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*Unit 11 Plant Upgrades for NGID Capacity Expansion*

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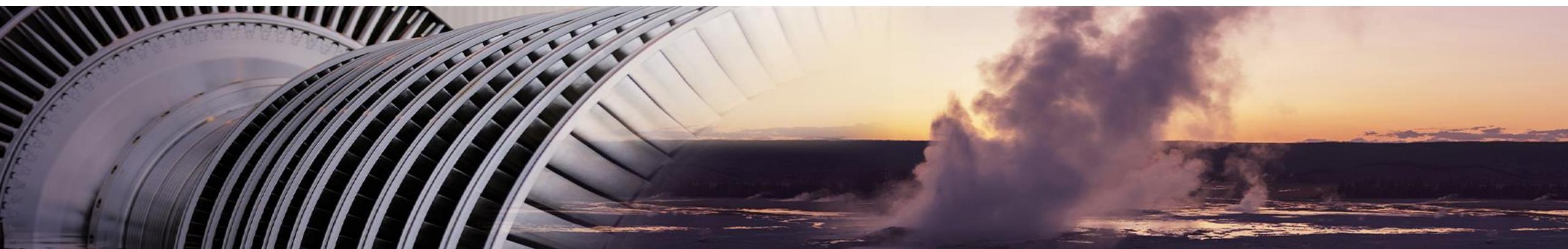
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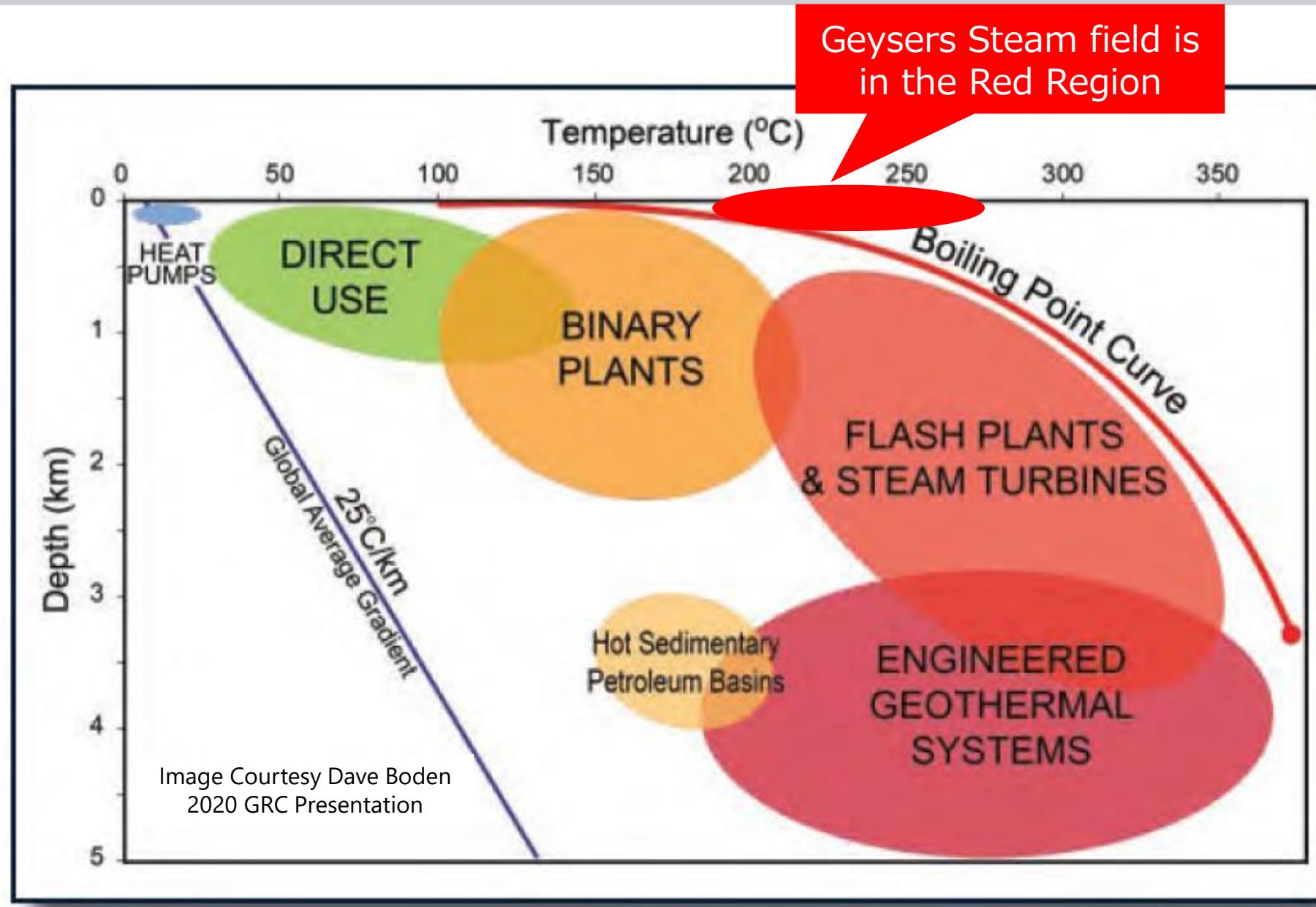


# Agenda

- Superheated Steam!
- Plant Construction & History
- Facility Overview
- Wellfield Expansion
- Process Modeling
- Plant Equipment Upgrades
- Toshiba in Geothermal
- Toshiba & Calpine's Partnership
- Technology Innovation & Implementation
- Come Visit The Geysers!



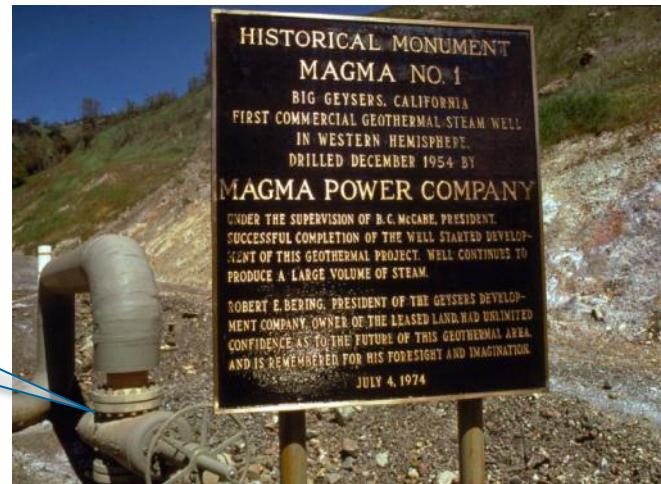
# Types of Geothermal Systems and Related Power Plants



# Development Starts, 1950's - Drilling



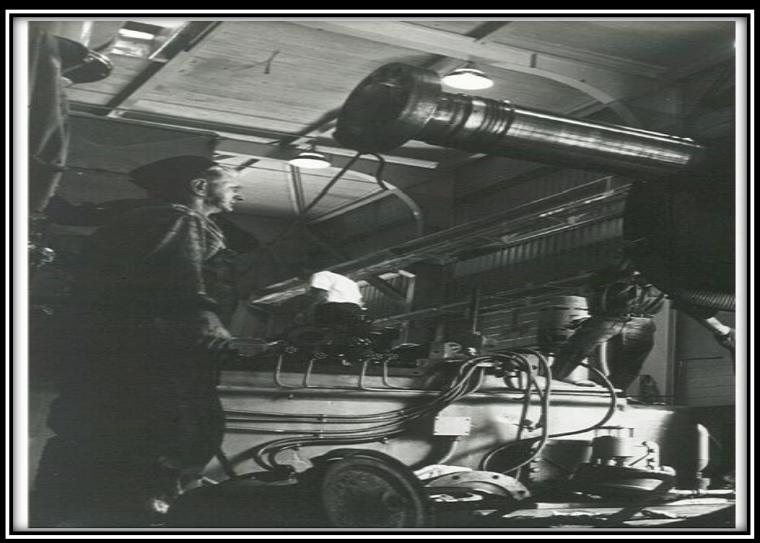
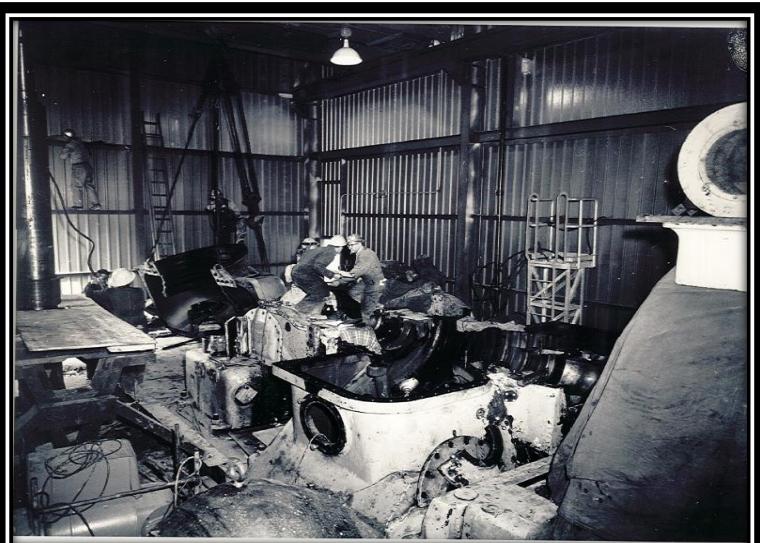
*First modern well  
drilled in 1955 –  
still producing  
today!*



*6-month(!)  
flow test.*

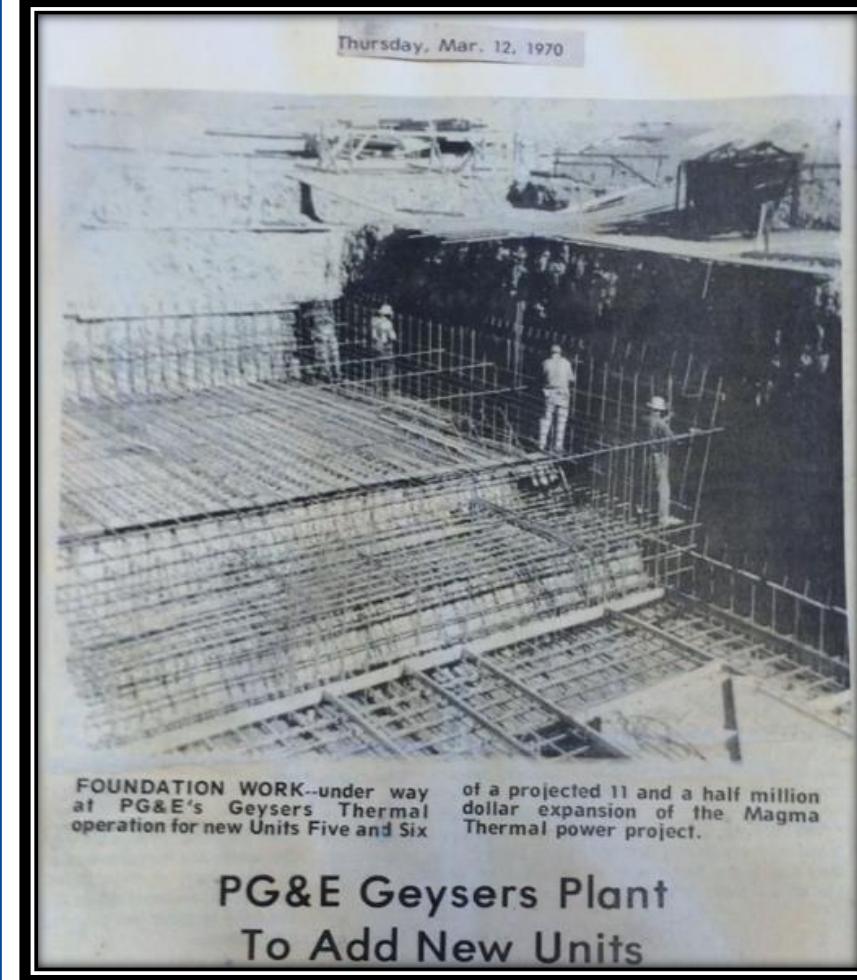
*Developers  
convince  
PG&E...*

# Plant Construction, COD 1960-89



U1&2, 1960-63, 12 & 14 MW<sub>gross</sub>

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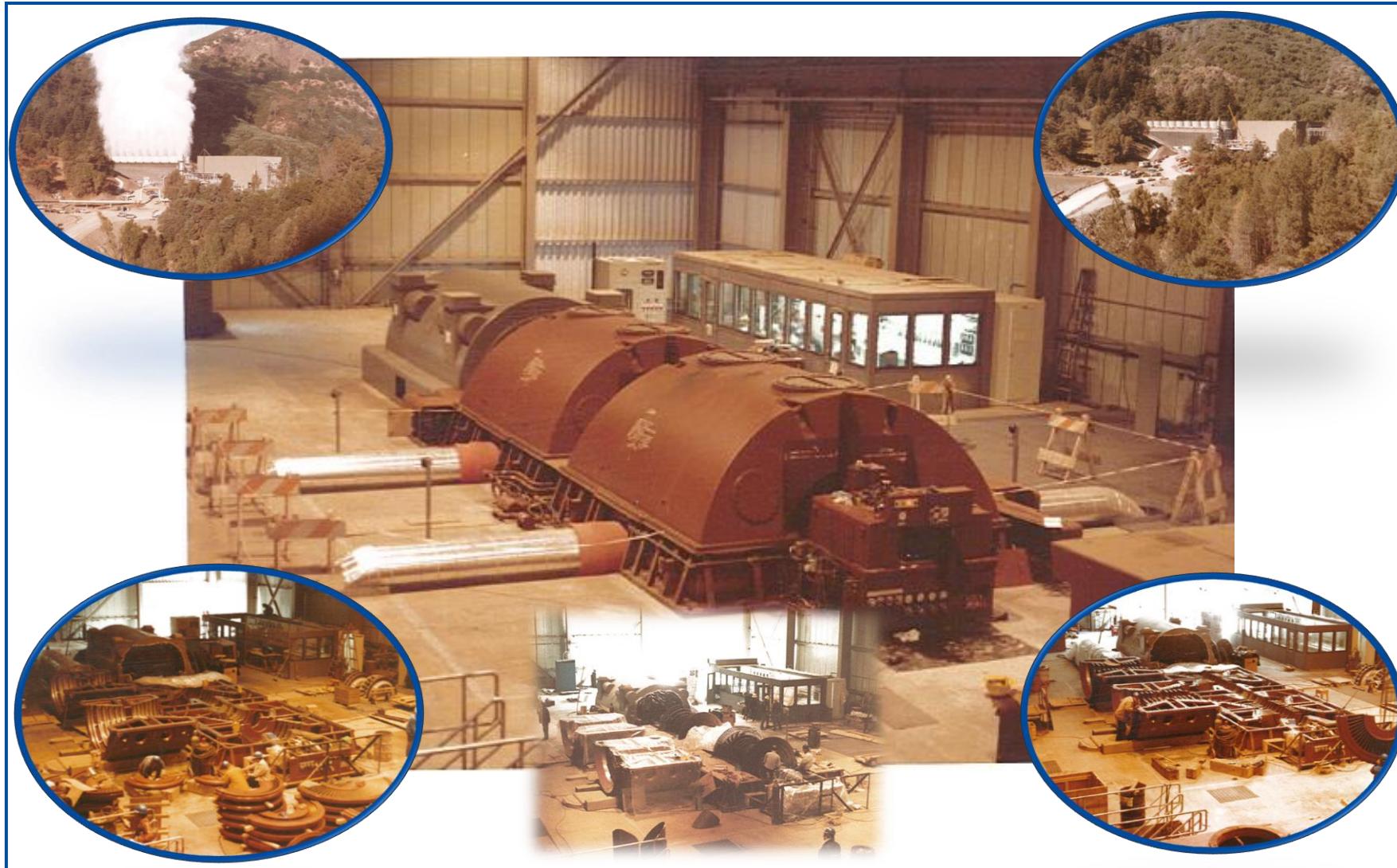
U5&6, 1971, 55 MW<sub>gross</sub> each, 2-flow

# Plant Construction, COD 1960-89



U12, 1979, 110 MW<sub>gross</sub>, 4-flow

# Plant Construction, COD 1960-89



U14, 1980, 114 MW<sub>gross</sub>, 4-flow

# The Geysers, Calpine Facility Overview

725 MWnet  
Capacity

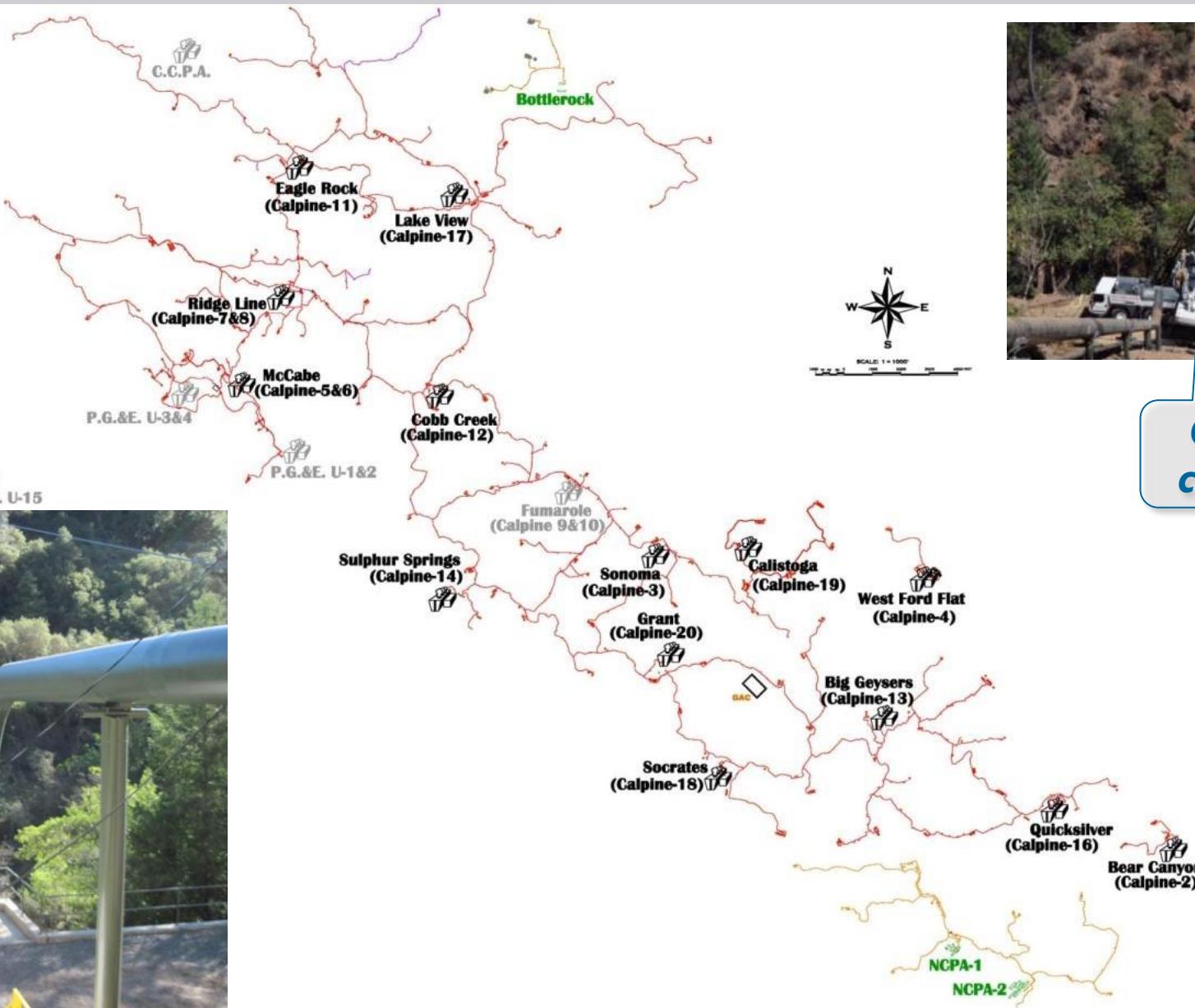


# The Geysers Geothermal Facility Road Map

# Steamfield Overview

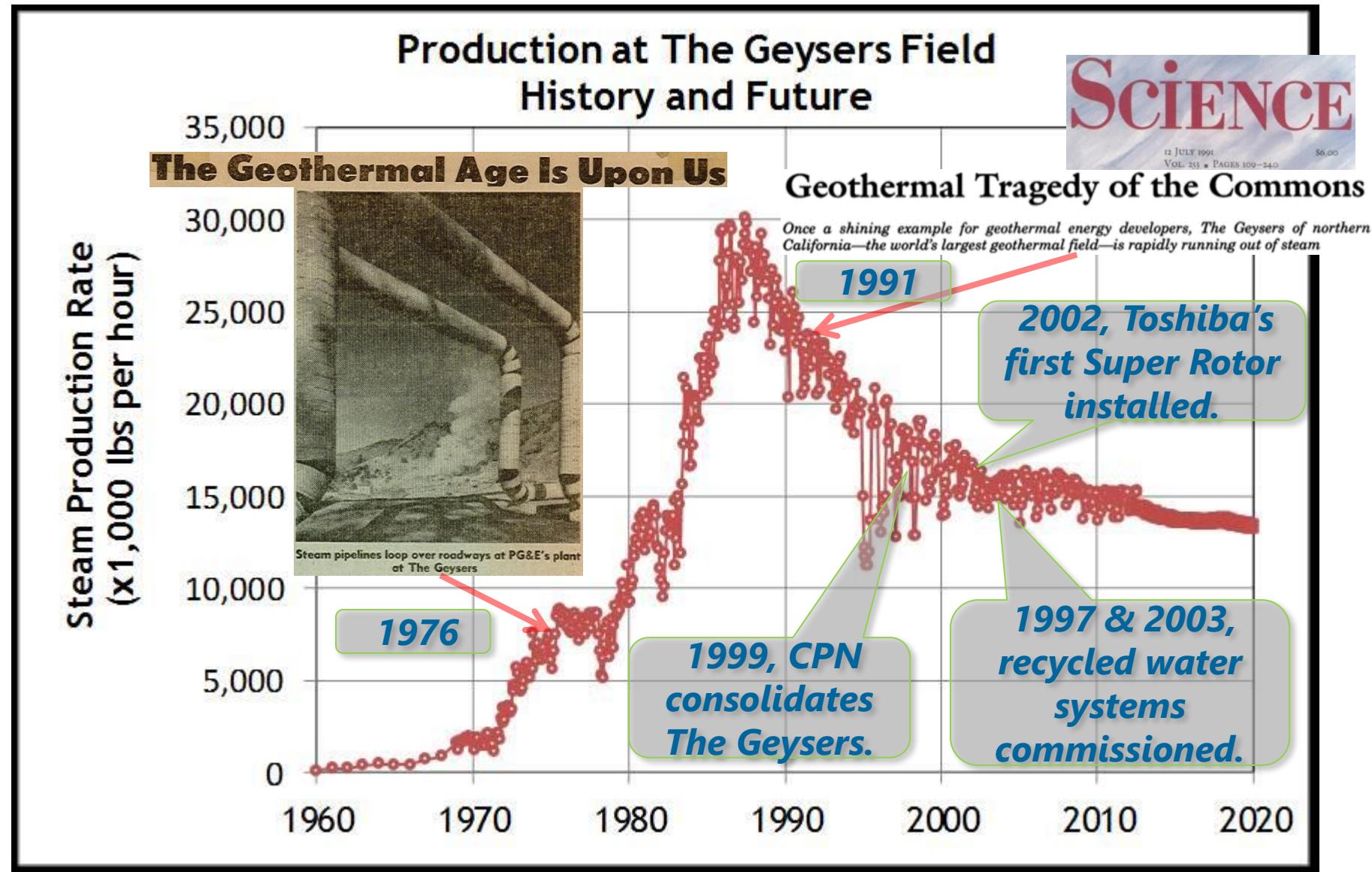


*~93 miles of  
steam pipelines  
spread over ~44  
square miles.*



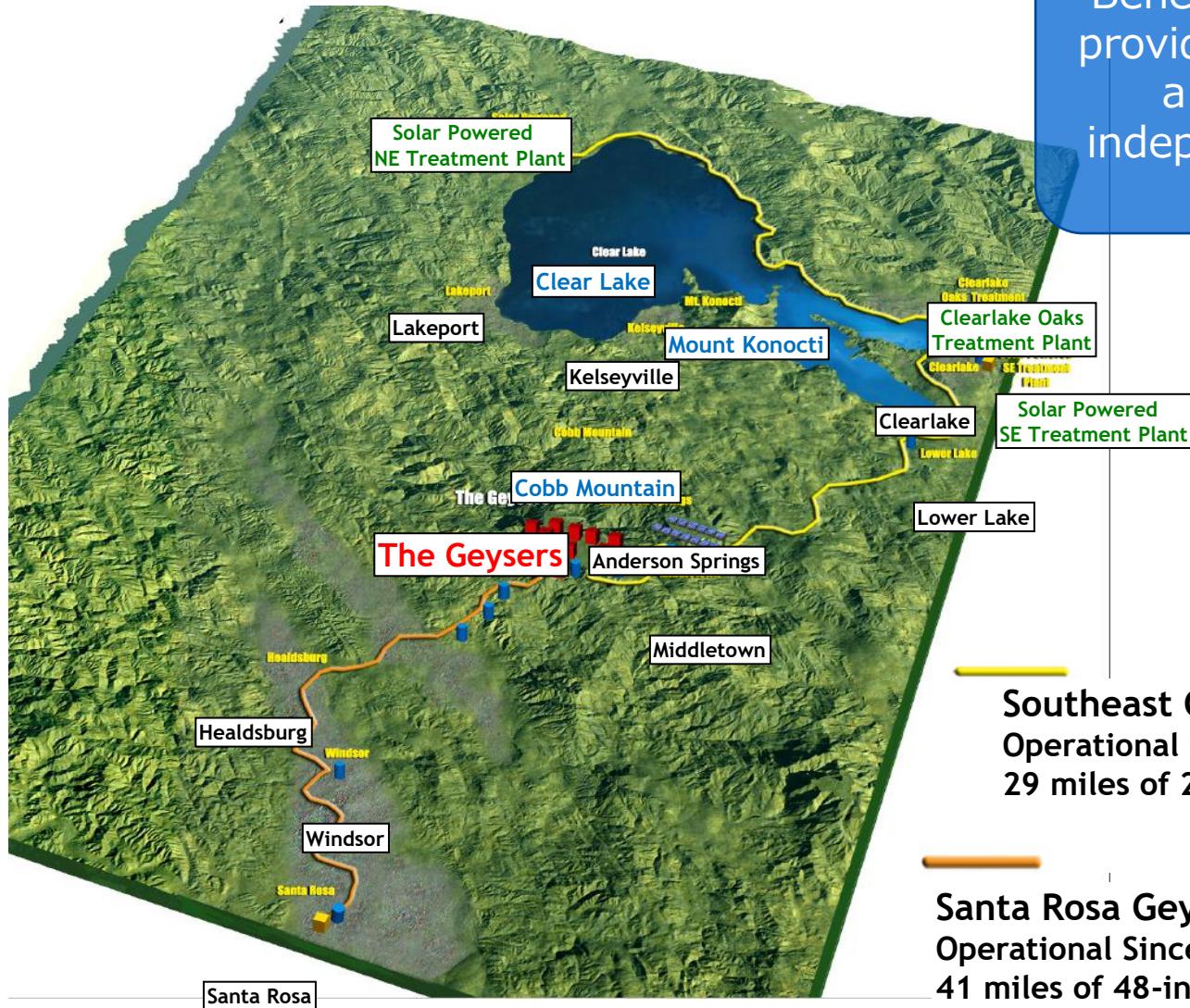
*Challenging  
construction.*

# Steam Field Production Over Time



Source: EPRI Report, "Next Generation Geothermal Power Plants, 2012 Update"

# The Geysers – Recycled Water Projects



Benefiting The Geysers while providing nearby communities a responsible weather independent disposal method for recycled water.

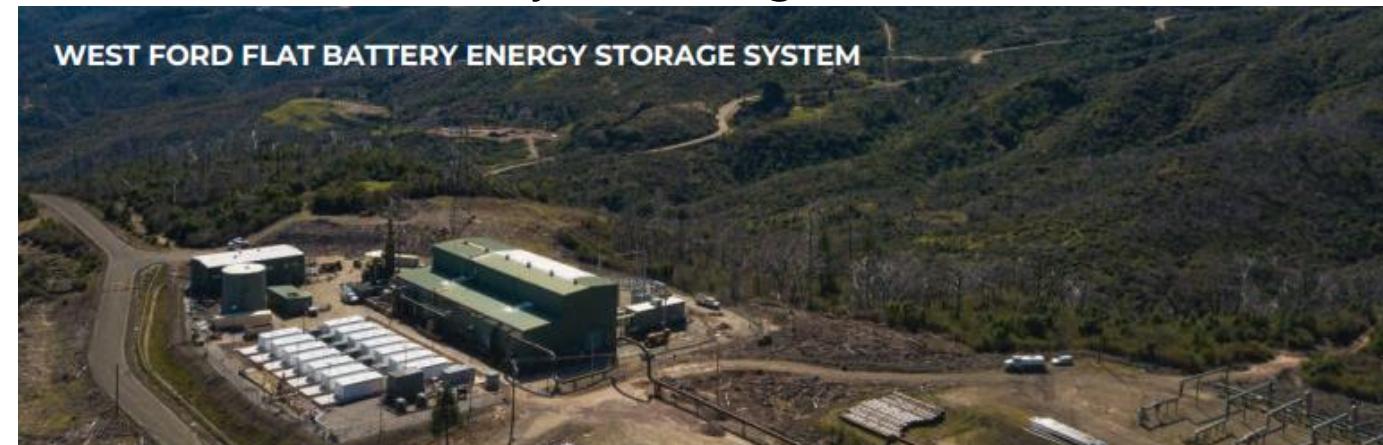
- Pump Station
- Treatment Plant
- Power Plant
- Solar Panels

**Southeast Geysers Effluent Pipeline**  
Operational Since 1997  
29 miles of 20-inch pipeline

**Santa Rosa Geysers Recharge Project**  
Operational Since 2003  
41 miles of 48-inch pipeline

# Geothermal Resurgence & Geysers Expansion

- Regulatory Initiatives
  - CPUC mandate for 1 GW of geothermal/biomass power generation
  - DOE grant programs focusing on geothermal development
  - Renewal Portfolio Standards programs expanding across the US - markets suggest a need for baseload power to balance wind and solar variability
- Geysers expansion opportunities to meet grid reliability requirements
  - North Geysers Incremental Development project
    - Initial phase will use incremental steam from new well drilling
      - Steam will be delivered to existing facilities including U11 and U17
      - U11 super rotor project will be designed around new steam conditions
    - Additional expansion opportunities in the North Geysers being evaluated
  - Recently installed 38 MW of 4 hour battery storage



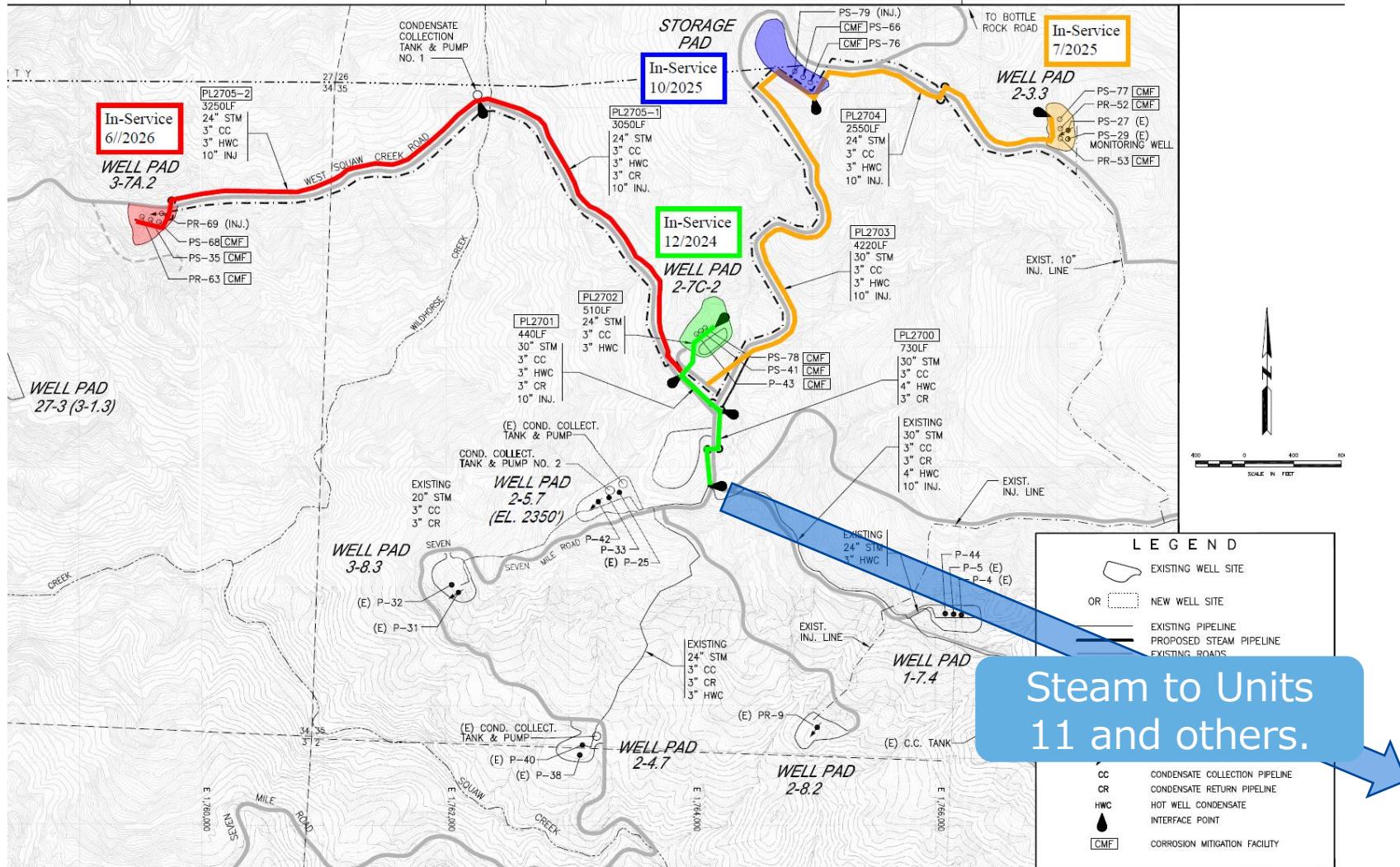
# North Geysers Incremental Development

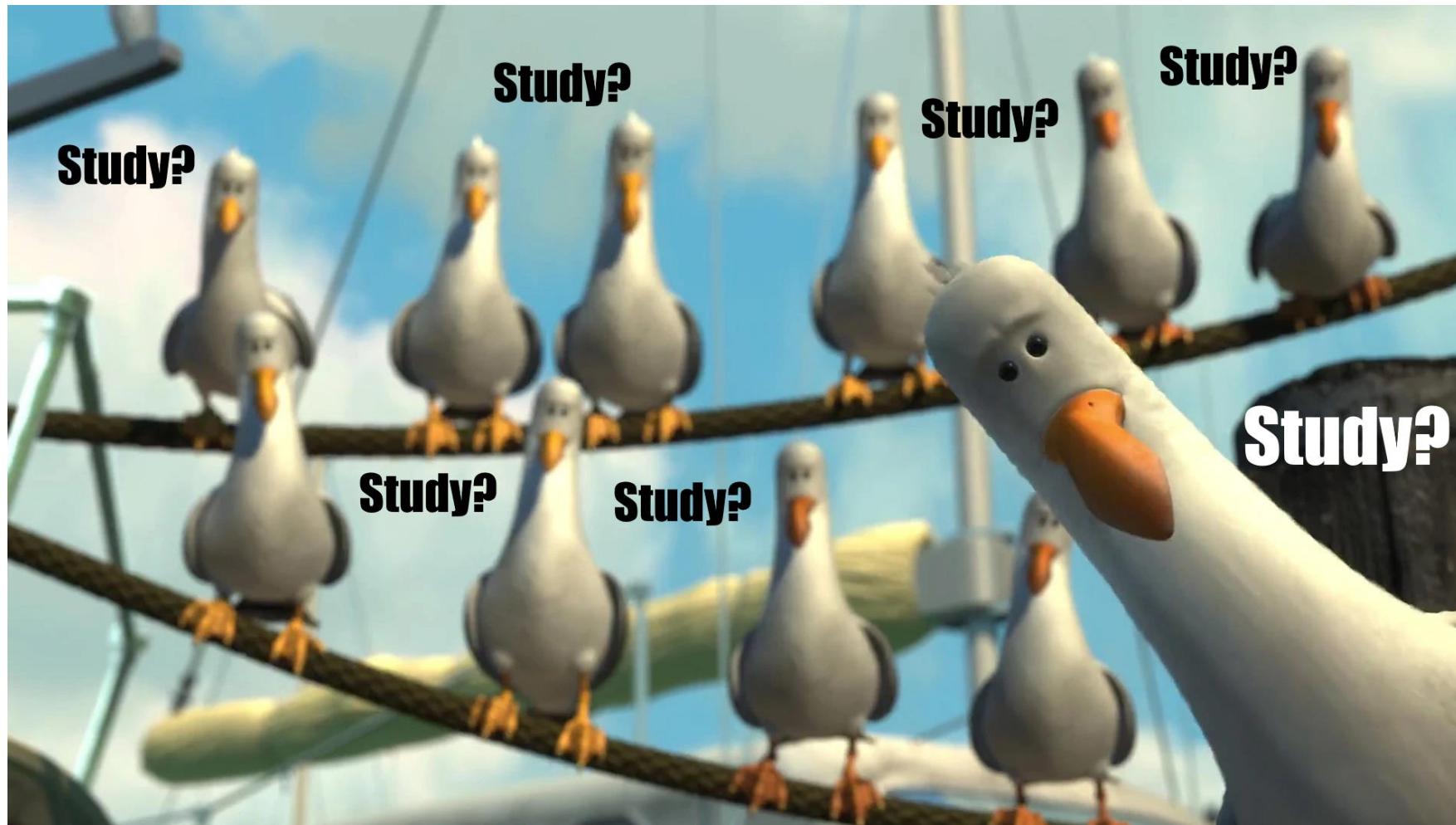
## Overview

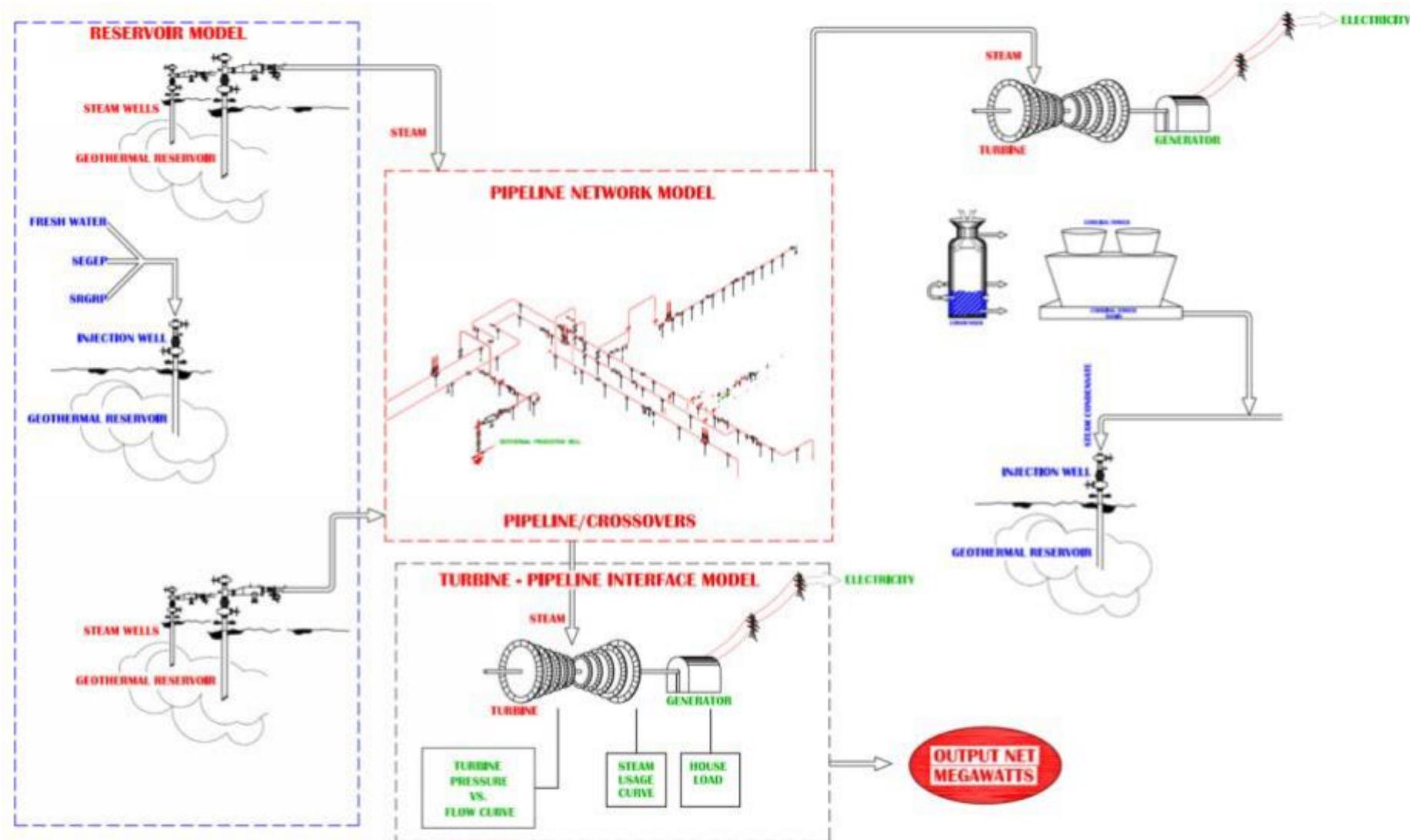
<b>Owner</b>	Geysers Power Company, LLC
<b>Size</b>	25 MW
<b>COD</b>	6/01/2025 - 6/01/2026
<b>Technology</b>	Existing Turbines
<b>Construction</b>	GPC Projects Team
<b>Offtake</b>	7 MW and 18 MW 20-YR PPA's
<b>Interconnection</b>	Existing LGIA
<b>Use Permit</b>	Sonoma County



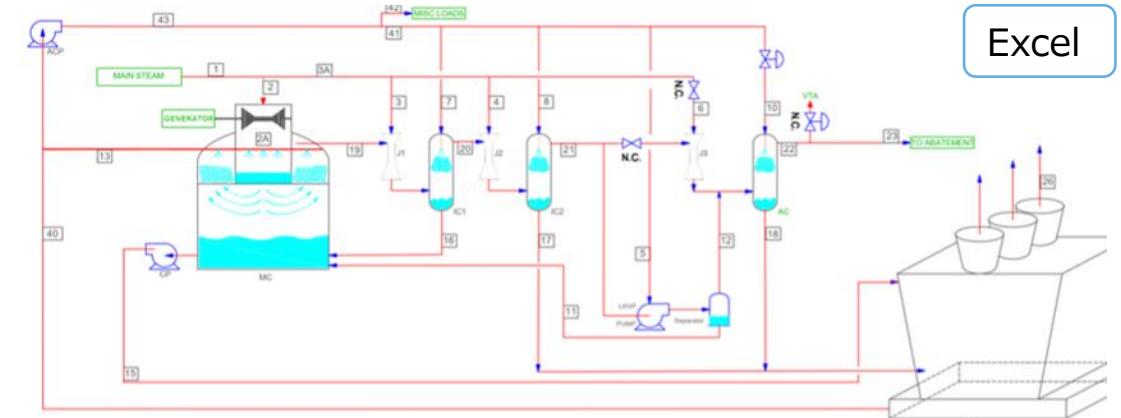
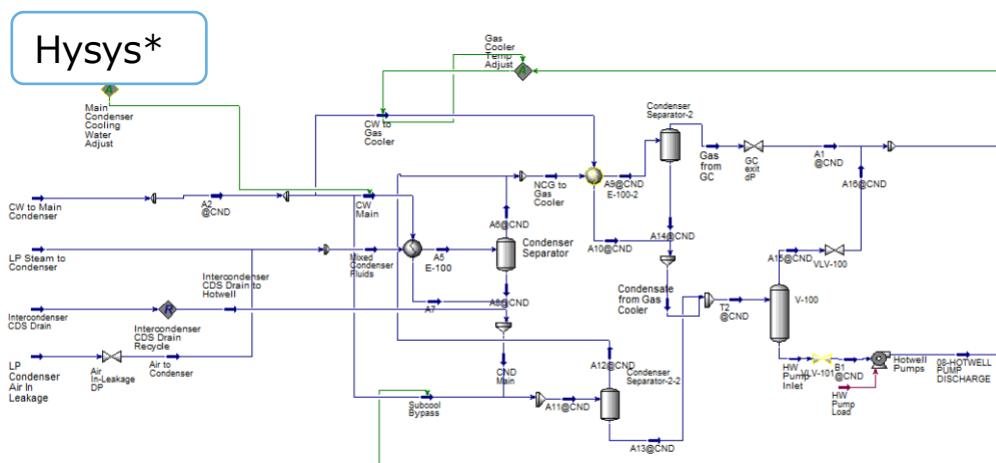
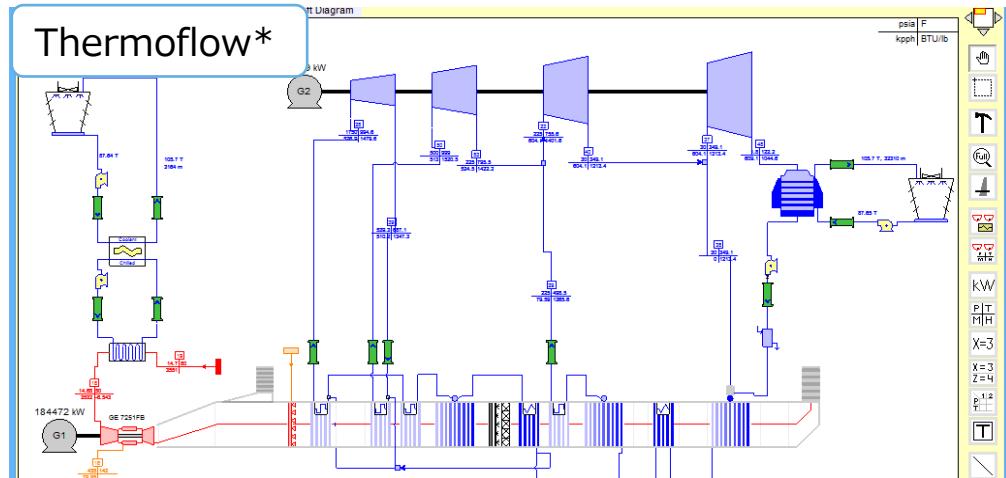
## PS-41 Wellhead



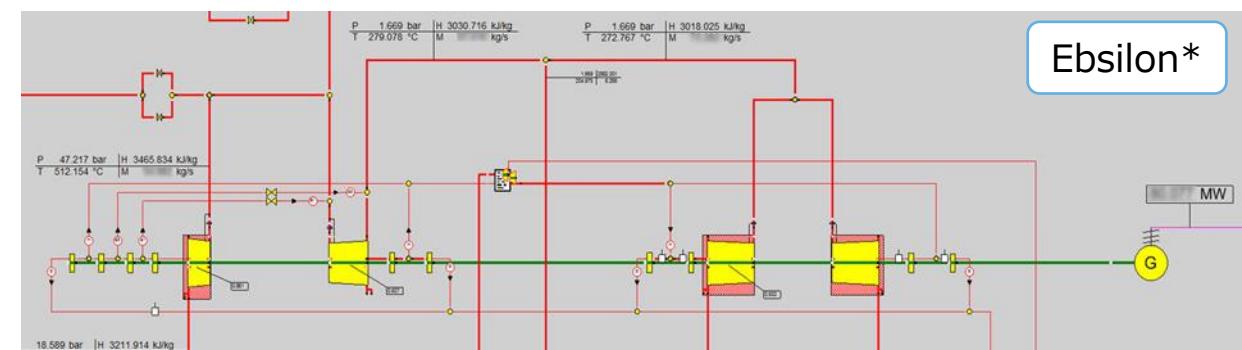




## Replacing legacy GateCycle plant models



Property	Units	Plant Steam	Turbine Steam	Turb. Exhaust	Total Motive	Motive Steam to 3	Motive Steam to 4	Motive Steam to 5	ACW to LRVPs	Motive Steam to 6	IC1 ACW In	IC2 ACW In	AC ACW In
		1	2	2A	3A	3	4	5		6	7	8	10
Total Mass Flow	lb/hr												
Vapor flow	lb/hr												



\*Note: Examples only - not actual Calpine plant models

Proof of concept: Will it work?

Immediate need: Unit 11 super rotor

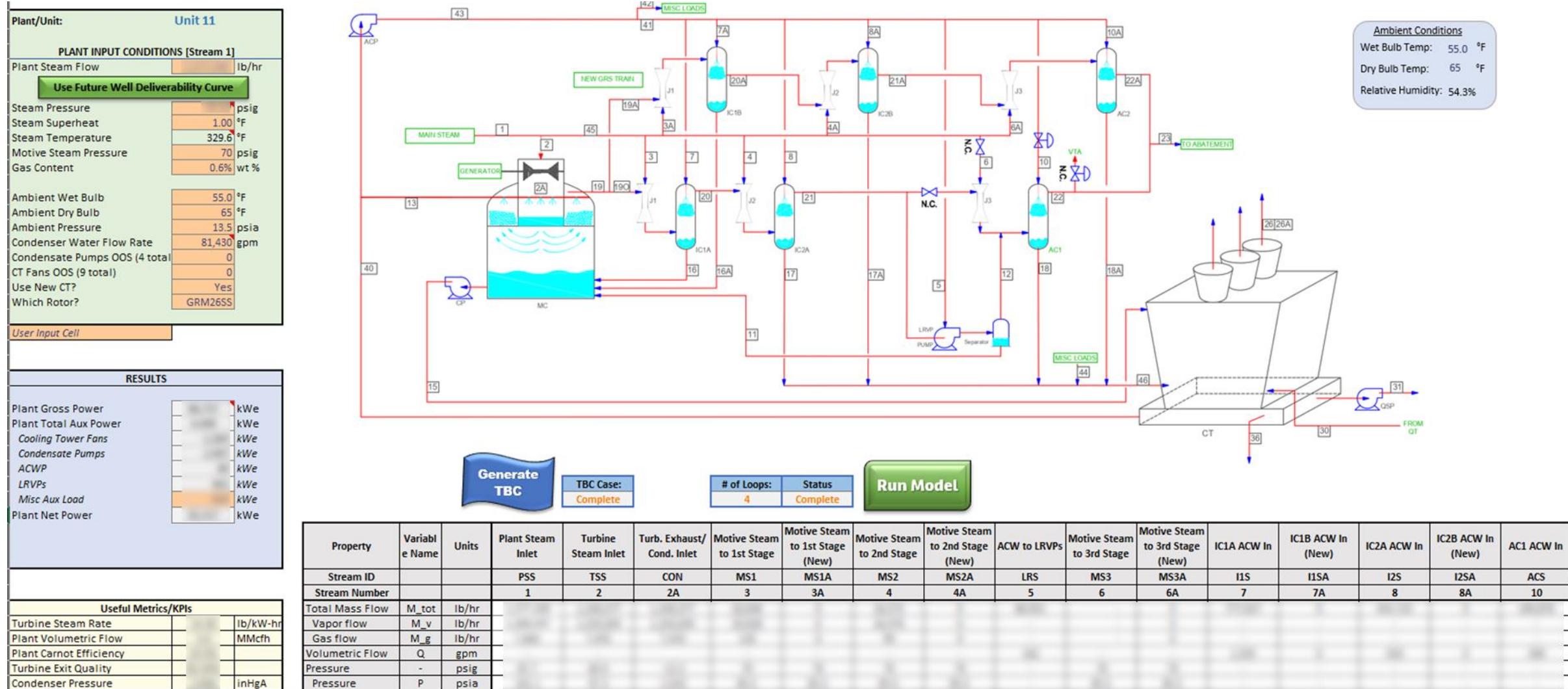
Medium-term goal: Full fleet 2025 forecasting

Next upgrade: Unit 5 super rotor selection

Future work – Transition to Epsilon

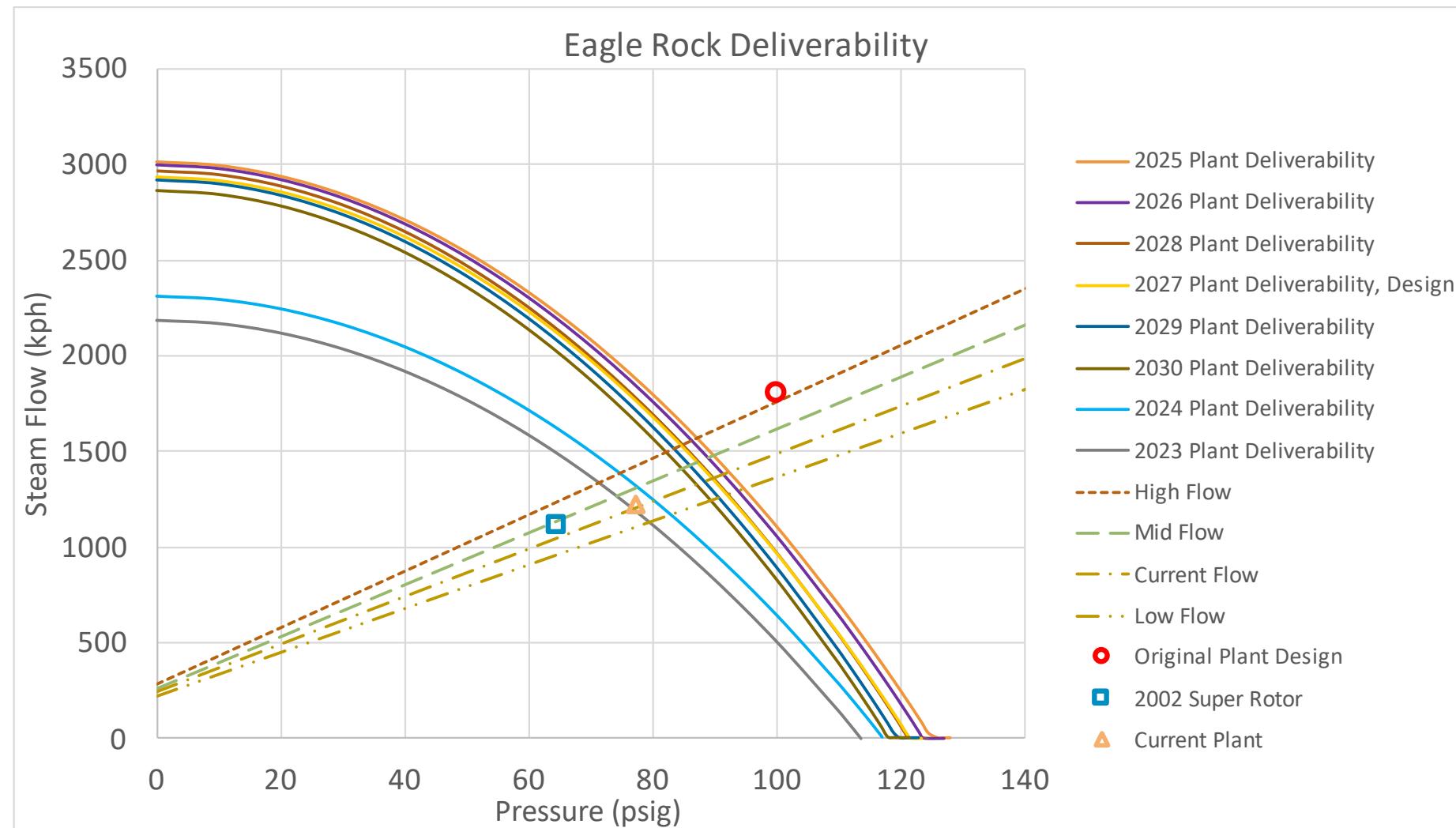
# Unit 11 Model

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# Super Rotor Selection

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## Net Generation

- Maximizing generation of the entire Geysers Facility

## OPEX

- Secondary abatement chemicals (scale linearly with steam flow)

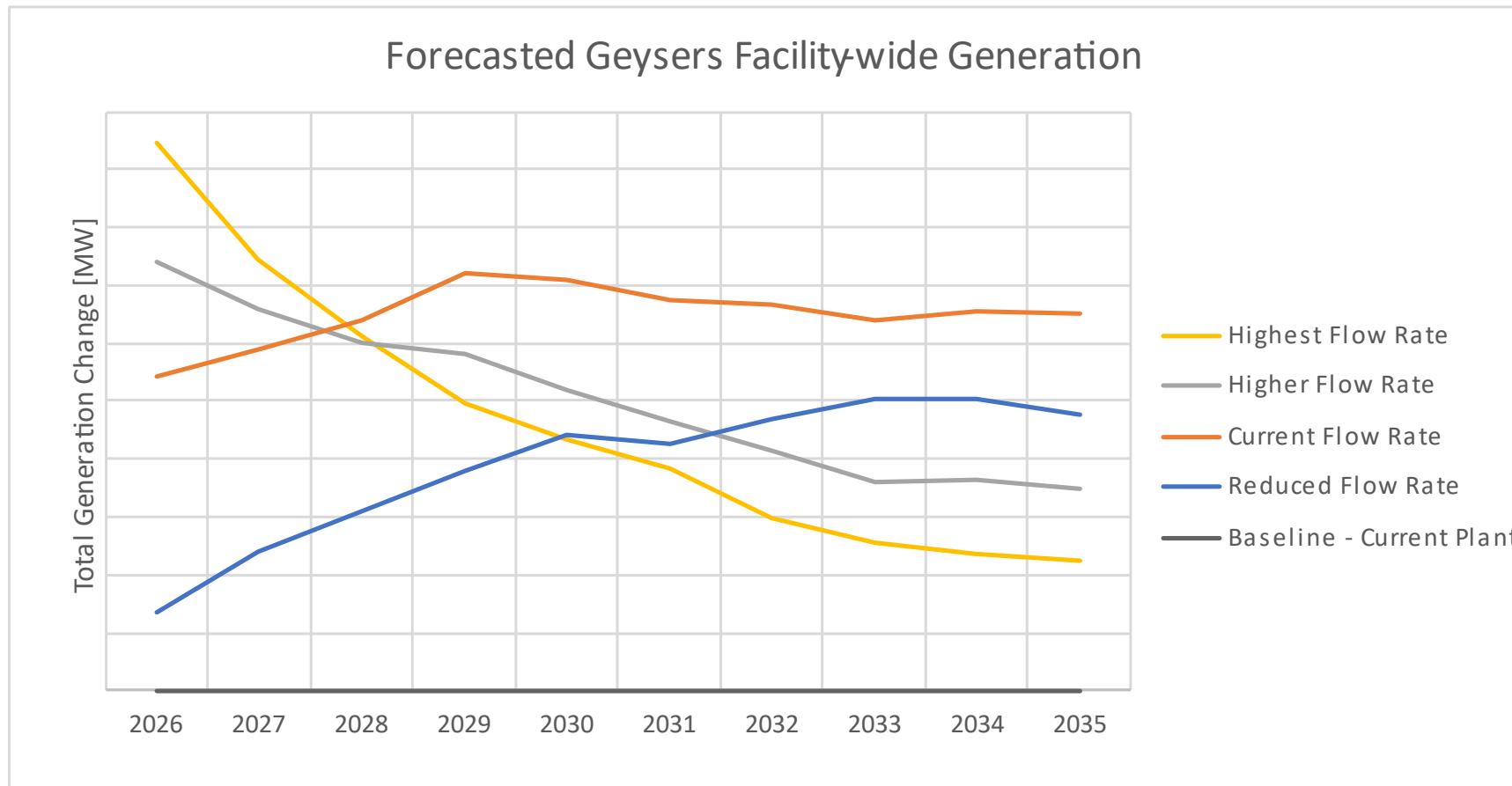
## Others

- Impacts to Balance of Plant systems due to increased flows

## Challenges:

- Isolating impacts of individual upgrade projects, including upgraded Cooling Tower and Condenser/GRS
- Forecasting changes over time for 10-yr period

## Cases for upgraded rotor & plant facilities



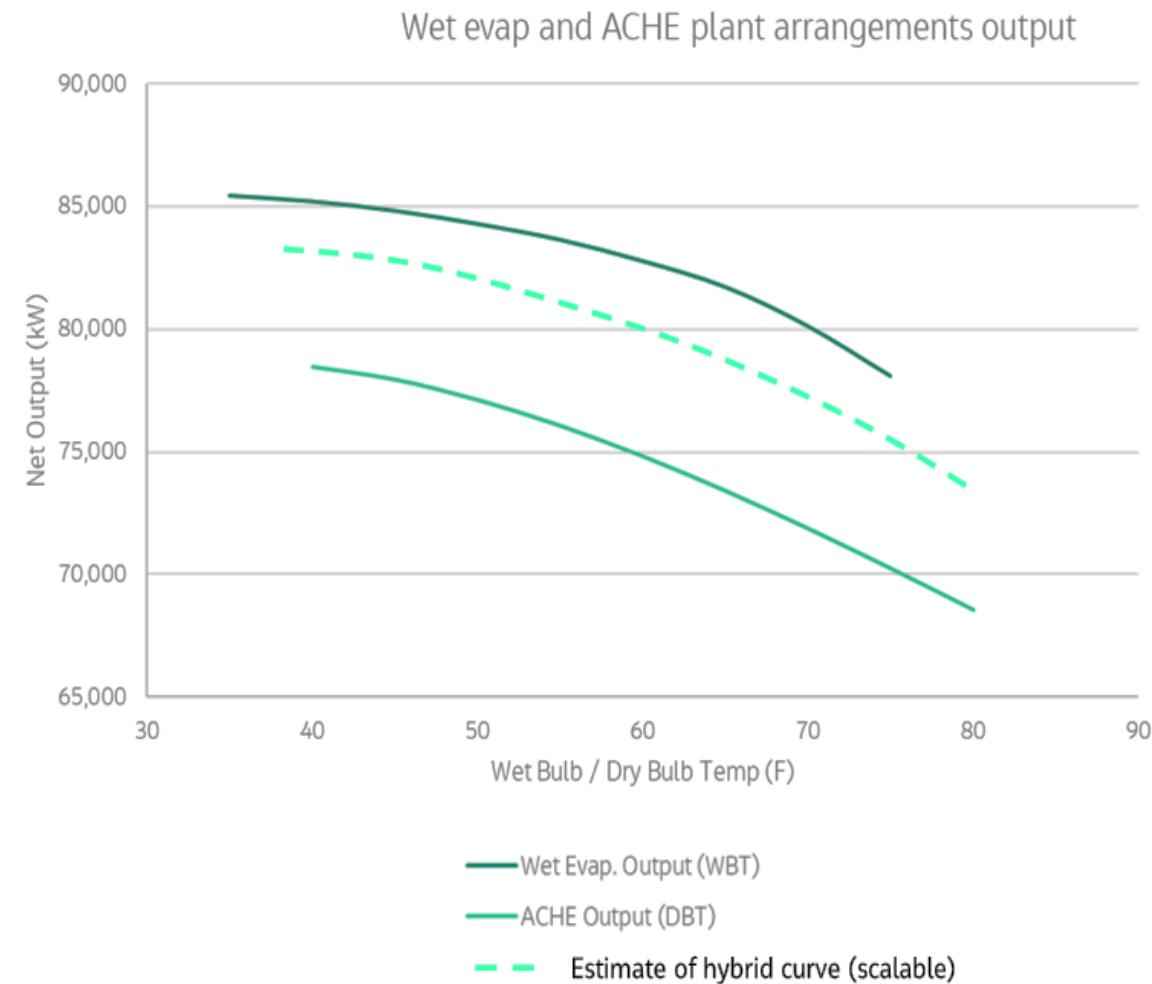
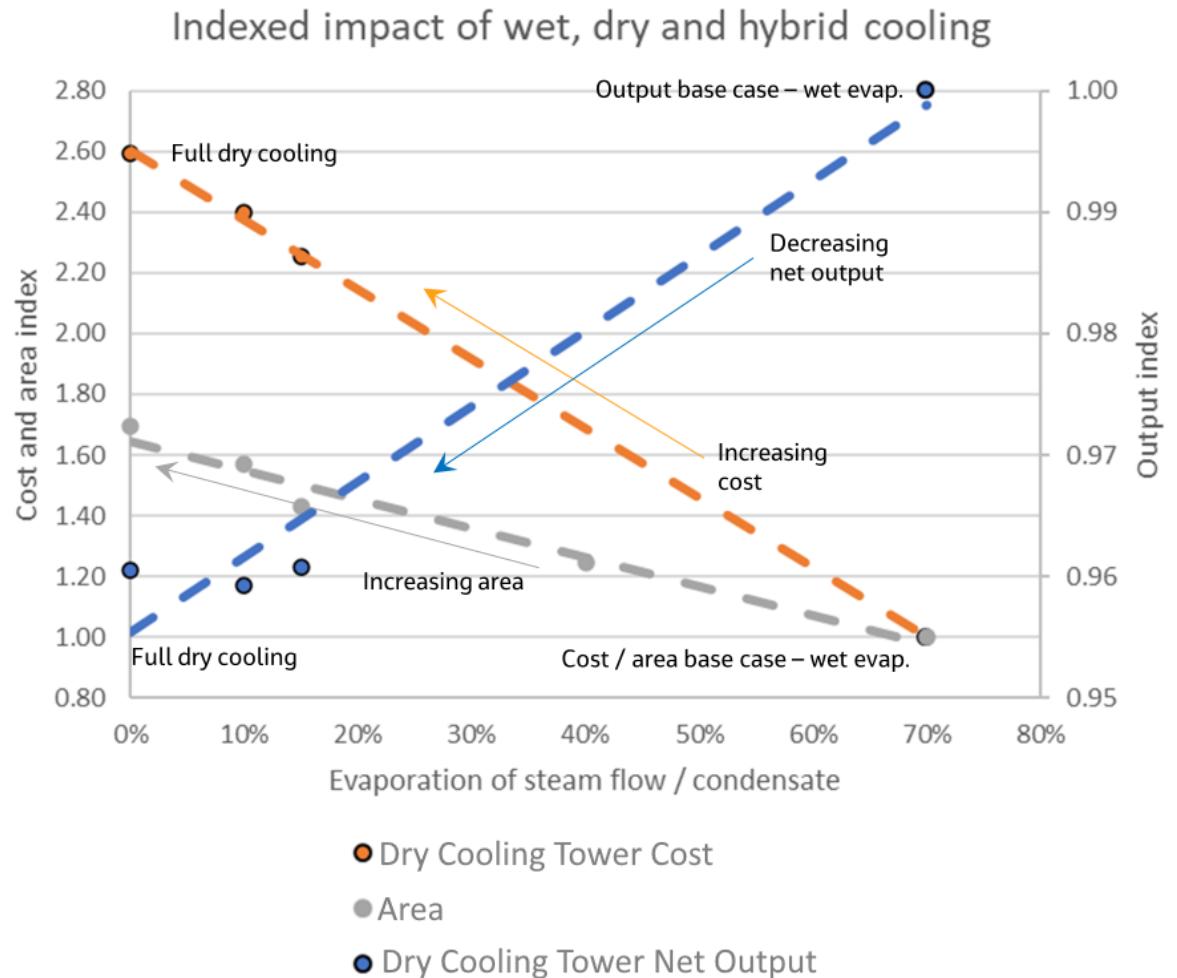
# Cooling Tower Upgrade Options

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# Cooling Tower Analysis

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The simplest solution is often the best (i.e., replace-in-kind tower)

## Advantages

- Maintain existing concrete basin & outlet structure, UG water piping, electrical equipment (e.g., XFMRs, switchgear), circulating water pumps
- High plant performance
- Achievable outage construction schedule
- No long-lead components
- Lower evaluated cost

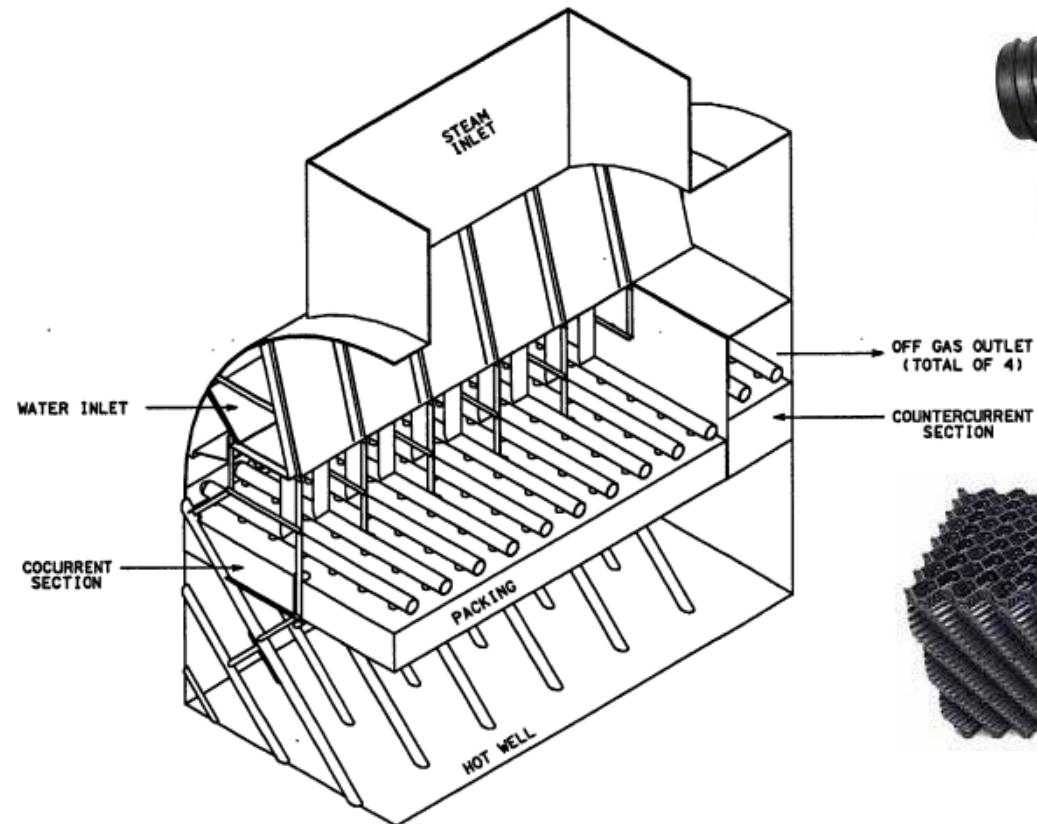
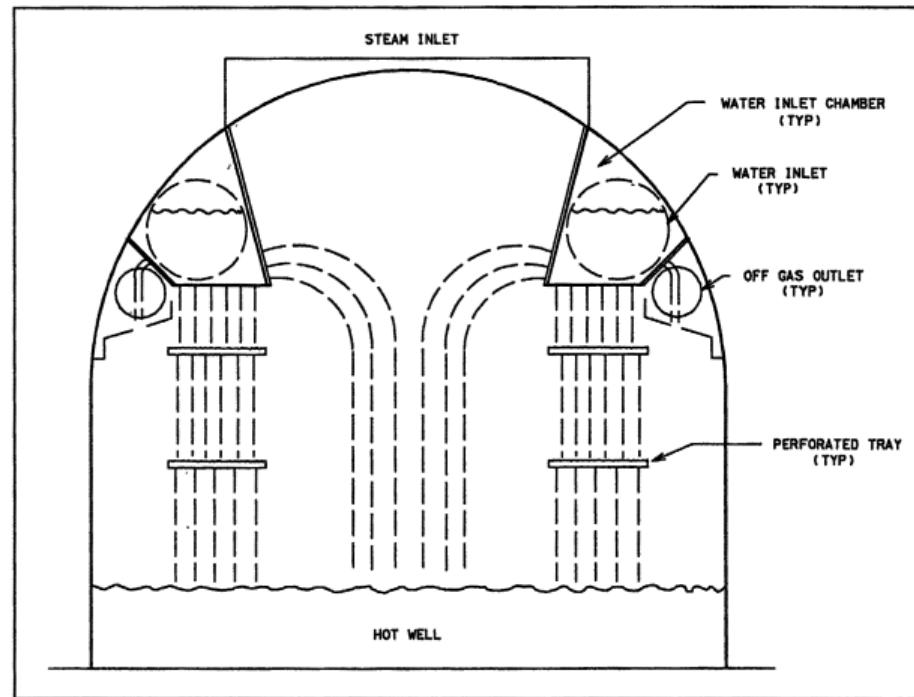
## Disadvantages

- No evaporation reduction
- No improvement in performance (e.g., winter dry cooling)

**Goal:** Determine new design for NGID steam, if required

**Study:** Review packing design, gas flooding, water flows

**Result:** Change packing in gas cooler, change nozzles



## Unit 11 Specific

- Control system upgrade
- Twinning Separators
- Upsizing steam header

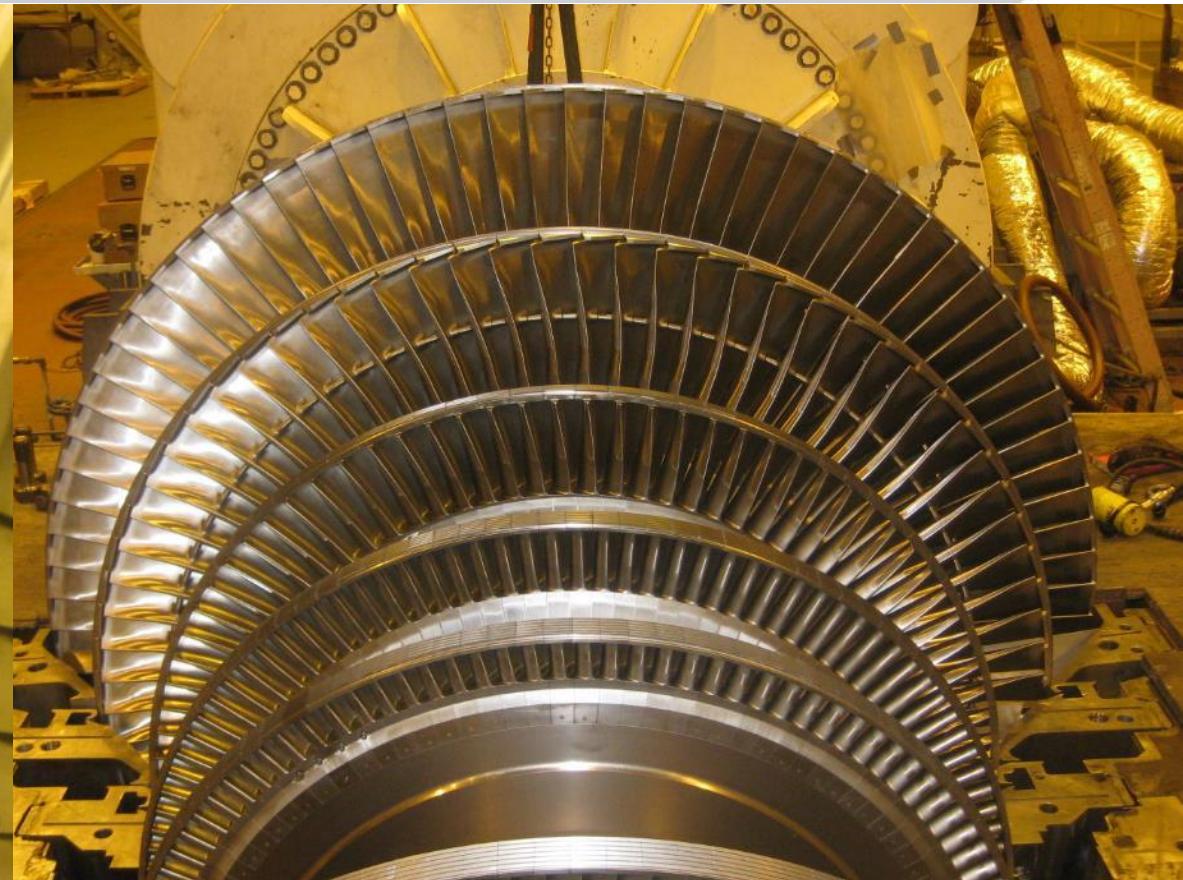
## Steamfield

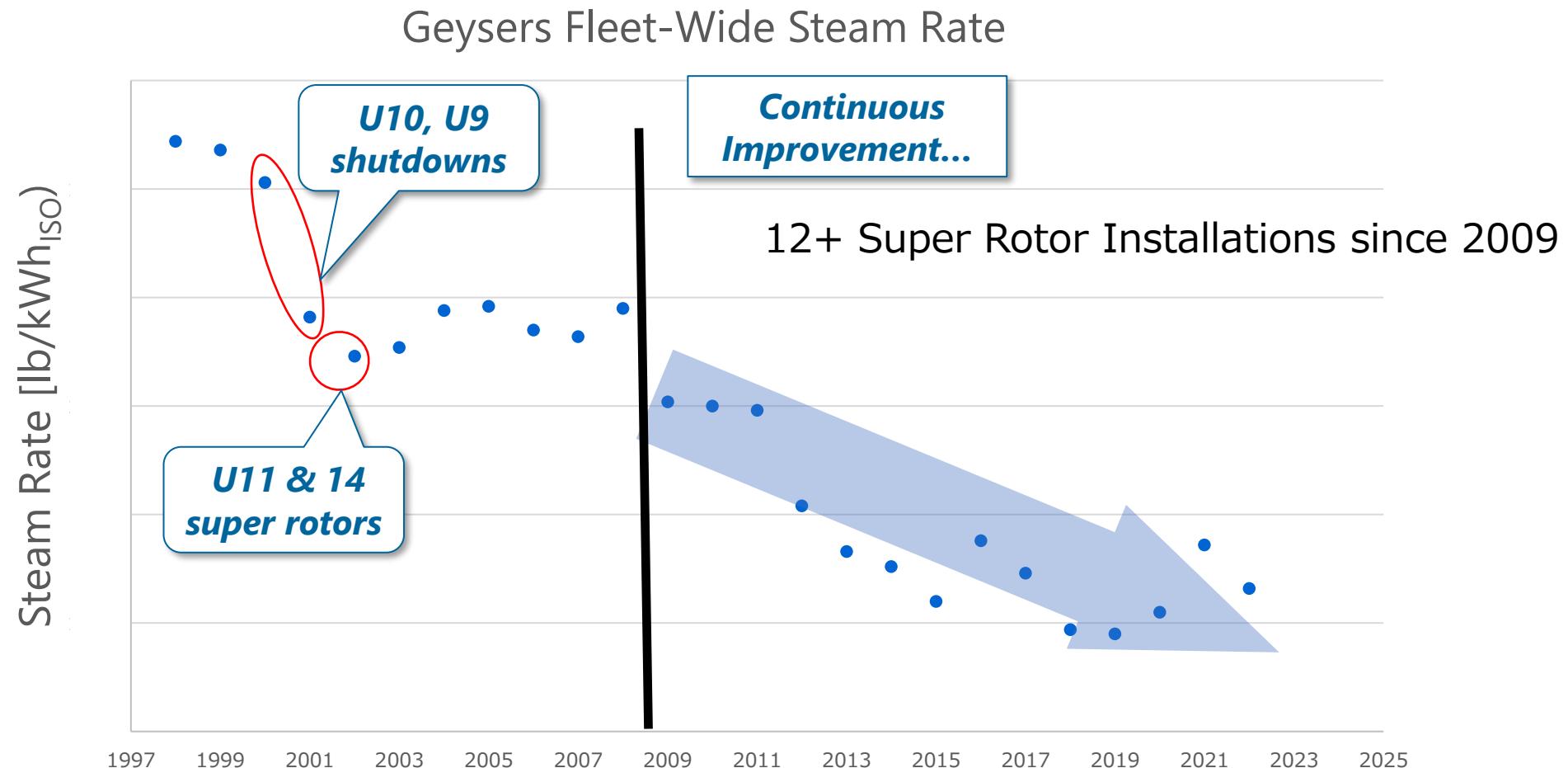
- Pipeline de-bottlenecking project(s)



# Super Rotor Upgrades!

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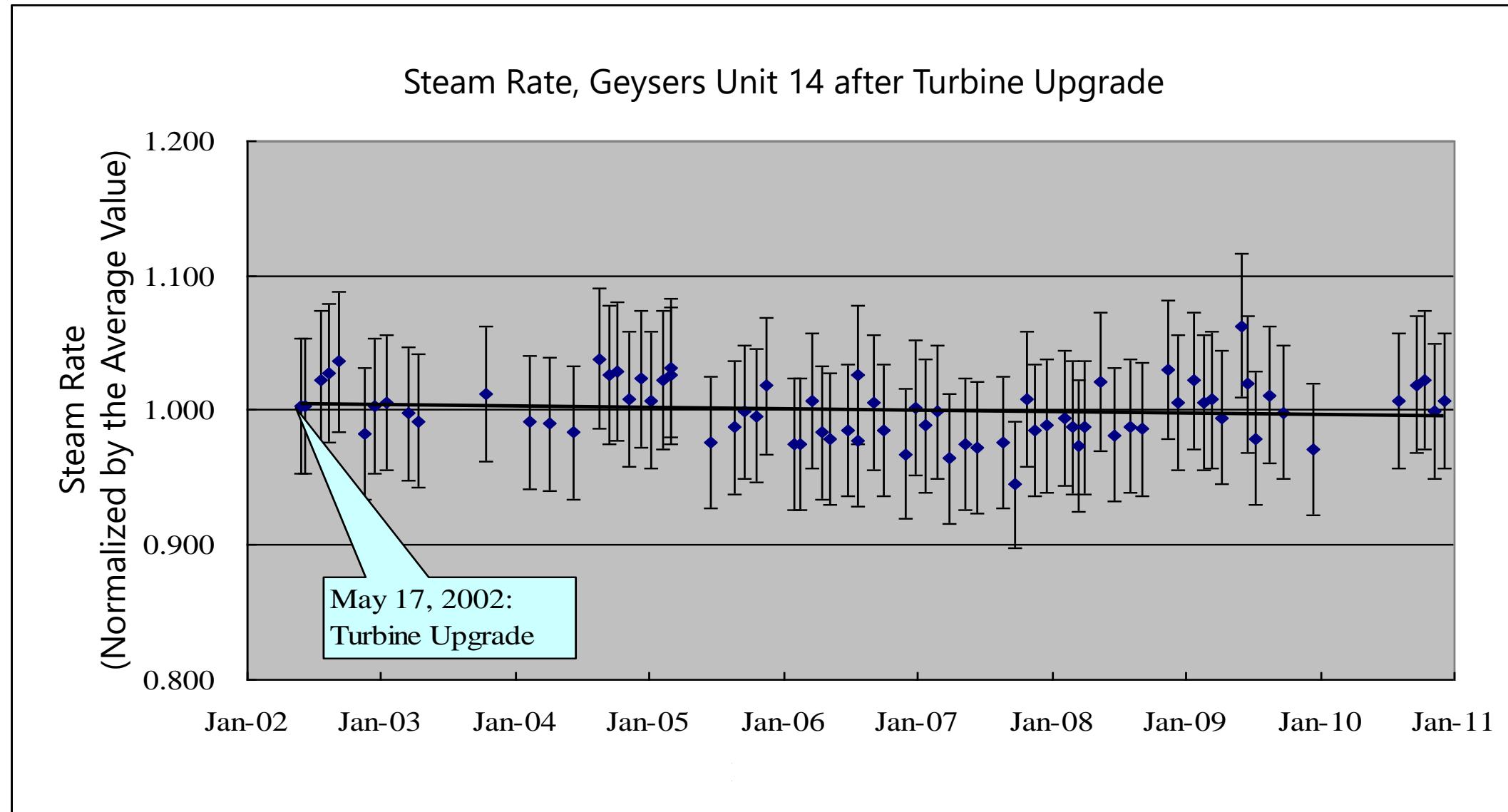
10% Improvement in steam rate since 2000

	2002	2024	Units
Turbine Steam Rate	3% <b>Improvement</b>	11% <b>Improvement</b>	lb/kWh

**Continuous Improvement for Geysers reliability and conserving their steam resource.**

# Case Study: Generation 1.0 Technology

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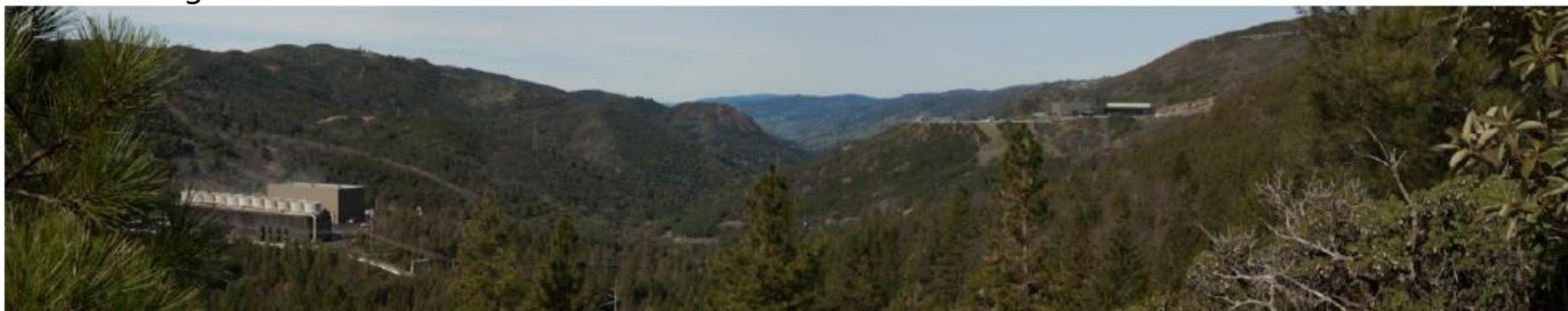
- Decades of partnership with mutual interest in advancing geothermal energy
  - Commitment to long-term success
  - Open communication
  - Timely involvement by both parties to address any equipment or service support needed
  - Best-in-class equipment (STG) delivery based on each location's need
  - New innovations developed together to support super rotor program and new maintenance / service and upgrades/retrofits



# Geysers "Super Rotor" Upgrades, Installed to Date

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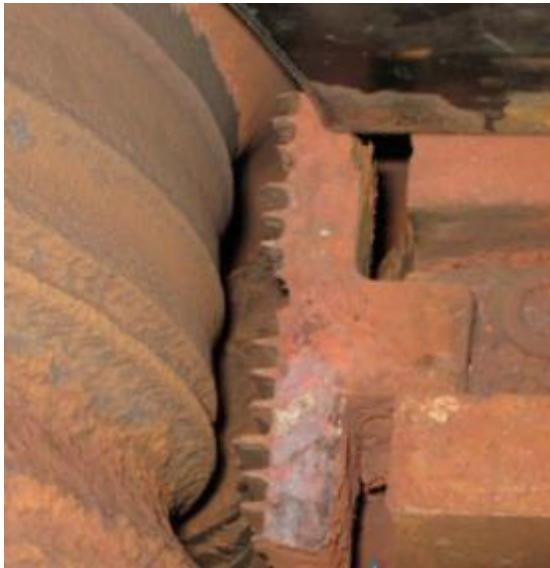
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Plant</b>	<b>Date</b>
U14	Sulphur Springs	5/16/2002
U11	Eagle Rock	6/20/2002
U5	McCabe5	1/2/2009
U6	McCabe6	2/28/2009
U7	RidgeLine7	6/19/2009
U8	RidgeLine8	6/22/2009
U17	LakeView	5/4/2011
U18	Socrates	5/7/2012
U19-2	Calistoga19-2	6/28/2013
U20	Grant	11/15/2014
U13	Big Geysers	6/26/2017
U12	Cobb Creek	6/26/2018
U19-1	Calistoga19-1	7/17/2021
U16	Quicksilver	6/15/2022
U11	Eagle Rock	Fall 2025!



- Evaluations performed as outputs of service outages and Co-operational research with Calpine
  - Primary Research Topics for Continuous Improvement (2002 ~ Present)
    - Geothermal steam conditions vary from site to site. Evaluations of the Steam conditions and service damages.
      - Erosion & fatigue cracking on blades
      - Stress corrosion cracking on wheel surfaces and hook fits
      - Erosion in rotor sealing areas
      - Erosion on casing and diaphragm sealing areas
      - Last stage blade fatigue stress cracking
      - Moisture impingement pitting
      - Scale build-up

# Continuous Improvement

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Typical Major Outage Pre-Super Rotor Program...



Generation 1.0 Super Rotor Technology After 8 Years of Operation

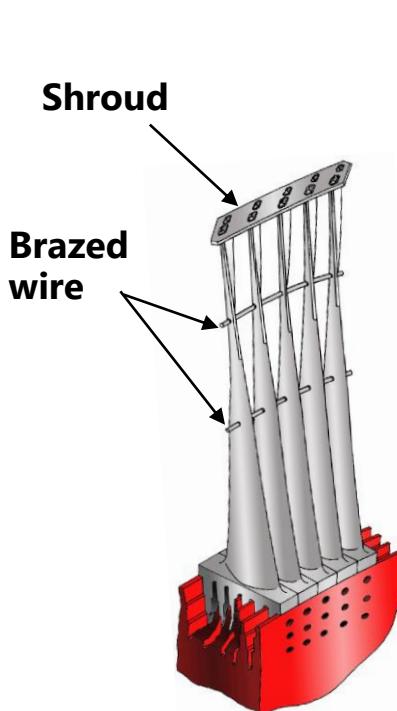
# Continuous Improvement

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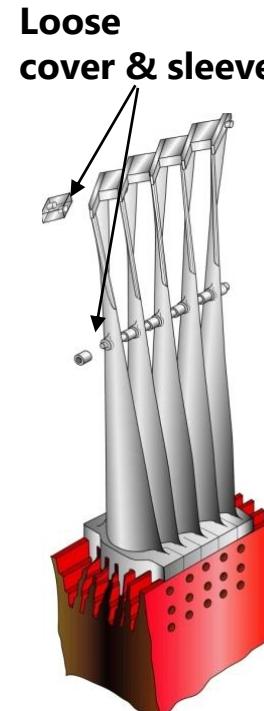
Item	Problem in Original Units	1st GEN Super Rotor	2nd GEN Super Rotor
		2002~	2013~(additional to 1st GEN)
Rotor shaft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Erosion of the packing area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coating packing area</li> <li>- Upgraded Rotor Material</li> </ul>	-
Wheel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SCC in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> stages</li> <li>- SCC in wheel fillet</li> <li>- Erosion of balance groove</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increased shaft diameter</li> <li>- Titanium blades</li> <li>- Coating &amp; peening</li> <li>- Improved groove type</li> </ul>	-
Blades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Corrosion in airfoil</li> <li>- Erosion in tenon &amp; shroud</li> <li>- Corrosion fatigue cracking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Snubber blades</li> <li>- Titanium blades</li> <li>- 23" A++ LSB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Snubber blade in L-0</li> <li>- Moisture Extracting Blade in L-1/L-2</li> <li>- 26" LSB</li> </ul>
Nozzle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Erosion/Corrosion in nozzle partitions</li> <li>- Erosion at tip fins</li> <li>- Erosion in nozzle packing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coated nozzle partitions</li> <li>- Flat tip nozzle &amp; finned snubber blades</li> <li>- Stainless steel replaceable packing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diaphragm material upgrade in 2nd~4th stages</li> </ul>
Casing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Erosion of the diaphragm sealing area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anti-erosion seal plate (stainless steel)</li> </ul>	-
Gland packing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Erosion/Corrosion of the packing casings and rings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stainless steel packing casings and rings</li> </ul>	-

## ***Comparison of 23"/26" Last Stage Blades***

### ***✓ Structural comparison of each LSB***

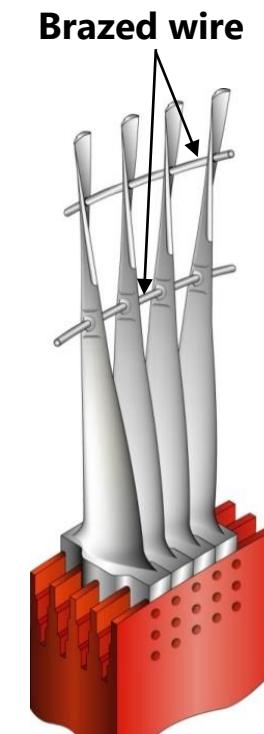


**Original 23"**

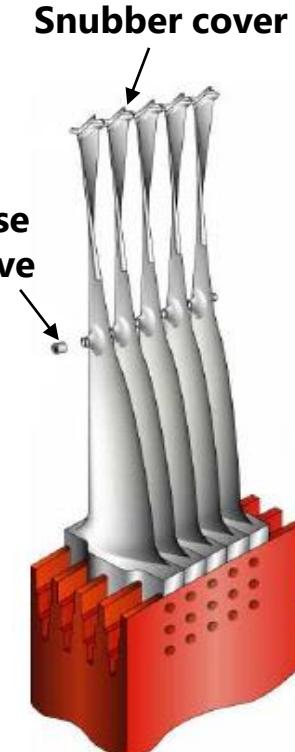


**Advanced 23" A++**

**1<sup>st</sup> GEN**



**Original 26"**



**Advanced 26"**

**2<sup>nd</sup> GEN**

# Case Study: Grant 2.0 Super Rotor Technology

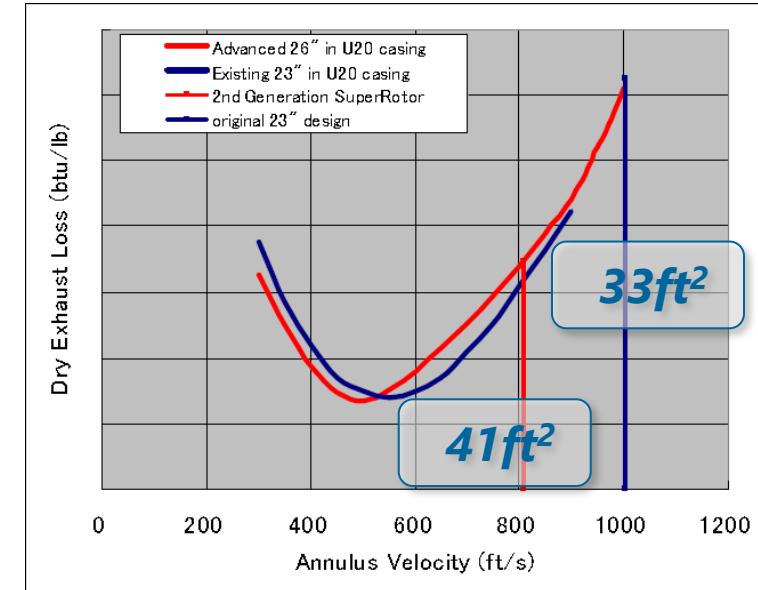
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- Conversion
  - 4-flow → 2-flow
  - 23" → 26" LSB

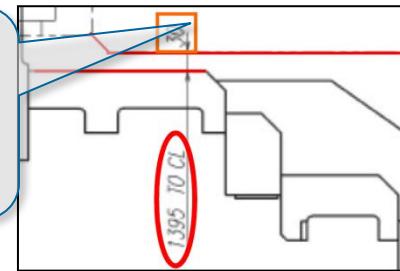


*A-rotor replaced with driveshaft*

*L-0 annular area ↑ 25%.*



*And, no outer case mods required.*



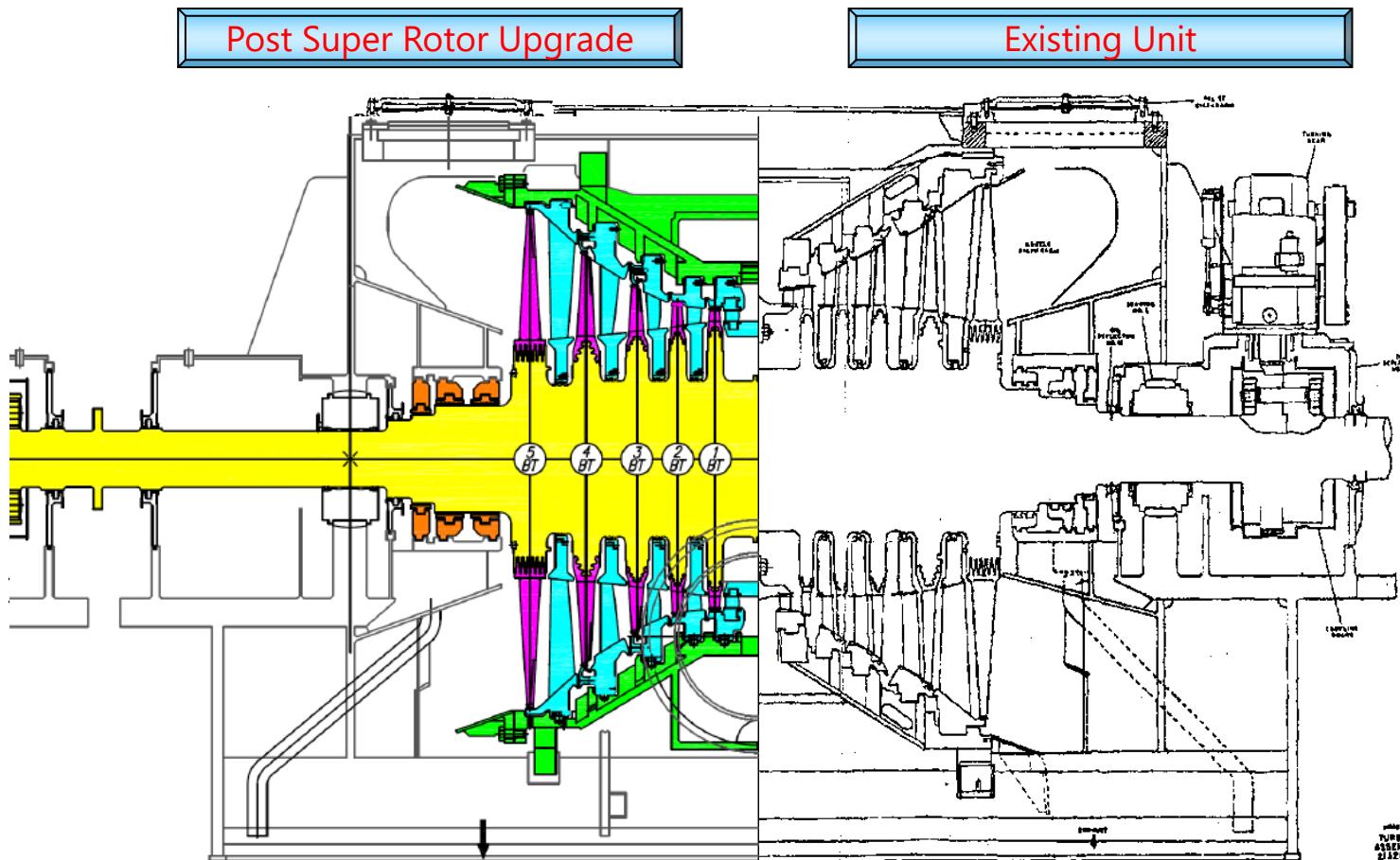
Example: U20 Super Rotor

# Case Study: RETROFIT Super Rotor Technology

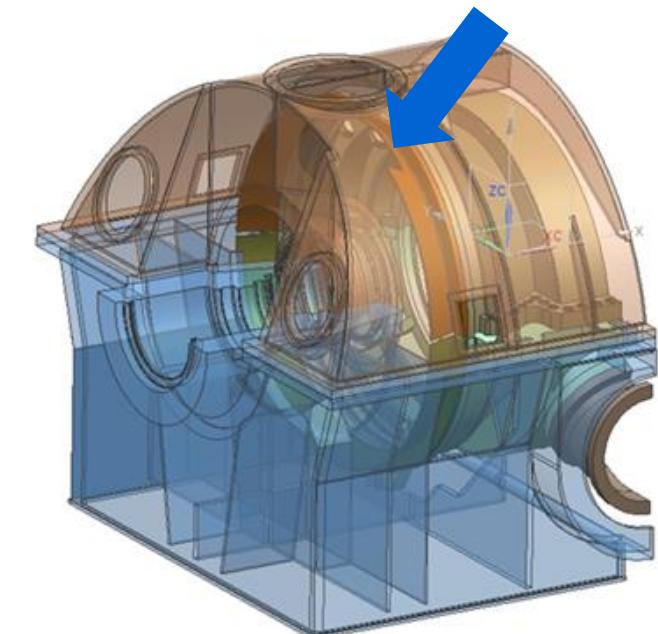
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GEN2.5 – Another Evolution started with U13 and applied to U12, U19-1 and U16.

- Reaction type blading with increase stage counts
- Robust, wider chord nozzle/blade with wheel & diaphragm construction
- Unique to U13 was the Retrofit of a OEM Unit



Upper half rib is cut off significantly reducing exhaust losses



## Optimization for Decreased Steam Deliverability Reliability and Efficiency Improvements



### Applied reliability improvement technologies

- Special coating technologies for turbine components
- Optimized design and material selection to prevent SCC
- Optimized stress controlled design
- Optimized design for outages works at geothermal units
- Design to extract drainage from steam path to improve turbine efficiency

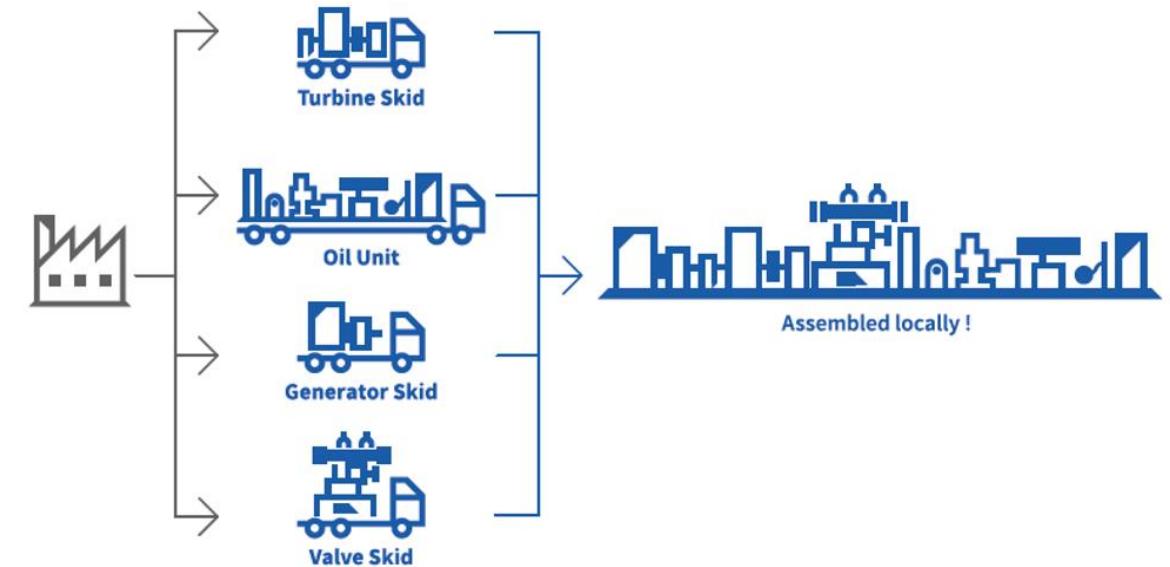
**Realized Performance Optimization and  
14+ Years to Date of Operation Without  
Opening Casing**

## International Geothermal Power Plants (Non-Geysers)

Super Rotor Technologies	Plant P	Plant L	Plant H	Plant T	Plant S	Plant O	Plant B
Rotor upgrade material	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rotor Coating			✓		✓		
Snubber Blade	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Moisture Extracting Blade		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
23"A++LSB	✓						✓
26"A LSB (31.2")			✓	✓		✓	
Coated Nozzle Partition			✓				
Stainless replaceable packing			✓				
Anti erosion seal plate		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Stainless packing casing			✓	✓			

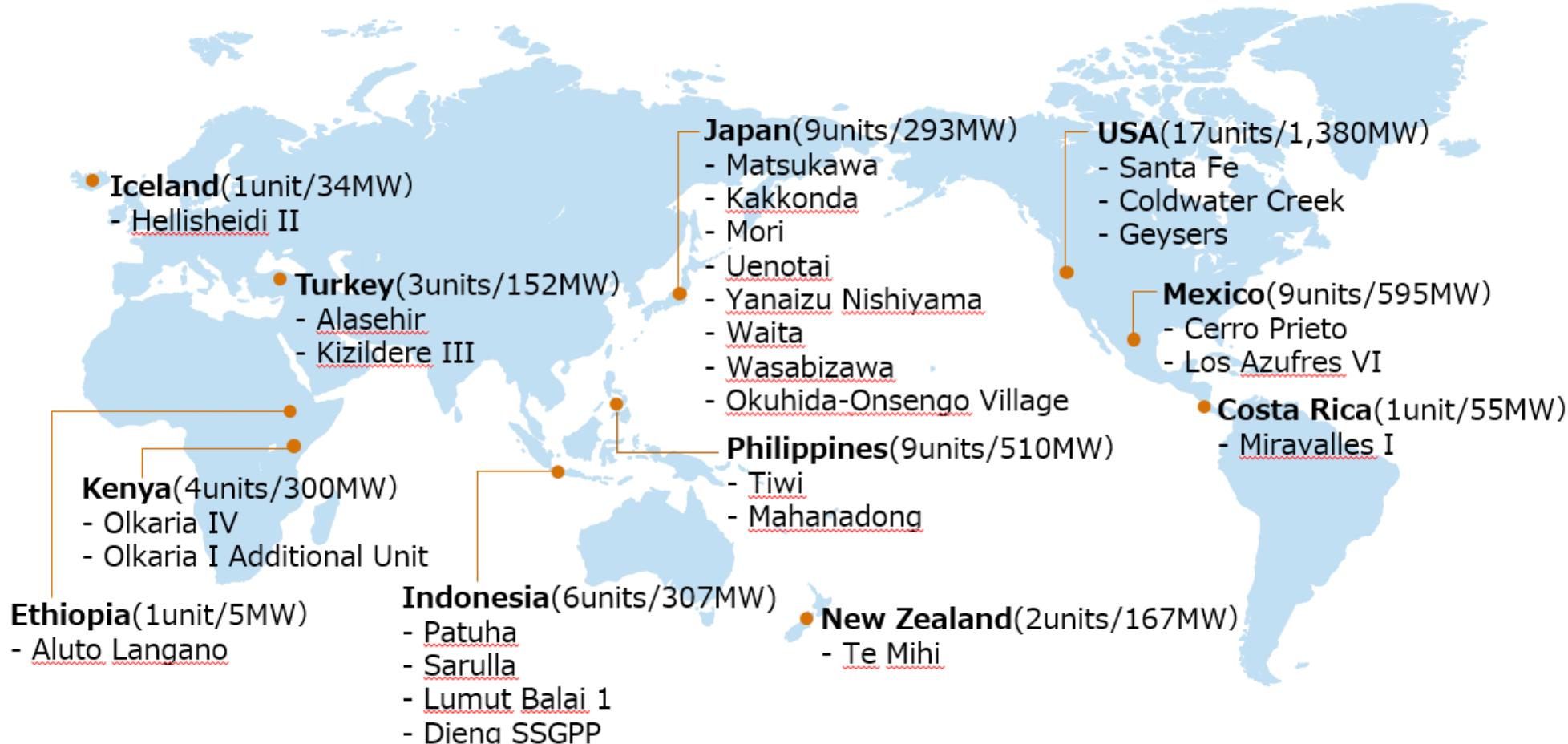
- Depleted gas and oil wells contain residual heat which require new approaches to harnessing the steam from underneath
- There are smaller areas of geothermal activity that can be addressed with equipment that is able to support lower megawatt opportunities
- Companies such as Toshiba and others have equipment solutions that can target these areas effectively with a small footprint and efficient design

Geoportable™ equipment can be installed in a shorter period, and, in many cases, using existing wells resulting in quicker power availability.



# Geothermal Steam Turbines Supplied Worldwide

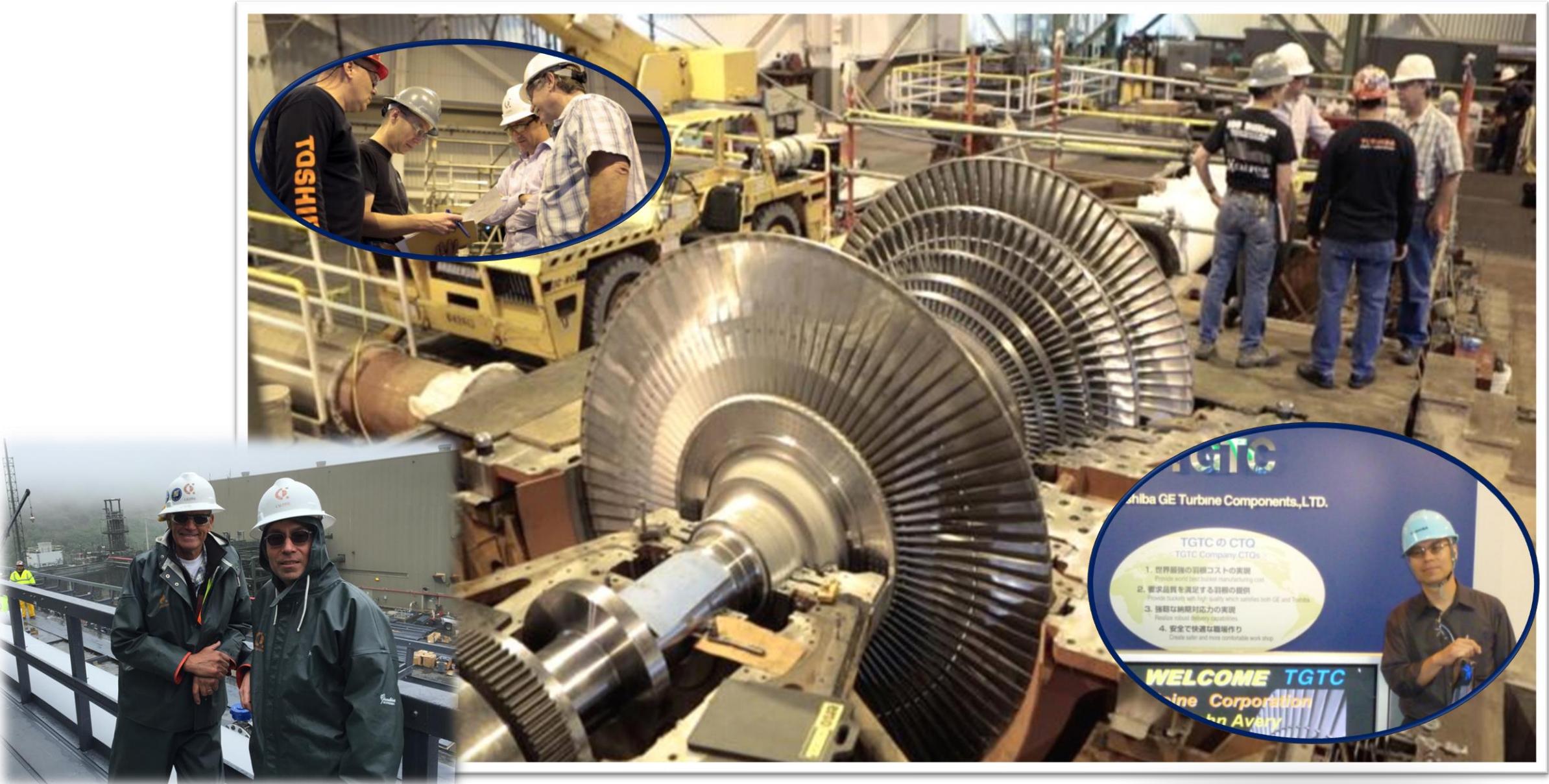
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As of March 2024

**Total: 62 Units / 3,798MW**  
**- First Shipment 1966 -**

# Looking Forward to More Upgrade Projects!



# Calpine's Geothermal Visitor Center & Tours

The Geysers have become an important energy source for the community as well as a historic landmark to be proud of.

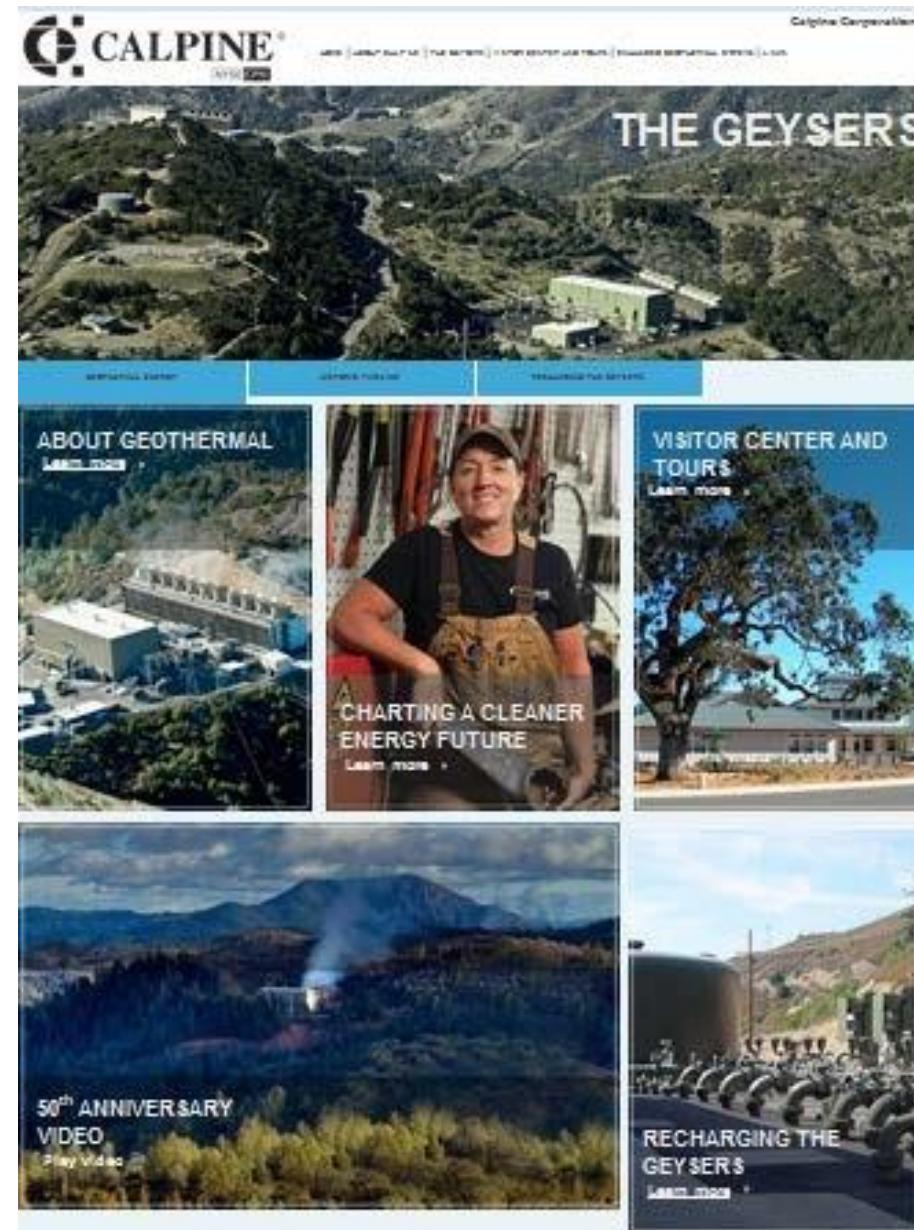
**TOURS!** Calpine offers tours from various Sonoma County locations and from the Visitor Center in Middletown. For a full schedule visit [www.geysers.com](http://www.geysers.com).



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