



# Energy Transport Compounds

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# Overview of presentation

- Introduction-Renewable energy sources
- Why local power production is desired.
- Concentrated solar power production storage and transport
  - Solar tower concept
  - Solar kiln design
  - Over-all process efficiency
  - Economic analysis of the process
- Carbon dioxide mitigation strategy
- Conclusion

# Introduction

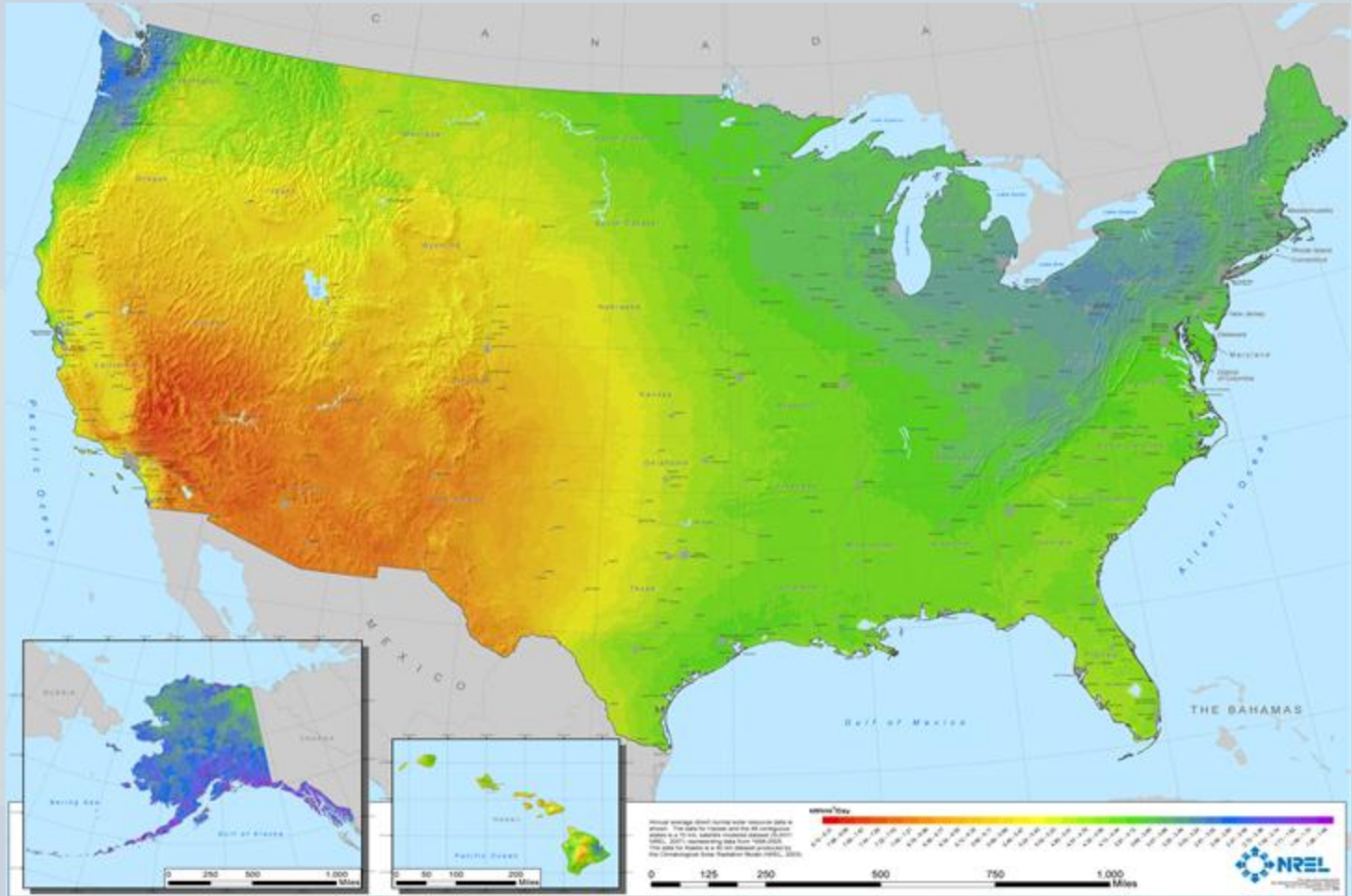
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions- green house effect.
- Deminishing fossil fuels.



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# Introduction





# Why transport is required

Local production is encouraged for the following reasons

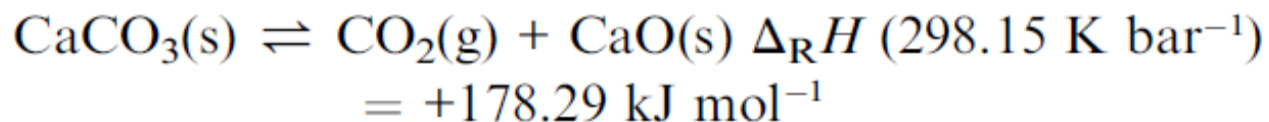
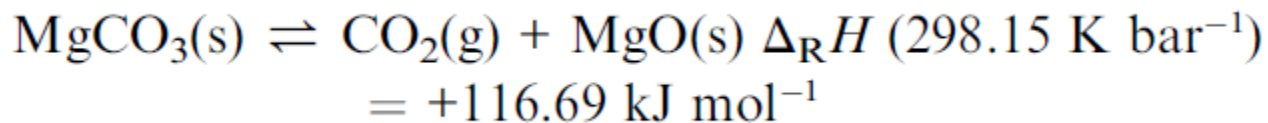
- High thermodynamic efficiency is possible

$$\eta_c = 1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H}$$

- Use of low grade energy is possible(domestic heating)
- Transmission losses due to HVDC can be avoided.



# Solid Compounds for Energy Storage and Transport



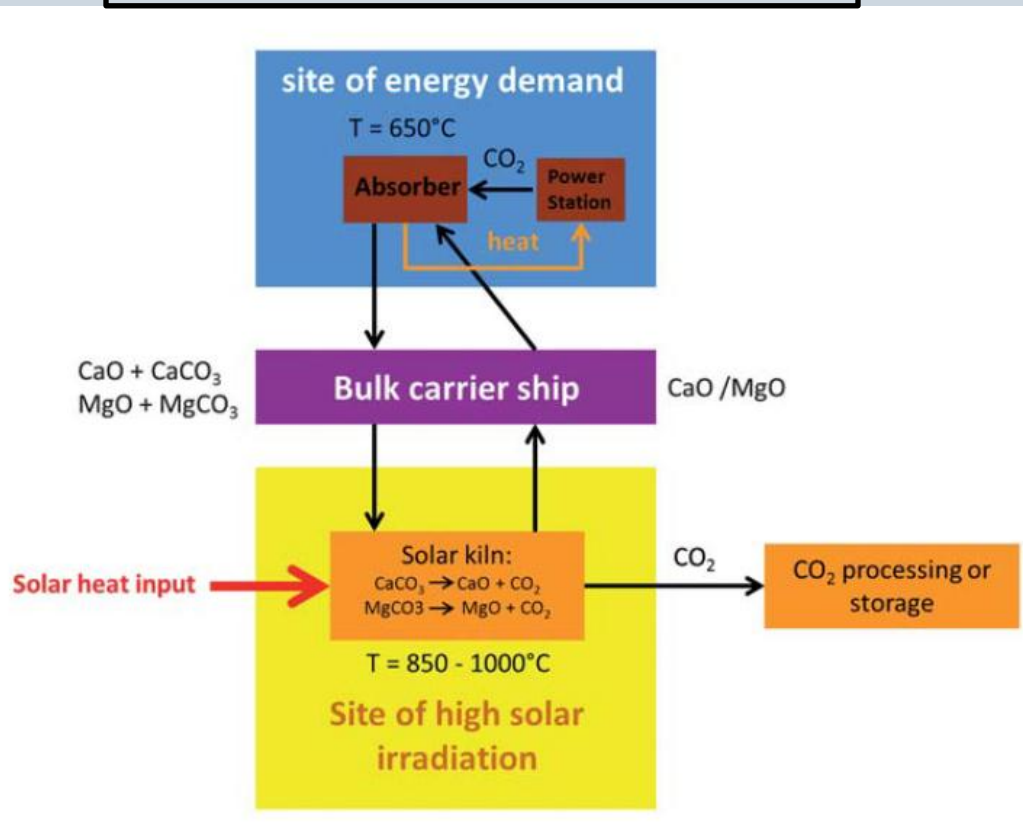
# Solid Compounds for Energy Storage and Transport

$\text{CaCO}_3$  is preferred over  $\text{MgCO}_3$ .

- Vast availability of material in energy lean state.
- Low tendency of leakage or degradation.
- High mass related energy capacity.
- Ideal for high quality steam production.
- Favorable toxicity and ecotoxicity.



Thermal performance analysis  
Comparison with existing technologies



Concentrated solar tower concept for solar heat input

Carbon capture and squaring

Kiln design and Reaction kinetics for lime production

Economic analysis of the process



drilling machine

digger

heavy lorry

limestone 25 to 55 mm

limestone 55 to 120 mm

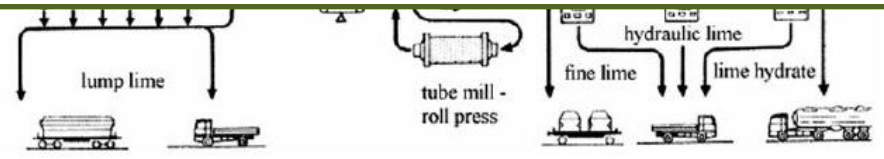
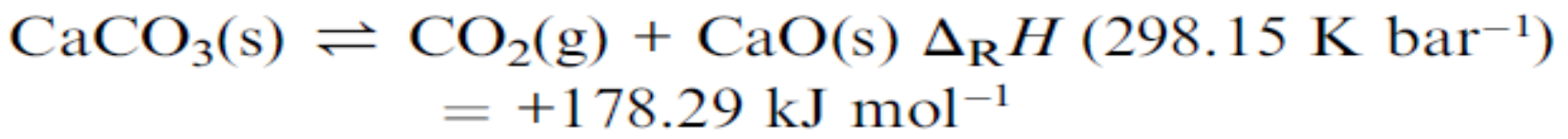
coke

shaft kiln

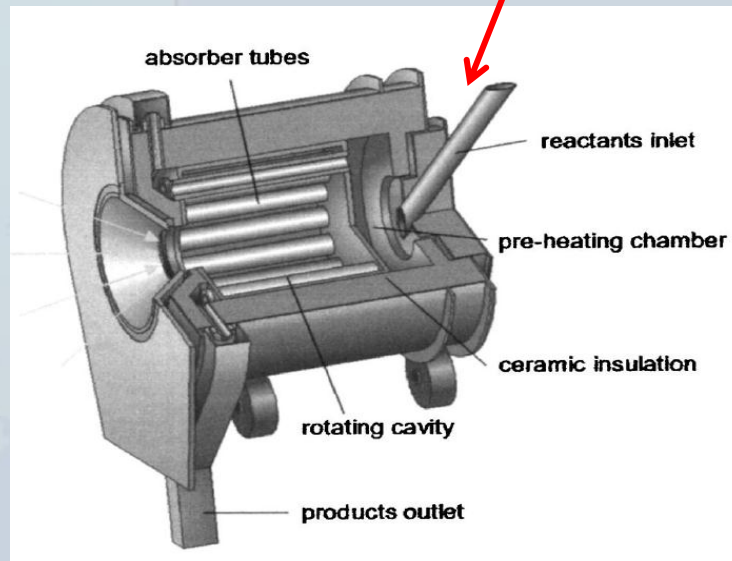
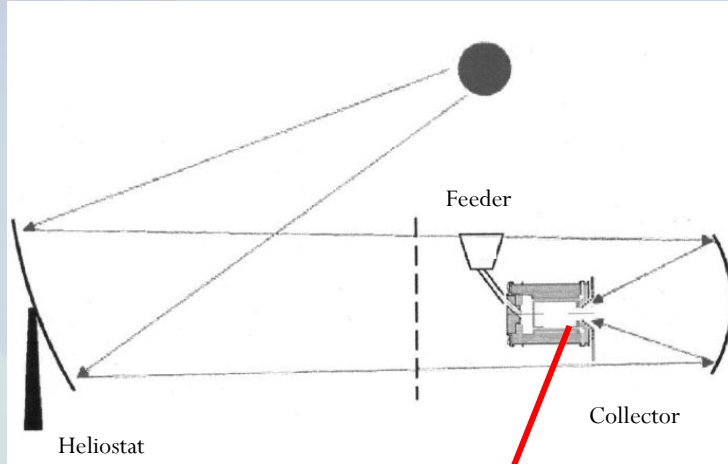
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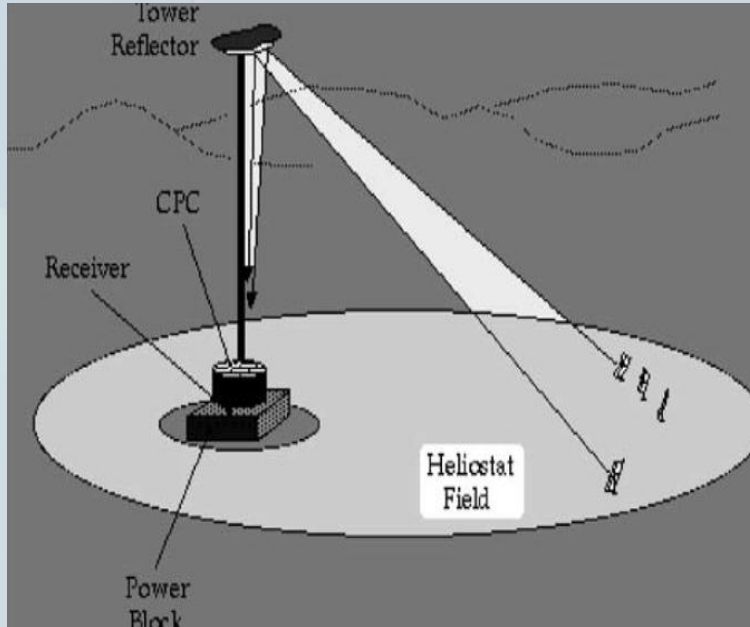
rotary kiln

oil  
gas

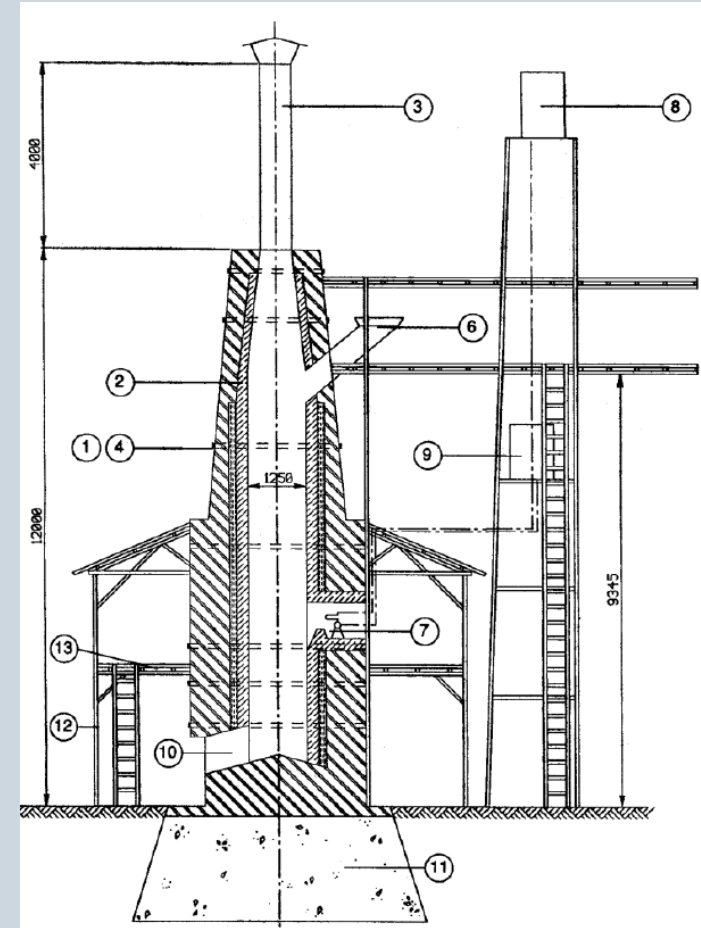
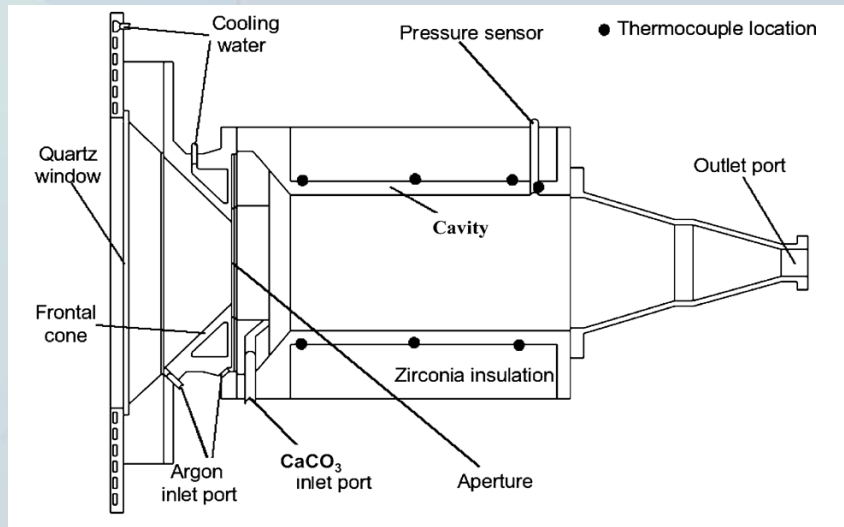
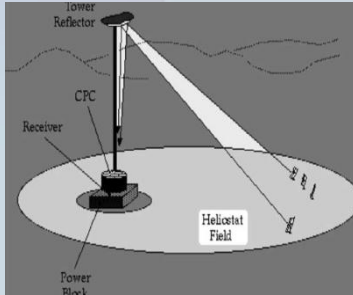


# Kiln design for lime production





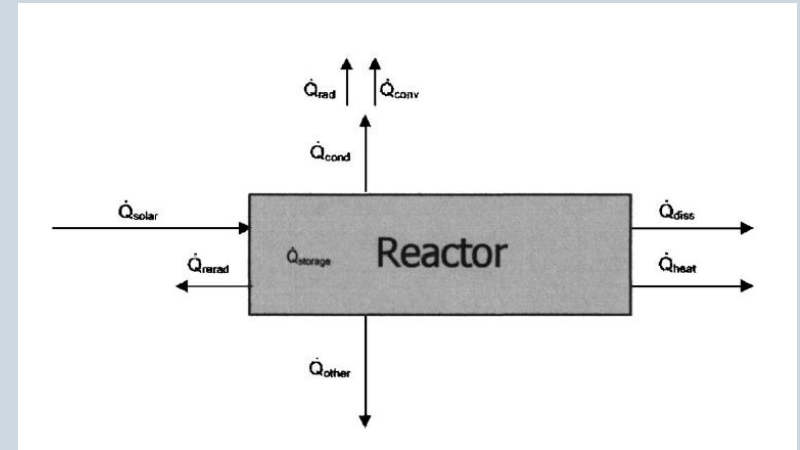
# Kiln design and Reaction kinetics for lime production



2-Burning zone 6-Inlet 7-Burner 10-Outlet

# Kiln design- Solar reactor efficiency

$$\eta = \frac{Q_0}{Q_{solar}} = \frac{m_{CaO} \cdot \Delta H_0}{Q_{solar}}$$



$$Q_{solar} = Q_0 + Q_{product} + Q_{rerad} + Q_{cond} + Q_{others}$$



# Kiln design- Loss of ignition (LOI)

$$LOI = \frac{m_{in} - m_{out}}{m_{in}} = 1 - \frac{m_{out}}{m_{in}} = \frac{m_{CO_2}}{m_{in}}$$

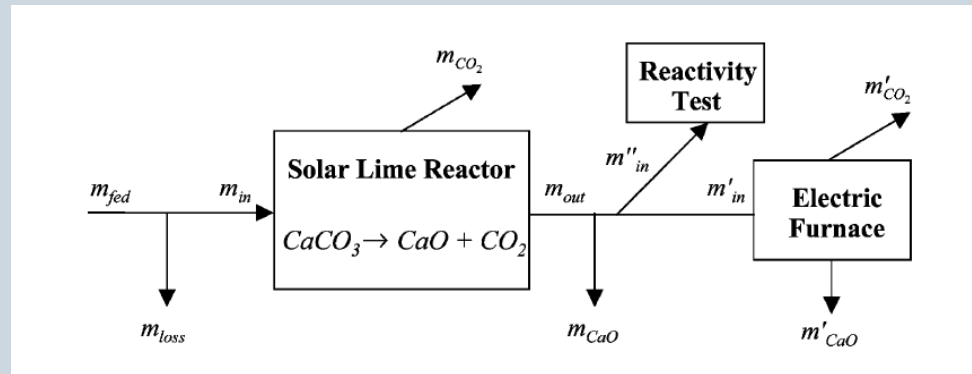
$$\dot{m}_{CaO} = \dot{m}_{in} - \dot{m}_{CO_2}$$

$$\dot{m}_{in} \leq m_{out}$$

$$\dot{m}_{CaCO_3} = \dot{m}_{CaO} / 0.5608$$

$$LOI = 1 - \frac{0.5608 \dot{m}_{in}}{\dot{m}_{CaO}}$$

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# Kiln design- Degree of calcination

$$\alpha = \frac{LOI}{x_{CO_2}}$$

$x_{CO_2}$  = stoichiometric fraction of  $CO_2$

$$m_{in} = \frac{m_{out}}{1 - \alpha x_{CO_2}}$$

## Over-all Process Efficiency

- Electric transmission losses are 10 % over 3000 km.
- Mirror efficiency is 0.61.
- Kiln efficiency is 0.45.
- 30 % of CaO remains active for about 20 cycles.
- Energy required to transport material over 6000 km is about  $0.28 \text{ MJ}_{\text{th}}$

# Over-all Process Efficiency

$$\eta_{total}^{CSP} = \eta_{PP}\eta_T = 0.108$$

$$\eta_{total}^{ETS} = \frac{E_{electric}}{E_{Q_{solar}} + E_{transport}}$$

$$\eta_{S-C} = \eta_{mirror}\eta_{kiln} = 0.27$$

$$E_{th,solar} = \frac{E_{electric}}{\eta_{PP}} = \frac{1 \text{ MJ}}{0.45} = 2.22 \text{ MJ}$$

$$n_{th,solar} = \frac{E_{th,electric}}{\Delta H} = \frac{2.22 \text{ MJ}}{0.171 \text{ MJ/mol}} = 13.0 \text{ mol CaO}$$

# Over-all Process Efficiency

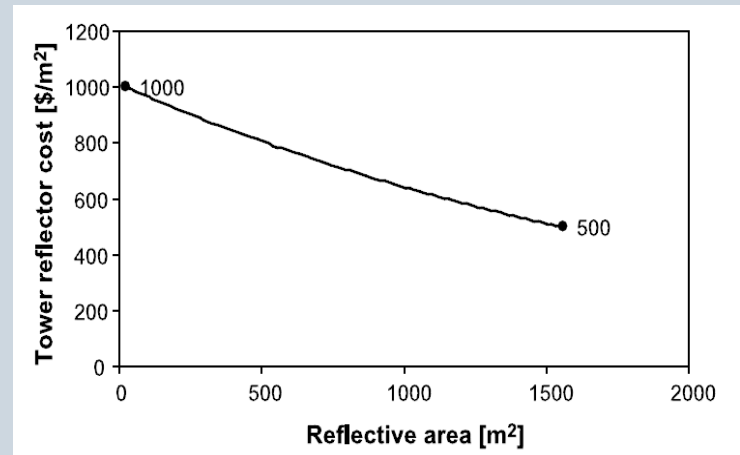
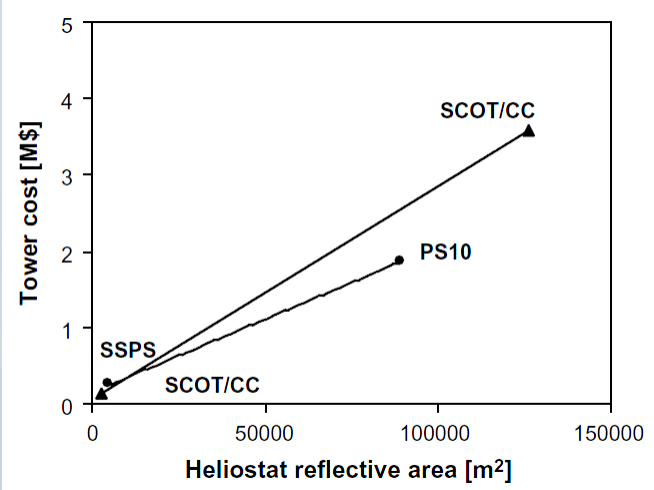
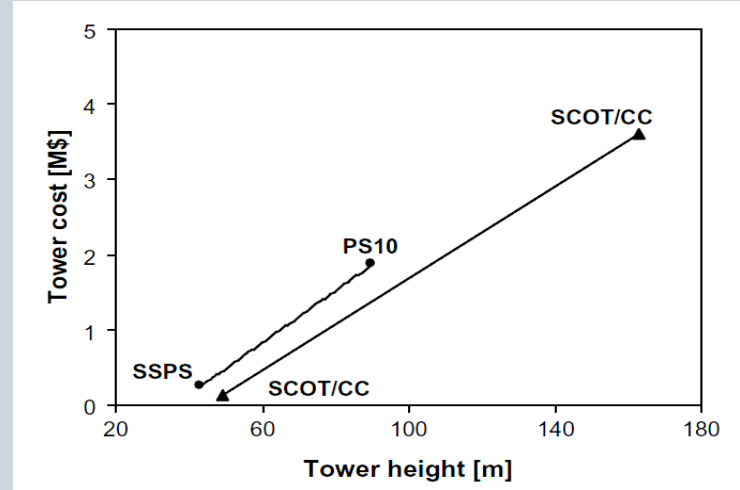
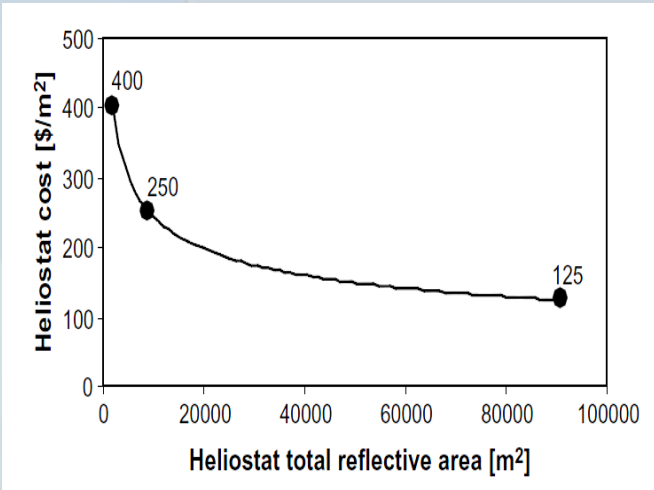
$$n_{req} = \frac{n_{th,solar}}{X_{max}} = \frac{13.0 \text{ mol}}{0.3} = 43.33 \text{ mol CaO}$$

$$E_{Q_{solar}} = \frac{1}{\eta_{S-C}} (n_{th,solar} \times \Delta H) = \frac{1}{0.27} \left( 13 \text{ mol} \times 0.168 \frac{\text{MJ}}{\text{mol}} \right) = 8.09 \text{ MJ}$$

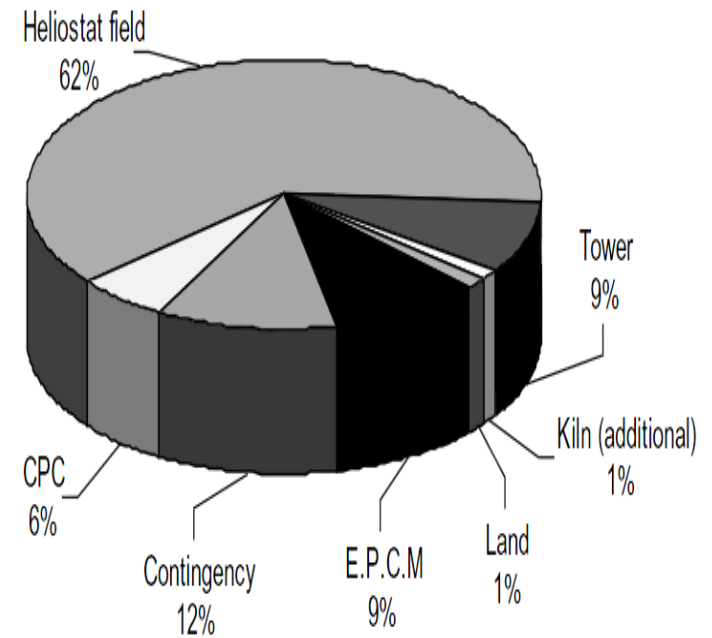
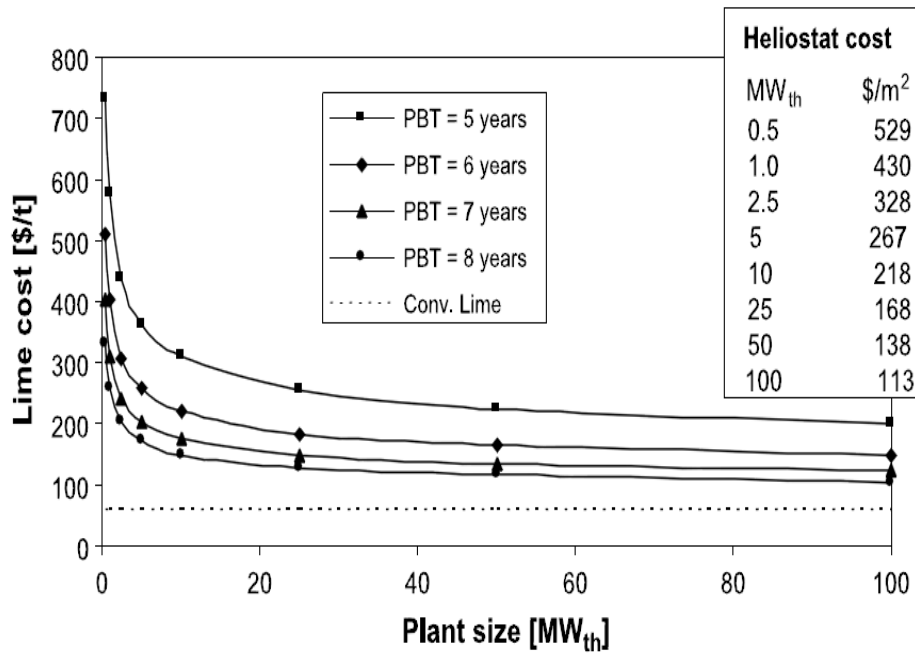
$$\eta_{total}^{ETS} = \frac{1 \text{ MJ}}{8.09 \text{ MJ} + 0.28 \text{ MJ}} = 0.119$$



# Economic Evaluation

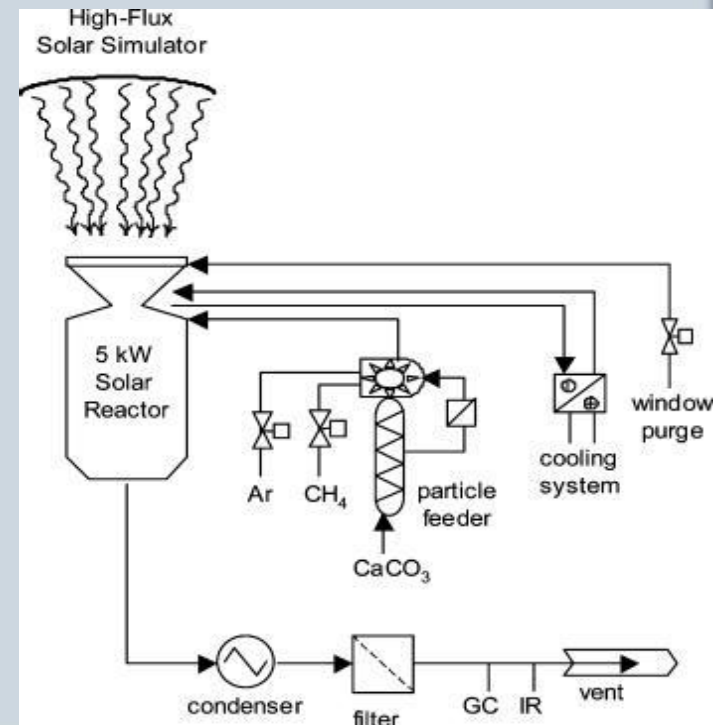
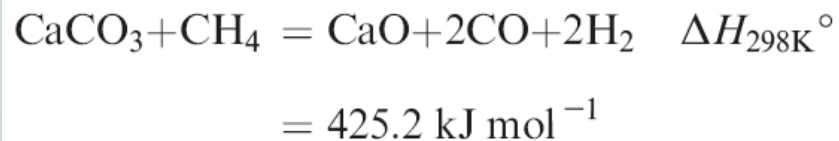
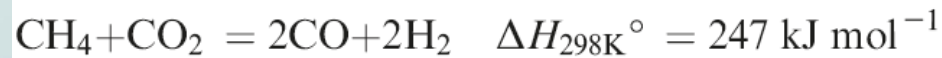


# Economic Evaluation



# Improvement of Process

## Co-generation of Lime and Synthetic Gas



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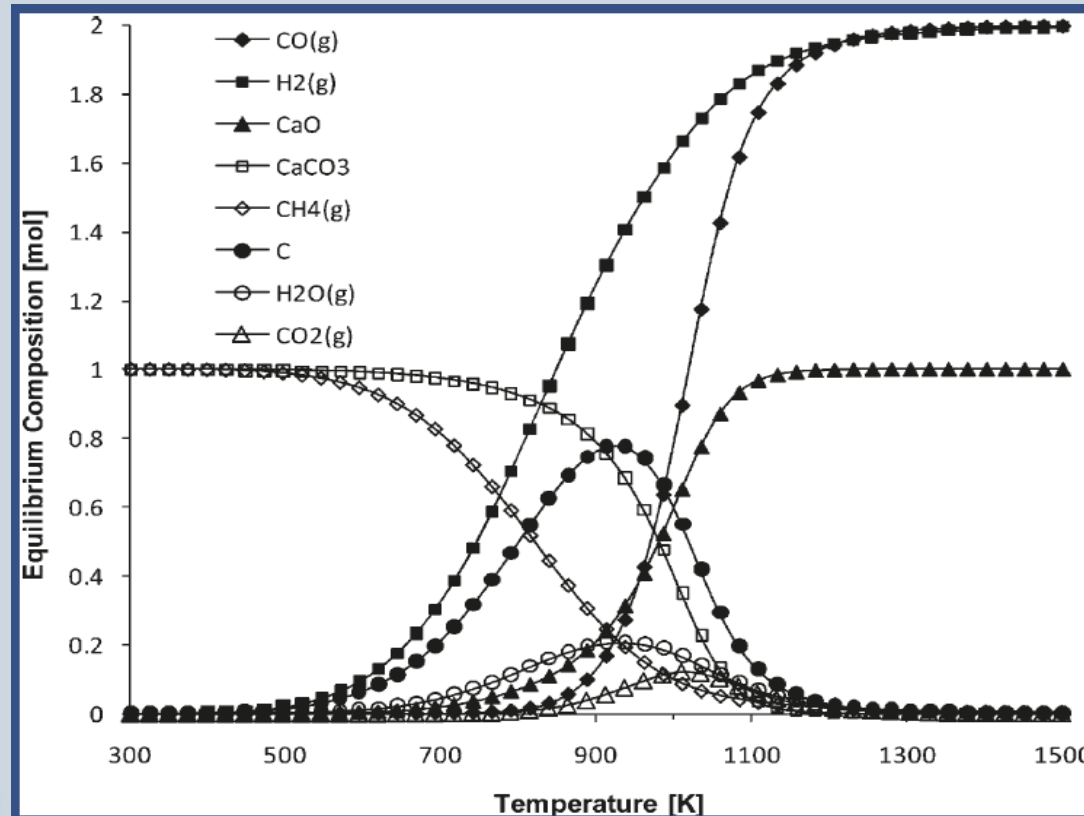
## Co-generation of Lime and Synthetic Gas

Water – gas shift  $H_2 + CO_2 \rightarrow H_2O + CO$

Boudoudard  $2CO \rightarrow CO_2 + C$

$CH_4$  Decomposition  $CH_4 \rightarrow 2H_2 + C$

$C$  Gasification  $C + H_2O \rightarrow H_2 + CO$



## Limitation and disadvantages

- Large amount of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  is required for the feasible process.
- $\text{CaO}$  gets deactivated when used for multiple cycle for  $\text{CO}_2$  absorption.
- Transportation of  $\text{CaO}$  to power production unit and  $\text{CaCO}_3$  back to solar production site an issue to be considered.
- $\text{CO}_2$  produced during calcination requires efficient mitigation strategy.



# Advantages

- Better efficiency can be achieved for the power production unit.(Efficiency 0.43-0.46)
- Better heat utilization is possible(heat utilization factor 0.8-0.9)
- CO<sub>2</sub> produced during calcination can be used to produce synthetic gas.

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