

# Prospects for Early Deployment of Power Plants Employing Carbon Capture

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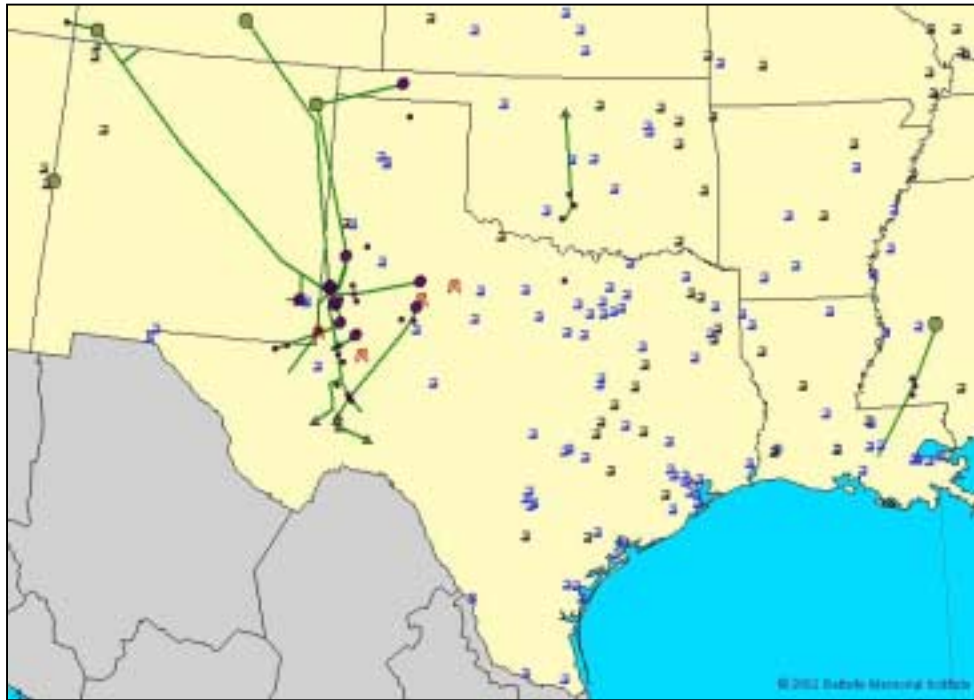


# CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR: The U.S. Landscape



- 66 Projects: > 190,000 bbl/day enhanced production
- 5 CO<sub>2</sub> Domes: > 1300 MMcfd, 30 TCF recoverable reserves (50+ years worth)
- Other CO<sub>2</sub> Sources
- CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline Infrastructure

# CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR: The Permian Basin



- 47 Projects: > 155,000 bbl/day enhanced production
- 3 Domes Supplying Majority of CO<sub>2</sub> (> 1Bcfd)
- Gas Processing Plants Supplying Remainder
- CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline Infrastructure (1900+ Miles)

# CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR: California Prospects



- Many experts believe next largest opportunity outside Permian Basin
- CO<sub>2</sub> Demand Estimate: 3-5 Tcf
- Mature Fields in San Joaquin and Los Angeles Basins
- Pilot Study On-Going
- Success Could Lead to Recovery of Billions of Barrels of Trapped Oil

# Some Risks in Building and Operating Electric Power Generators

- **Technical Risk**
  - Construction cost overrun
  - Delay in start up
  - Equipment fails to achieve design performance
  - Unscheduled down time
- **Regulatory Risk**
  - Construction permits delayed/denied
  - Operating permits delayed/redefined
  - Emission standards tightened
- **Supply Risk**
  - Price increase for fuel, etc.
- **Market Risk**
  - Reduced demand/reduced selling price of products



# Cost & Performance Data for Fossil Generators

<u>Technology</u>	<u>Thermal Efficiency, HHV, %</u>	<u>Carbon Emissions, kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh</u>	<u>Total Plant Cost, \$/kW</u>	<u>LCOE @ 80% cf, Mills/kWh</u>
NGCC-H	53.6	0.338	496	30.7
NGCC-H 90% capture	43.3	0.04	943	48.8
IGCC-H	43.1	0.718	1263	45.1
IGCC-H 90% capture	37.0	0.073	1642	56.4
Source: "Evaluation of Fossil Fuel Power Plants with CO <sub>2</sub> Removal," EPRI, 2000 <a href="http://www.netl.doe.gov/product/power1/gasification/30_publications.htm">http://www.netl.doe.gov/product/power1/gasification/30_publications.htm</a>				



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# Study Methodology

- **Fossil generators practicing capture & sequestration commercial in 2010.**
- **Plant book life 20 years.**
- **“AEO2002” NEMS output to estimate expected prices in California (*or a region that includes CA*)**
  - Price of electricity received by generators
  - Price of natural gas to generators
  - Price of coal to generators
  - Price of World Oil (determines value of CO<sub>2</sub> based on linear correlation developed for Permian basin)



## Study Methodology (2)

- **Historic data for prices to estimate variability (standard deviation) in 2010-2030.**
- **Expressions for Required Selling Price of Electricity (RSPOE) for**
  - NGCC
  - NGCC+S
  - IGCC+S
- **Cost components of RSPOE**
  - Fixed O&M
  - Var. O&M
  - Consumables
  - Byproduct credit including CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Fuel
  - Capital charges





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## Study Methodology (3)

- In expressions for RSPOE, fuel costs and CO<sub>2</sub> value are probabilistic variables.
- In expressions for Return on Common Stock Equity, RSPOE and price of electricity received by generators are probabilistic variables.
- All prices expressed as constant year 2000 dollars and cents.



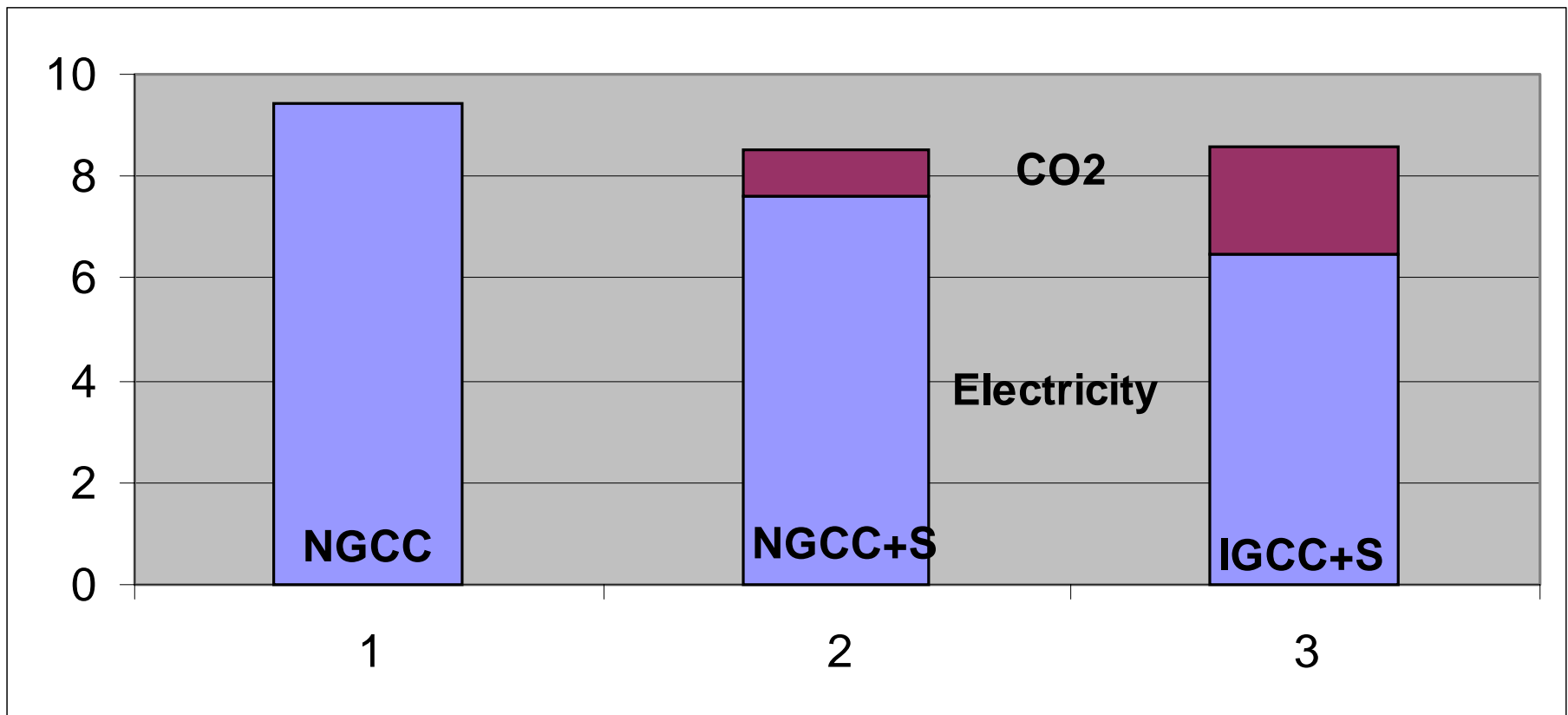
# Capital Structure for Plant Investment

	Percent of Total	Rate of Return	
		<u>Current \$</u>	<u>Constant \$</u>
Debt	45	9	5.83
Pref. Stock	10	8.5	5.34
<u>Com. Stock</u>	<u>45</u>	12	8.74
Total	100		

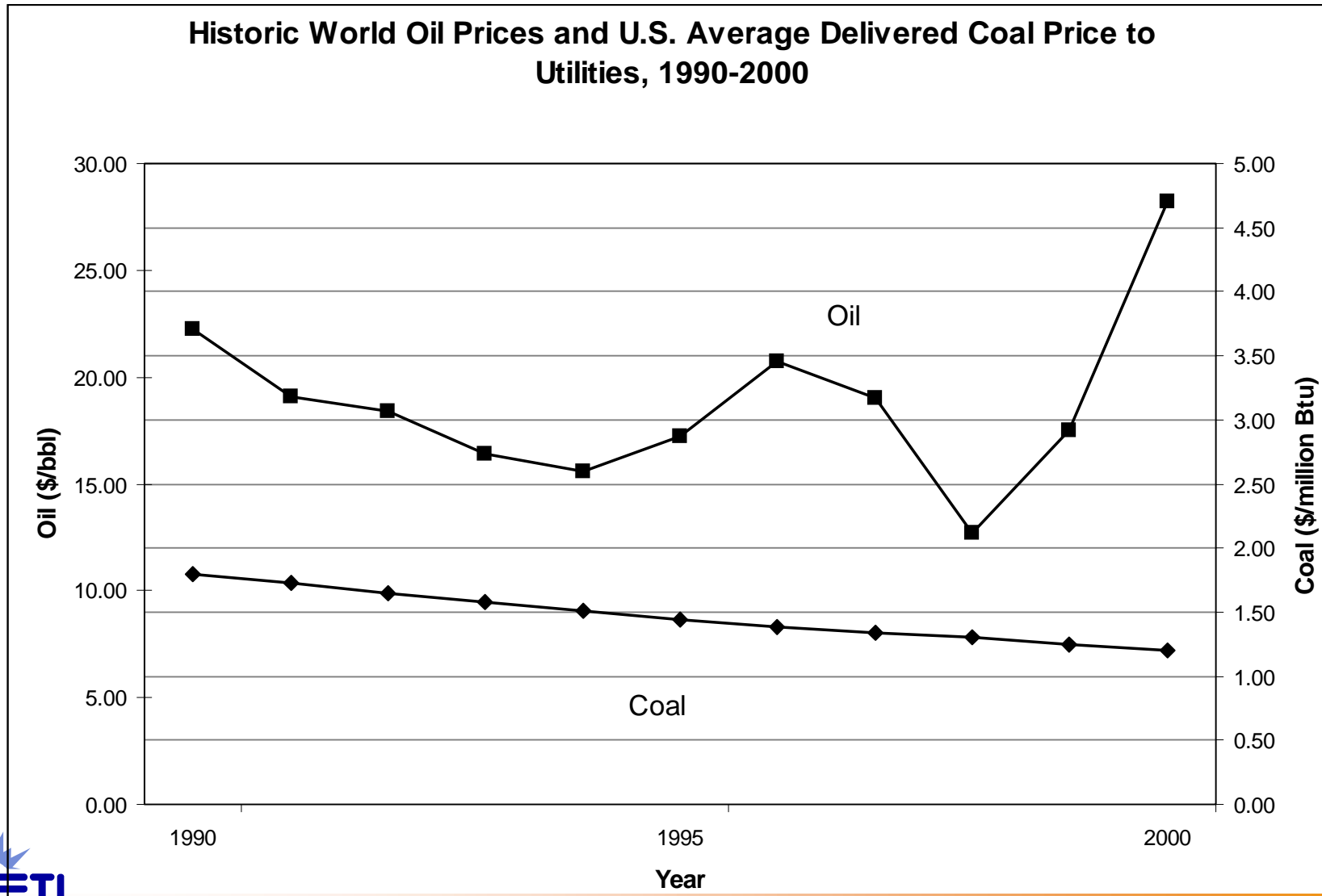


# Typical Product Revenue per Million Btu Fuel Consumption, Dollars

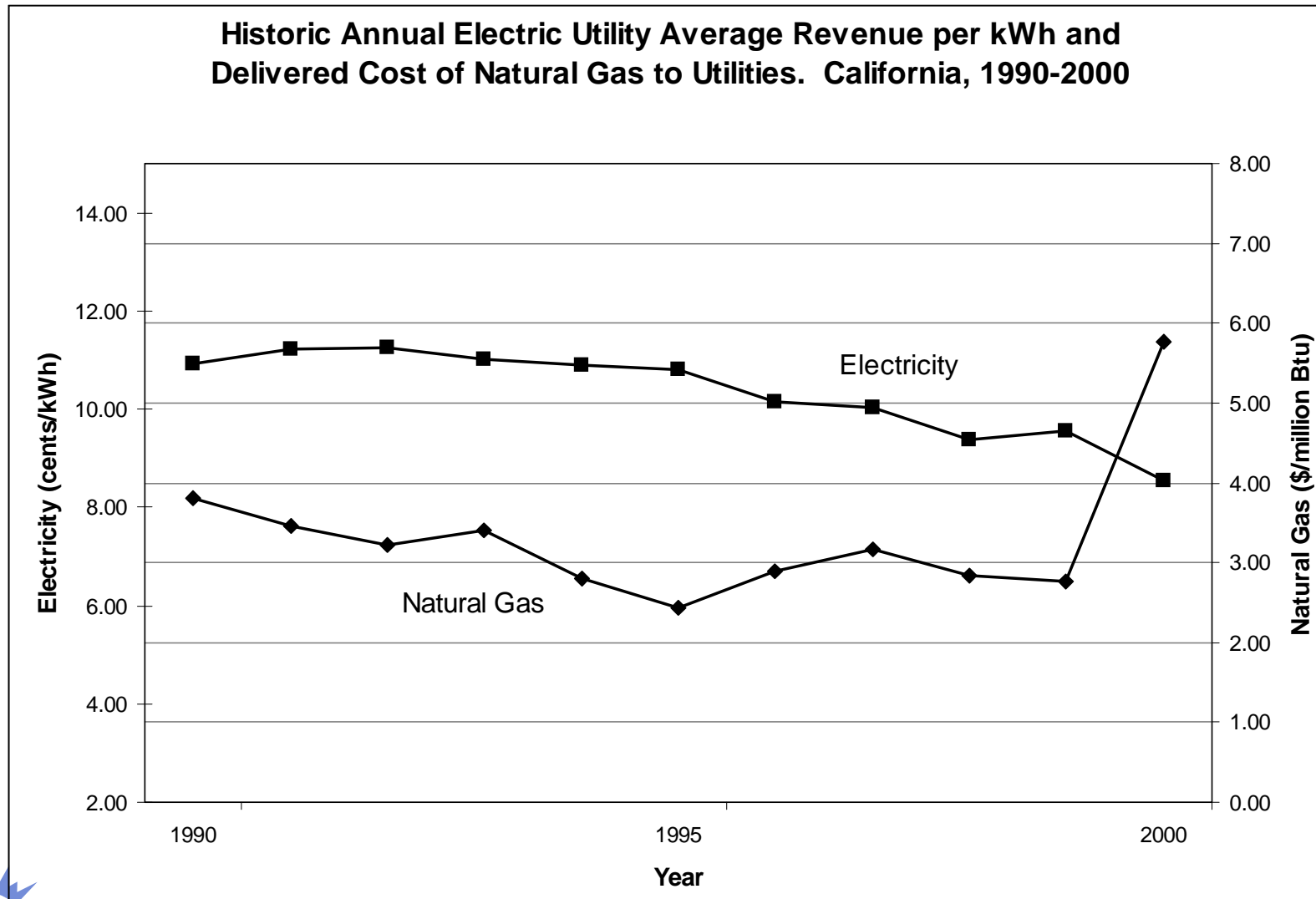
(6 cent/kWh electricity, \$19/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>, or \$1.00/Mcf)



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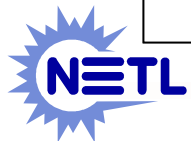
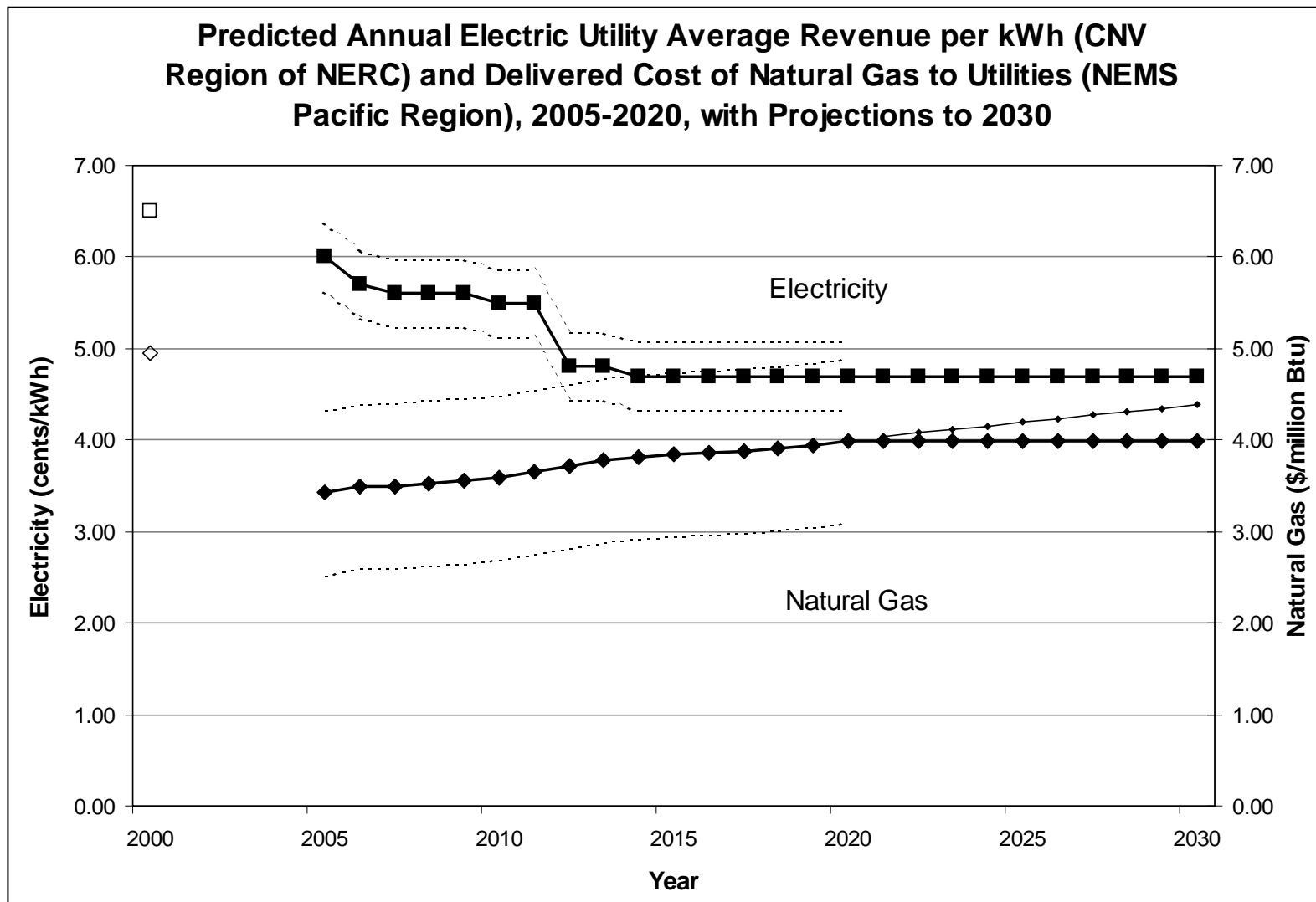


# Price Variability, 1990-2000

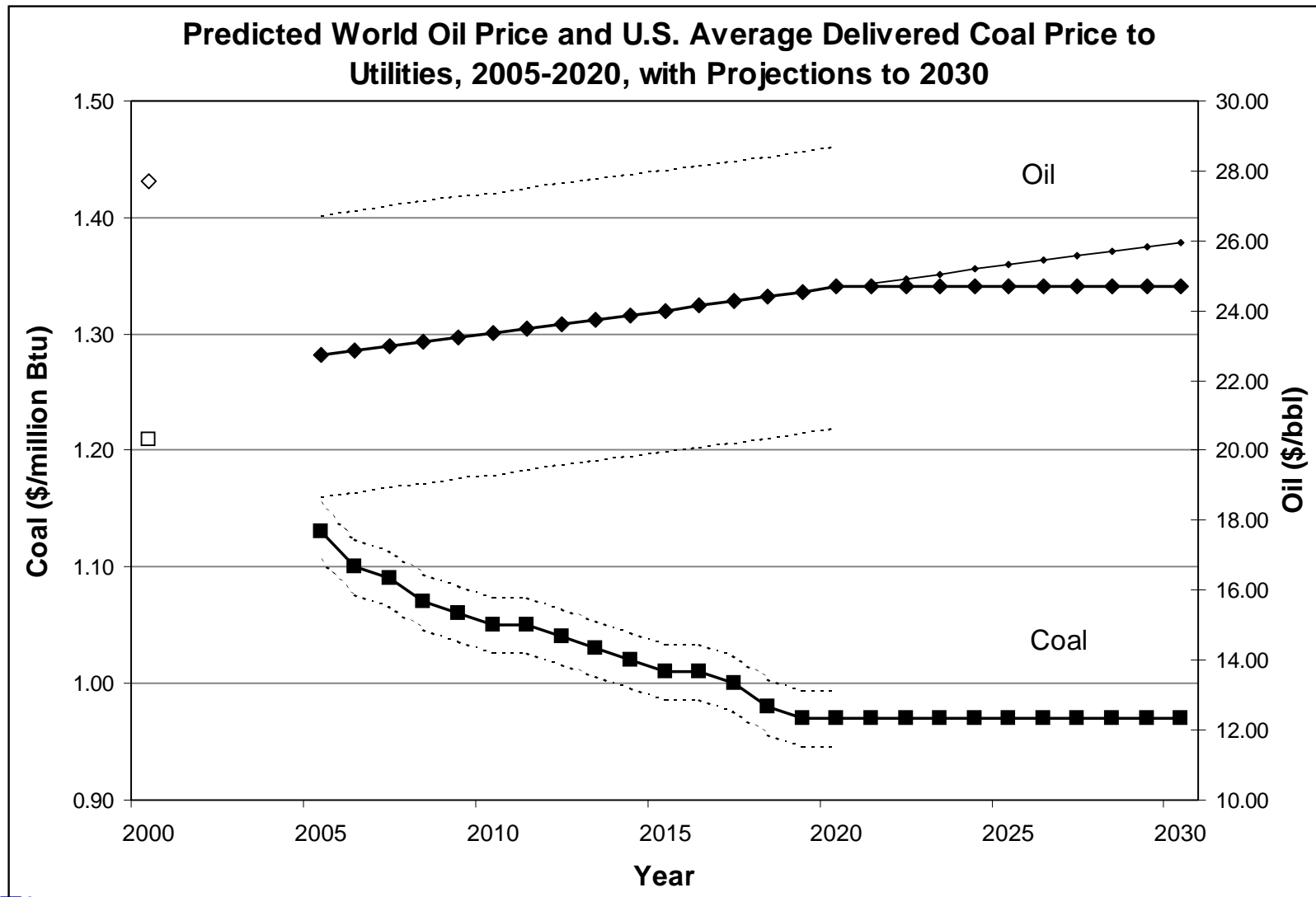
<u>Price</u>	<u>Data Set</u>	<u>Std. Dev.</u>
Nat. Gas	Deliv. Cost to CA Utilities	\$0.90/mill. btu
Coal	Deliv. Cost to U.S. Utilities	\$0.024/mill. Btu
Oil	World Oil	\$4.03/bbl
Electricity	Avg. Revenue to CA Generators	0.37 cent/kWh



# Predicted Prices with Std. Devs.

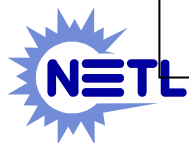
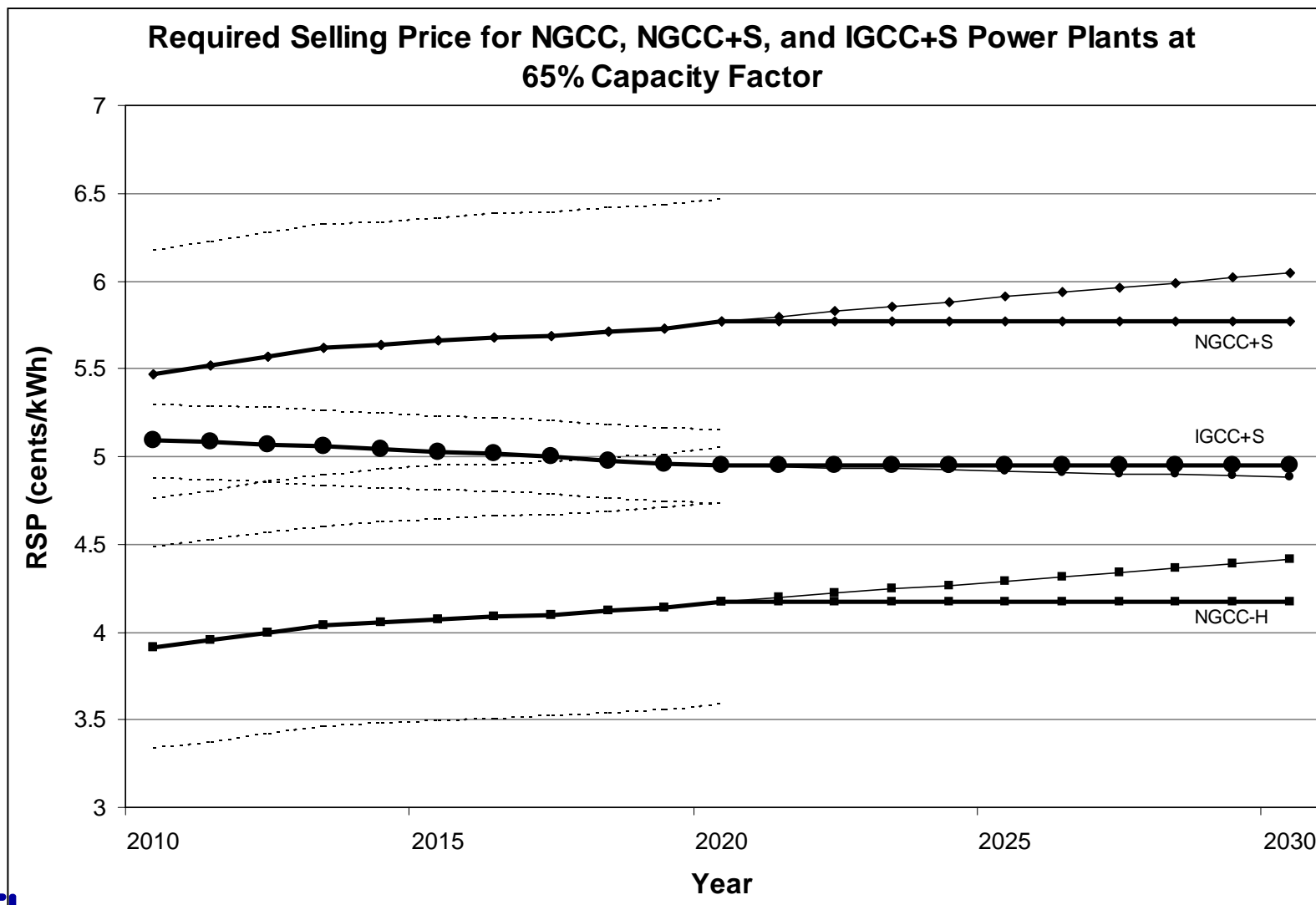


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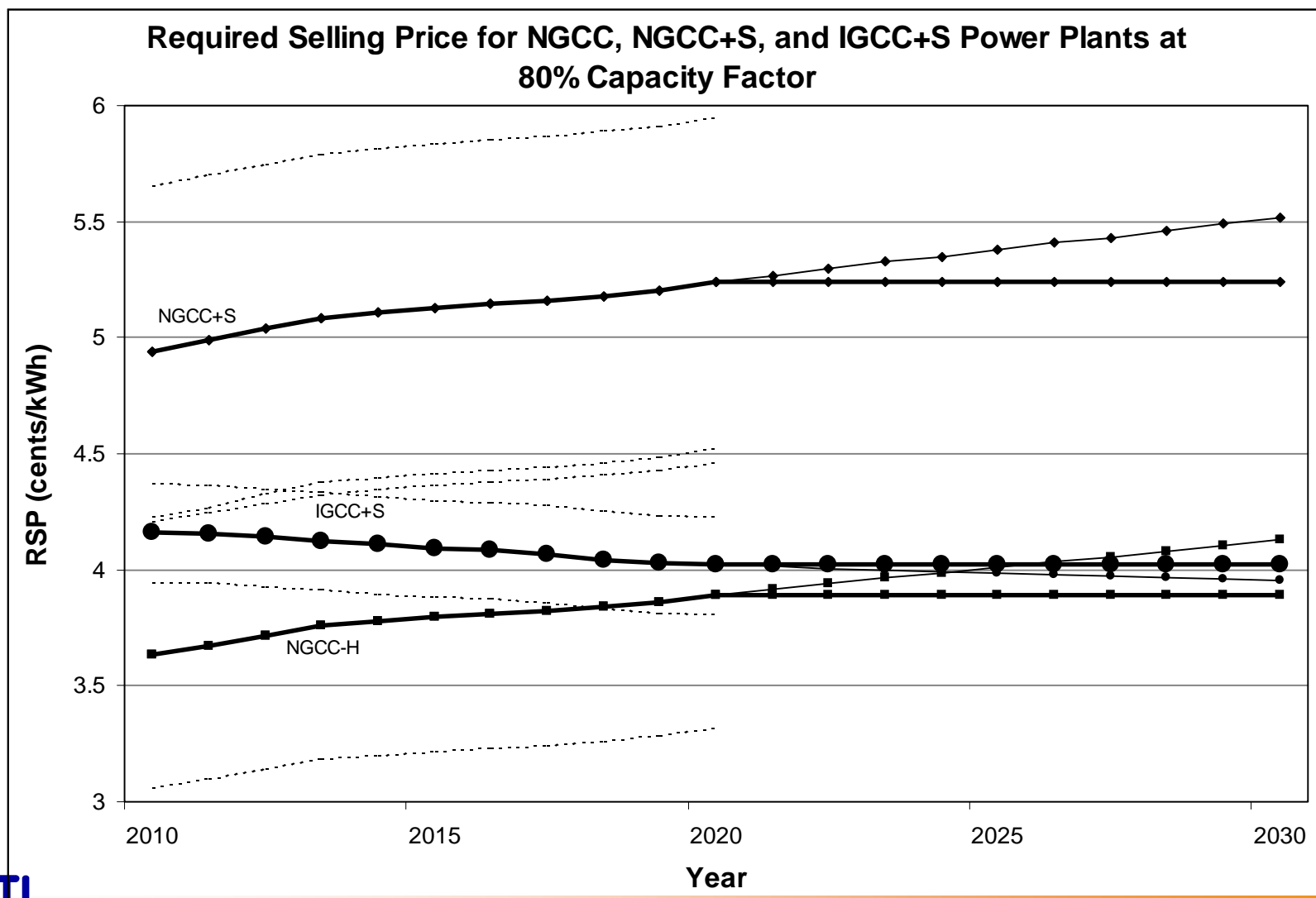




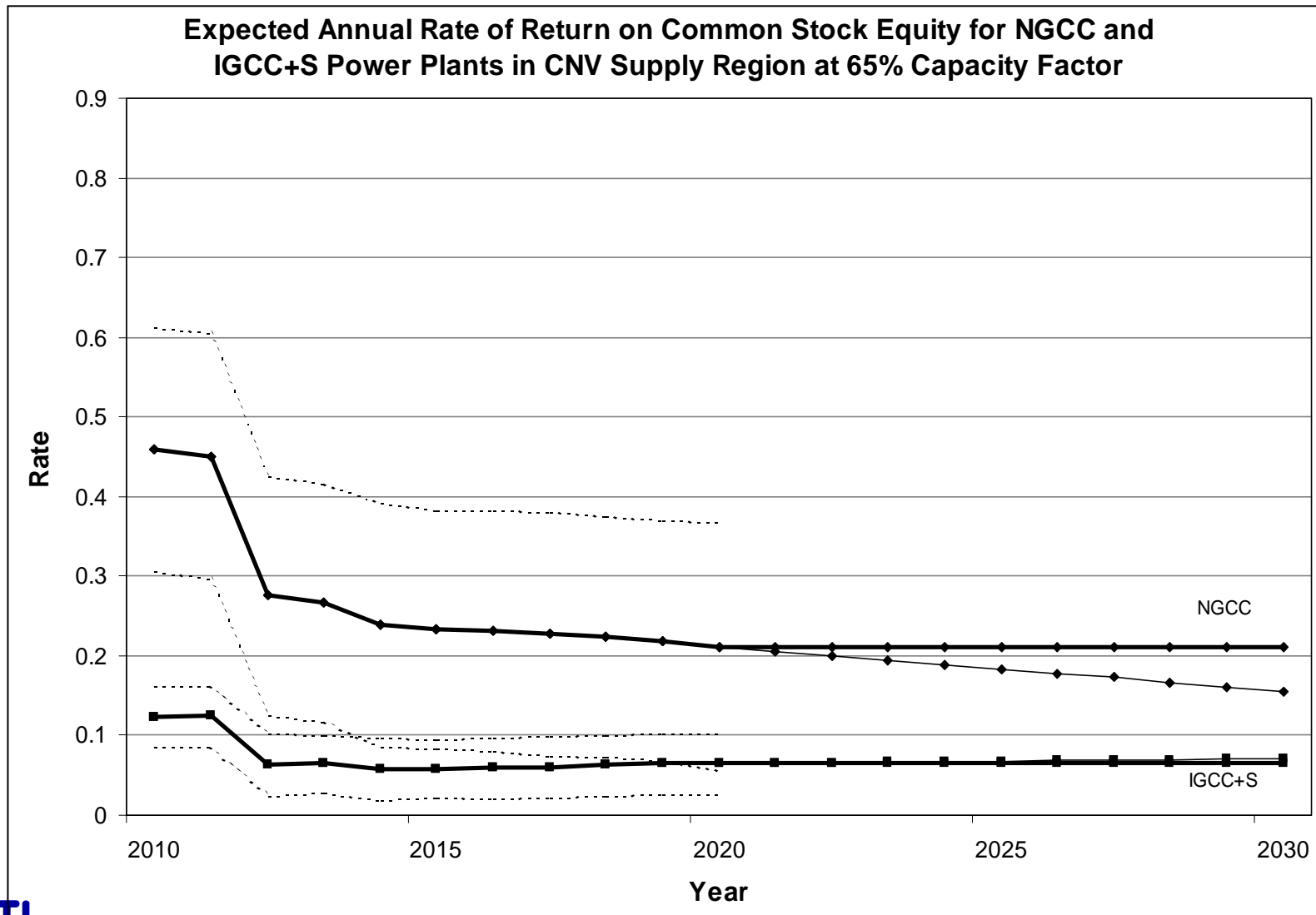
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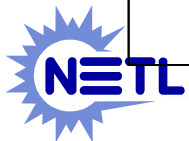
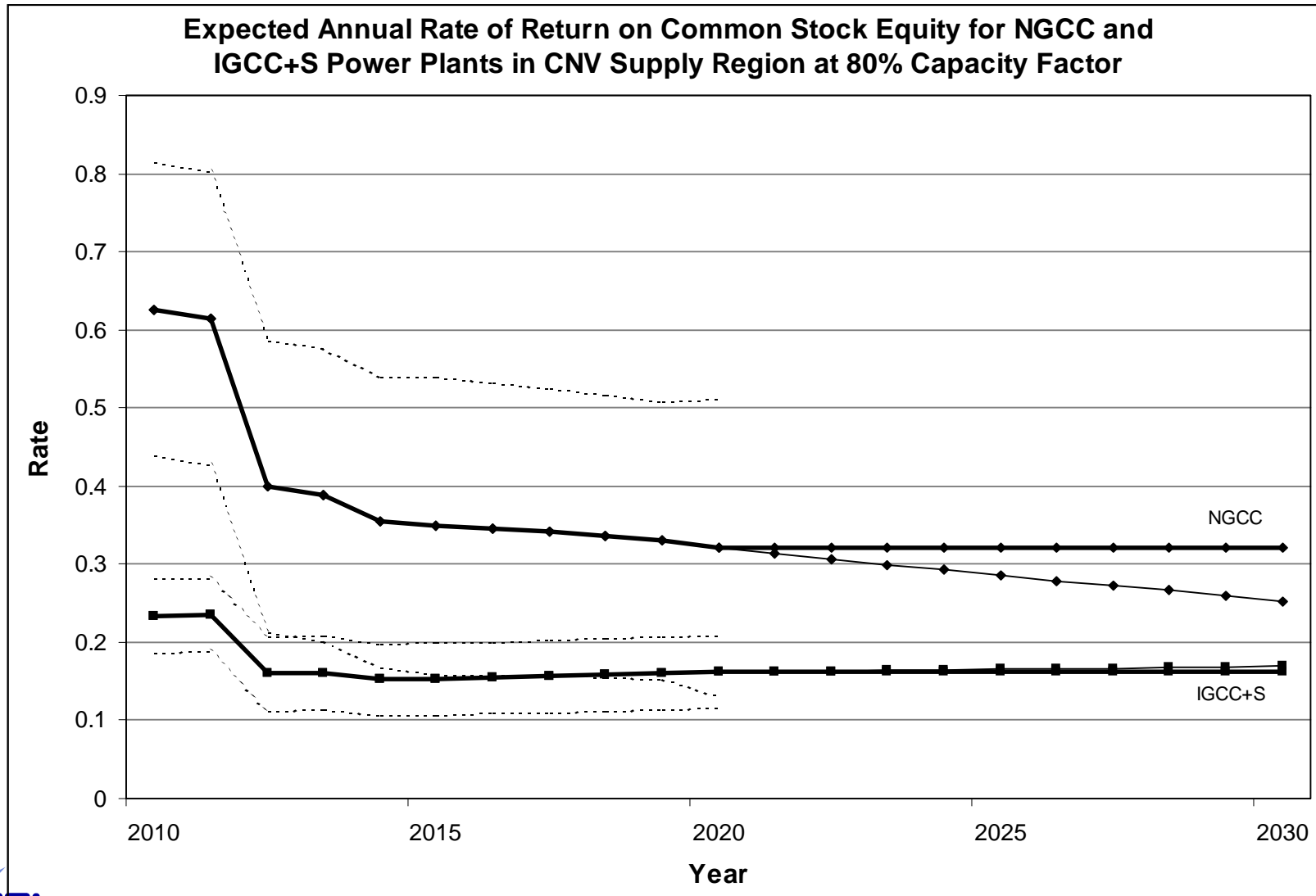
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## Results

- When there is a market for CO<sub>2</sub>, IGCC+S is profitable without regulatory incentive for carbon capture.
- NGCC has lowest RSPOE and highest return on investment over entire period.
- NGCC+S has highest RSPOE and greatest uncertainty in RSPOE, i.e. it is Weakest Link.
- Use of expected prices specific to CA could change results, probably in favor of IGCC+S.
- Standard deviation of RSPOE for NGCC three times larger than for IGCC+S.
- Probability of negative return on common stock greater for NGCC than for IGCC+S.

