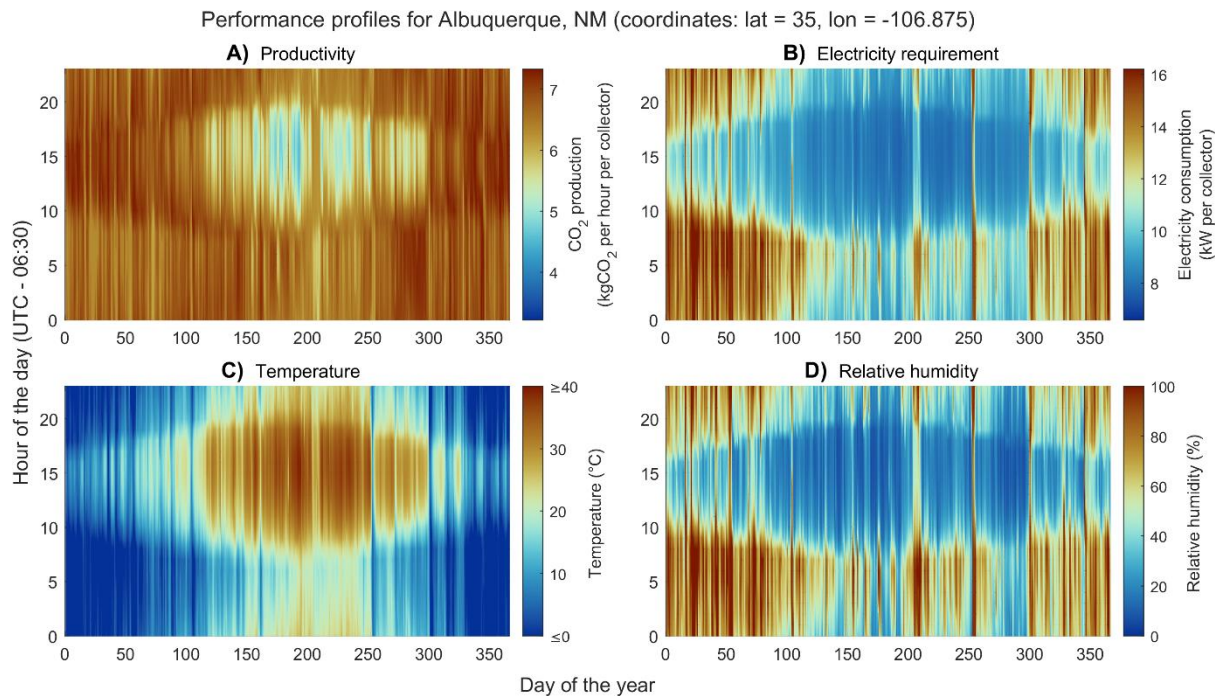


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## 2 Supplementary Figures

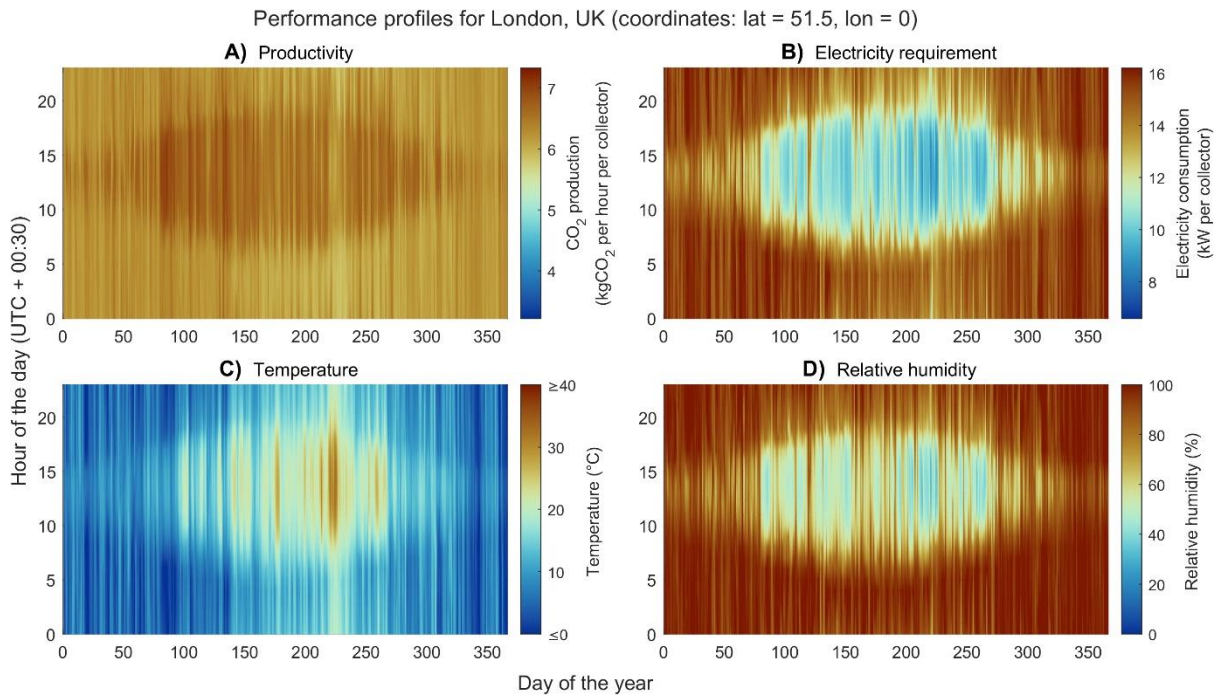
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5 **Figure S1. Hourly DAC performance and ambient condition for Albuquerque, NW (cold dry climate)**  
6 **using 2020 data.** Hourly production and electricity consumption assume steady production  
7 equivalent to a large scale plant where process cycles for different collectors are synchronized.

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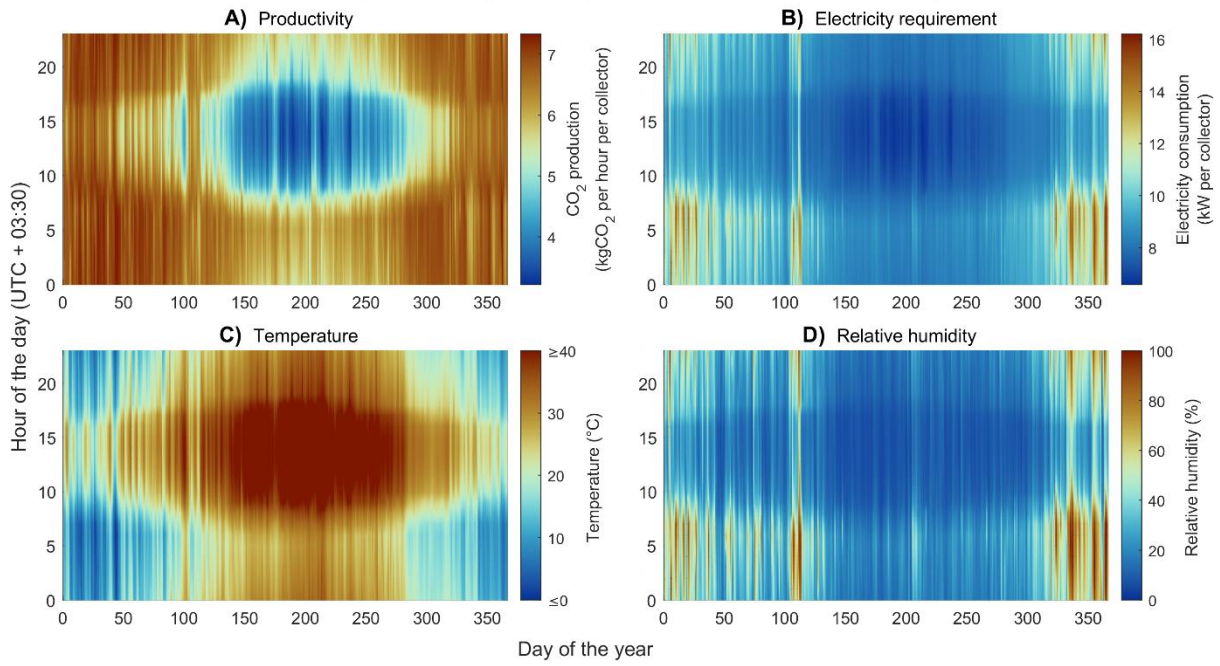


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10 **Figure S2. Hourly DAC performance and ambient condition for London, UK (cold humid climate)**  
 11 **using 2020 data.** Hourly production and electricity consumption assume steady production  
 12 equivalent to a large scale plant where process cycles for different collectors are synchronized.

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Performance profiles for Riyadh, SA (coordinates: lat = 24.5, lon = 46.875)



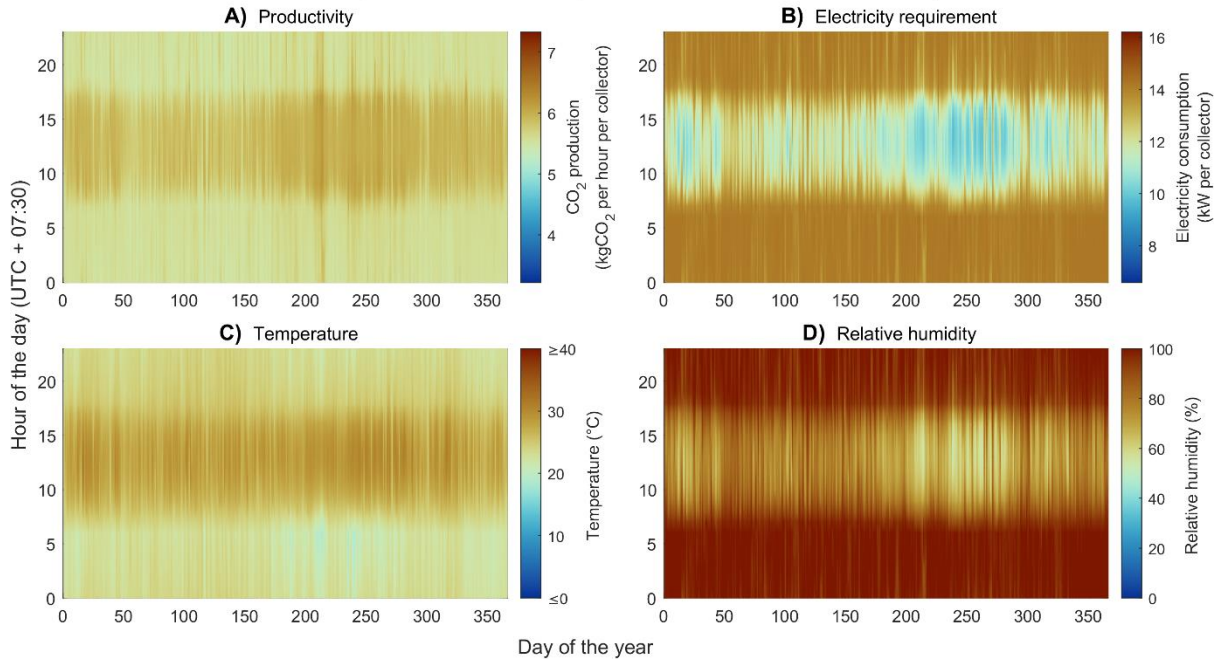
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15 **Figure S3. Hourly DAC performance and ambient condition for Riyadh, SA (Hot dry climate) using**  
16 **2020 data.** Hourly production and electricity consumption assume steady production equivalent to a  
17 large scale plant where process cycles for different collectors are synchronized.

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Performance profiles for Jakarta, ID (coordinates: lat = -6.5, lon = 106.875)

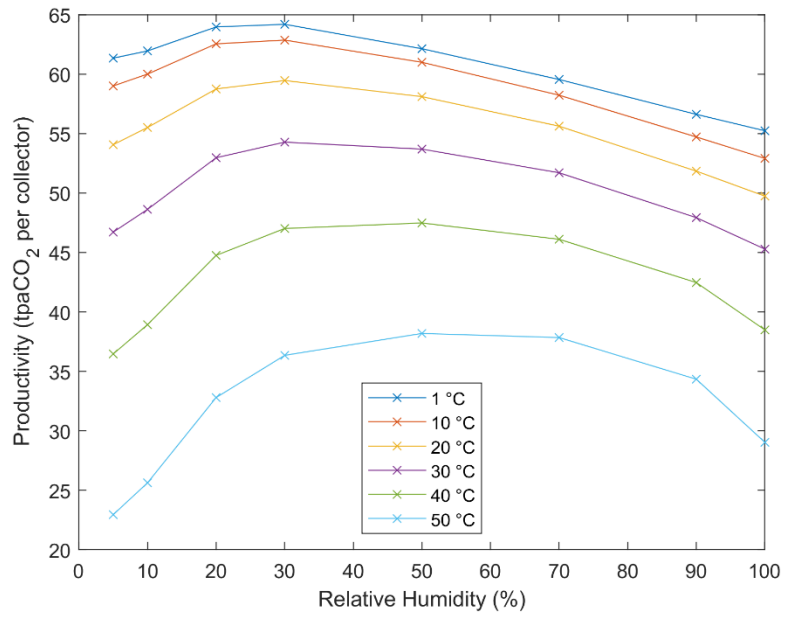


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21 **Figure S4. Hourly DAC performance and ambient condition for Jakarta, ID (Hot humid climate)**  
22 **using 2020 data.** Hourly production and electricity consumption assume steady production  
23 equivalent to a large scale plant where process cycles for different collectors are synchronized.

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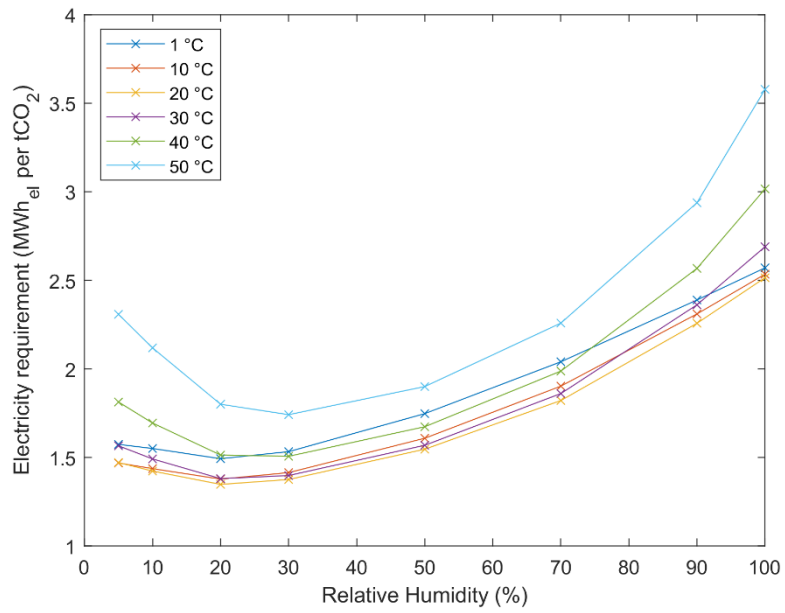
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27 **Figure S5. Effect of relative humidity and temperature on productivity (tpaCO<sub>2</sub> per collector).** It can  
 28 be seen that both temperature and relative humidity have an observable effect on process  
 29 productivity.

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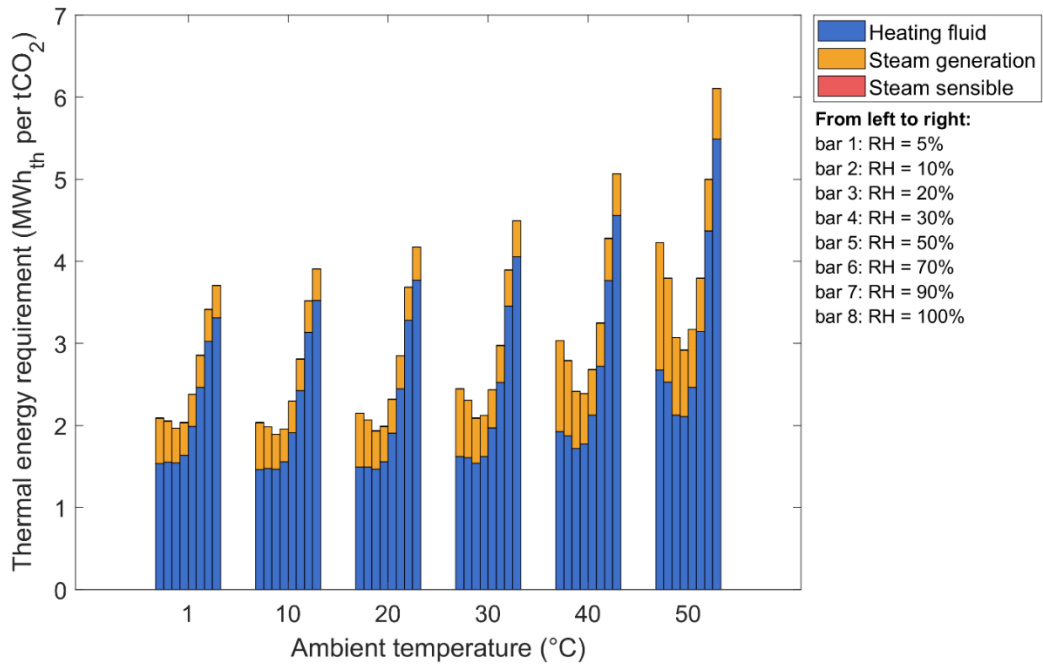
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**Figure S6. Effect of relative humidity and temperature on electricity requirement (MWh<sub>el</sub> per tCO<sub>2</sub>).** It can be seen that relative humidity has a more pronounced effect (than temperature) on the total electricity requirement.



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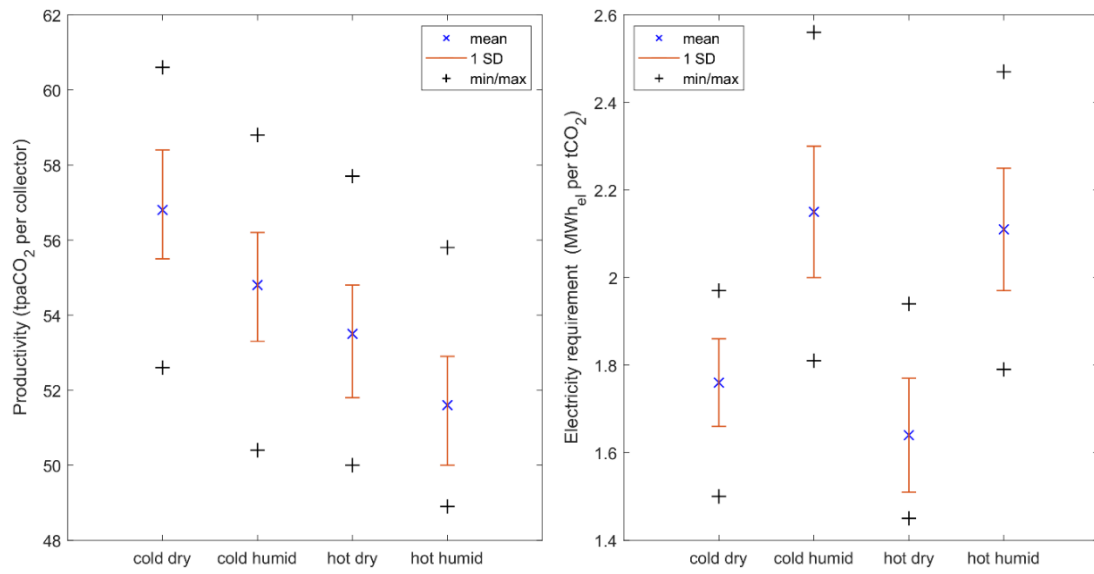
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**Figure S7. Thermal energy requirement breakdown.** The thermal energy requirement for preheating the steam water supply is zero for all conditions as this heat requirement is met by the recovered heat from compressing the process gasses (Experimental Procedures).



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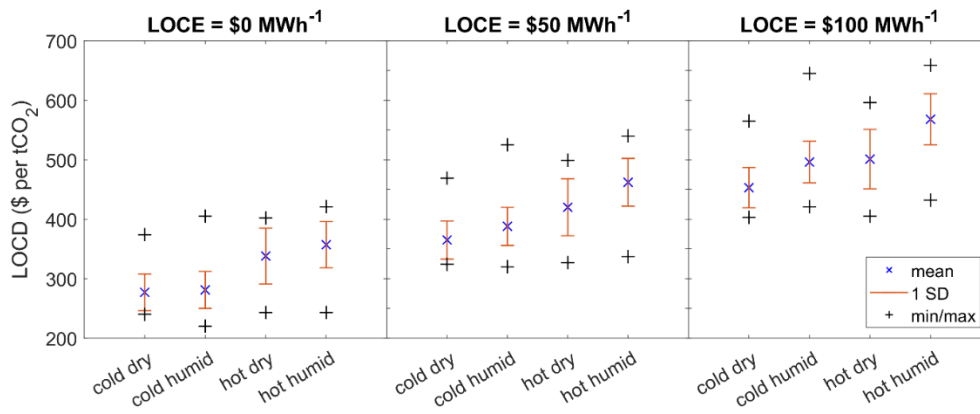
**Figure S8. Global DAC performance data visualization.** The variation in DAC performance is mainly due to the effect of regional climate. SD is standard deviation. Please find details about the calculation of standard deviation in Note S.7

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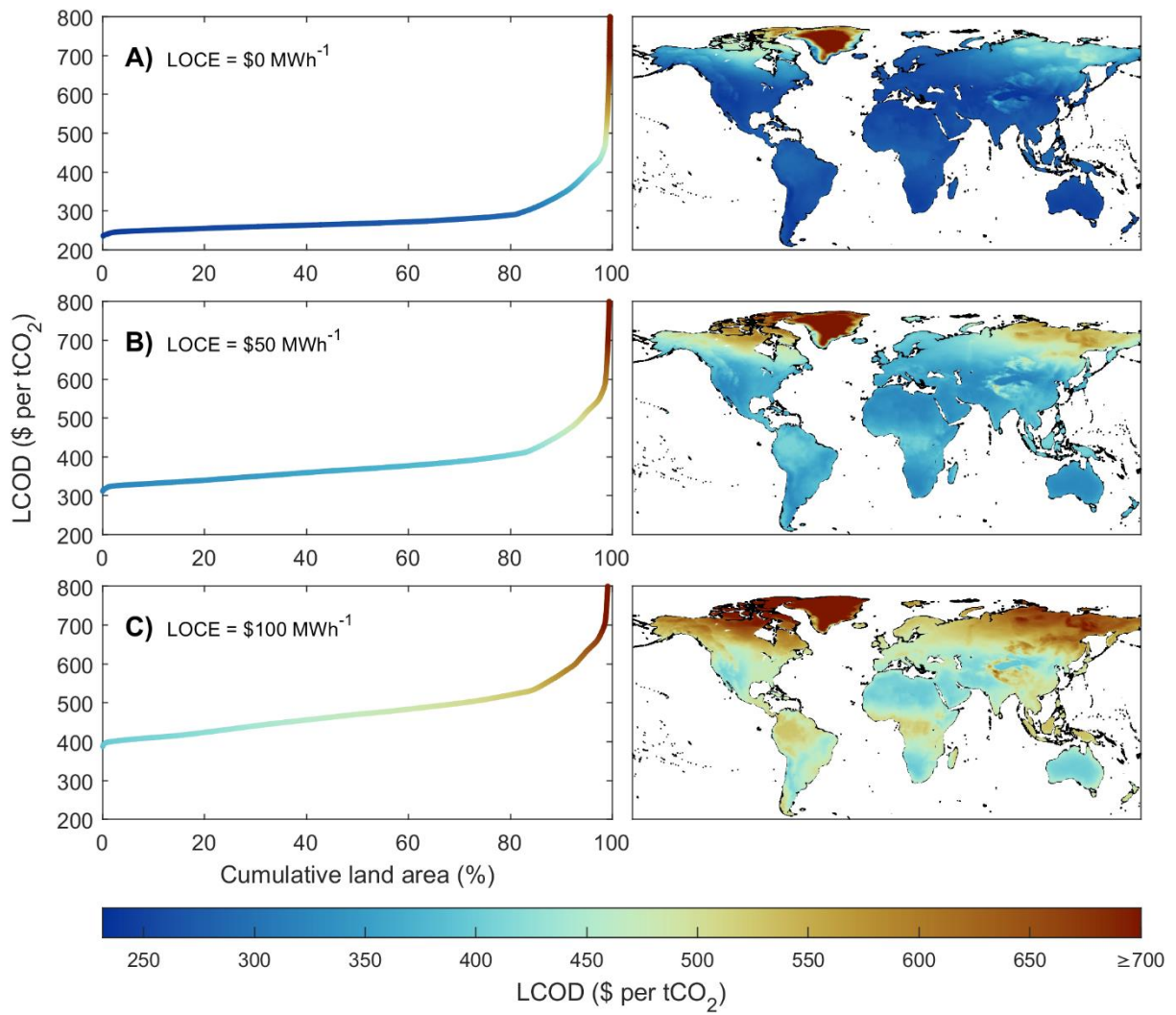


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54 **Figure S9. LCD at different climate conditions and LCOEs.** The variation in LCD is due to the  
 55 variation of regional DAC performance (due to the variation in regional climate) and WACC. SD is the  
 56 standard deviation. Please find details about the calculation of standard deviation in Note S.7.

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60 **Figure S10. Global DAC supply curves at different LOCEs when WACC is fixed at 5%. Here, the**  
 61 **variation in LCOD is mainly due to the variation of DAC performance affected by regional climate.**

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63 **Supplementary Tables**64 **Table S1. Economic analysis assumptions.**

	<b>Purchased cost<sup>a</sup></b>		<b>Lifetime (years)</b>	<b>Source</b>
<b>CO<sub>2</sub> collector</b>	20,000	\$ per collector	25	<sup>b</sup> Based on a mid-sized car
<b>Fan</b>	0.89 <sup>c</sup>	\$ per (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	25	<sup>1</sup>
<b>Vacuum pump, Compressor, and heat pumps<sup>d</sup></b>	312,547	\$ per MW <sub>el</sub>	25	<sup>1</sup>
<b>Sorbent</b>	2,000	\$ per ton sorbent	4	<sup>2</sup>

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66 <sup>a</sup> All costs are adjusted to 2020 using CE index = 596.2.

67 <sup>b</sup> The CO<sub>2</sub> collector cost can be estimated based on the similarity of the materials used to manufacture  
68 it compared to cars<sup>3,4</sup>, including steel, aluminium, plastics, insulation, etc. Similar to a car, the CO<sub>2</sub>  
69 collector is modular; therefore, it can be manufactured using similar process methods used for car  
70 manufacturing. Moreover, a material assessment of the CO<sub>2</sub> collector can estimate the amount of  
71 materials needed for each collector. Each collector has 6 square-shaped steel walls, two of which are  
72 movable, with each side having dimensions of around 1.45 m. Assuming a wall thickness of 0.01 m,  
73 the total steel weight needed is 990 kg at a density of 7850 kg per m<sup>3</sup>. Each collector has 88 frames.  
74 Each frame consists of 21.3 m of aluminium tubes with a diameter of 0.01 m and a thickness of 0.001  
75 m. Thus, each collector contains 242 kg of aluminium tubes at a density of 2710 kg per m<sup>3</sup>. Aluminium  
76 mesh is used to improve the bed thermal conductivity where each frame contains 1.9 kg of aluminium  
77 mesh based on the ratio used in Climeworks patent<sup>3</sup>, resulting in an additional 166.5 kg of aluminium  
78 per collector. Additional aluminium and plastic are used for C-profiles, sturts, wedge spacers and  
79 sealing strips at a ratio of 0.53 kg per frame or 46.5 kg per collector. Based on this calculation, the  
80 material needed for one collector is around 1446 kg per collector, including steel, aluminium and  
81 plastic. This can be compared to a mid-sized car's average weight of around 1500 kg (ref<sup>5</sup>).

82 <sup>c</sup> CAPEX (Experimental Procedures).

83 <sup>d</sup> Heat pumps are estimated based on the main process equipment (compressors) cost, then  
84 adjusted to account for the total installed cost, including auxiliary equipment using Lang Factor  
85 (Experimental Procedures).

86 **Note S1: adsorption model parameters**

87 The table below summarizes the model parameters used for the adsorption model.

88 Adsorption model parameters.

	Symbol	Value	Unit	Source
<b>Bed</b>				
Width of the sorbent bed	$b$	1.43	m	
Height of the sorbent bed	$h$	0.1	m	
Length of the sorbent bed	$l$	$1.72 \times 10^{-2}$	m	
Solid density	$\rho_s$	812.2	$\text{kg m}^{-3}$	6
Envelope density	$\rho_e$	635.2	$\text{kg m}^{-3}$	7
Bulk density	$\rho_b$	356.4	$\text{kg m}^{-3}$	Calculated
Internal porosity	$\varepsilon_p$	0.22		Calculated
Total porosity	$\varepsilon_t$	0.56		Calculated
Particle size	$d_p$	$7.5 \times 10^{-4}$	m	7
Thermal conductivity of sorbent and bed	$k_{eff}$	$0.16 \times 3.6$	$\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$	Estimated from <sup>3,8</sup>
Heat capacity of sorbent and bed	$Cp_s$	$1.5 + 0.38$	$\text{kJ kg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$	Sorbent <sup>6</sup> bed <sup>3</sup>
<b>Feed</b>				
Feed gas velocity	$u_{feed}$	0.028	$\text{m s}^{-1}$	
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>				
Heat capacity of adsorbed CO <sub>2</sub>	$Cp_{CO_2,ads}$	2.0	$\text{kJ kg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$	8
Heat capacity of CO <sub>2(g)</sub>	$Cp_{CO_2,g}$	0.86	$\text{kJ kg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$	8
Heat of adsorption of CO <sub>2</sub>	$\Delta h_{ads,CO_2}$	70	$\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	7
Mass transfer coefficient of CO <sub>2</sub>	$k_{CO_2}$	$3 \times 10^{-3}$	$\text{s}^{-1}$	7
Specific volume of adsorbed CO <sub>2</sub>	$v_{CO_2,ads}$	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	$\text{m}^3 \text{kg}^{-1}$	8
Molecular weight of CO <sub>2</sub>	$MW_{CO_2}$	$44 \times 10^{-3}$	$\text{kg mol}^{-1}$	
Concentration of CO <sub>2</sub>	$y_{CO_2}$	400	ppm	
<b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b>				
Heat capacity of adsorbed H <sub>2</sub> O	$Cp_{H_2O,ads}$	4.19	$\text{kJ kg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$	8
Heat capacity of H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>(g)</sub>	$Cp_{H_2O,g}$	1.9	$\text{kJ kg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$	8
Heat of adsorption of H <sub>2</sub> O	$\Delta h_{ads,H_2O}$	46	$\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	7
Mass transfer coefficient of H <sub>2</sub> O	$k_{H_2O}$	$8.6 \times 10^{-3}$	$\text{s}^{-1}$	7
Specific volume of adsorbed H <sub>2</sub> O	$v_{H_2O,ads}$	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	$\text{m}^3 \text{kg}^{-1}$	8
Molecular weight of H <sub>2</sub> O	$MW_{H_2O}$	$18 \times 10^{-3}$	$\text{kg mol}^{-1}$	
Concentration of H <sub>2</sub> O	$y_{H_2O}$	<sup>a</sup>	$\text{mol H}_2\text{O mol}^{-1}$	
<b>Air (mostly N<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>)</b>				
Heat capacity of air <sub>(g)</sub>	$Cp_{air,g}$	1.01	$\text{kJ kg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$	8
Molecular weight of air	$MW_{air}$	$28.97 \times 10^{-3}$	$\text{kg mol}^{-1}$	
Concentration of air	$y_{air}$	<sup>b</sup>	$\text{mol air mol}^{-1}$	
<b>Diffusion</b>				
Average diffusion coefficient	$D_0$	$2.2 \times 10^{-5}$	$\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$	8

89 <sup>a</sup>The concentration of H<sub>2</sub>O varies based on the relative humidity.

90 <sup>b</sup>The concentration of air varies based on the concentration of H<sub>2</sub>O which calculated as

91  $1 - y_{CO_2} - y_{H_2O}$

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93 The following are some comments regarding the model parameters.

- 94 • The reported sorbent envelope density is 630–710 kg m<sup>-3</sup> (Young et al.<sup>7</sup>). 635.2 kg m<sup>-3</sup> is used  
95 here as the envelope density to simplify the analysis. At this envelope density, each CO<sub>2</sub>  
96 collector contains 1000 kg of sorbent. Solid density ( $\rho_s$ ), envelope density ( $\rho_e$ ), and bulk  
97 density ( $\rho_b$ ) are defined in Equations 1–3 where  $V_T$ ,  $V_X$ ,  $V_P$ , and  $M$  are total system volume,  
98 external void volume, internal void volume (pore volume), and mass.

$$\rho_s = \frac{M_{particles}}{V_T - V_X - V_P} \quad (1)$$

$$\rho_e = \frac{M_{particles}}{V_T - V_X} \quad (2)$$

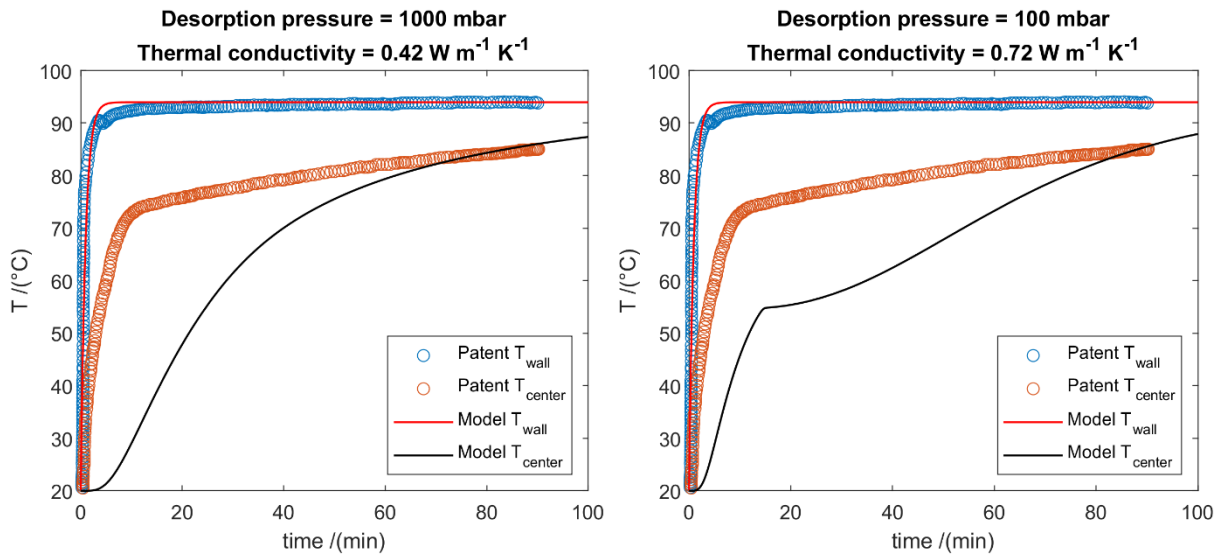
$$\rho_b = \frac{M_{particles}}{V_T} \quad (3)$$

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- 100 • When calculating the bed porosity, it was assumed that the aluminium mesh occupies around  
101 3.8% of the sorbent cell, based on an estimate from the patent<sup>3</sup>.

- 102 • The reported particle diameter for the modelled sorbent is in the range of  $3.15 \times 10^{-4}$  –  
103  $1.25 \times 10^{-3}$  m (Young et al.<sup>7</sup>).  $7.5 \times 10^{-4}$  m is used, which is around the average, as at this particle  
104 diameter, the pressure drop for  $1 \times 10^{-2}$  m thickness bed is around 1 mbar when air velocity is  
105  $0.028$  m s<sup>-1</sup>. This pressure drop at this air velocity is aligned with the data presented in the  
106 patent<sup>3</sup>.

- 107 • The thermal conductivity of the sorbent bed was estimated from the patent testing<sup>3</sup>. In the  
108 testing, a sorbent cell similar to the one modelled here was heated by flowing a heating fluid  
109 through the heating tube with a temperature of 93.6 °C, with the centre of the bed reaching  
110 a temperature of 85 °C after 90 minutes. Process condition information such as the sorbent  
111 condition and desorption pressure for the testing was not reported in the patent. It was  
112 assumed here that the sorbent was saturated with CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O under an ambient condition  
113 of 20°C and RH of 40%. Two desorption pressures were used to estimate the thermal  
114 conductivity: 1000 mbar and 100 mbar. The figure below shows the model fit on the patent  
115 testing data and the estimated thermal conductivity for the two desorption pressures which  
116 is in the range of  $0.42$ – $0.72$  W m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>. It was not possible to obtain an exact fit, mainly due  
117 to the missing process information from the patent. However, in both fits, the bed centre  
118 temperature reached around 85 °C within 90 minutes. The sorbent used in the patent was  
119 amine-functionalized cellulose which has a thermal conductivity of  $44.5 \times 10^{-3}$  W m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup><sup>8</sup>.  
120 Considering the calculated thermal conductivity ( $0.42$ – $0.72$  W m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>), this corresponds to an  
121 improvement between 9–16 times the thermal conductivity of cellulose by incorporating the  
122 aluminium mesh design, which is probably reasonable given that aluminium thermal  
123 conductivity is  $205$  W m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>. For Lewatit VP OC 1065, the thermal conductivity is  $0.16$  W m<sup>-1</sup>  
124 K<sup>-1</sup> (Young et al.<sup>7</sup>). It is assumed that the thermal conductivity of the modelled bed using  
125 Lewatit VP OC 1065 is the average of the fitted range, which is  $0.57$  W m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>. This implies  
126 that the thermal conductivity of the bed did not improve when Lewatit VP OC 1065, with  
127 better thermal conductivity, was used instead of the cellulose sorbent. Also, thermal  
128 conductivity of the bed has been improved by 3.6 times compared to the Lewatit VP OC 1065  
129 thermal conductivity when incorporating the aluminium mesh. This might be in the  
130 conservative range given that the thermal conductivity of aluminium is 3 orders of magnitude  
131 larger than Lewatit VP OC 1065.



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### Thermal conductivity patents<sup>3</sup> data fitting.

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- To account for the heating tubes and aluminium mesh heat capacity, 0.38 kJ kg<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup> was added to the sorbent heat capacity based on the ratio used in the frame design reported in Climeworks patent<sup>3</sup>.

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- In Wurzbacher et al.<sup>8</sup> work, it was found that diffusion has a strong effect on the temperature profile of the process especially when operating at vacuum, as diffusion is inversely proportional to pressure. However, their simplified approach using an average value for the 3-component mixture of CO<sub>2</sub>, water and air did not affect the accuracy of the modelling. Therefore, the same approach is adopted in this work.

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## Note S2: Isotherm model parameters

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The following two tables show the isotherm model parameters that are used in this work which is based on Young et al.<sup>7</sup>

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### Mechanistic and WADST co-adsorption model fitting parameters<sup>7</sup>.

Parameter	Value	Unit
$T_0$	298.15	K
$q_{\infty,0}$	4.86	mol kg <sup>-1</sup>
$\kappa$	0	(-)
$b_0$	$2.85 \times 10^{-21}$	Pa <sup>-1</sup>
$-\Delta H_0$	117,798	J mol <sup>-1</sup>
$\tau_0$	0.209	(-)
$\alpha$	0.523	(-)
$\phi_{max}$	1.000	(-)
$f_{blocked,max}$	0.433	(-)
$k$	0.795	kg mol <sup>-1</sup>
$\phi_{dry}$	1.000	(-)
$A$	1.535	mol kg <sup>-1</sup>
$-\Delta H_{wet}$	130,155	J mol <sup>-1</sup>
$n$	1.425	(-)

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147 **GAB model fitting parameters<sup>7</sup>.**

Parameter	Value	Unit
$q_m$	3.63	mol kg <sup>-1</sup>
$C$	47,110	J mol <sup>-1</sup>
$D$	0.023744	K <sup>-1</sup>
$F$	57.706	J mol <sup>-1</sup>
$G$	-47.814	J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>

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149 **Note S3: Adsorption model boundary conditions**

150 The boundary conditions for all simulated cyclic steps are shown in table below where  $N$  is the number  
 151 of finite volume cells.  $\dot{F}$ ,  $A$ ,  $y_i$ ,  $P$  and  $p$  are volumetric flow rate, cross sectional area in the flow  
 152 direction, gas concentration of component  $i$ , total pressure and partial pressure, respectively.  $x$ ,  $y$  and  
 153  $z$  are variables for space as shown in Figure 7. In the 1D model,  $1/2$  represents the boundary wall of  
 154 the first finite volume cell, which is equivalent to  $z = 0$ , and  $N + 1/2$  represents the boundary wall  
 155 of the last finite volume cell, which is equivalent to  $z = l$ .

156 For each cyclic step, the initial conditions for the variables are the final values of the variables from  
 157 the previous step. When there is a transition from the 1D model to the 2D model, the variable average  
 158 over the  $z$ -axis or  $x$ - $y$  plane in case of the 1D model or 2D model, respectively, from the previous step  
 159 is used as an initial condition for the current step.  $k_{BL}$  corresponds to the valve equation controlling  
 160 the pressure where a value of 0.25 s<sup>-1</sup> is used. More detailed of each cyclic step and process  
 161 description is presented in Note S4.

162 **Adsorption model boundary conditions.**

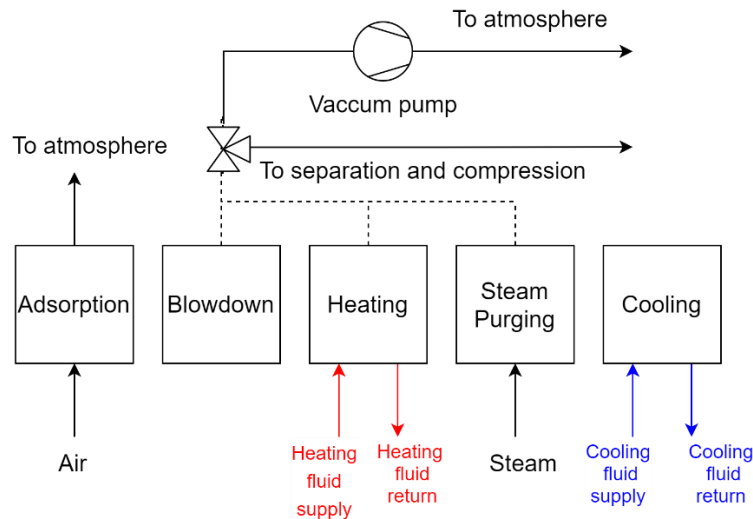
Step	Model	Boundary conditions	
Adsorption (Ads)	1D	<b>At <math>z_{1/2}</math>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pressure</li> </ul> $P_{1/2} = P_1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z_{1/2}}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gas velocity</li> </ul> $u_{1/2} = \frac{\dot{F}_{feed}}{A}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature</li> </ul> $T_{1/2} = T_{air}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concentration</li> </ul> $y_{i1/2} = y_{i,air1/2}, \quad i = CO_2, H_2O, Air$	<b>At <math>z_{N+1/2}</math>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pressure</li> </ul> $P_{N+1/2} = P_{ads}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gas velocity</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial u}{\partial z_{N+1/2}} = 0$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial T}{\partial z_{N+1/2}} = 0$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concentration</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial z_{N+1/2}} = 0, \quad i = CO_2, H_2O, Air$
Blowdown (BL)	1D	<b>At <math>z_{1/2}</math>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pressure</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial P}{\partial z_{1/2}} = 0$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gas velocity</li> </ul> $u_{1/2} = 0$	<b>At <math>z_{N+1/2}</math>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pressure</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial P}{\partial z_{N+1/2}} = k_{BL} (P_{Des} - P_{N+1/2})$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gas velocity</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial u}{\partial z_{N+1/2}} = 0$

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial T}{\partial z^{1/2}} = 0$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concentration</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial z^{1/2}} = 0, \quad i = CO_2, H_2O, Air$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial T}{\partial z_{N+1/2}} = 0$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concentration</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial z_{N+1/2}} = 0, \quad i = CO_2, H_2O, Air$
Desorption – bed heating (Des)	2D	<b>At <math>x = 0</math> or <math>y = 0</math></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature</li> </ul> $T(x = 0, y, t) = T_{wall}(t)$ $T(x, y = 0, t) = T_{wall}(t)$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concentration</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial x} \Big _{x=0} = 0, \quad i = CO_2, H_2O, Air$ $\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial y} \Big _{y=0} = 0, \quad i = CO_2, H_2O, Air$	<b>At <math>x = \frac{b}{2}</math> or <math>y = h</math></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \Big _{x=\frac{b}{2}} = 0$ $\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \Big _{y=h} = 0$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concentration</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial x} \Big _{x=\frac{b}{2}} = 0, \quad i = CO_2, H_2O, Air$ $\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial y} \Big _{y=h} = 0, \quad i = CO_2, H_2O, Air$
Steam purging (steam)	1D	<b>At <math>z_{1/2}</math>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pressure</li> </ul> $P_{1/2} = P_1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z^{1/2}}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gas velocity</li> </ul> $u_{1/2} = u_{inlet\ steam}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial T}{\partial z^{1/2}} = 0$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concentration</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial c_i}{\partial z^{1/2}} = 0, \quad i = CO_2, Air$ $\frac{\partial c_{H_2O}}{\partial z^{1/2}} = 1$	<b>At <math>z_{N+1/2}</math>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pressure</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial P}{\partial z_{N+1/2}} = 0$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gas velocity</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial u}{\partial z_{N+1/2}} = 0$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial T}{\partial z_{N+1/2}} = 0$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concentration</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial c_i}{\partial z_{N+1/2}} = 0, \quad i = CO_2, H_2O, Air$
Cooling (CL)	2D	<b>At <math>x = 0</math> or <math>y = 0</math></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature</li> </ul> $T(x = 0, y, t) = T_{wall}(t)$ $T(x, y = 0, t) = T_{wall}(t)$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concentration</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial x} \Big _{x=0} = 0, \quad i = CO_2, H_2O, Air$ $\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial y} \Big _{y=0} = 0, \quad i = CO_2, H_2O, Air$	<b>At <math>x = \frac{b}{2}</math> or <math>y = h</math></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \Big _{x=\frac{b}{2}} = 0$ $\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \Big _{y=h} = 0$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concentration</li> </ul> $\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial x} \Big _{x=\frac{b}{2}} = 0, \quad i = CO_2, H_2O, Air$ $\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial y} \Big _{y=h} = 0, \quad i = CO_2, H_2O, Air$



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164 **Note S4: Steam-assisted vacuum-pressure temperature swing**  
165 **adsorption process description**



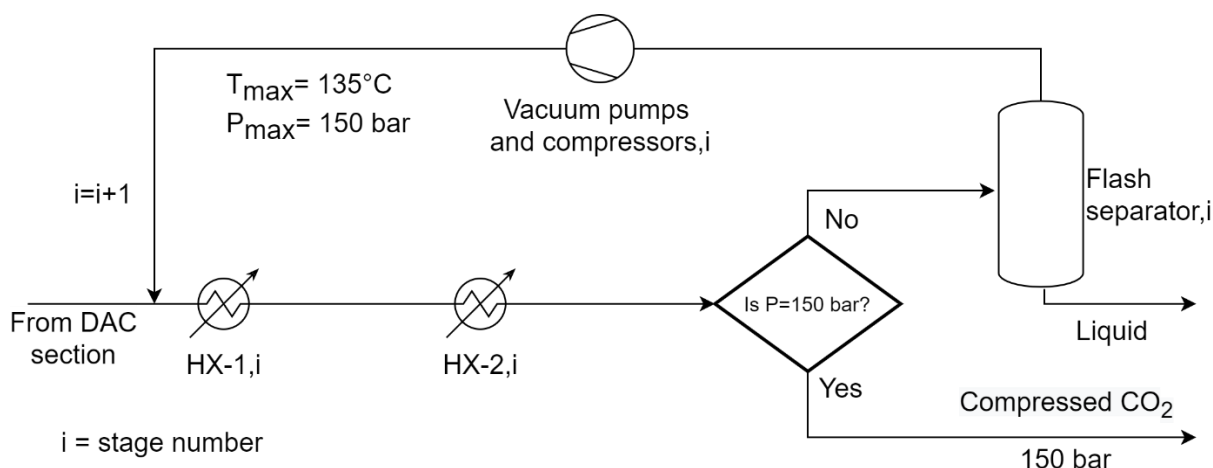
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**A systematic of SA-VTSA cycle.**

168 The figure above shows the cyclic design for the SA-TVSA cycle, where all the boxes represent the  
169 same CO<sub>2</sub> collector. In the adsorption step, fans push the air through the collector, where CO<sub>2</sub>  
170 is adsorbed into the sorbent along with some H<sub>2</sub>O. After the sorbent has reached the desired CO<sub>2</sub>  
171 saturation (97%), the collector is sealed and evacuated to vacuum (50 mbar) using a vacuum pump  
172 (i.e., blowdown step). This step is relatively fast, and the sorbent does not desorb a significant amount  
173 of CO<sub>2</sub> at this point, and thus mostly air is removed, which is vented back to the atmosphere. Removing  
174 the air from the contactor before heating the sorbent is important in case of utilizing amine-  
175 functionalised solid sorbents. This is because the amines in the sorbent can have critical degradation  
176 when exposed to oxygen at high temperature (i.e., oxidative degradation)<sup>9-11</sup>. For the desorption step,  
177 the sorbent is heated using a heating fluid at 100 °C using the heat transfer tubes, leading to the  
178 desorption of CO<sub>2</sub> and water, which are removed instantaneously due to the vacuum. After all points  
179 on the sorbent bed reach at least 95 °C, the heating fluid is stopped and the CO<sub>2</sub> collector is purged  
180 with steam (at steam gas velocity ( $u_{inlet\ steam}$ ) of 0.01 m s<sup>-1</sup>). The steam purging lowers the CO<sub>2</sub> partial  
181 pressure inside the collector, leading to an increase of the CO<sub>2</sub> working capacity. The steam purging  
182 step stops when the bed reach an average CO<sub>2</sub> loading of 0.1 mol CO<sub>2</sub> per kg sorbent. After the sorbent  
183 is regenerated, the bed is cooled down using a cooling fluid with a temperature above ambient  
184 temperature by 10 °C using the heat transfer tubes. The cooling step stops when all points on the  
185 sorbent are colder than 65 °C. Then, the collector is opened back to the atmosphere, and the cycle is  
186 repeated. The cooling step is important as the amine groups on the sorbent might get oxidized when  
187 the hot sorbent is contacted with oxygen in the air<sup>9-11</sup>.

188 **Supplementary Note S5: CO<sub>2</sub> compression modelling**



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190 **Process flow diagram of the CO<sub>2</sub> compression section.**

191 The process section shown in the figure above is modelled using a combination of Aspen Plus V11 and  
 192 MATLAB R2021a. Aspen Plus is used to provide fluid properties calculation where Lee Kesler Pokler  
 193 (LKP) Equation of State (EoS) was selected as it was found to be suitable for the CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O mixture<sup>12</sup>.  
 194 MATLAB is used to automate the process synthesis as the section feed and operating parameters  
 195 change due to changes in ambient conditions and feed conditions. In the automated process synthesis,  
 196 HX-1 only recovers heat if the feed inlet temperature for HX-1 ( $T_{inlet,HX-1}$ ) is above the heating fluid  
 197 temperature  $T_{heating}$  by the minimum approach temperature  $\Delta T_{min}$ , which is 10°C in this work. HX-2  
 198 recovers the remaining heat and cools down the stream to  $\Delta T_{min}$  above the ambient temperature  
 199  $T_{amb}$  such that CO<sub>2</sub> does not change phase to the liquid phase. When the feed stream contains mostly  
 200 water, HX-2 recovers a substantial amount of low-temperature heat that is caused by condensing  
 201 water, which cannot be recovered for preheating the steam water supply. Therefore, when accounting  
 202 for the amount of heat that can be recovered from HX-2, if the inlet stream has a water mole fraction  
 203 of more than 0.5, the heat is neglected and not recovered. The remaining amount of heat from HX-2  
 204 is recovered at 80% efficiency to account for any remaining water phase change.

205 The table below shows the algorithm used to set the parameters of the two heat exchangers where  
 206  $P_{sat,CO_2}$  and  $T_{sat,CO_2}$  are saturation vapor pressure and its temperature (i.e., boiling temperature). A  
 207 higher temperature than CO<sub>2</sub> critical temperature and  $T_{sat,CO_2}$  are used as design margin.

208 **An algorithm for the selection of operating parameter in the CO<sub>2</sub> compression section.**

Equipment	Algorithm
HX-1	<b>if</b> $T_{inlet,HX-1,i} > T_{heating} + \Delta T_{min}$ $T_{outlet,HX-1,i} = T_{heating} + \Delta T_{min}$ <b>else</b> $T_{outlet,HX-1,i} = T_{inlet,HX-1}$
HX-2	<b>if</b> $P_{inlet,HX-2,i} = 150$ bar $T_{outlet,HX-2,i} = T_{amb} + \Delta T_{min}$ <b>elseif</b> $P_{inlet,HX-2,i} > 74$ bar $T_{outlet,HX-2,i} = \max(T_{amb} + \Delta T_{min}, 35^{\circ}\text{C})$ <b>else</b> <b>if</b> $P_{inlet,HX-2,i} < P_{sat,CO_2}(T = T_{amb} + 5^{\circ}\text{C})$ $T_{outlet,HX-2,i} = T_{amb} + \Delta T_{min}$ <b>else</b> $T_{outlet,HX-2,i} = T_{sat,CO_2}(P_{in,HX-2}) + 5^{\circ}\text{C}$

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210 **Note S6: Model validation**

211 Climeworks reports the productivity of their 1<sup>st</sup> generation collector of 50 ktaCO<sub>2</sub> per collector<sup>13</sup>  
212 (ambient conditions were not reported for this collector productivity). Reported energy  
213 requirements<sup>14</sup> is based on daily averaged data from the two Climeworks plants (Hellisheidi, Iceland  
214 and Hinwil, Switzerland). It is not clear whether Climeworks uses steam purging in these plants (like  
215 the model in our paper), however, Climeworks do hold a patent for process configurations using steam  
216 purging after heating of the bed<sup>15</sup>. A comparison of the reported Climeworks data with the model  
217 results is summarised below in the table below. It is worth noting that energy requirements here are  
218 reported as separate thermal energy and electricity requirements. The thermal energy requirements  
219 include heat required for heating the bed (by the heating fluid) and steam generation, whereas  
220 electricity requirements include electricity needed for vacuum pumps compressors and fans. In the  
221 main paper, it is assumed that heat pumps that consume electricity are used to provide the thermal  
222 energy requirements needed to heat the bed (by the heating fluid) and generate steam. Thus, the  
223 reported electricity requirements in the main paper includes the heat pumps.

224 **Comparison of the model results with Climeworks data.**

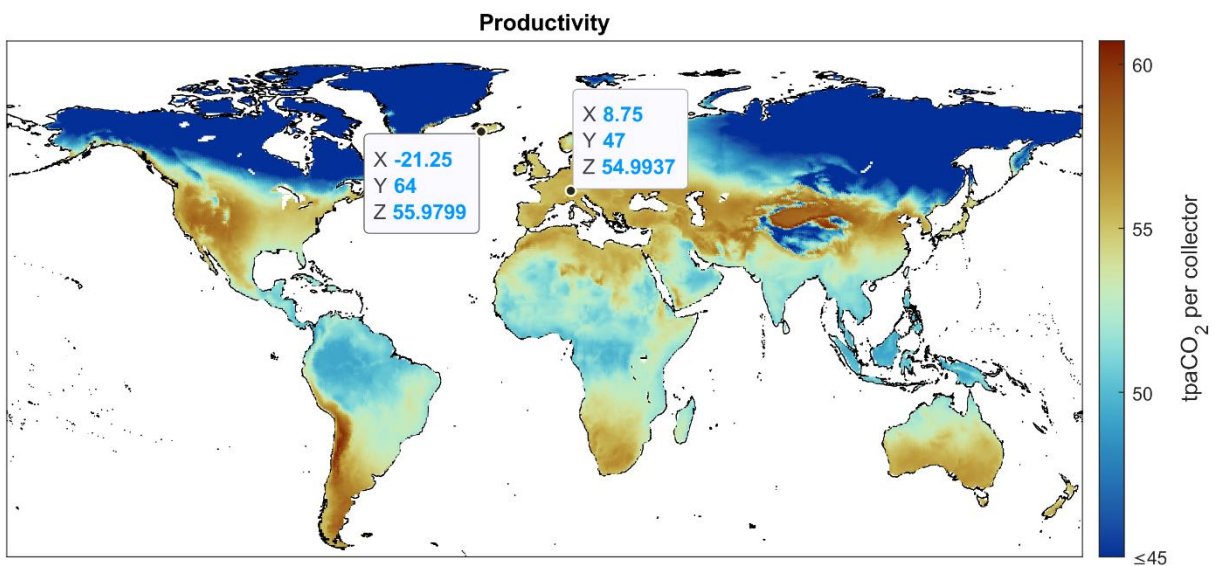
	Our model		Climeworks data
	Hellisheidi DAC plant	Hinwil DAC plant	
Productivity (ktaCO <sub>2</sub> per collector)	56	55	50 (ref <sup>13</sup> )
Thermal energy requirement (MWh <sub>th</sub> per tCO <sub>2</sub> )	3.42	3.46	3.31 (ref <sup>14</sup> )
Electricity requirement (MWh <sub>el</sub> per tCO <sub>2</sub> )	0.26	0.27	0.70 (ref <sup>14</sup> )
Fan electricity requirement (MWh <sub>el</sub> per tCO <sub>2</sub> )	0.06	0.06	0.08 (ref <sup>3</sup> )

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226 There is reasonable agreement between the model estimates of process productivity and thermal  
227 energy requirement with reported data by Climeworks for real-world units operating in two locations

228 (with temperatures below zero). However, for electricity requirements, there is a quite considerable  
 229 deviation which was noticed before by Sabatino et al.<sup>16</sup>. The potential reasons for deviation may  
 230 include sorbent type used and its weight per collector, process configuration, if steam purging or heat  
 231 integration are used, and what is included in electricity requirements (e.g., building electricity, lights  
 232 etc.) as well as vacuum pumps, compressors and fans efficiencies. Also, the electricity requirements  
 233 for fans are compared to the data provided in the Climeworks patent<sup>3</sup>. Climeworks reported 0.08  
 234 MWh<sub>el</sub> per tCO<sub>2</sub> at a fan efficiency of 70%, a pressure drop of 1 mbar through the adsorption bed, and  
 235 a capture rate of 70%. Although we assume the same fan efficiency and target the same pressure  
 236 drop, the calculated capture rate from the model is higher, which explains the slightly lower electricity  
 237 requirements for fans of 0.06 MWh<sub>el</sub> per tCO<sub>2</sub>.

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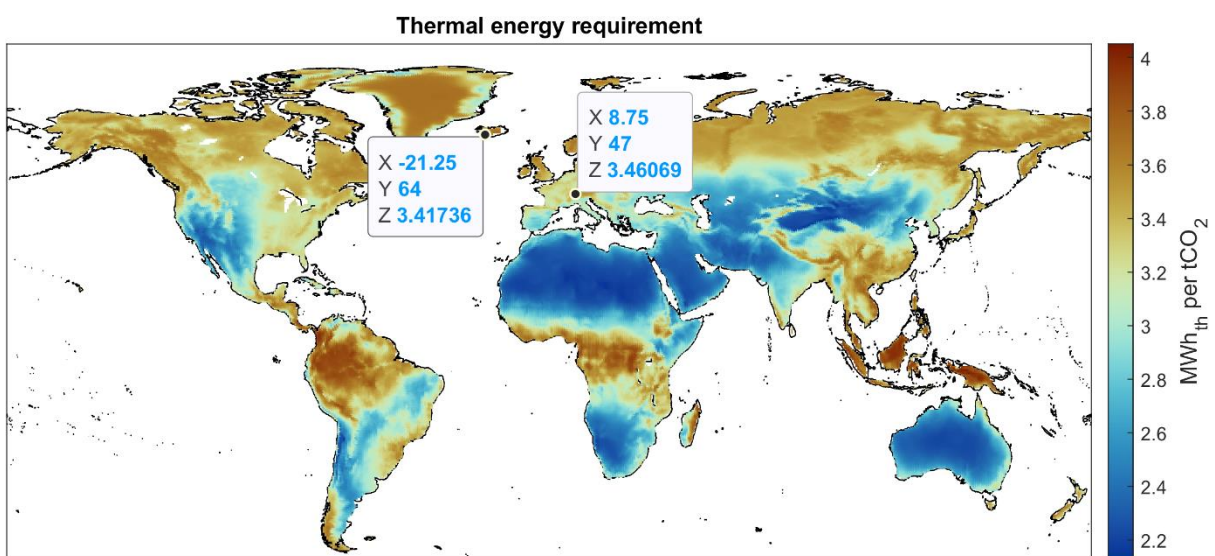


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240 **Collector productivity calculated from the model.**

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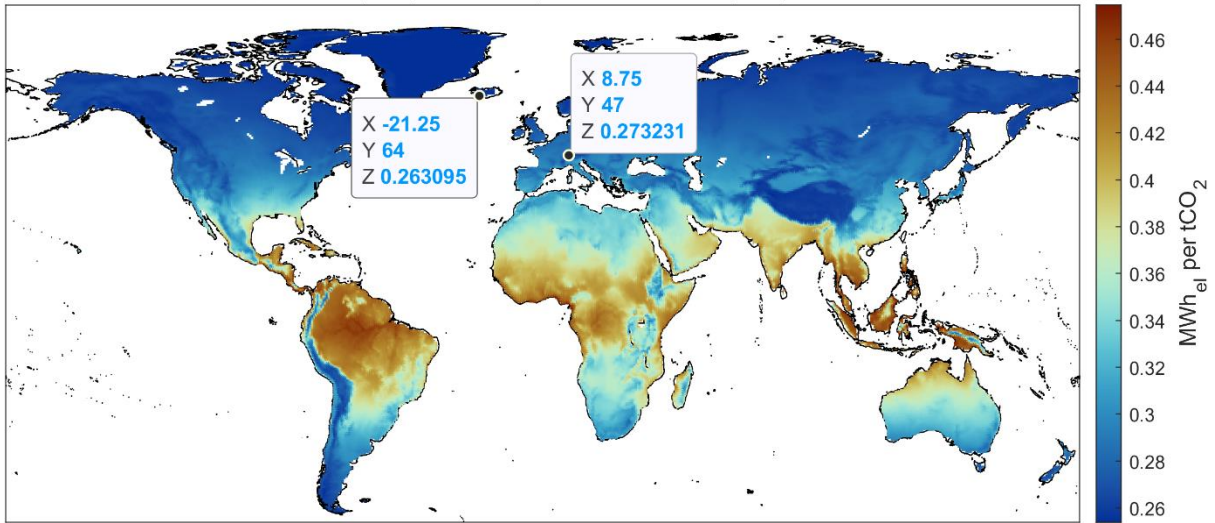
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244 **Thermal energy requirements include heat required for heating the bed (by the heating fluid) and**  
 245 **steam calculated from the model.**

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Fans, vacuum pumps and compressors electricity requirement



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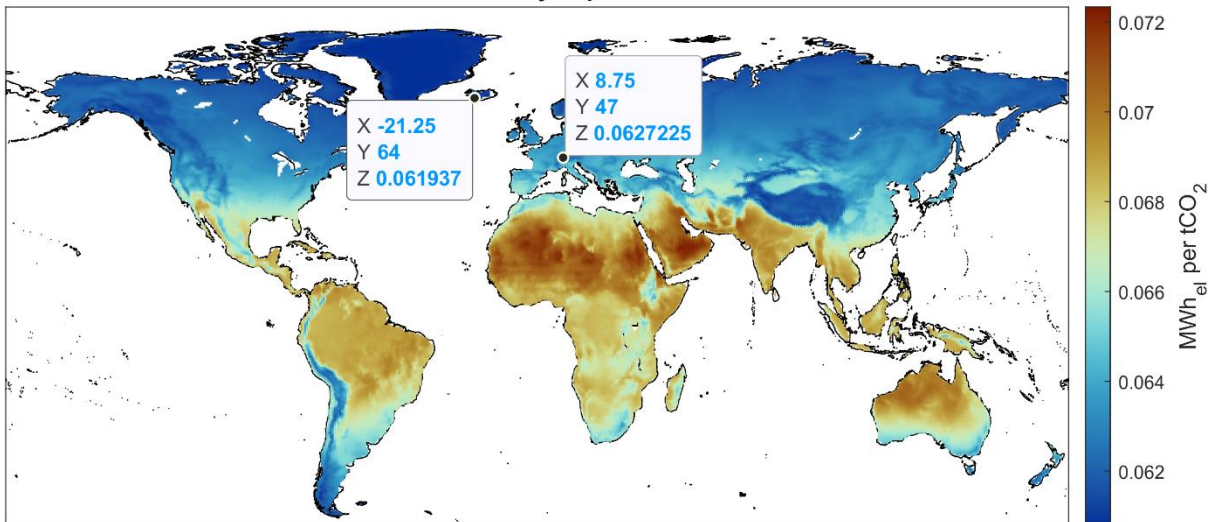
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Electricity requirements include electricity required for fans, vacuum pumps, and compressors calculated from the model.

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Fans electricity requirement



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Electricity requirements for fans calculated from the model.

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## 256 Note S7: standard deviation calculation

257 The standard deviation is calculated using MATLAB (2021a) function std. Since not all spatial nodes  
258 has the same area, weighted standard deviation is used where node DAC performance is weighted  
259 by the node area. The MATLAB std function uses the following relation:

$$260 \quad S_w = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i |A_i - \mu_w|^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i}}$$

$$261 \quad \mu_w = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i A_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i}$$

262 where

$A_i$  each value from the population,

$N$  size of the population,

$\mu_w$  weighted mean,

$S_w$  weighted standard deviation,

$w$  weighting scheme.

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