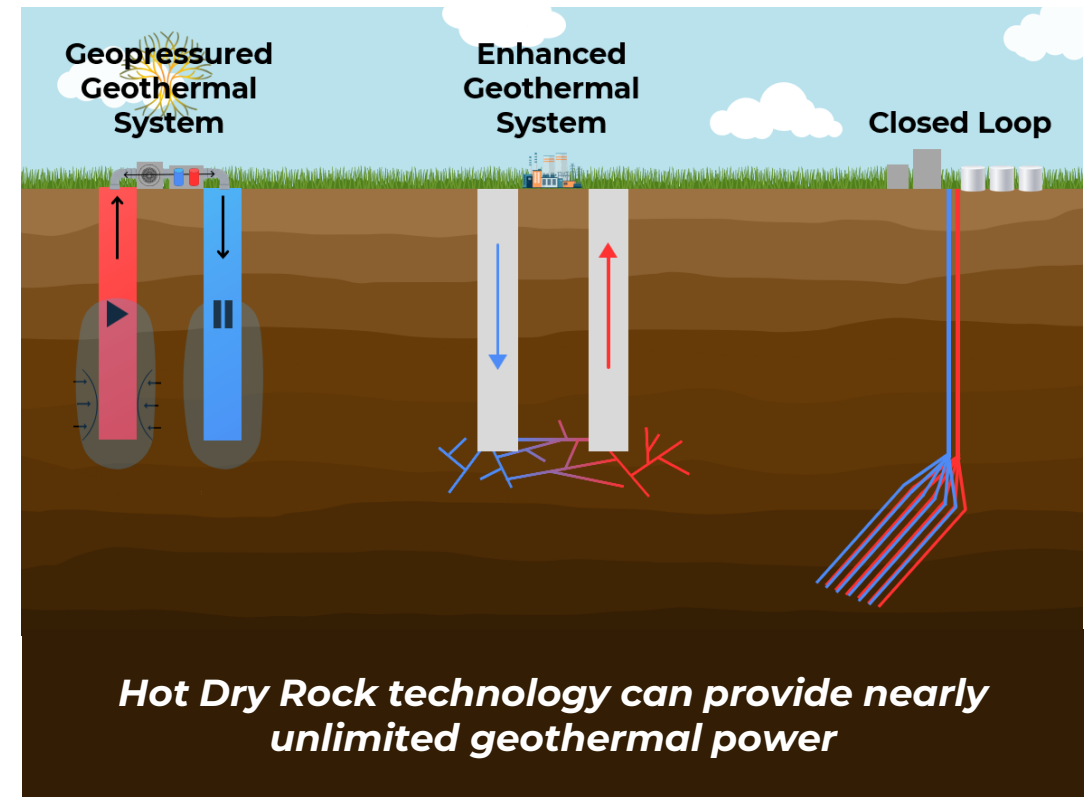


**< 2%**

of geothermal resources

## Future: Hot Dry Rock

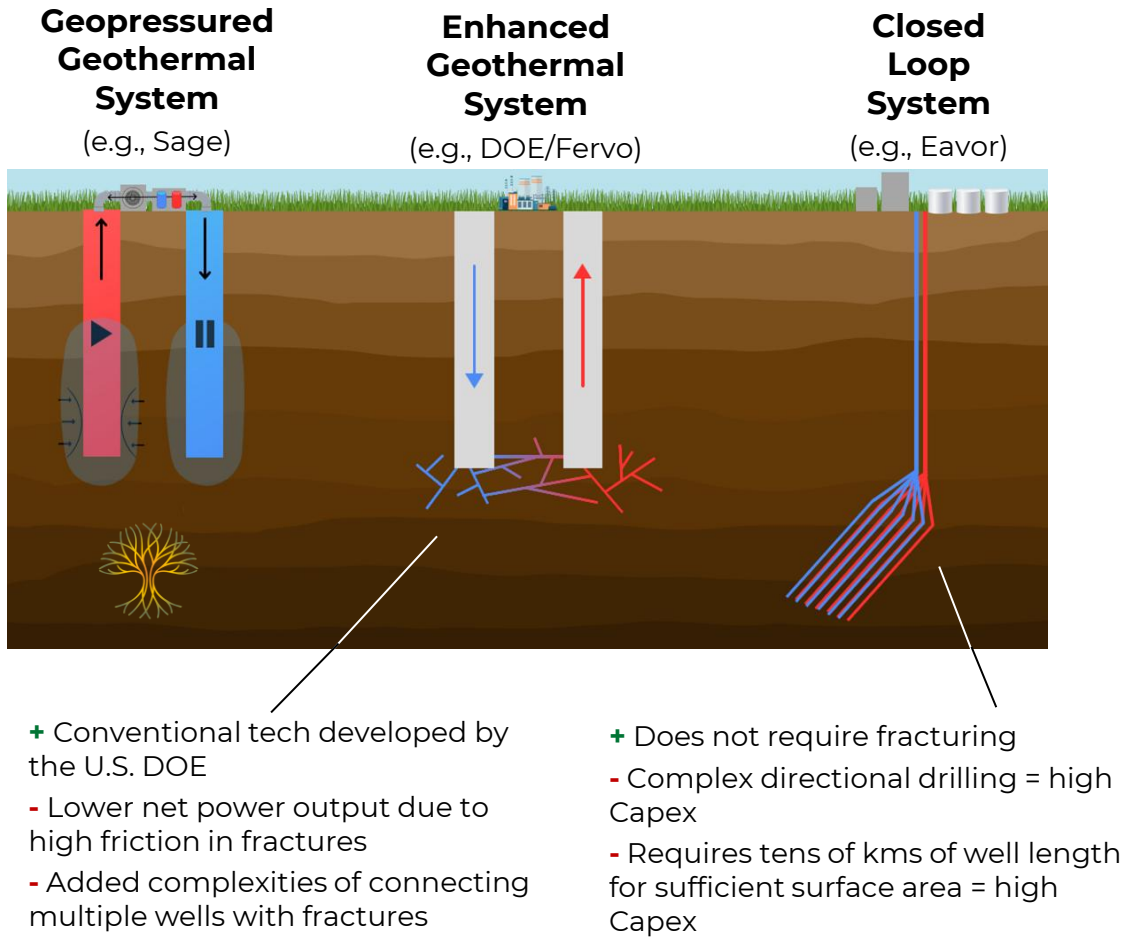
- Rocks that do not naturally flow steam or water
- Drilling for temperature not water production





# Hot Dry Rock Geothermal

## Competitive edge



Sage has figured out how to make hot dry rock geothermal commercially viable:

- **Net power output is significantly higher (25-65%), as uses pressure and heat energy**
- **Less Capex**
- **Even fluid dispersion and lower friction pressure in fracture:** Only company to operate above frac opening pressure
- **Proprietary Geopressured Geothermal System (GGS) design**
- **Lower risk of induced seismicity**
- Enabling **commercial geothermal 'anywhere'**



# Use Case: 150MW Term Sheet with Meta Platforms

- Sage Geosystems & Meta terms:
  - Phase I = 8MW | COD 2027
  - Phase II = 150MW | COD 2030
  - Option for additional 200MW
- Location TBD (*L48 east of the Rocky Mountains*)
- Term sheet signed with VPPA to follow





*Thank you to our investors  
and partners!*

*Happy to take  
questions.*

*For more information:*  
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