

Cryogenic CO₂ Separation from Flue Gas

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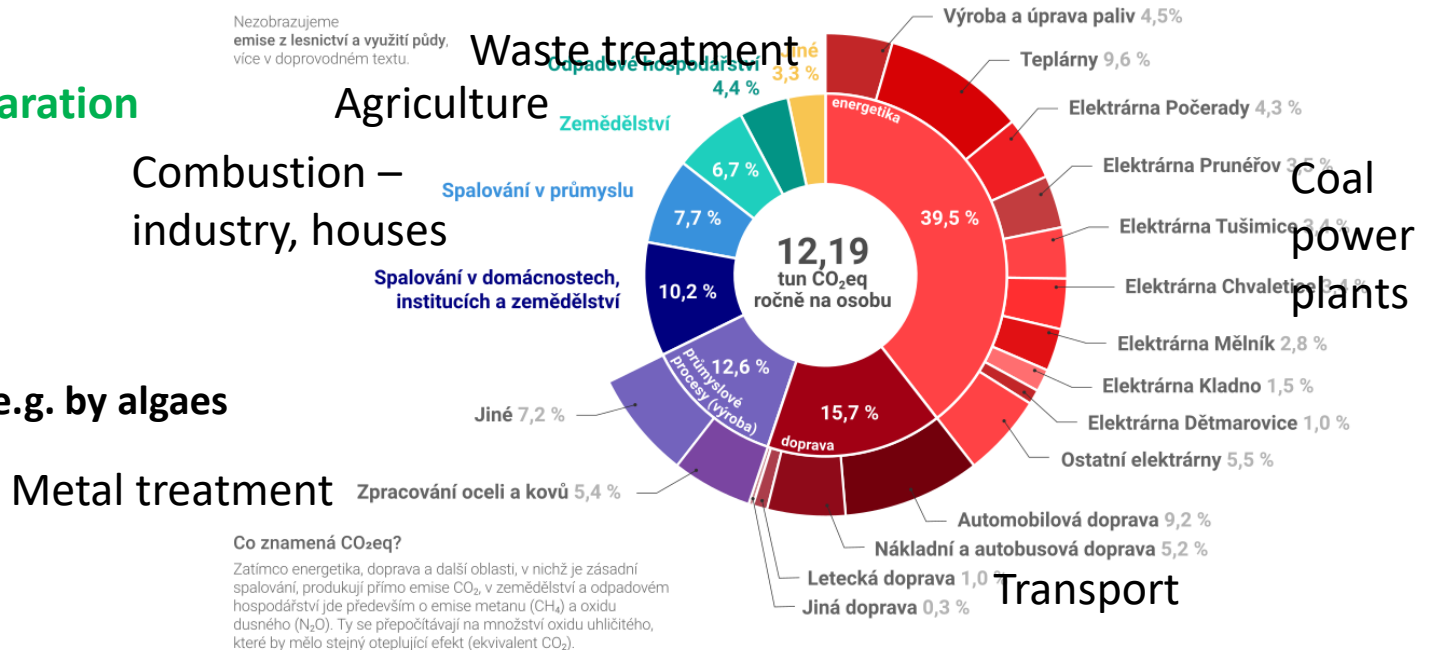
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Nezobrazujeme emise z lesnictví a využití půdy, více v doprovodném textu.

Technologies for CO₂ separation

- Absorption
- Adsorption
- Membrane separation
- Cryogenic separation
- Biological separation – e.g. by algae



Co znamená CO₂eq?

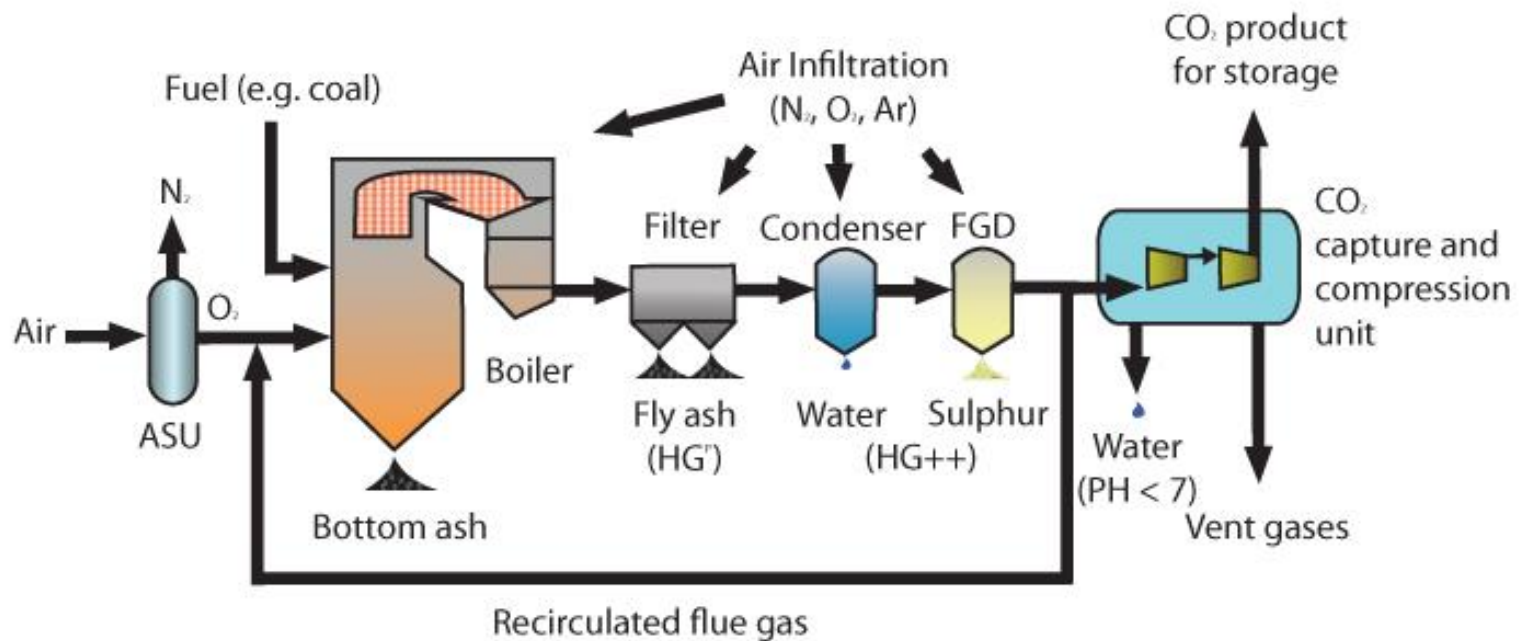
Zatímco energetika, doprava a další oblasti, v nichž je zásadní spalování, produkují přímo emise CO₂, v zemědělství a odpadovém hospodářství jde především o emise metanu (CH₄) a oxidu dusného (N₂O). Ty se přepočítávají na množství oxidu uhličitého, které by mělo stejný oteplicí efekt (ekvivalent CO₂).

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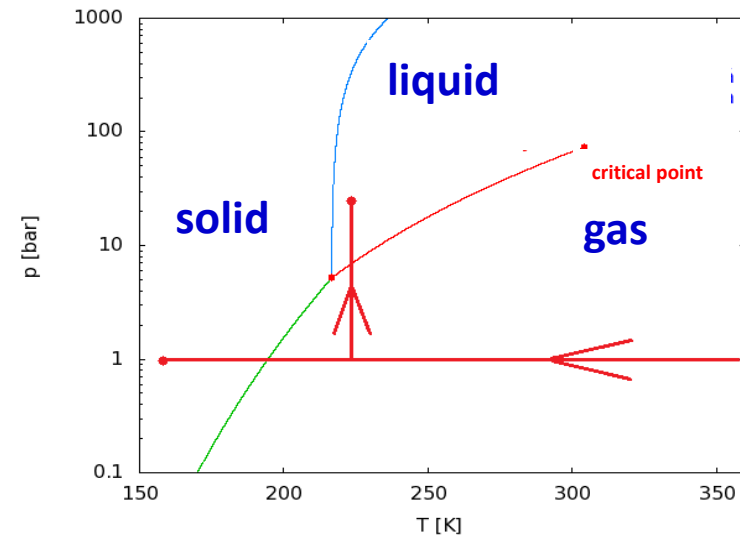
Strategies for CO₂ capture

- post-combustion separation
- pre-combustion separation
- separation after oxy-fuel combustion



Technologies for CO₂ separation

- Absorption $\eta_{\text{sep}} = 85\%$ price = 40 – 100 USD/t_{CO₂}
- Adsorption $\eta_{\text{sep}} = 80\%$ price = 50 – 150 USD/t_{CO₂}
- Membrane separation $\eta_{\text{sep}} = 70\%$ price = 15 – 55 USD/t_{CO₂}
- Cryogenic separation $\eta_{\text{sep}} = 99.99\%$ price = 55 – 130 USD/t_{CO₂}
- Biological separation (by algae)



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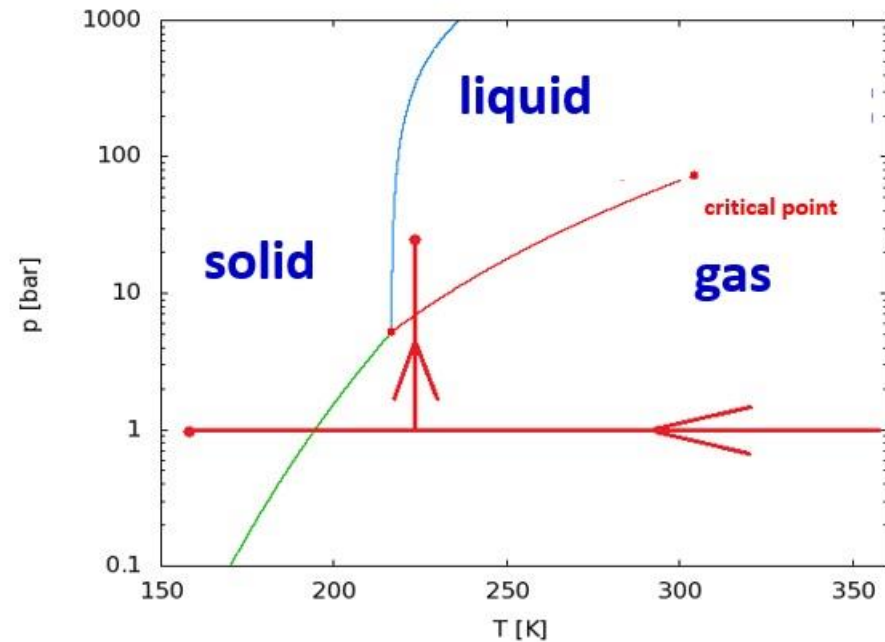
Cryogenic separation

Advantages

- High CO₂ purity
- High separation efficiency

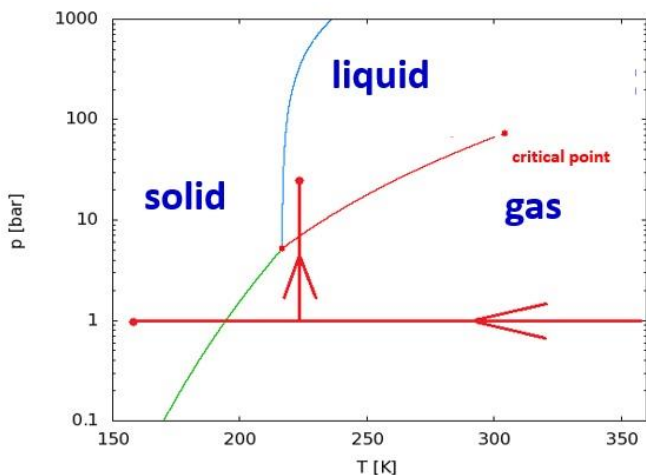
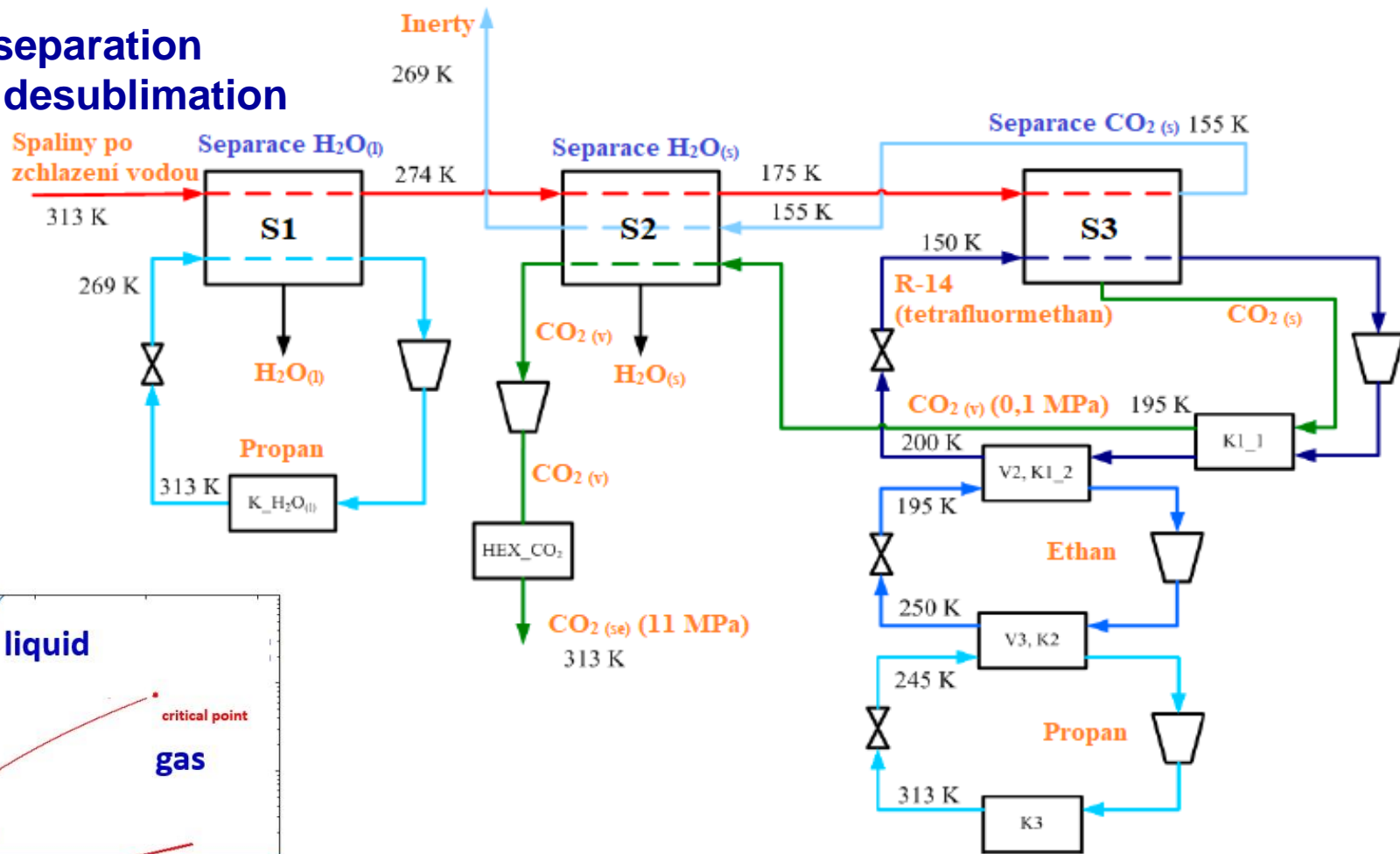
Disadvantages

- High energy demanding technology
- Deep cold source is needed.
- Insulation & special materials are needed.
- Water separation is needed.



Triple point	
T [K]	p [bar]
216.55 K (-56.6 °C)	5.17

Cryogenic CO₂ separation by freezing and desublimation



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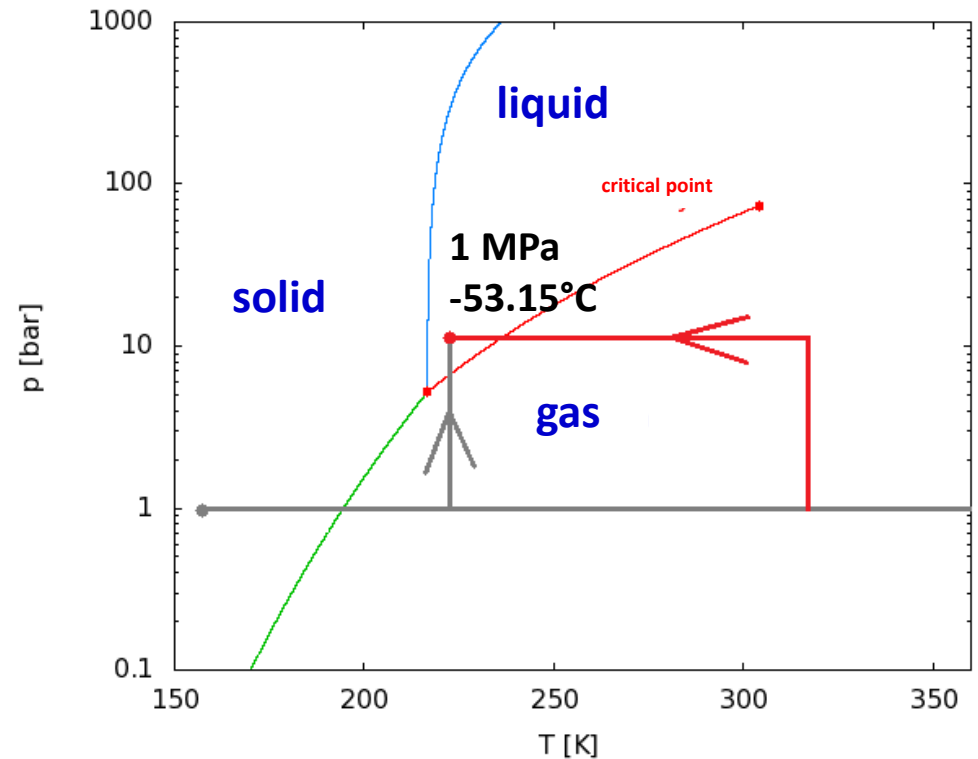
Motivation

1. Regasification of cryoliquids (e.g. LNG, LAES) \Rightarrow recovery of stored cold for CO₂ cryogenic separation.
2. CO₂ separation as a liquid.



Świnoujście LNG terminal
Polskie LNG @ Felinski-Piotr

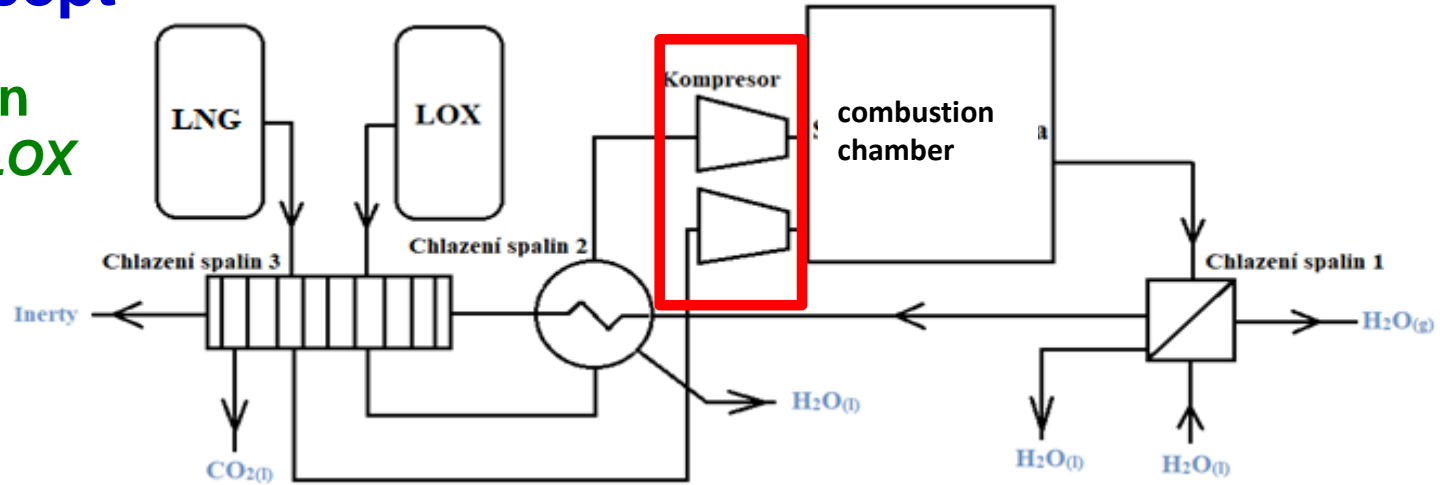
- \Rightarrow to decrease energy consumption
- \Rightarrow to improve economy



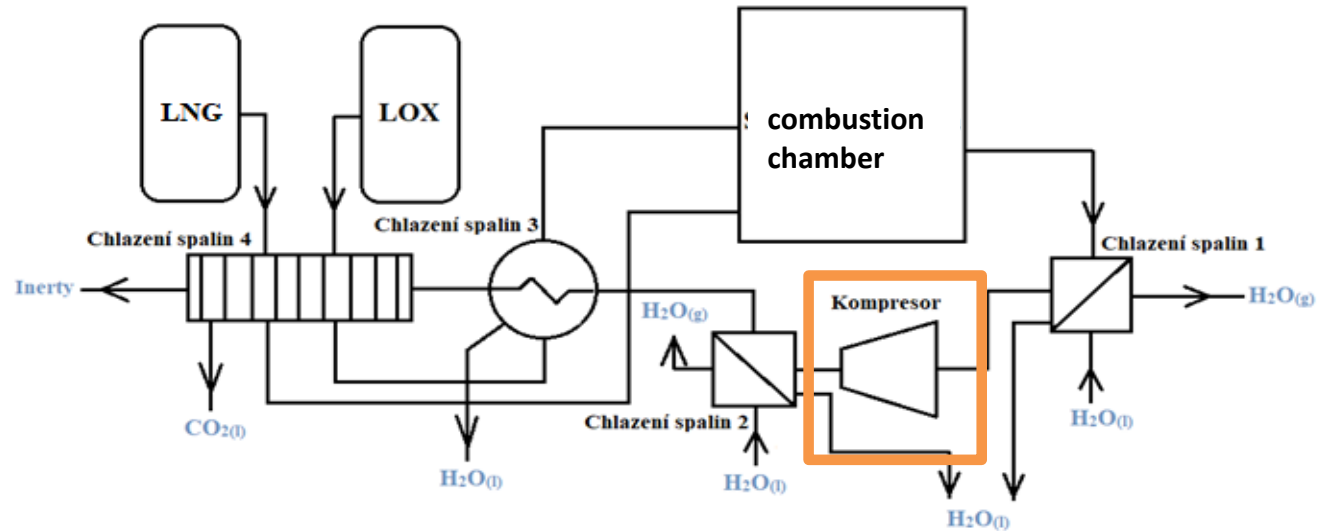
Technology concept

Oxy-fuel combustion
cold source: LNG or LOX

Pre-combustion
 compression

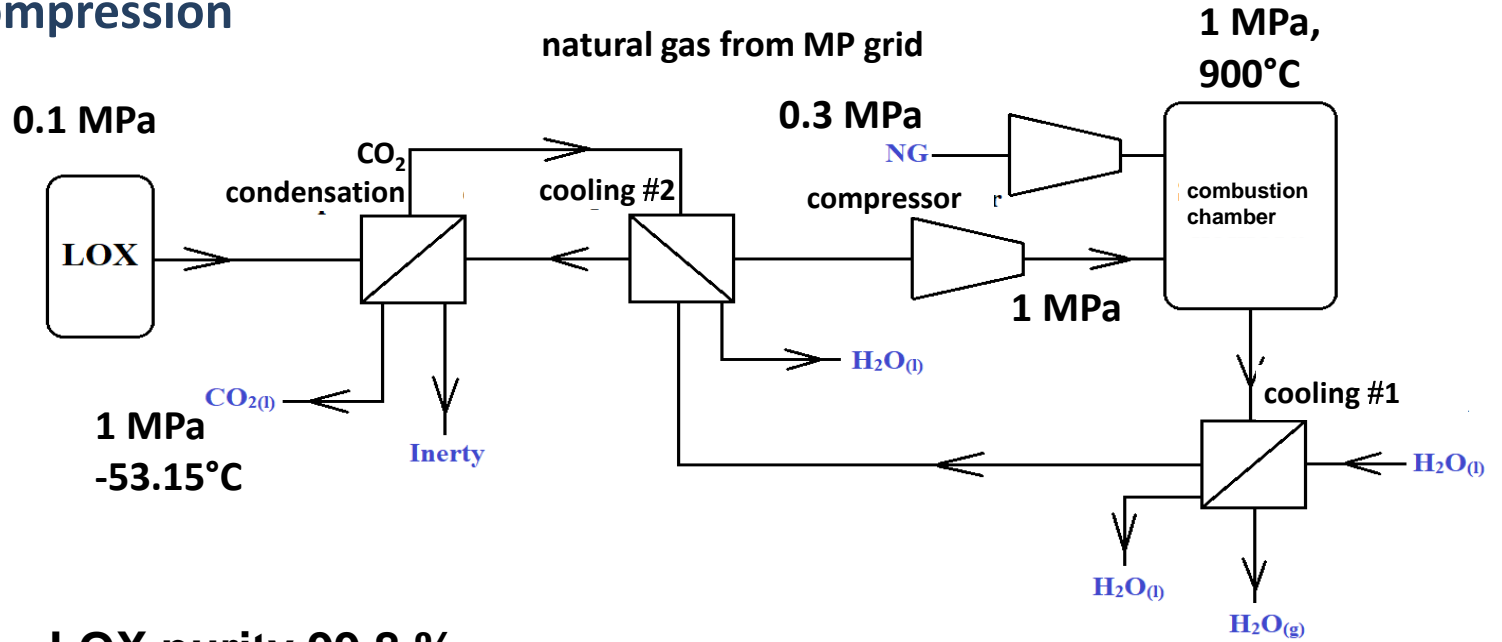


Post-combustion
 compression

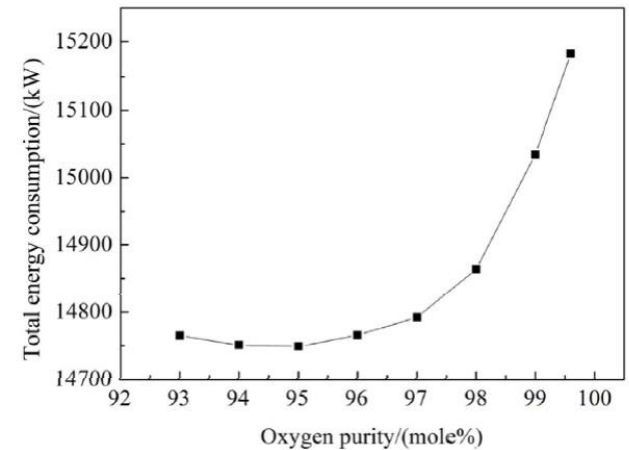


1. Pre-combustion compression (Pre-Comp)

Effect of oxygen purity
Effect of oxygen excess

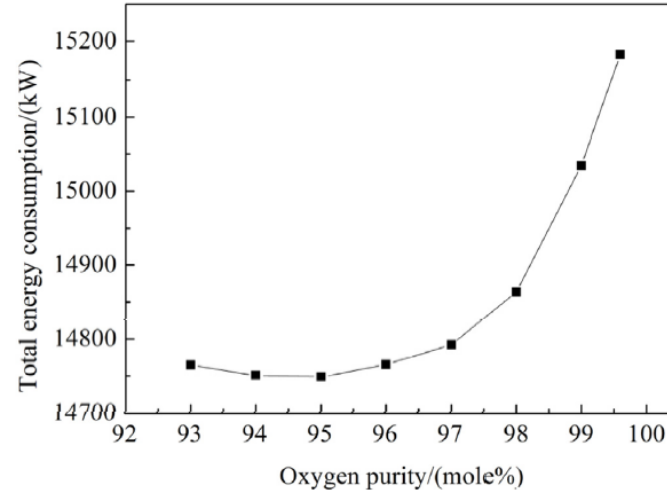


- Pre-Comp 99.8 - LOX purity 99.8 %
- Pre-Comp 100 - LOX purity 100 %
- Pre-Comp 95 - LOX purity 95 %
- Pre-Comp 95 205/1.6 - LOX purity 95 %
flue gas T = 205K, 1.6 MPa



Effect of oxygen purity

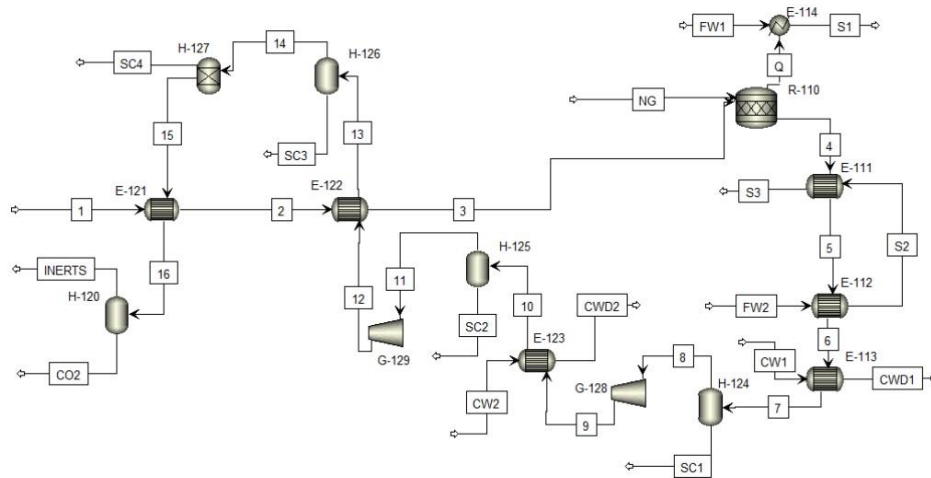
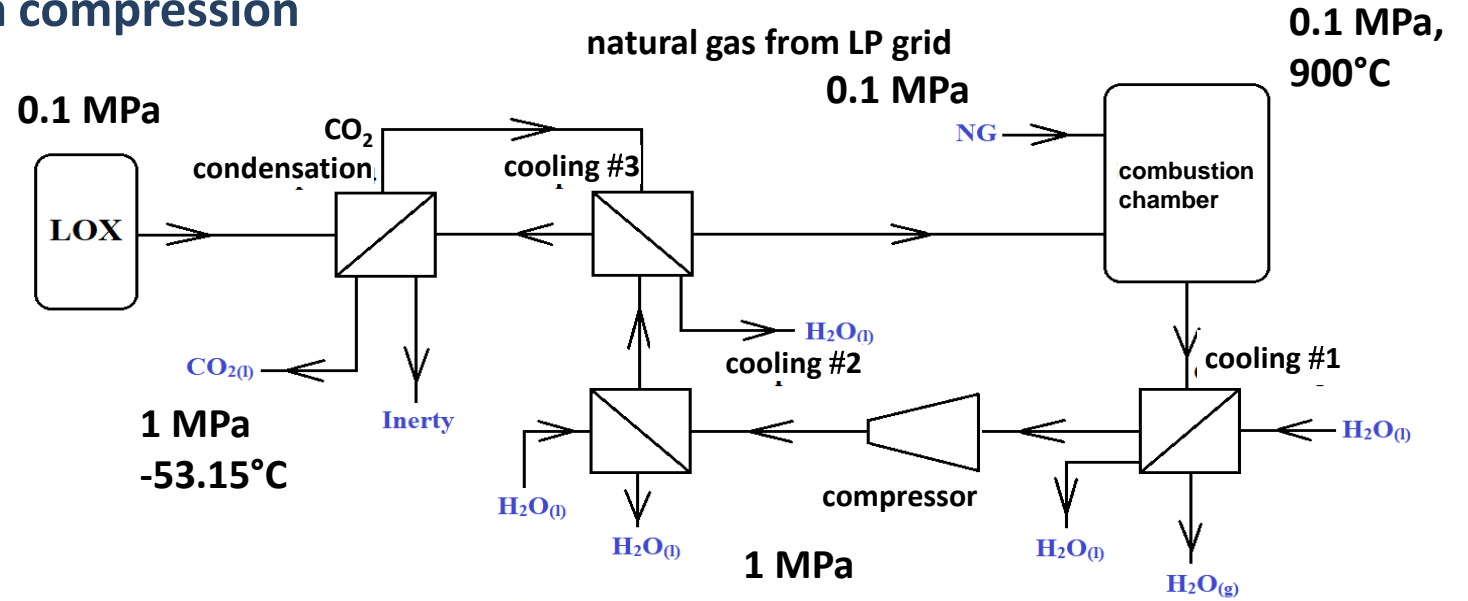
Oxyfuel combustion:
oxygen of 95 % purity
is usually utilized
(cheaper)



Cryogenic air
separation

LOX purity [%]	Flue gas temperature [K]	Pressure [MPa]	Separation efficiency [%]	LCO2 purity [%]
95	220	1	84.5	98.5
	205	1	96.1	97.24
	220	1.5	94.1	96.74
	205	1.6	98.4	95
99.8	220	1	99.68	99.14
100	220	1	99.99	99.33

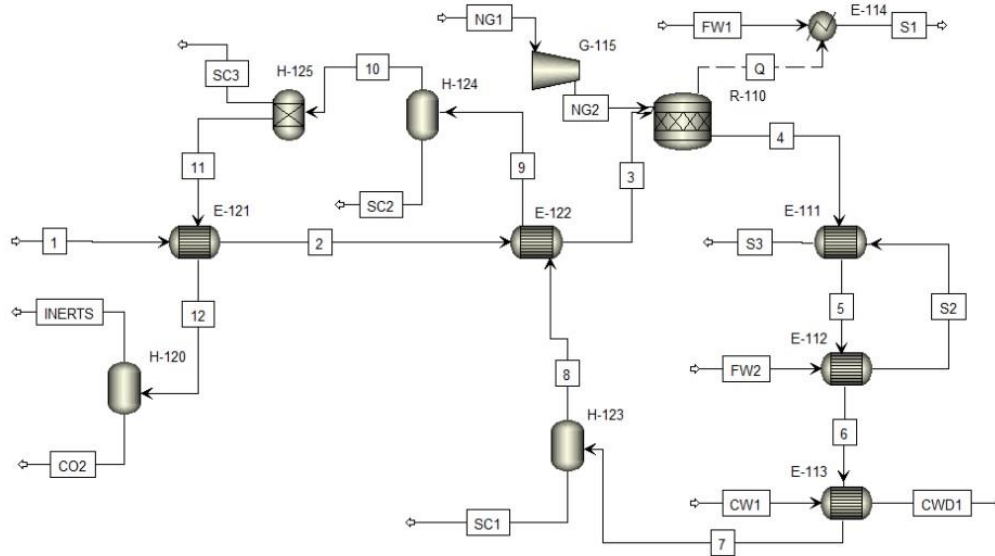
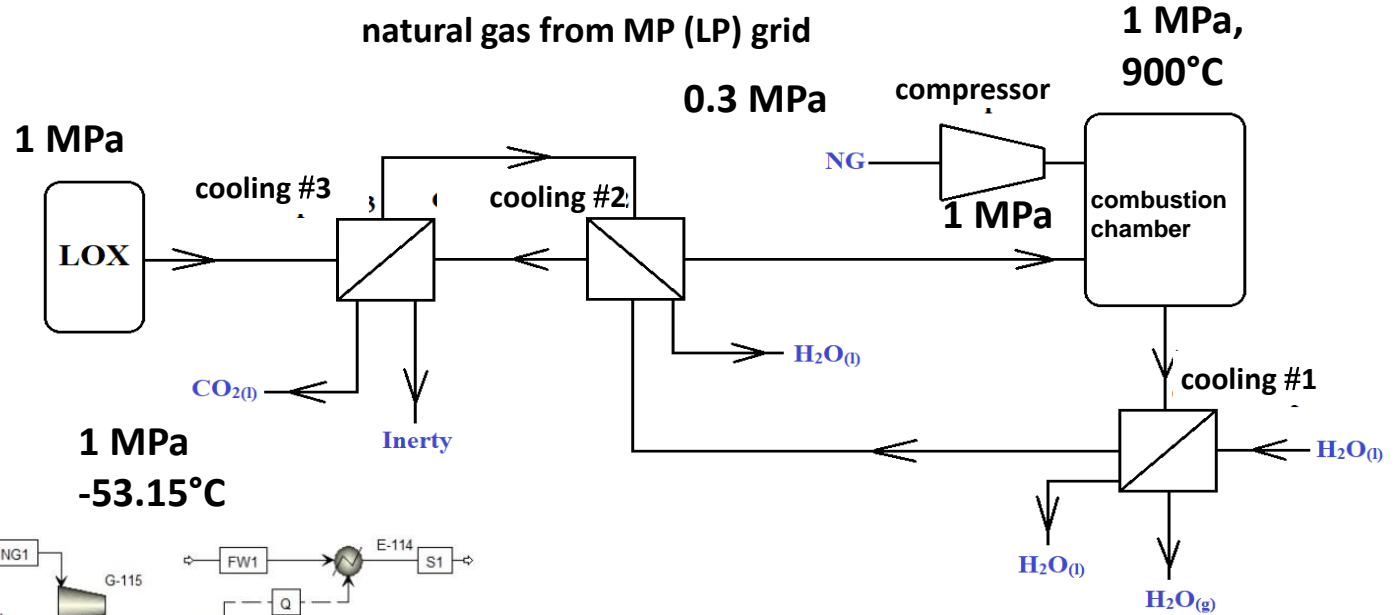
2. Post-combustion compression (Post-Comp)



protection against water freezing
H127 – adsorption water dryer

3. No compression (No-Comp)

LOX storage tanks
up to 1.7 MPa
⇒ pressurized LOX



protection against water freezing
H125 – adsorption water dryer

Results

present technology: efficiency and purity > 99.9 %

Technology	Separation efficiency [%]	CO ₂ purity [%]	Compressor input [kW]	Steam production [t/h]
Pre-Comp 99.8	99.68	99.14	221	12.29
Pre-Comp 100	99.99	99.3	244	12.28
Pre-Comp 95	84.59	98.5	185	12.21
Pre-Comp 95 205/1.6	98.43	95	287	12.27
Post-Comp	99.68	99.14	141	12.20
NoComp	99.68	99.14	-	12.12

Conclusions

present technology: efficiency and purity > 99.9 %

- The technology proposed combines oxy-fuel combustion and cryogenic CO₂ separation. The liquefied oxygen (LOX) is used as a oxygen source for combustion.
- The cold stored in LOX is utilized during regasification for CO₂ cryogenic separation. CO₂ is separated as a liquid (1 MPa, -53.15°C)
- The three technology concepts were analysed: 1) pre-combustion compression of NG and GOX, 2) post-combustion compression of flue gases, and 3) pressurized LOX (no compression).
- Pre-combustion compression: CO₂ efficiency 99.68 % + 99.14 % purity for 99.8 oxygen ; effect of oxygen purity $\eta_{\text{CO}_2} \downarrow$, effect of oxygen excess $\eta_{\text{CO}_2} \downarrow$. η_{CO_2} improvement: T \downarrow , P \uparrow .
- Post-combustion compression: CO₂ efficiency 99.68 % + 99.14 % purity for 99.8 oxygen, lower steam production.
- Pressurized LOX: CO₂ efficiency 99.68 % + 99.14 % purity for 99.8 oxygen, lower steam production.

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