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Sage Geosystems

Company Overview



• Energy storage

Completed energy storage commercial pilot in April 2023 demonstrating both long duration (18+ hours) and load following energy storage with 70-75% RTE and < 2% water loss. Generated electricity with Pelton turbines to run equipment on location.

• First commercial energy storage facility

Sage's 3MW full-scale EarthStore[™] energy storage facility to be commissioned in Q4 2024.

Geopressured Geothermal System (GGS)

First company to demonstrate cost-effective and commercially-viable hot dry rock geothermal with Sage's proprietary GGS design that converts pressure and heat to electricity.

Scale immediately

By using existing oil & gas equipment and technology, we can scale now globally.

Sage Geosystems Team



Cindy Taff Founder & Chief Executive Officer

35+ years of energy industry managing large engineering and operations teams for well construction with an annual budget > \$ 1 billion. Previously global VP of Unconventional Wells & Logistics at Shell.



Dr. Lev Ring Founder & President

30+ years of energy industry experience and > 100 patents. Prior to Sage, co-founded Metis Energy, a drilling technology company. Previously Director of Technology Development at Weatherford where he commercialized Managed Pressure Drilling (MPD) technology, a \$0.5 billion annual revenue business. He also commercialized expandable casing technology, a technology that he co-developed, as the Technology Development Manager at Enventure.

Weatherford



Lance Cook Founder & Chief Technology Officer

40+ years of energy industry experience and > 100 patents. Prior to Sage, co-founded Metis Energy. Previously Chief Scientist for Wells and Production Technology at Shell and invented the Versaflex liner hanger which was licensed to Halliburton. He also commercialized expandable casing technology, a technology that he co-developed, as CEO of Enventure and led a well manufacturing joint venture in China also as CEO.

Current Investors



Engages in the acquisition, exploration, and development of oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids from underground reservoirs



The global market leader in drilling onshore wells and executing on advanced wellbore designs



Leading climate investor with a proven track record of helping disruptive companies reach commercialization and scale



Doug Simpkins Director of Simulation / Modeling

Weatherford[®]



Mike Eros Chief Geoscientist

ExonMobil



Shannon Bolton

Project Manager





Nate Weiss

Power Plant Engineering Manager

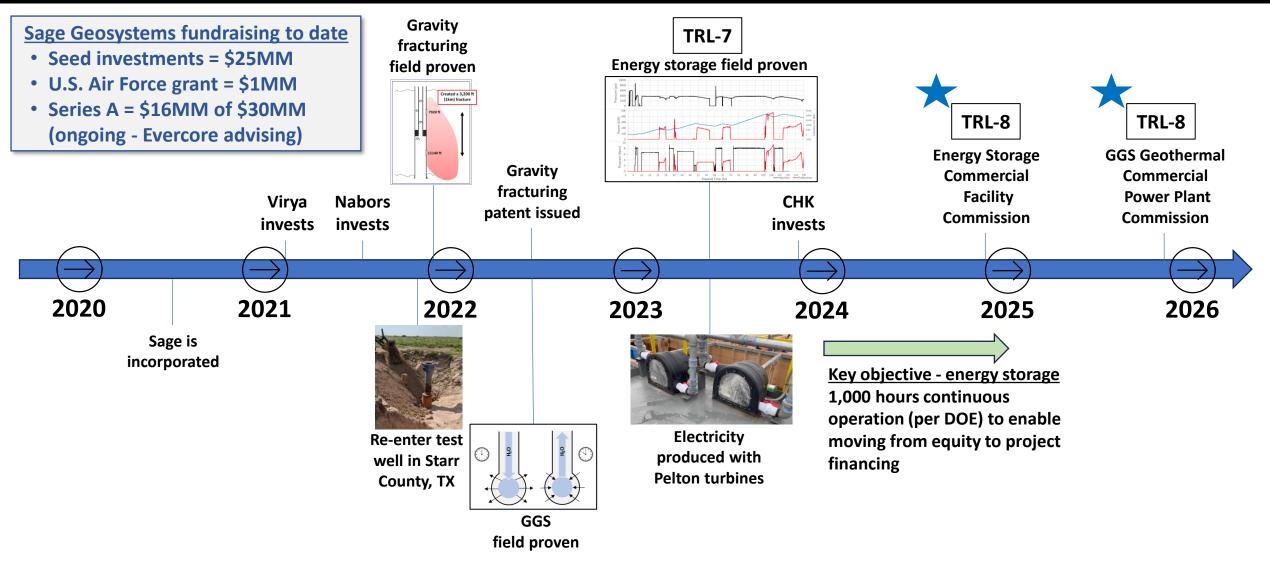




A global leader in subsurface characterization and drilling optimization



Sage Geosystems - Timeline



EarthStore™ First Commercial Energy Storage Facility



Scale rendering - Sage 30MW Energy Storage Facility

Project details

- Full-scale 3MW with duration of 4-12 hrs
- Q4 2024 commissioning
- Identified partners include four utility companies in Texas, including lignite coal plant to leverage existing switch station
- Tolling agreement to be in place Q1 2024

Series A Use of Proceeds



Targeting \$30 million in aggregate, with a first close of \$16 million with CHK complete as lead investor and continued support from existing investors

Use of Proceeds

- \$16 million First commercial energy storage facility
 - \$4MM Drill and complete new well
 - \$4MM High pressure Pelton turbine detailed FEED and build
 - \$5MM Balance of surface facility (VFD, pump, and electrical)
 - \$2MM Interconnection
 - \$1MM OPEX for energy storage facility
- **\$6 million** Continued technology engineering to better support scale while driving down cost
 - \$3MM Pelton turbine and generator modular design enhancements
 - \$1MM Controls for large scale applications
 - \$2MM Interconnection investment to aid scale up
- \$3 million Matching funds for U.S. Air Force Tactical Funding Increase (TACFI) to commission geothermal power plant with ORC turbine
- **\$5 million** Targeted G&A to support growth

Patent Portfolio

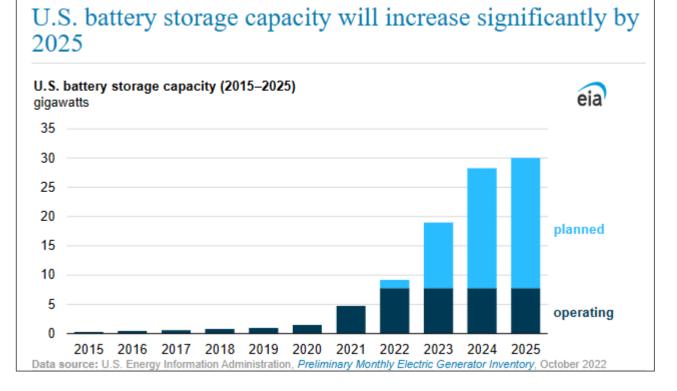


- In less than 3 years, Sage has:
 - One granted patent (issued in April 2022) -Downward-oriented fracturing methodology (HeatRoot[™])
 - One patent with all claims allowed (notified in August 2023) - The patent examiners ruled that all 15 claims related to method to convert pressure to power in addition to converting heat to power are novel and allowable
- Another 17 patents pending review, both in the U.S. and internationally
- Patent cycle in the U.S. is normally 3 years or longer

Advancing two material business lines 1. Energy Storage 2. Geothermal Baseload

1. Energy Storage (via High-Pressure Pelton Turbine)

Projected Needs for Energy Storage in the U.S.



<u>Reference</u>: U.S. Energy Information Administration (<u>U.S. Energy</u> Information Administration - EIA - Independent Statistics and Analysis)

U.S. EIA Projections

- Power plant owners plan to significantly increase utility-scale storage capacity (by 22GW) in the U.S. over the next 3 years
- Currently there is 7.8GW of utility-scale storage in the U.S. with need for 30GW by the end of 2025
- Projected to change the U.S. electric grid generating portfolio (much like solar has)
- Adds stability to variable energy sources such as wind and solar
- > 75% of 22GW new installations will be in Texas (7.9GW) and California (7.6GW)



Energy Storage (EarthStore[™]) Overview

Sage Geosystems' energy storage solution (called EarthStore™) is ready to scale now at a lower cost than pumped storage hydropower (PSH) and lithium-ion batteries. Sage can put this energy storage virtually anywhere and it has a meaningfully smaller footprint.

- Can provide both short- and long-duration energy storage
- Cheaper than PSH; order of magnitude cheaper than lithium-ion batteries for long-duration applications
- Ability to pair with existing wind and solar projects to create 24/7 baseload power
- Better economics than natural-gas peaking plants
- High flexibility and scalability to meet most energy storage needs

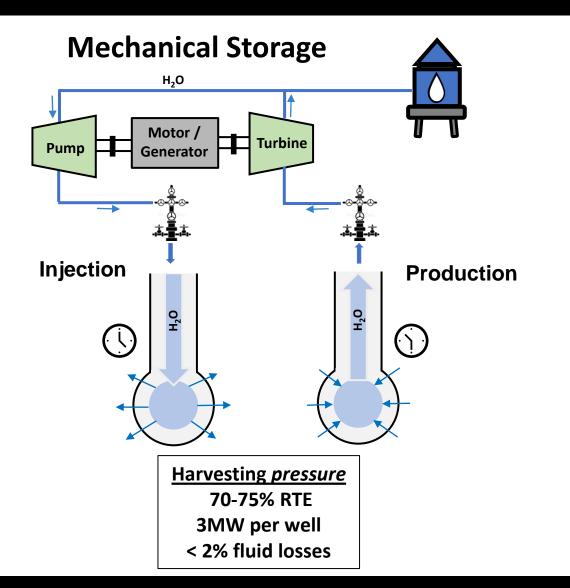


Scale Rendering - Sage 30MW Energy Storage Facility





How Does Energy Storage (EarthStore[™]) Work?



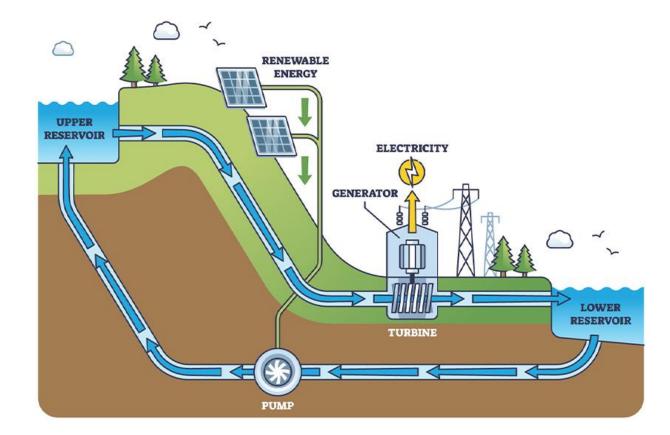
- Pumps on the surface use electricity to inject water downhole under pressure
- During the production cycle, valves are opened, and the water is released back to surface under considerable pressure which spins a Pelton turbine and generates electricity
- Can easily be designed for short-duration (3-4 hours) or long-duration (18+ hours)
- Short-duration design is best suited for load shifting
- Long-duration design can be paired with wind or solar to convert these intermittent renewable energy sources to 24/7 power

Comparison to Pumped Storage Hydropower (PSH)

Comparison to Pumped Storage Hydropower

(PSH is 90+% of current storage around the world)

- Ability to scale < 100MW
- Not geographically limited to mountainous areas
- Smaller footprint
- Higher energy density
- Weeks versus decades to permit
- Cost-competitive at scale





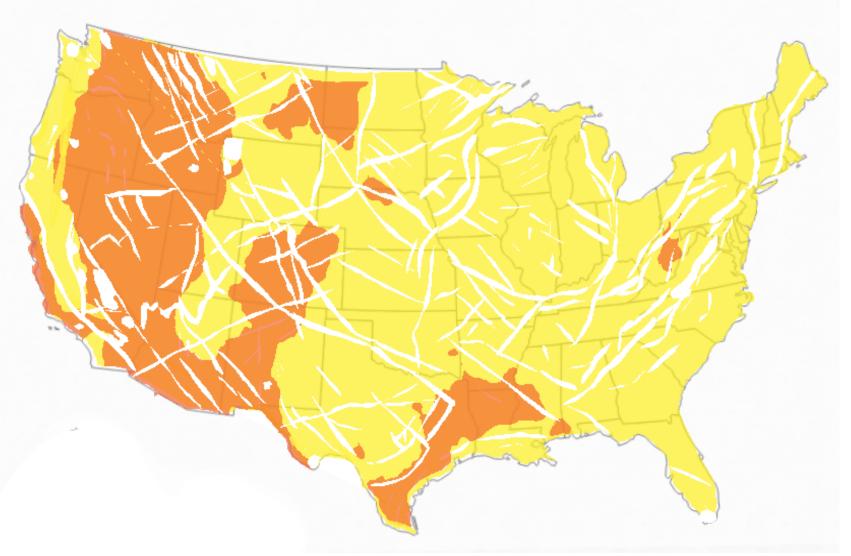
Energy Storage is Not Geographically Limited



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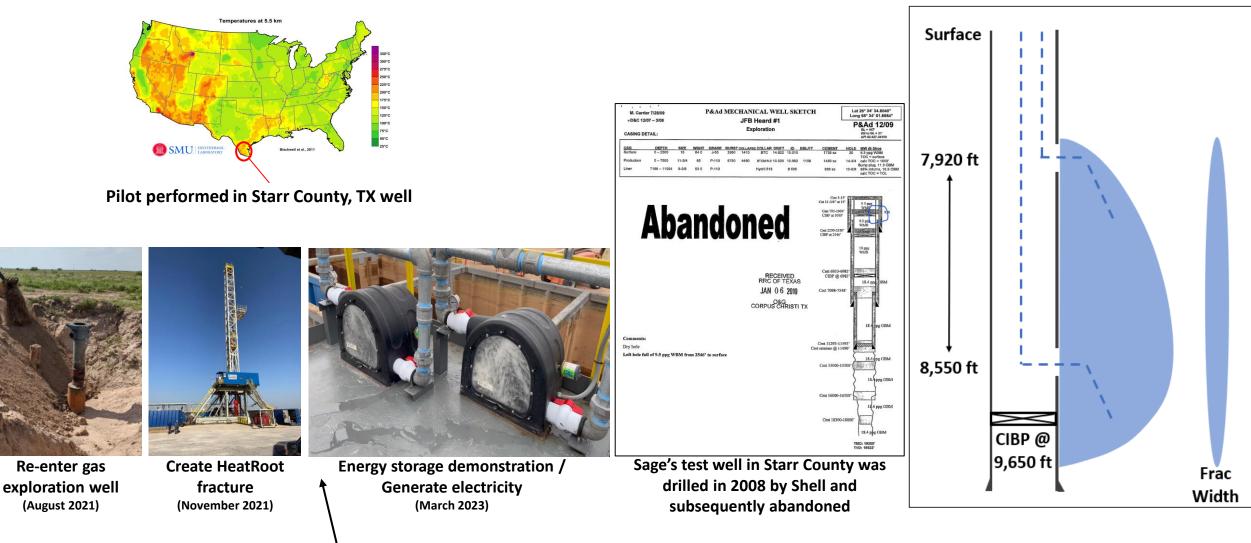
Major faults

Geothermal (35% of U.S.)





Commercial Pilot in Starr County, Texas

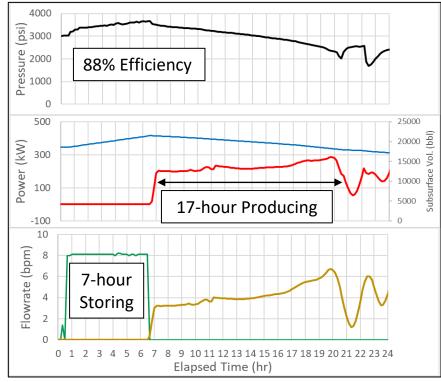




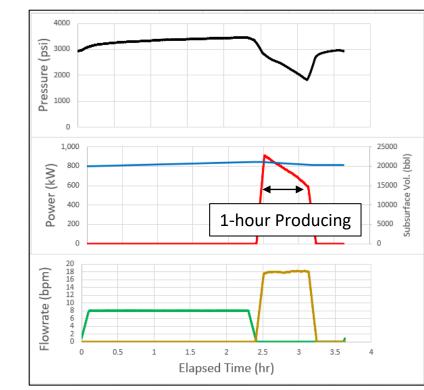
Long-Duration <u>or</u> Load-Following Energy Storage

Ready to scale now - everything has been proven in the pilot

(Technology Readiness Level TRL7)



Long-duration (17 hours production)



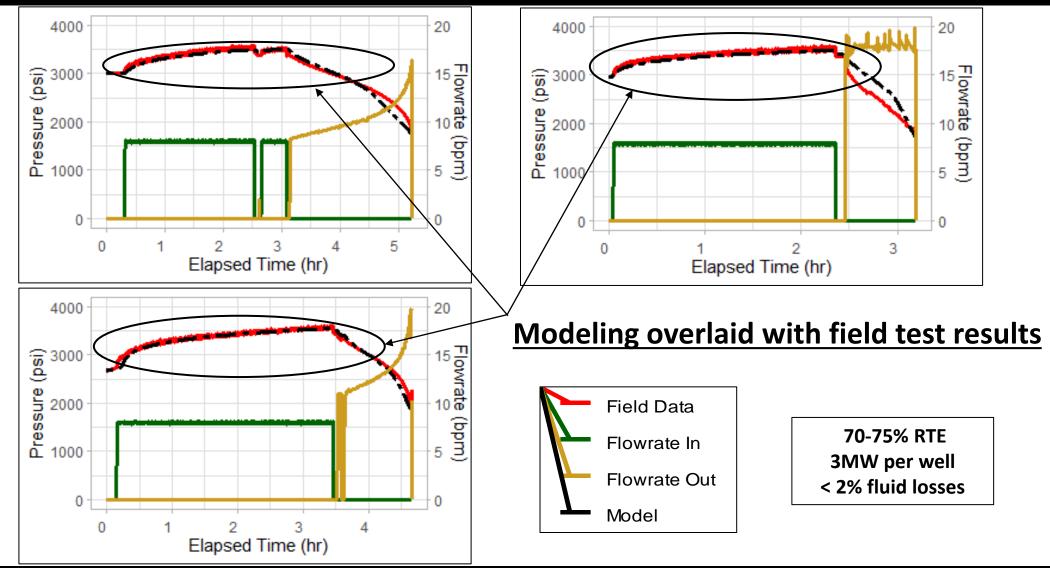
Load-following (Release everything in one hour)



Waste heat (95°C) for industrial use Food processing, DAC, agriculture, plastics, glass, etc.



GeoTwin Modeling versus Commercial Pilot Results

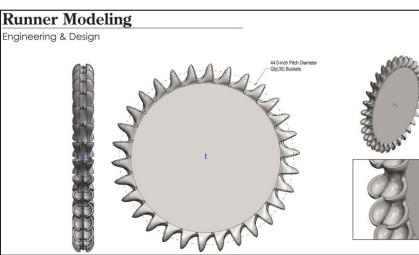


High-Pressure Pelton Turbine

Impulse-type water turbine invented in the 1870s by Lester Allan Pelton



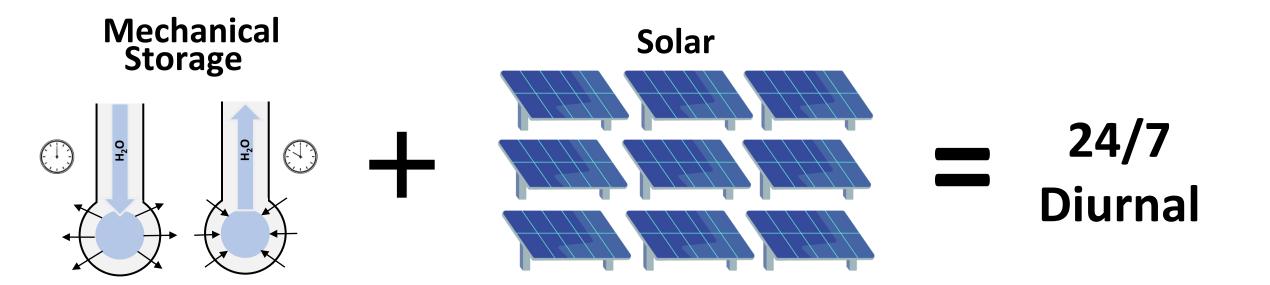
Sage's high-pressure Pelton turbine



- Sage is upgrading the Pelton turbine commercial design to 5,000 psi (3MW)
- Current timeline to complete build is November 2024
- Scale-up to 50MW+ will be a techno-economic decision
 - Build larger Pelton turbines
 - Manifold together
 - Combination of the above



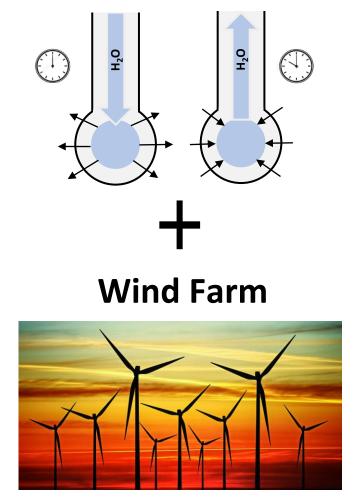
Use Case 1: Solar + Energy Storage = 24/7 Diurnal





Use Case 2: Load Shifting, Electricity Price Arbitrage

Mechanical Storage





EIA projects wind curtailments in ERCOT could increase to 13% of total available wind generation, and solar curtailments could reach 19% by 2035



Sage's Mechanical Storage - Upfront Capital & LCOS

Beats Pumped Storage Hydro & Lithium-ion batteries

Sage's EarthStore™

• Rapid payout

• IRR = 20 to 30%

PRE-SCALE
\$2.5-3.5MM per MW
(Any Duration)

LCOS = \$0.03-0.04/kWh

> 50MW SCALE				
\$2.0-2.7MM per MW				
	Any Duration)			

LCOS = \$0.02-0.03/kWh

PSH	Lithium-ion batteries \$3MM per MW (Duration < 4 hrs)	
\$2.6MM per MW (Long Duration)		
LCOS* = \$0.06-0.18/kWh	LCOS* = \$0.25-0.30/kWh	

Note: Difference in LCOS is attributed mainly to storage duration and Sage's ability to upgrade EarthStore to longer durations at a low cost.

*Navigant Research 2Q 2019 – Comparing the Costs of Long Duration Energy Storage 20190626_Long_Duration Storage_Costs.pdf (slenergystorage.com)



2. Geothermal Baseload (via sCO2 Turbine)

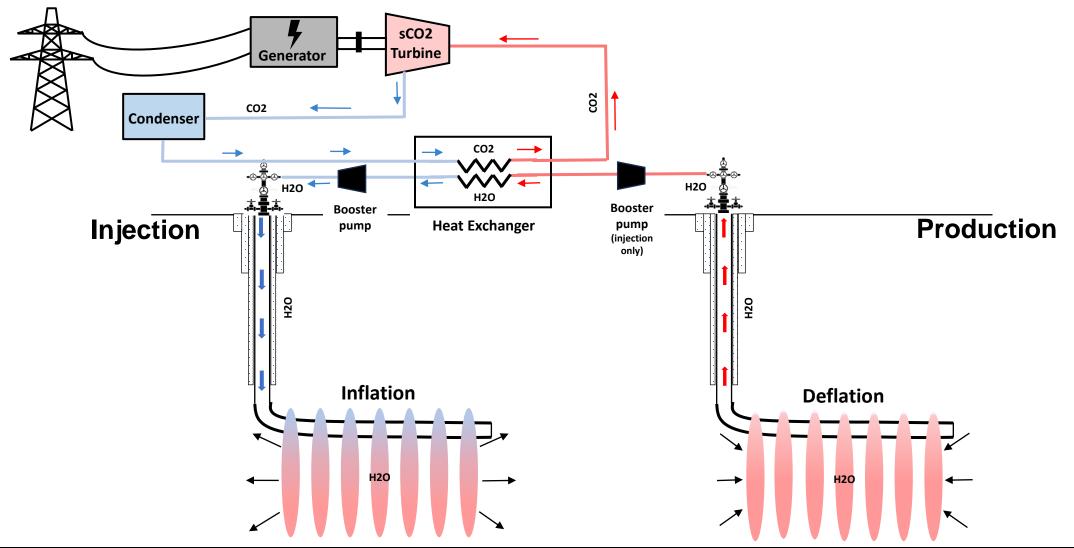
Geopressured Geothermal System (GGS) Overview

In parallel to EarthStore, Sage Geosystems is advancing geothermal energy for dispatchable electricity generation.

- The Company's first commercial energy storage facility in Q4 2024 will bring Sage 80% of the way to also
 proving its cost-effective Geopressured Geothermal System (GGS), enabling commercial geothermal almost
 anywhere
- Traditional geothermal requires a unique combination of heat and water in the formation and is therefore geographically limited (near volcanoes and the ring of fire)
- Sage's GGS technology has already demonstrated the ability to make geothermal electricity generation economical and it can either be connected to the grid or deployed as a microgrid in remote locations
- Field testing allowed Sage to overcome the technical and economic challenges that have hindered commercialization of EGS (Enhanced Geothermal Systems) in hot dry rock for 50+ years
- The only technologies that Sage has yet to demonstrate are the heat exchanger and Sage's sCO2 turbine, both of which Sage will demonstrate over the next 12-18 months

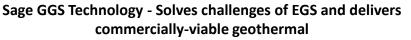


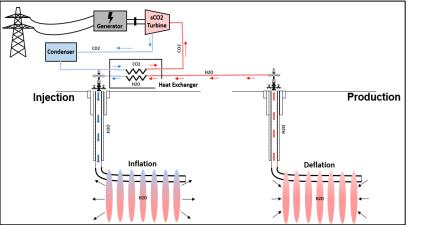
How Does Geopressured Geothermal System (GGS) Work?



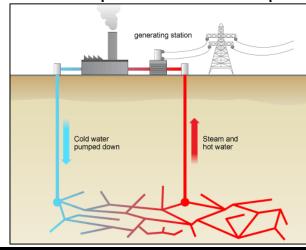


How is Sage GGS Different for New Generation Geothermal?





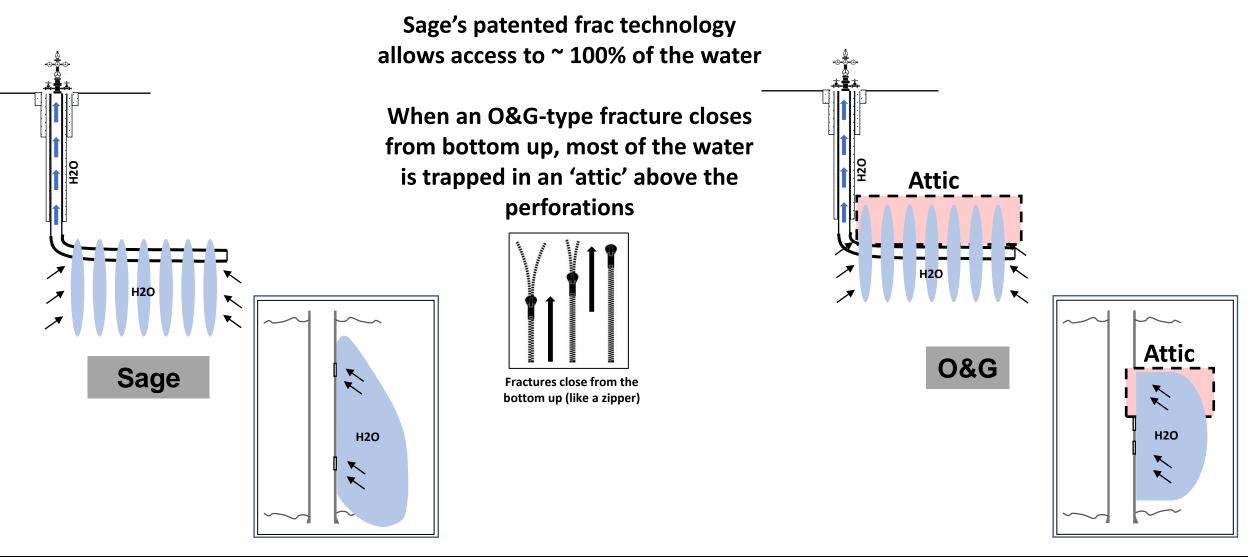
DOE EGS Technology (since 1970s) - No commercial plants due to low net output



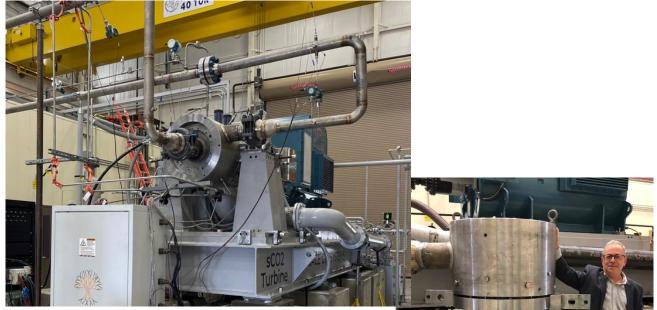
- Connect wells on the surface (versus subsurface)
- Operate with fractures open, meaning commercially-viable net output (low friction losses and no cold-water breakthrough from water channeling)
- Sage does not vent pressure, resulting in 25-50% more net output
- Lower risk of induced seismicity



Frac Closure of Sage's vs. O&G Industry Fracture



Supercritical CO₂ turbine Delivers More Electricity



Sage's sCO2 3MW Turbine Ready for Load Test





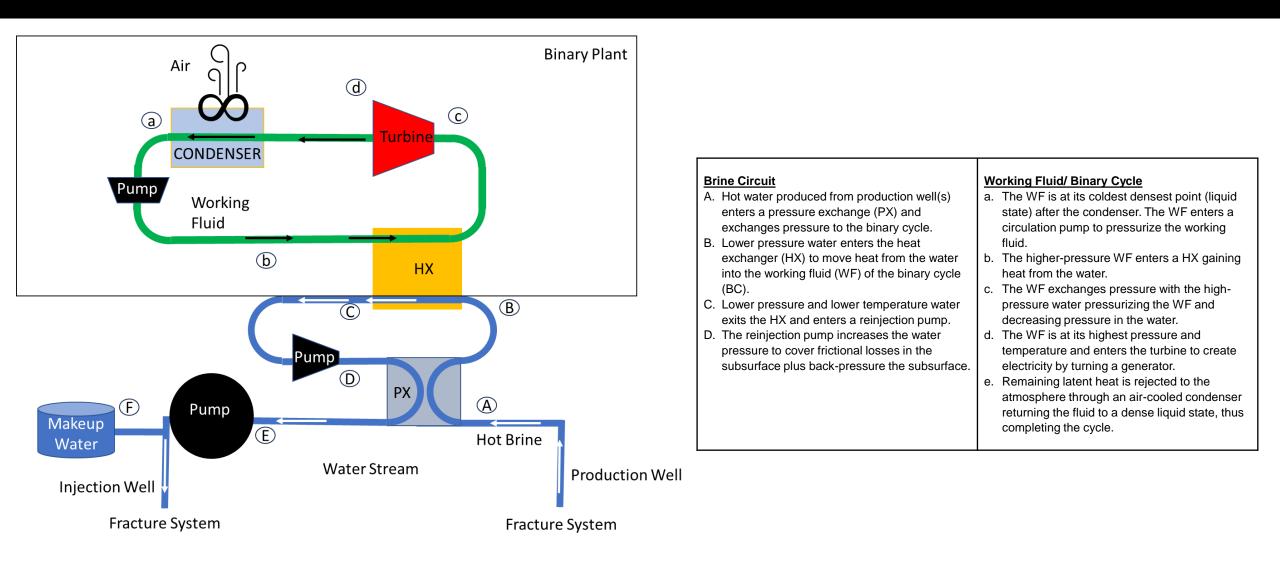


Showing Scale

- Full-size 3MW prototype turbine designed and built
- Smaller and 50% less expensive than Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) turbines
- Delivers more electricity than ORC turbines
- Sage owns IP on sCO₂ turbine
- Load test in Q1 2024



Geothermal Binary Power Plant Schematic



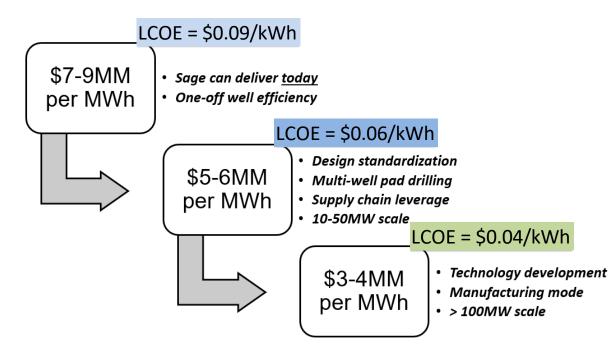


Sage's Geothermal Baseload - Upfront Capital & LCOE

Geothermal Baseload

Path to \$3-4MM per MW

Levered Returns	
Internal Rate of Return	19.5%
Multiple on Invested Capital	5.0x
Payback Period (Years)	7.2





Commercialization

Project Pipeline

Project	Initial Size	Timing	Status & Commentary		
Electric Cooperative (Energy Storage)	3-400 MW	2024	First commercial energy storage facility and then scale to repurpose lignite coal plant with PV solar integrated with energy storage		
U.S. Air Force (Baseload)	0.5 MW	2025	Commission geothermal power plant with ORC using U.S. Air Force TACFI funding; demonstrating technology for 3MW installation at Ellington Field		
Mining Operator (Energy Storage)	3-30 MW	2024	Drill test well in 1H2024 for energy storage test, to be paired with PV solar		
U.S. Army (Energy Storage & Baseload)	3-40 MW	2024	Deliver feasibility study for Fort Bliss and move to build/commission		
Big Tech Firm (Baseload)	3-100 MW	2025	Working with big tech firm to provide geothermal baseload for one of its data centers in Texas; in process of securing PPA		
Solar/Wind Producer (Energy Storage)	3-400 MW	2026	Working with large solar/wind producer to provide energy storage for one of its wind farms in Texas		
Entergy Corporation (Baseload)	5-300 MW	2026	Successfully reserved 5MW block in Louisiana with preferred pricing for up to 10 years through Entergy's Renewable Energy Program (REP)		
South Texas Electric Co-op (Energy Storage & Baseload)	3-300 MW	2026	Joint venture with the prominent Texas Rancher (McAllen Ranch family) for a 3MW pilot project followed by a 300 MW project		



Forecasted Business Mix Summary

\$ in millions

Overview of Business Lines

Sage Facilities: Facilities owned/operated by Sage

- Targeting three facilities (energy storage and geothermal dispatchable baseload) owned/operated by Sage, with the first power plant to be commissioned 4Q 2024
- Strategy is to move rapidly towards third party Project Delivery

Project Delivery: Energy storage and baseload projects built by Sage and sold to customers (Sage does not retain ownership)

- Assumes that Sage enters engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contracts to deliver projects at a 15% margin
- Assumes that Sage will additionally receive an ongoing royalty for IP on each project delivered
 - \$0.01/kWh royalty for EarthStore and \$0.005/kWh royalty for Geothermal
- Anticipates a mix of energy storage and geothermal baseload projects with construction starting in mid 2026

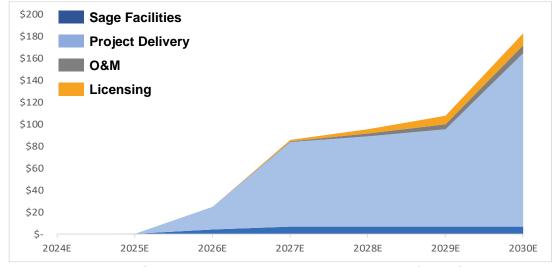
Operations & Maintenance ("O&M"): Ongoing support services provided to Sage's Project Delivery customers

Estimates a ~25% margin on each service contract

Licensing: Technology licensed by Sage to third-parties for their own storage and baseload projects (Sage is not involved in project delivery)

- · Sage to earn a 5% royalty on revenue generated by licensed facilities
- Management acknowledges a fairly conservative approach taken; will ultimately be a much larger part of the mix in out years

Gross Margin by Business Line



Power Capacity by Business Line (MW)

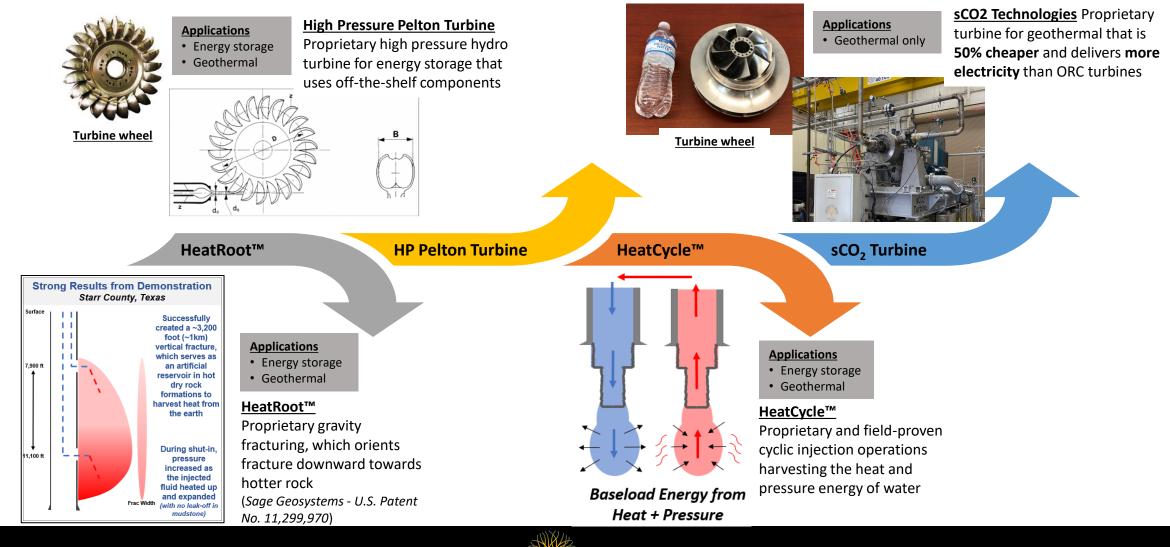




Technology Overview

Sage Geosystems - Critical Technologies

Sage's technologies have been field-proven and are ready for commercial application

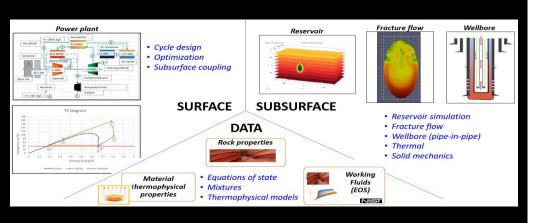


Plant

Power

Well Design

GeoTwin™



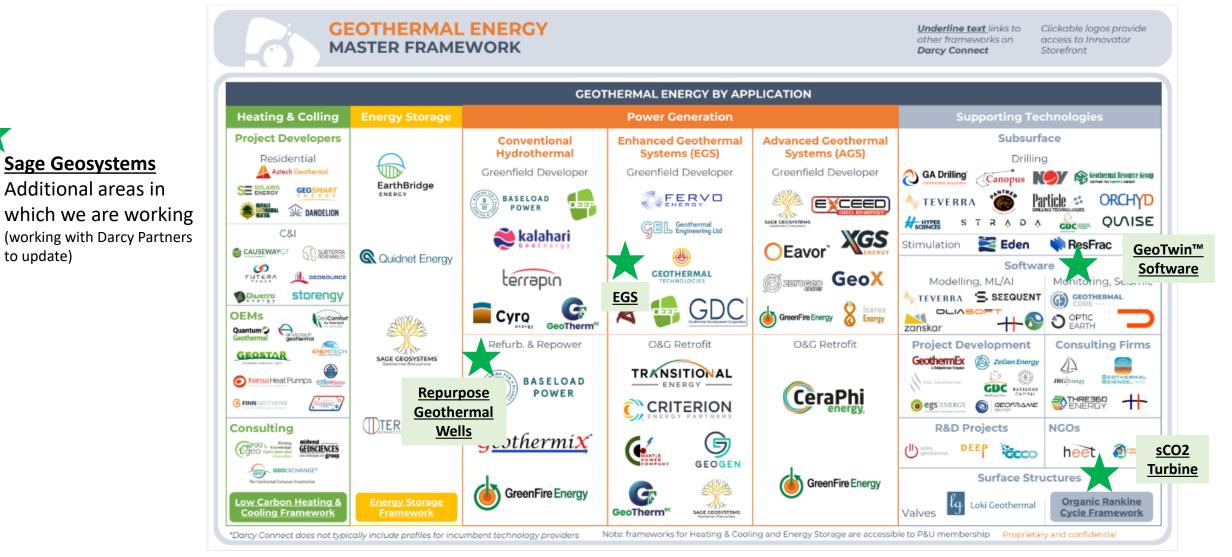
- Proprietary Sage's modeling software is unique in that it integrates surface and subsurface modeling
- <u>System level modeling</u> Uses fracture, fluid flow, and power conversion models to accurately estimate energy storage and/or geothermal power generation
- <u>Calibrated</u> Using extensive U.S. DOE and Sage's field test data
- Licensing Future source of revenue





Back-up Slides

Competitor Analysis - Darcy Partners





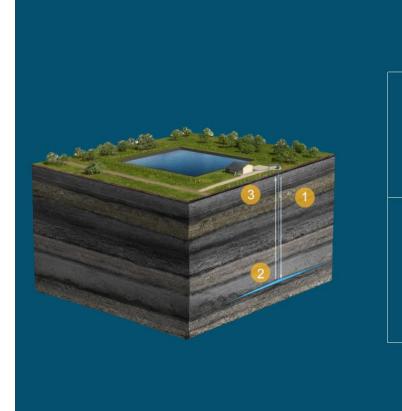
Competitor Analysis

	OEavor		GreenFire Energy	
Date Founded	2017	2017	2010	2021
Total Capital	\$204 million	\$188 million	\$23 million	\$25 million
Valuation	\$564 million	\$690 million		\$140 million
Round	3 VC Rounds	3 VC Rounds	Series A	Seed (Series A Underway)
Technology	Closed loop geothermal	Drilling technologies and fiber optics (use DOE EGS technology)	Stimulation technologies to improve performance of conventional geothermal wells	Proprietary GGS technology with HeatRoot stimulation, Energy Storage (EarthStore), sCO2 Turbomachinery, Geothermal Modeling
Investors	Vickers Venture, BP, Chubu Electric, Chevron	DCVC, Capricorn, Congruent Ventures, Macquarie, CPPIB, Prelude Ventures	Baker Hughes, H&P	CHK, Virya, Nabors, Geolog plus Non-equity grant from the U.S. Air Force and Defense Innovation Unit



Earth Storage Competitor - Quidnet Energy

Quidnet Energy



When electricity is abundant, it is used to pump water from a pond down a well and into a body of rock.

> The well is closed, keeping the energy stored under pressure between rock layers for as long as needed.

When electricity is needed, the well is opened to let the pressurized water pass through a turbine to generate electricity, and return to the pond ready for the next cycle.

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Difference between Quidnet and Sage Energy Storage Systems

Storage depth

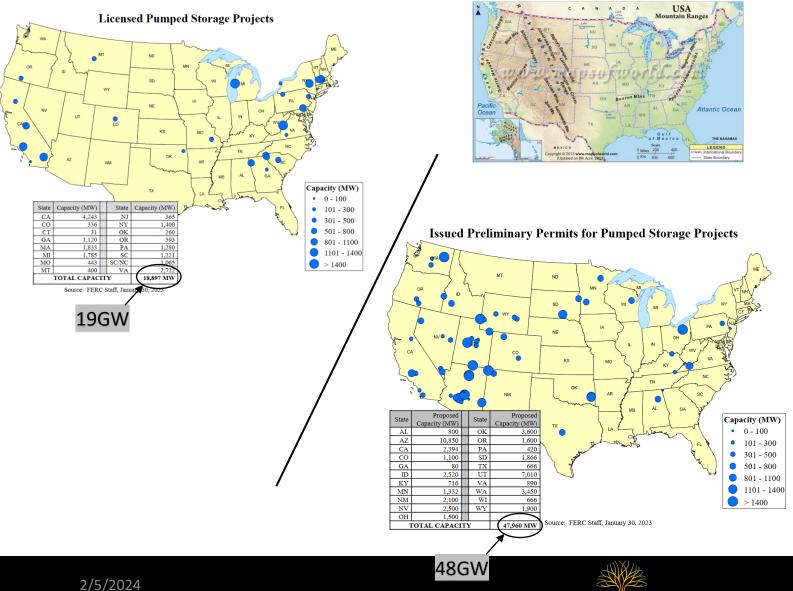
- Quidnet: < 3,000 ft (horizontal frac)
- Sage: > 7,000 ft (vertical frac)

System power

- Proportional to fracture opening pressure and thus to depth
- Sage: > 35x Quidnet capacity for the same fluid volume (proven in the field)
- Depth and heat component provides Sage with greater RTE: 75% RTE for mechanical storage 200% RTE for geothermal storage



Projected PSH in the U.S. - We Can Do This Cheaper/Faster



Huge projected U.S. growth for PSH

- Due to wind/solar integration ۲ and to provide grid stability
- Sage's energy storage offers more
 - Smaller footprint
 - Not geographically limited
 - Ability to scale from small to large
 - **Higher energy density** ٠
 - **Better economics** ٠
 - Permits in weeks versus decades •

Our Market Cap can be > \$1 Billion in < 5 Years

Sage's Mechanical Storage

- Deliver 3MW per well
- For 3GW = drill 1,000 wells
- Use off-the-shelf technologies and start scaling now
- Deliver 3GW in 5 years
- *IRR > 20%*

Market Capital Comparison

- Ormat Technologies (ORA)
- Largest public geothermal company
- 1GW global electricity capacity
- Market Cap = \$4.7 billion



"Largest Battery in the World"

- Bath County, VA Pumped Storage built in 1985, operating 37 years
- Cost of \$1.6 billion (\$4.35 billion in 2022 dollars)
- 3GW net output
- Height = 460 ft

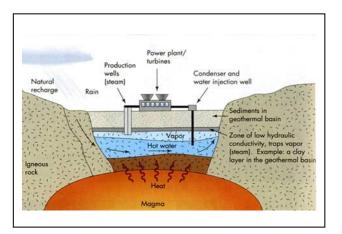


Other Hot Dry Rock Technologies

Traditional Geothermal

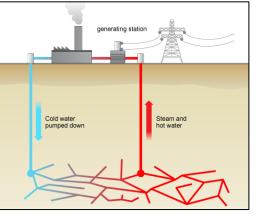
<u>Hydrothermal</u> Hot aquifer in rocks that naturally flow steam or water (Ormat / Calpine)

- Limited to areas near volcanoes
- High exploration risk
- ~ 40% of traditional wells are not performing



Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) Fracturing between wells (DOE Forge / Fervo)

- Multiple wells, more CAPEX
- Fractures must connect across multiple wells
- Water must disperse evenly across fractures
- High friction pressure pumping water through frac



Requires tens of kilometers of well length for sufficient surface area

60,000 ft / 20 km !!!

Hot Dry Rock

Closed-Loop

Pipes form an

underground "radiator"

(Eavor / GreenFire)

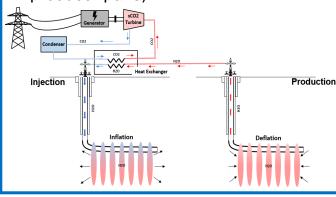
Complex directional drilling,

High CAPEX

200°C

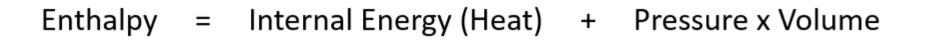
Sage Geosystems HeatCycle

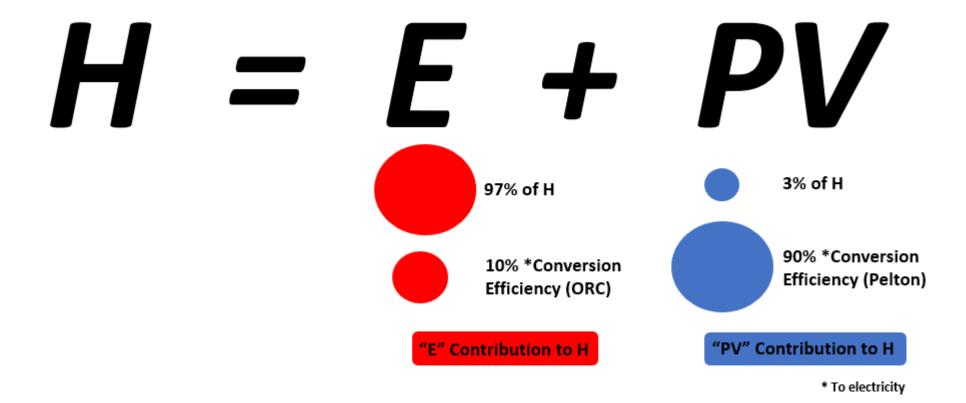
- Less CAPEX
- Only company to harvest both pressure and heat, resulting in an increase of 25-35% in net power
- Only company that operates above frac opening pressure, meaning even fluid dispersion and lower friction pressure
- Only EGS company centered around single well (all others use injectorproducer pairs)





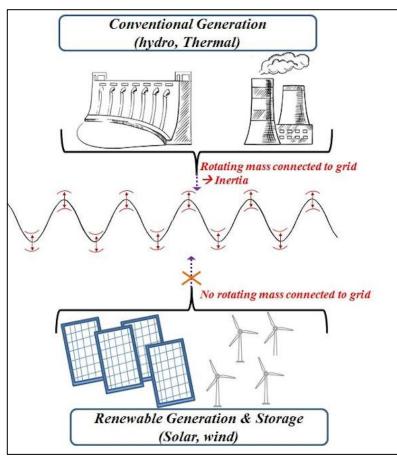
Importance of Pressure Component of Enthalpy







We Can Provide Inertia to the Utility Grid



Reference: Gupta, Vishu et al. Brief Understanding of Inertia in the Smart Grid, Its Challenges and Solutions, November 2020.

- <u>Grid Stability</u> Inertia is a stabilizing force that keeps the utility grid stable when electricity supply and demand fluctuate.
- <u>Rotating Equipment</u> Inertia is primarily provided by large rotating equipment such as generators in coal and/or combined cycle gas power plants.
- <u>Solar/Wind Impact</u> Solar and wind energy sources don't possess the same mechanical inertia as rotating generators, so inertia is lost when solar/wind replace natural gas and coal.
- <u>Sage's Technologies</u> Our energy storage and geothermal baseload technologies use rotating equipment and will help stabilize the grid by replacing inertia lost with solar/wind.



Induced Seismicity / Frac Operations Footprint

There is a low risk of induced seismicity with Sage's EGS technologies

- Low-rate gravity frac Use low pump rates to allow heavy frac fluid to work through gravity fracturing.
- **Zero voidage** On whole, we do not add or subtract fluid from the subsurface during cyclic operations once the frac network is created.
- Avoid natural faults/fractures Unlike O&G and most geothermal designs, we seek low permeability rock and avoid natural faults/fractures, the main source of induced seismicity.
- Small lateral reach We do not connect wells in the subsurface, resulting in a much smaller lateral extent as compared to 2-well EGS.
- Utilize small rig pumps Rig pumps are used for gravity fracturing operations versus a traditional frac fleet, which can destroy local roads.

