



# Super Hot Rock 'SHR' Geothermal

Benefits, Status, New Developments

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At a depth of 10 kilometers, the earth's crust holds **100x** more energy than all known fossil fuel reserves

Yet, only **0.4%** of the total U.S. utility-scale electricity is generated from geothermal

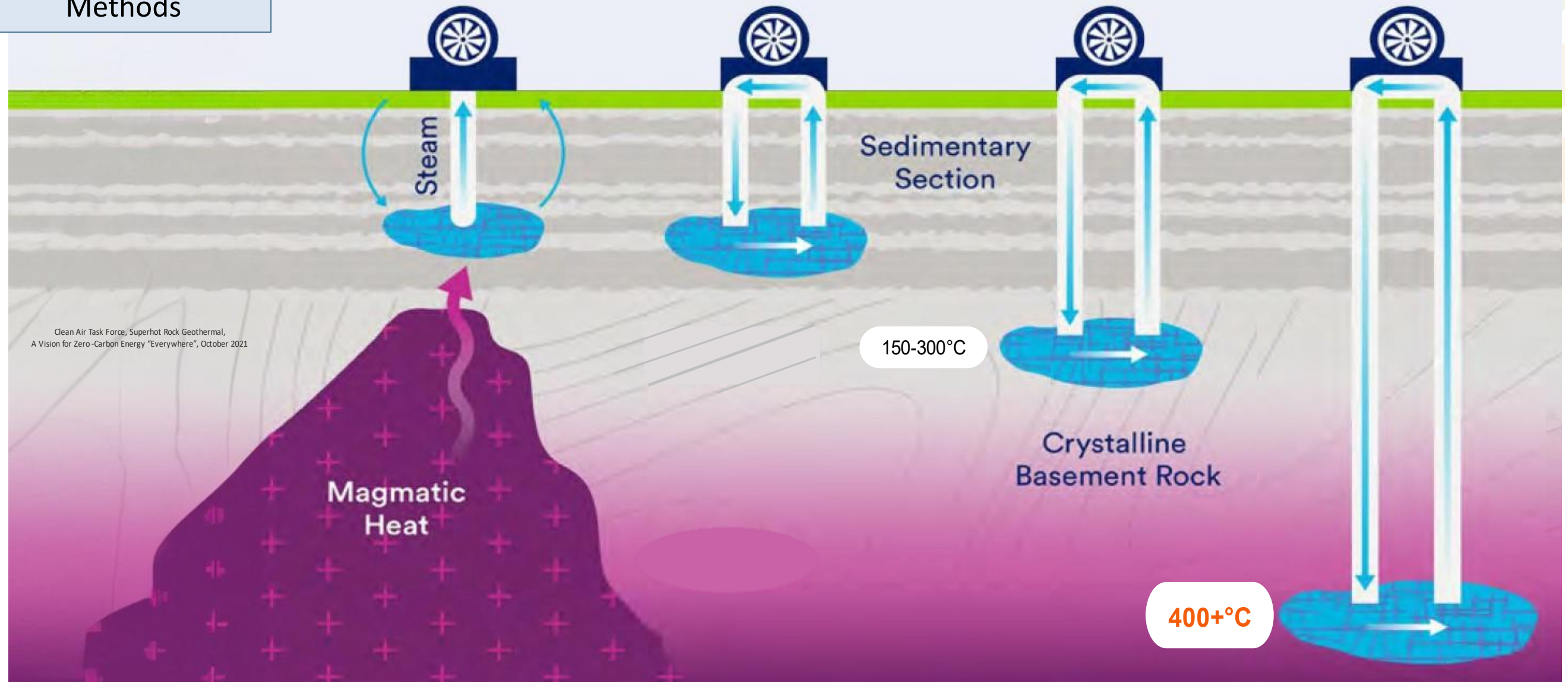
Subsurface Heat Sources & Schematic Geothermal Harvest Methods

Today's Commercial Hydrothermal Systems

Sedimentary EGS Systems

Hot Dry Rock Systems  
Typical EGS

Superhot Rock Systems  
Mazama EGS



Clean Air Task Force, Superhot Rock Geothermal,  
A Vision for Zero-Carbon Energy "Everywhere", October 2021

# Super Hot Rock 'SHR' Geothermal

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- What is Super Hot Rock Geothermal?
- Why is SHR Beneficial & Important?
- Where is SHR Found?
- What is the Geothermal Industry Status of SHR?
- What are the SHR Developments Advancing Geothermal Use?

# Super Hot Rock 'SHR' Geothermal

## What is Super Hot Rock Geothermal?

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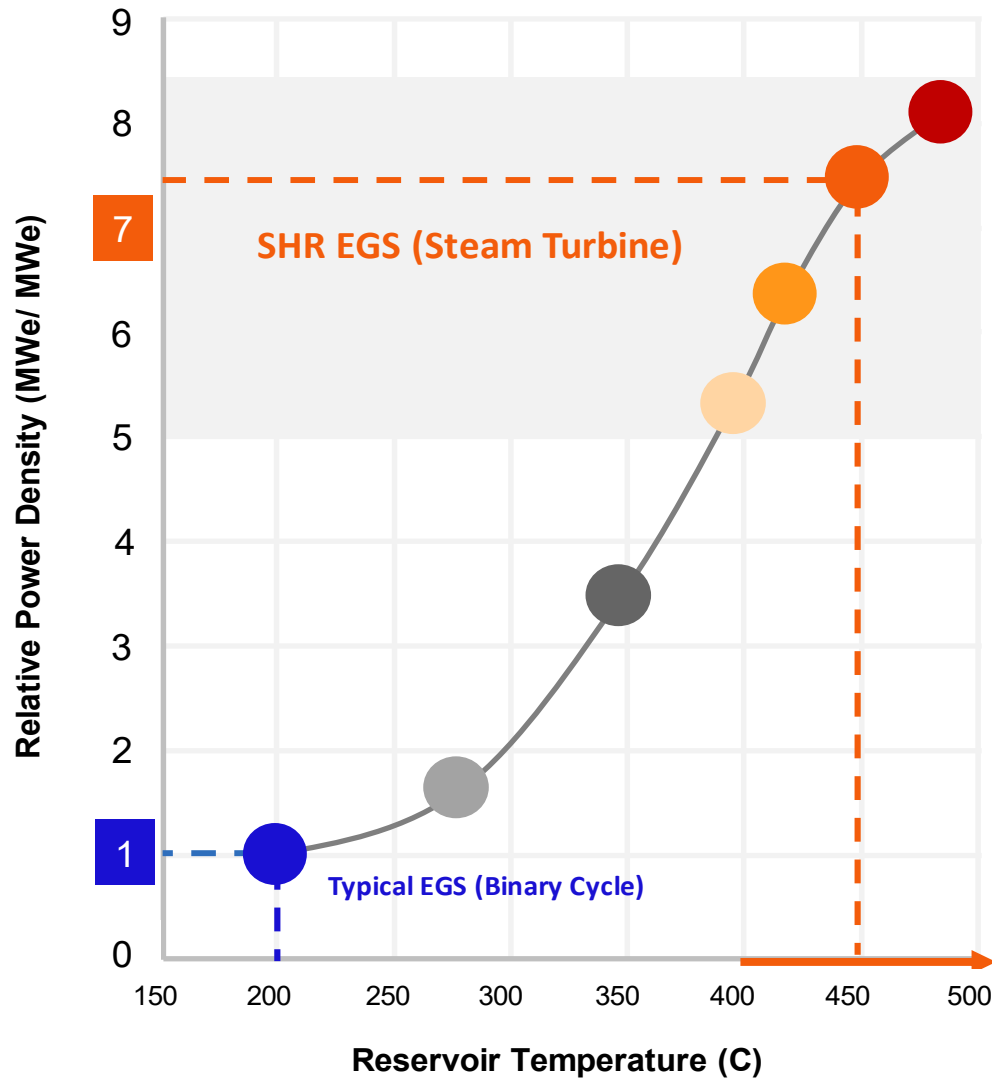
❖ **SHR Geothermal** does not have a precise definition, but it is generally considered as:

$$+400 \text{ degC} = +752 \text{ degF}$$

❖ SHR Geothermal is natural subsurface heat from earth's core or radio isotope degeneration at any depth wherein the heat fits the above characterization.

❖ SHR Geothermal applicability is anywhere this SHR heat can be captured and transferred to surface for direct or converted energy use.

# SHR EGS well yields 5-8x more power density than a typical EGS well at 200°C<sup>(iii)</sup>



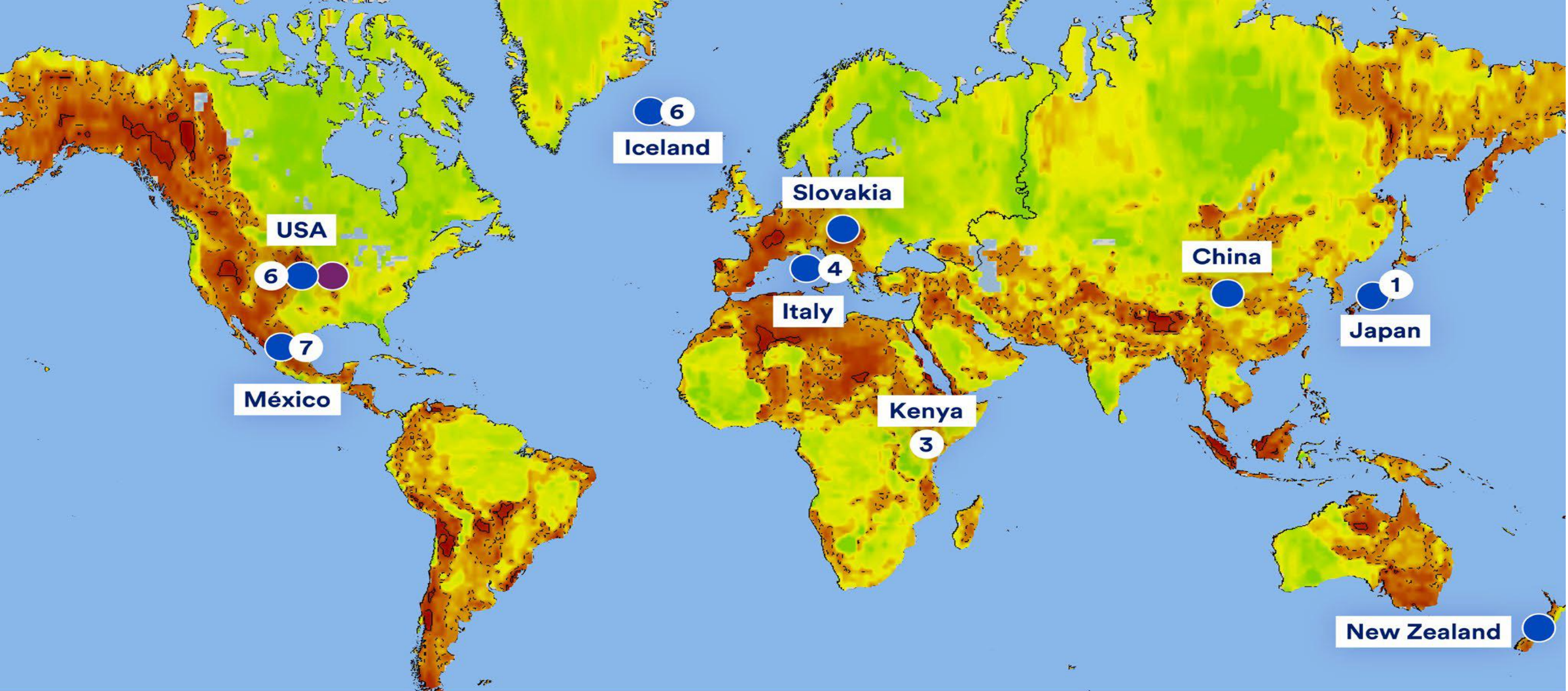
## SHR EGS:

- Higher thermal energy density (enthalpy)
- Superior power conversion efficiency

## At 450°C:

- **Generate 7x more power per well**
- Require 80% fewer wells
- Use 70% less water





Countries where wells have reached SHR conditions



Countries with SHR R&D projects



Countries with proposed SHR demonstrations

# Super Hot Rock 'SHR' Geothermal

## Why is Super Hot Rock Beneficial and Important?

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- ❖ SHR provides the substantial benefits of Closed-Loop Geothermal systems by –
  - ❖ Providing Continuous, Clean (Green) Energy
    - ❖ Producing Heat Energy while Keeping Bad Substances (poisonous & corrosive gases & liquids) in their downhole formations
  - ❖ Dispatchable production with higher thermal efficiencies
  - ❖ Long +25 years productive life with Low OPEX
  - ❖ Small footprint – saves precious surface property & reduces NIMBY
- ❖ SHR Geothermal is **natural subsurface heat** from tectonic plate movements allowing exposure of earth's molten rock core or radio isotope decay at any depth wherein the heat fits the above characterization.
- ❖ SHR Geothermal production is enhanced by using supercritical carbon dioxide (sCO<sub>2</sub>) in the drilling cycle + supercritical water (sH<sub>2</sub>O) in the production cycle.

# Geological Estimates of SHR Energy in U.S.

CATF 2024

	7.5km = 24,608ft. depth			10km = 32,810ft. depth		
Country	Area (km2)	Developable Area (km2)	Potential (GWe)	Area (km2)	Developable Area (km2)	Potential (GWe)
United States	245876.3	2458.8	<u>379.9</u>	573373.0	5733.7	<u>886.0</u>



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## What is the Geothermal Industry Status of SHR?

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- ❖ SHR is globally ubiquitous – yet quite unknown (as is Geothermal generally)
  - ❖ *Iceland has been very successful with the only operating Geothermal field in the world – (yet had a recent initial well failure)*
  - ❖ *Drilling industry technology gaps known, identified, being worked & filled*
  - ❖ *O&G industry developments & know-how compounding applicability*
  - ❖ *Newberry, Oregon development just recognized by U.S. DOE GTO with ~\$20MM grant to Mazama Energy*
  - ❖ *CATF map with 5km & 7.5km SHR depths globally indicates areas of potential practical developments*
  
- ❖ SHR accessibility limited by –
  - ❖ *Access & distance to energy use market*
  - ❖ *Upstream CAPEX of SHR wells – yet costs quickly dropping*
  - ❖ *Speed of investments into new technologies*

**1. Injection Well:**  
Pump water down

**Recirculating  
Water System**

**4. Power Generation:**  
Circulate through turbine

5 - 15 km  
3 - 9 mi

**2. Heat Reservoir:**  
Superheat and circulate  
injected water

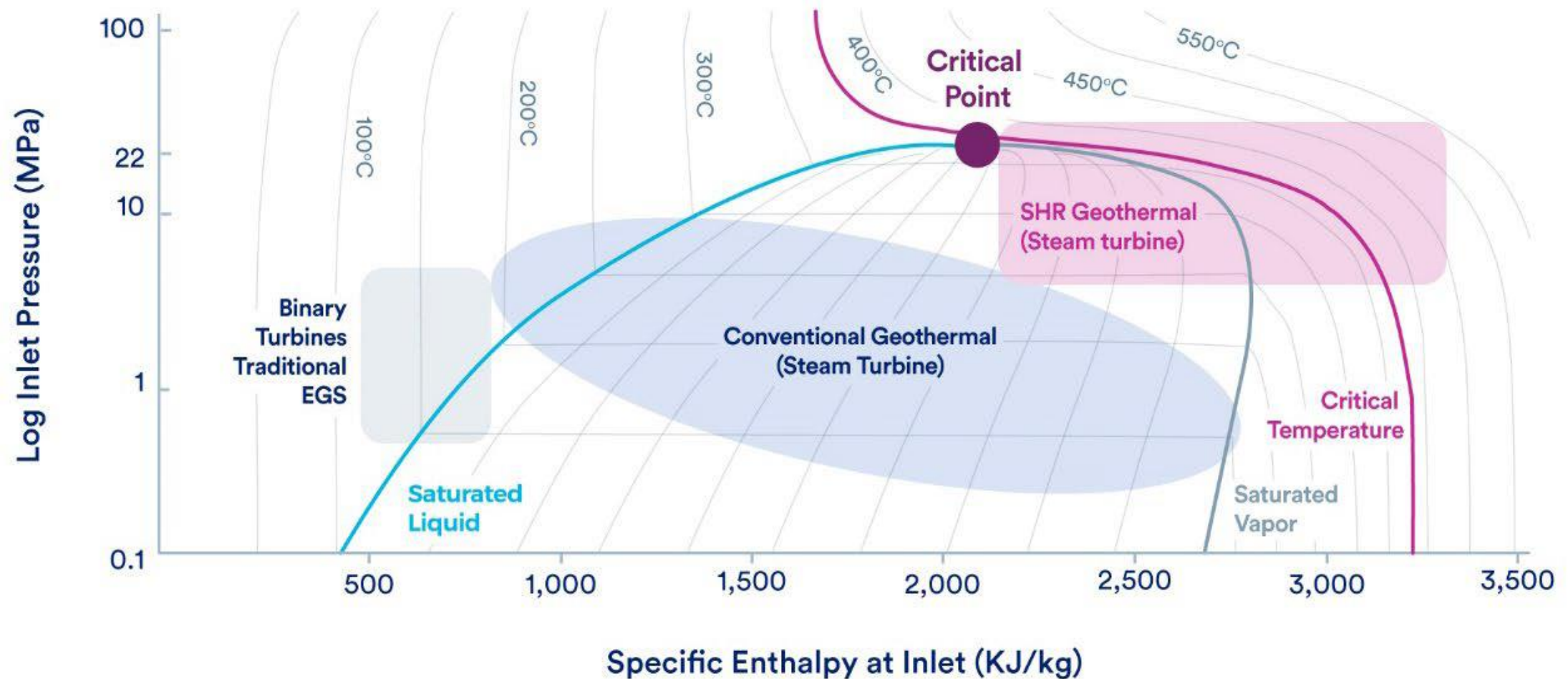
**3. Production Well:**  
Superhot water  
returned to surface

Superhot  
Basement Rock  
>400°C

Note: Not to scale. Underground flow conduits for water may either involve below-ground piping or fracture networks (pictured).

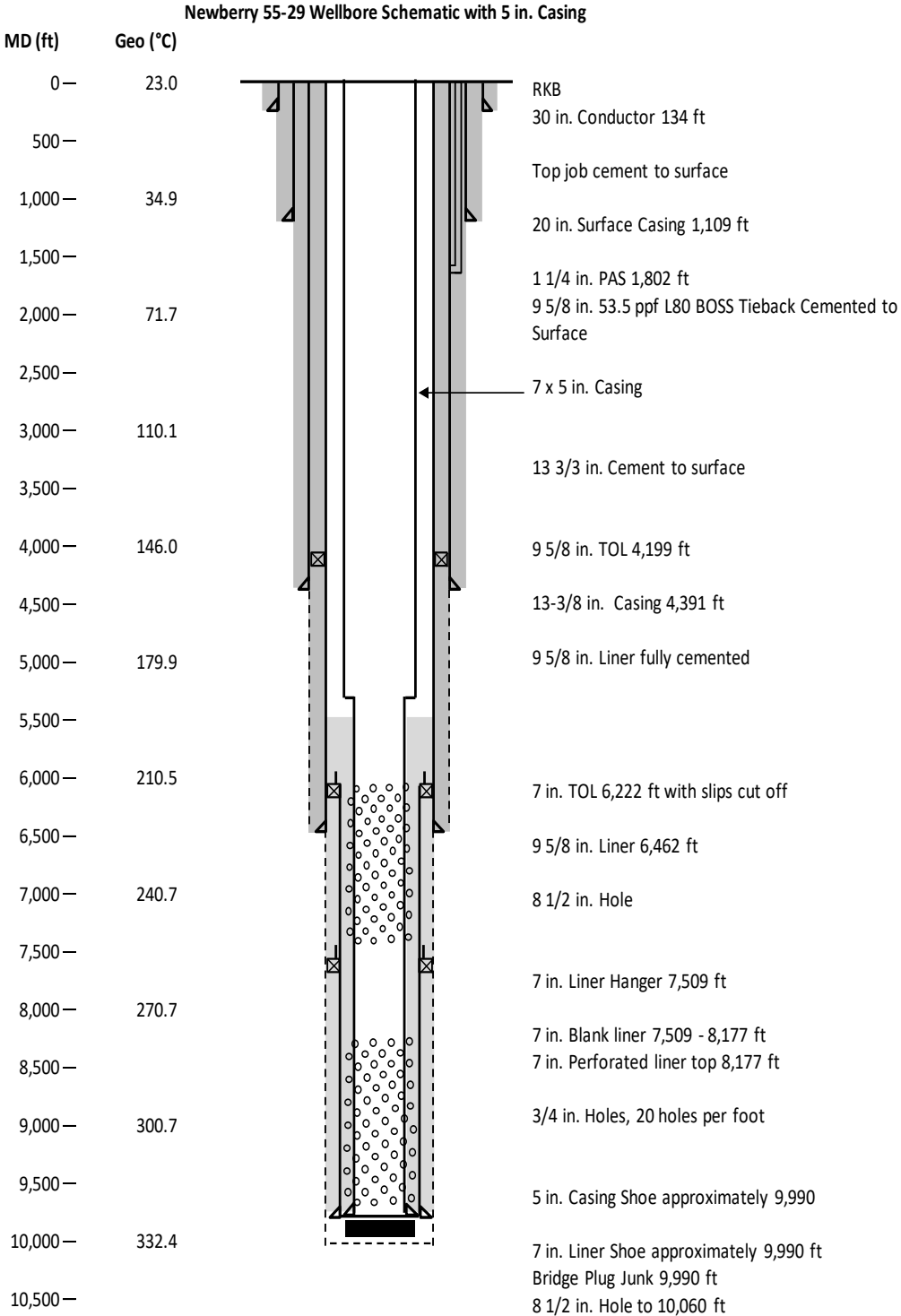
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## Turbine Inlet Enthalpy - SHR vs. Conventional Geothermal



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SHR Well Completion  
Design



Actual, yet shown as example only.

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## What are the SHR Developments Advancing Geothermal Use? (1 of 4)

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### ❖ Drilling & Completions -

- ❖ *SHR PDC drill bits now available*
- ❖ *SHR drilling fluids developing, incl. sCO<sub>2</sub> in target zone – cuttings transport modeling now*
- ❖ *MPD-UBD techniques work – RCD sealing elastomers developing*
- ❖ *Well designs already established*
- ❖ *Casing & Tubing tubulars identified – connections need qualification*
- ❖ *Cements & Grouts developed & testing – incl. high thermal transfer grout*
- ❖ *Electronics advancing past 350degC, yet very expensive – need higher temp. ratings*
- ❖ *Misc. equipment & services already available*
- ❖ *SHR stimulation (beyond EGS “Thermal Lattice”) testing underway*
- ❖ *SHR Geothermal enhanced by supercritical carbon dioxide (sCO<sub>2</sub>) in the drilling cycle*



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## Critical Considerations for SHR Wells

General Well Design Considerations & Est. Effects for SHR Wells- Well Completion- SHR Formation (Partial List 1 of 2)							
<u>Well Life Stage</u>	Drilling		Installation		Injection		Production
Well Status	Mud Circulated Cooling		GT Static - Circ. Cooling		Calculated Cooled		Calculated Heated
Duration	8-12 Months		8-10 Weeks		10-20 Years		10-20 Years
<u>Well Completion</u>							
Affected Components	Installed Casing & Cement		Installed & New Csg. & Cmt.		All Csg., Tubing & Cmt.		All Csg., Tubing & Cmt.
<u>SHR Formation</u>							
GT Grad. Variance - Top/Bottom degC	100 / 100		20 / 300		100 / 100		300 / 0

General Well Design Considerations & Est. Effects for SHR Wells- Well Completion- SHR Formation (Partial List 2 of 2)							
<u>Well Life Stage</u>	Stimulation		Workover		Thermal Cycling		Plug & Abandonment
Well Status	Calculated Cooled		Variable - Cooled - GT Static		ble - GT Static - Circ. C		Circ. Cooled - GT Static
Duration	2-6 Weeks		1-2 Months		riable - Plan & Unplanr		4-6 Weeks
Affected Components	Unisolated Csg. & Cmt.		Tubing, Unisolated Csg. & Cmt		All Well Components		Unisolated Csg. & Cmt.
<u>SHR Formation</u>							
GT Grad. Variance - Top/Bottom degC	100 / 100		100 / 100		/ariable - 0-300 / 100-0		100 / 100-0

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## What are the SHR Developments Advancing Geothermal Use? (2 of 4)

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### ❖ Production –

- ❖ *Closed-Loop system in hot dry rock – no makeup water withdrawal or need*
- ❖ *Supercritical water (sH<sub>2</sub>O) in the production cycle*
- ❖ *Thermosiphon effect increases circulation efficiency*
- ❖ *Site surface facilities, turbine & power plant close to well pad*

# SHR Technology Gaps & Bridging the Gap

Table 3 - SHR Well Construction Technology Gaps - General, Non-Proprietary

<u>System Component</u>	<u>Technology Gap</u>	<u>Bridging the Gap*</u>
<u>Tubular Thermal Stresses</u>		
<b>Tubular Pipe Body</b>	WSD or LCF Design	Tubular Loc. & Life Exp. Calc. - Design & Test
<b>Pipe Connections</b>	WSD or LCF Design	Tubular Loc. & Life Exp. Calc. - FEA & Test
<u>Cement Thermal Stresses</u>		
<b>Non-SHR Temp. Exposure</b>	High Temp. Transients	Cement Loc. & Life Exp. Calc. - Design & Test
<b>SHR - well fluids isolated</b>	X-HT Grout	Cement Loc. & Life Exp. Formulate - Test
<b>SHR - well fluids exposure</b>	X-HT Grout inhibited	Cement Loc. & Life Exp. Formulate - Test
<b>Sealing against SHR</b>	SHR & Fluid Samples	Life Exp. Cycling - Bonding Test
<b>Sealing against Tubulars</b>	Metallurgy Samples	Life Exp. Cycling - Bonding Test
<b>Tubulars Corrosion</b>		
<b>Formation &amp; Circ. Fluids</b>	Fluids Exposure ID	ID Fluids Early - Formulate Inhibitor - Test
<u>Cement Contamination</u>		
<b>Formation &amp; Circ. Fluids</b>	Fluids Exposure ID	ID Fluids Early - Calc. Degrade Effect - Test
<u>Non-Metallic Seals</u>		
<b>Non-SHR Temp. Exposure</b>	High Temp. Transients	Seal Loc. & Life Exp. Calc. - FEA & Test
<b>SHR - well fluids isolated</b>	High Temp. Transients	Seal Loc. & Life Exp. Calc. - FEA & Test
<b>SHR - well fluids exposure</b>	SHR & Fluid Samples	Seal Loc. & Life Exp. Calc. - FEA & Test
<b>Formation &amp; Circ. Fluids</b>	SHR & Fluid Samples	Seal Loc. & Life Exp. Calc. - FEA & Test

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## What are the SHR Developments Advancing Geothermal Use? (3 of 4)

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- ❖ Site, Permitting, Operating License, Supplies & Support -
  - ❖ *Geothermal OPEX low overall – simple wells, correct metallurgy needed downhole & surface, corrosion & scaling & fouling early mitigation*
  - ❖ *Low-no emissions – No methane, CO<sub>2</sub>, gases, oil, produced water or minerals disposal*
  - ❖ *Sound & visually inobtrusive-benign – no human or wildlife interference*
  - ❖ *Surface disturbance limited to field access & pad roads, well & process pads - rights-of-way are needed for power lines to grid/market*
  - ❖ *Compatible with other uses above, at ground level, above – i.e. o&g fields, mining, industrial facilities, wind & solar, recreation (forest, mountains, plains) & commercial*
  - ❖ *Permits for other uses may cover Geothermal & SHR use*
  
- ❖ Community Effects –
  - ❖ Skilled employment during construction & operations
  - ❖ Economic uplift from supporting local development
  - ❖ Local power availability, royalties, use & transit fees

# Super Hot Rock 'SHR' Geothermal

## What are the SHR Developments Advancing Geothermal Use? (4 of 4)

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### ❖ Investment -

- ❖ *Upstream CAPEX of SHR wells – costs quickly dropping*
- ❖ *Speed of investments into new technologies*
- ❖ *Project funders need confidence & certainty of resource ownership, technological & operations application & market user contracts*

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**MAZAMA** delivers best-in-class <\$40/MWh  
cost for a 20-year, 100 MW project

**Typical 200°C EGS:**

60 total wells

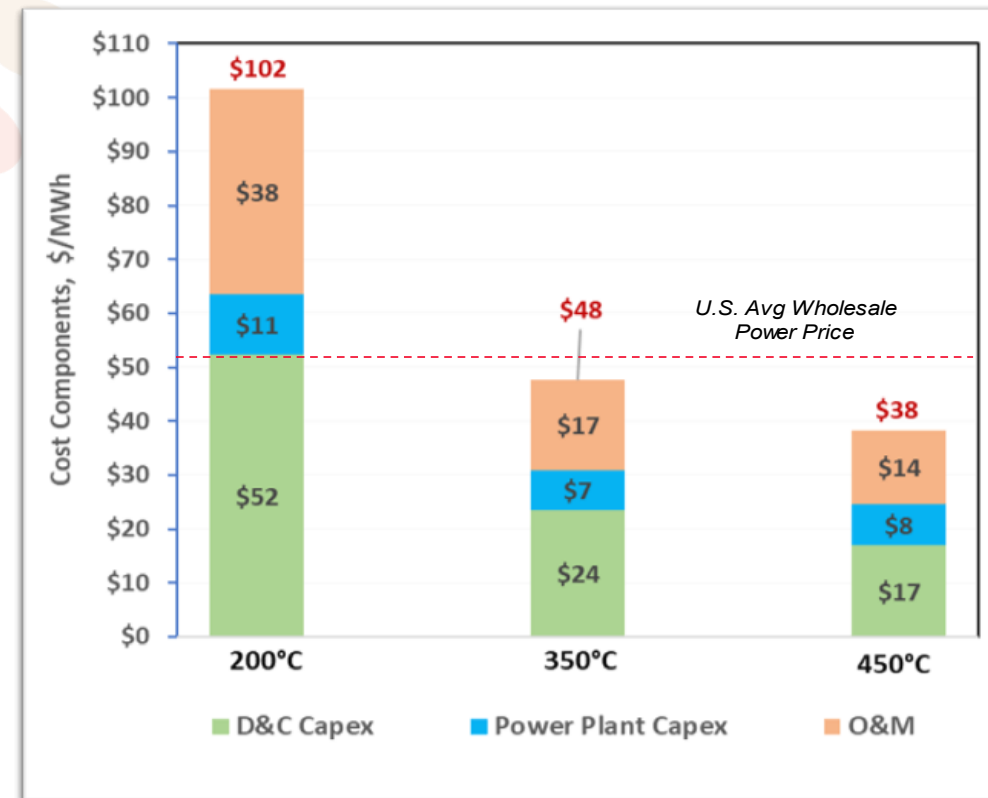
Cost: >\$100/MWh<sup>(ii)</sup>

**MUSE™ at 450°C:**

10 total wells

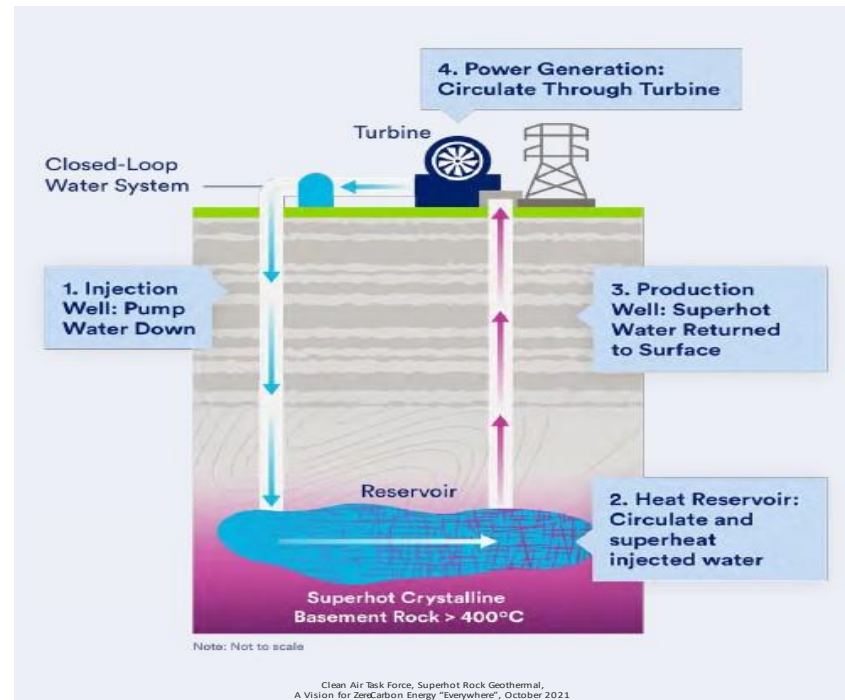
Cost: <\$40/MWh<sup>(ii)</sup>

*Before Production Tax Credits*



## MUSE™ - Modular Unconventional Superhot Energy

Mazama's **MUSE™** is the synthesis of our advancements to drive down cost of EGS



**Horizontal wells:** Maximum rock contact

**Thermal Lattice:** High-rate, fracture flow network

**Superhot water:** Large, efficient power plants

**High well capacity:** Reduced wells, CapEx

**Modular:** Integrated, standardized design

MUSE™ - **M**odular **U**nconventional **S**uperhot **E**nergy



## Newberry:

Least cost path/risk path to demonstrating SHR geothermal power plant

### Infrastructure, permits, access, social acceptance

- ARE controls leases and wells, good roads, graded pads ready for construction. Major north south transmission line a short distance away
- Strong support from State of Oregon and Local Community to develop Newberry Resource to Meet State Renewable Requirements
- World-class S&T consortium in-place ready to execute strategy and develop SC resource.

### Environmental impact, seismic hazard

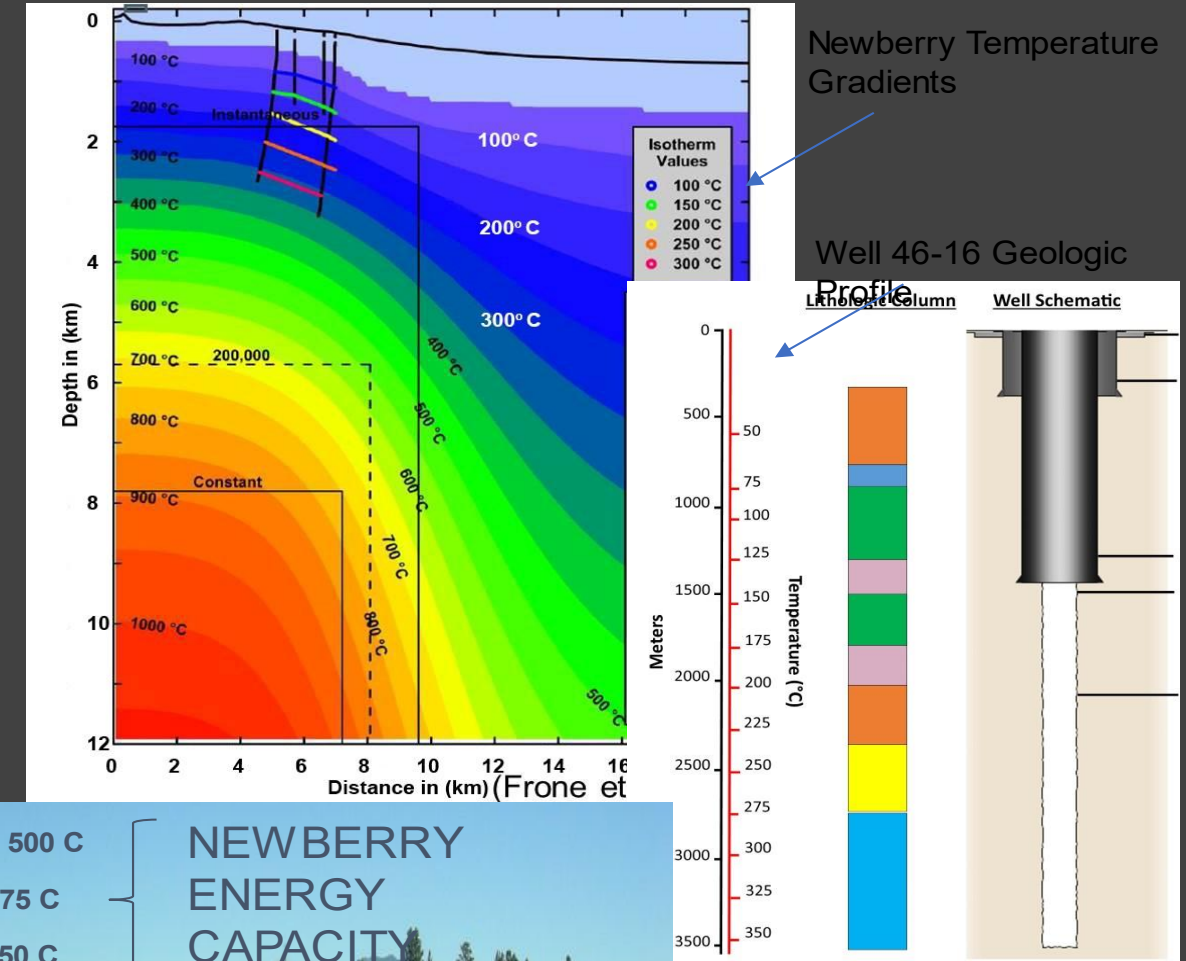
- EIS completed, all permits in place or can be renewed
- Seismic hazard assessment completed with monitoring in place. Low risk for induced seismicity
- Two previous stimulations carried out with no felt seismicity
- All seismic hazard mitigation protocols in place

### Temperature at depth, geology, tectonic stress

- Well 46-16 drilled in 2008 to 3.5km is ideal for deepening to BHT of 450C @ 5km (shallowest well option) ARE has deep technical and operating history at Newberry
- Geology well established with very low drilling risk
- Significant seismic data
- 10-yr of site management and operation experience

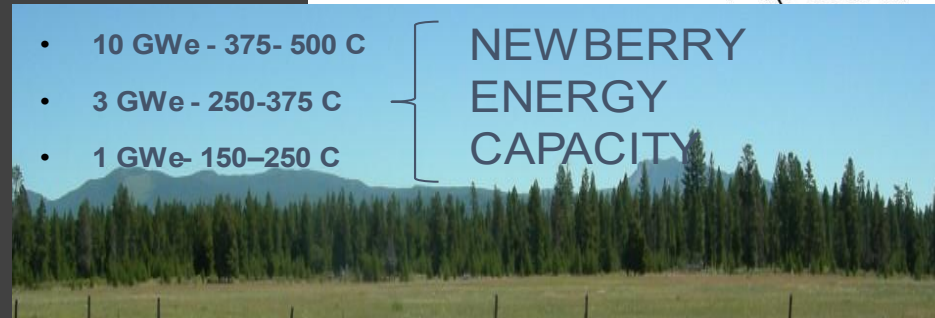
### Resource, markets, cost

- SC Geothermal Resource ~10GWe could displace Oregon's entire current electric capacity
- Leveraging investment of \$55M (\$10M ARE, \$10M DOE, \$35M Davenport)
- \$75M required to fund development of SC Well as 5-year program including HT/HP Lab, science and operations
- Fast growing market in Oregon with transmission to California
- LCOE best available tech \$50/MWh. Improved tech <\$35/MWh



- 10 GWe - 375- 500 C
- 3 GWe - 250-375 C
- 1 GWe- 150-250 C

NEWBERRY  
ENERGY  
CAPACITY





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THANK YOU!

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