Summary of Current Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership Activities, USA

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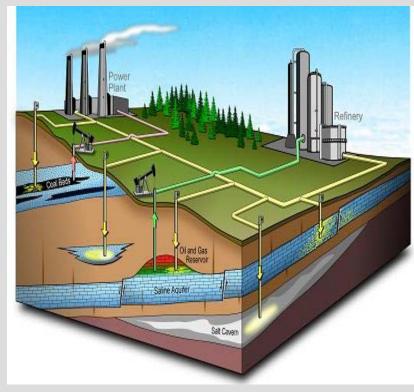
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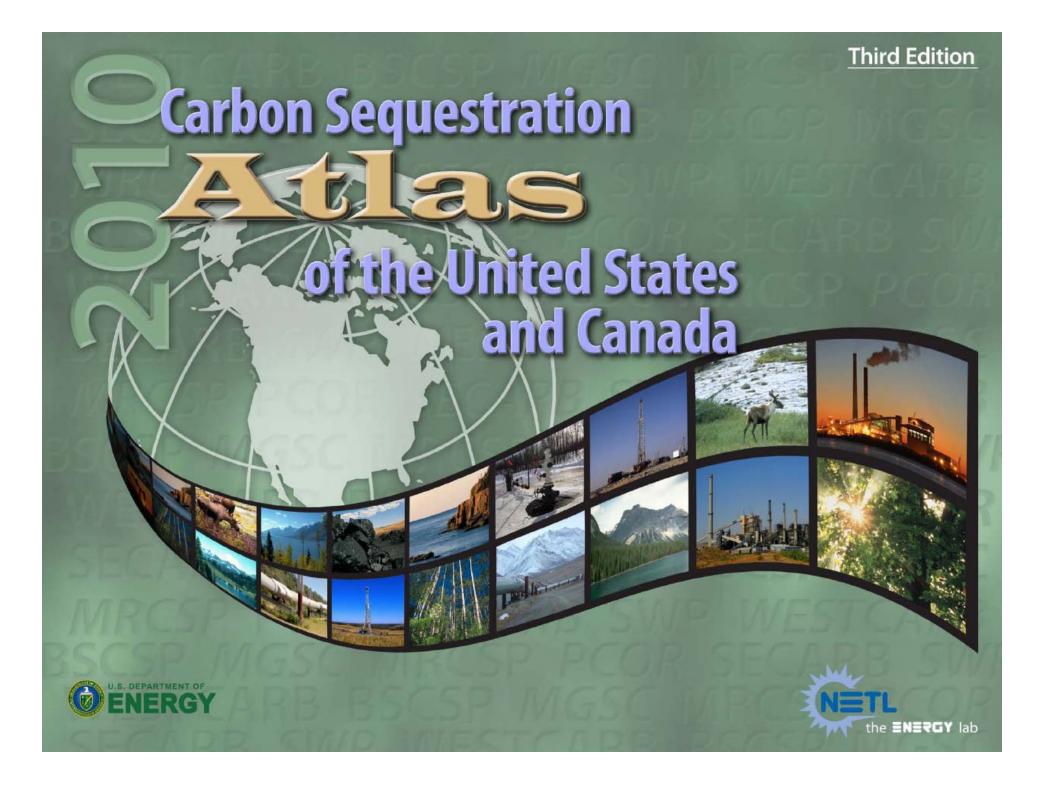
Outline

- Department of Energy & National Energy Technology Laboratory – Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership Program (RCSP)
- Integrated Systems Source to Sink
- Role of Enhanced Oil Recovery
- Pressure
- Onshore vs. Offshore

Carbon Sequestration Program Goals Develop Technology Options That...

- Deliver technologies & best practices that provide Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) with:
 - 90% CO₂ capture at source
 - 99% storage permanence
 - < 10% increase in COE</p>
 - Pre-combustion capture (IGCC)
 - < 30% increase in COE</p>
 - Post-combustion capture
 - Oxy-combustion

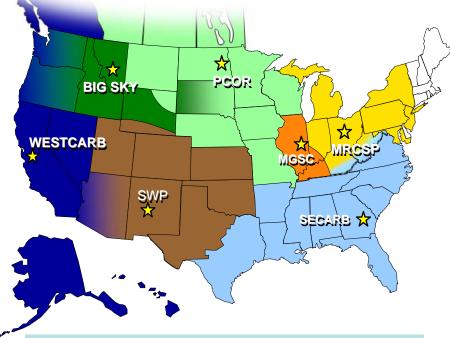


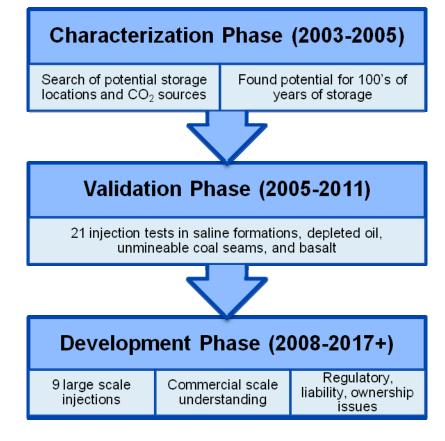


Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnerships Innovation for Characterization to Large Scale Injection

Seven Regional Partnerships

400 + distinct organizations, 43 states, 4 Canadian Provinces



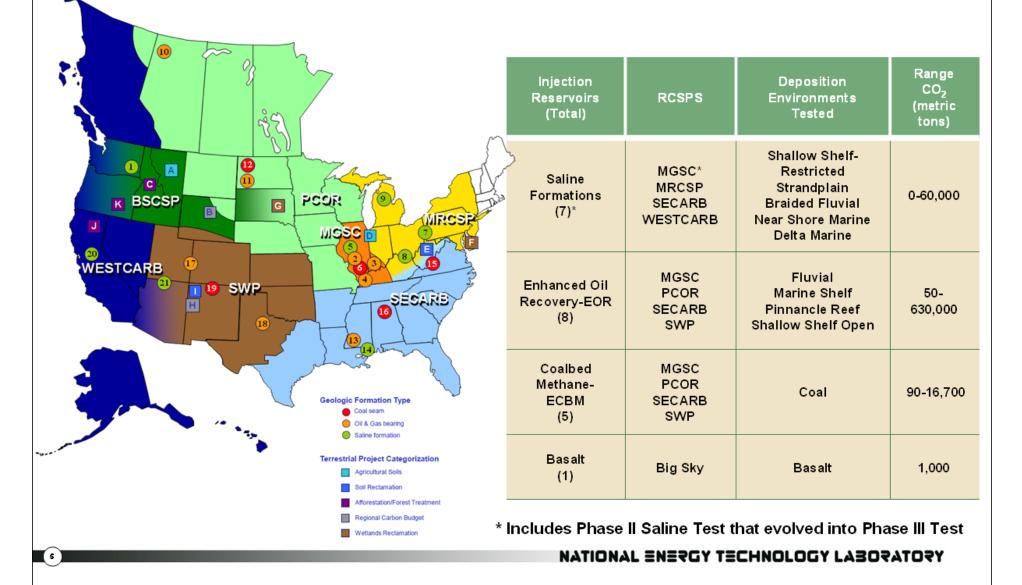


RCSP

- Engage regional, state, and local governments
- Determine regional sequestration benefits
- Baseline region for sources and sinks
- Establish monitoring and verification protocols
- Address regulatory, environmental, and outreach issues
- Validate sequestration technology and infrastructure

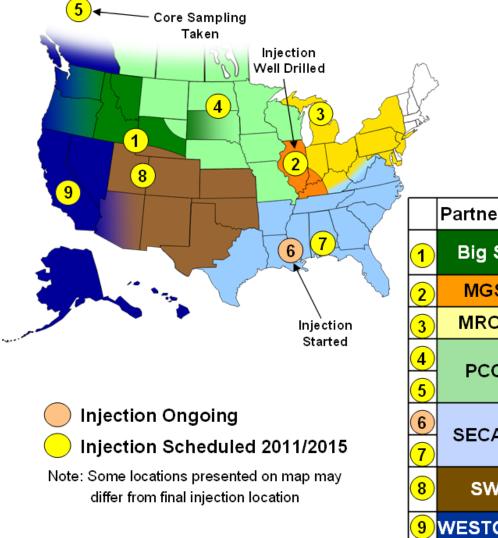


RCSP Phase II: Validation Phase *Small-Scale Geologic and Terrestrial Tests*





RCSP Phase III: Development Phase Large-Scale Geologic Tests



✓ Nine large-volume tests

✓ Injections scheduled

	Partnership	Geologic Province	Туре			
1	Big Sky	Triassic Nugget Sandstone / Moxa Arch	Saline			
2	MGSC	Deep Mt. Simon Sandstone	Saline			
3	MRCSP	St. Peter Sandstone	Saline			
4	PCOR	Williston Basin Carbonates	Oil Bearing			
5		Devonian Age Carbonate Rock	Saline			
6	SECARB	Lower Tuscaloosa Formation	Solino			
7	JECARD	Paluxy Formation	Saline			
8	SWP	Regional Jurassic & Older Formations	Saline			
9	WESTCARB	Central Valley	Saline			
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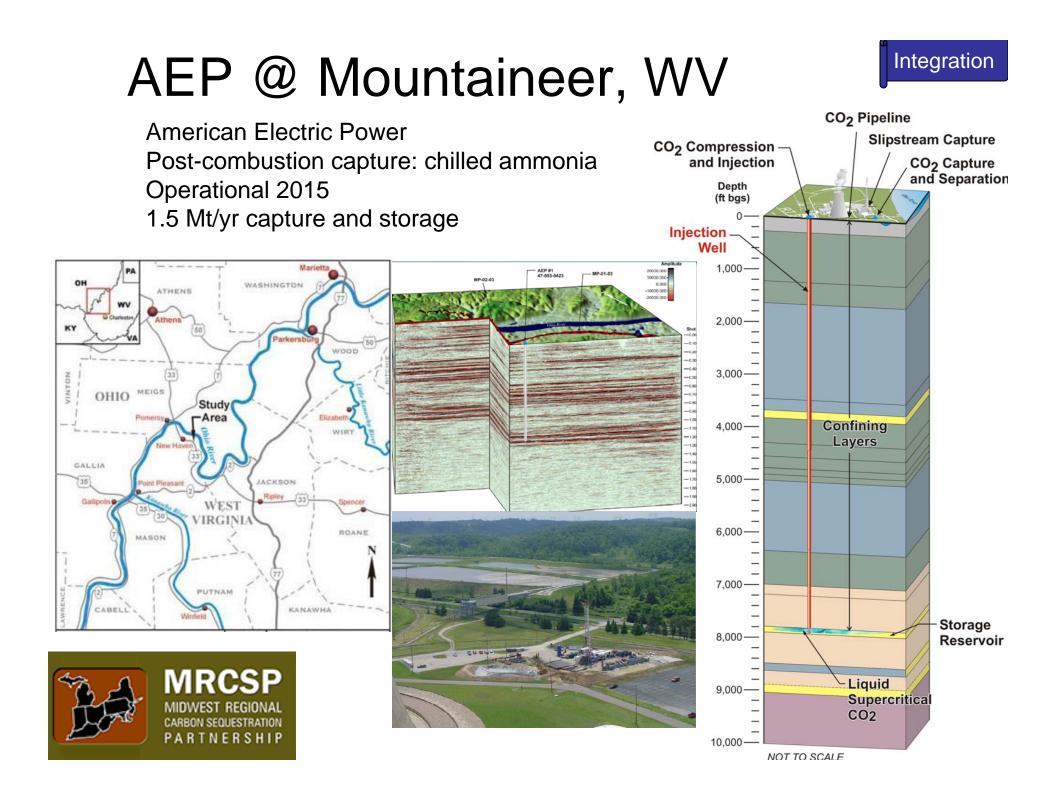
CCS Best Practice Manuals

Critical Requirement For Significant Wide Scale Deployment Capturing Lessons Learned

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Best Practice Manual	Version 1 (Phase II)	NETL	
Monitoring Verification and Accounting	2009		Monitoring, Verification, and Accounting
Site Characterization	2010		of CO ₂ Stored in Deep Geologic Formations
Simulation and Risk Assessment	2010	Lance A	
Well Construction and Closure	2010		
Regulatory Compliance	2010		
Public Education	2009		
Terrestrial Sequestration Practices	2010]	

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Illinois Basin-Decatur

Integration

Test Site

Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) Corn ethanol plant

- A Dehydration/ compression facility location
- B Pipeline route
- C Injection well site
- D Verification well site
- E Geophone well

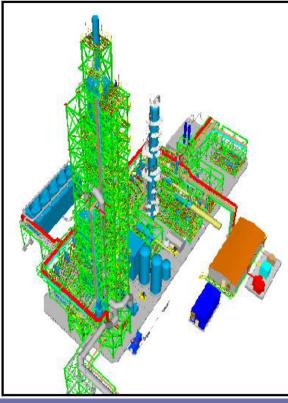
Quickbird Satellite Image: 9/16/2008

Southern Company, MS

CO₂ Capture Unit at Alabama Power's Plant Barry



Integration





MHI advanced amine capture unit
25 MW post combustion slip stream
Compress CO2 to 2000 psi

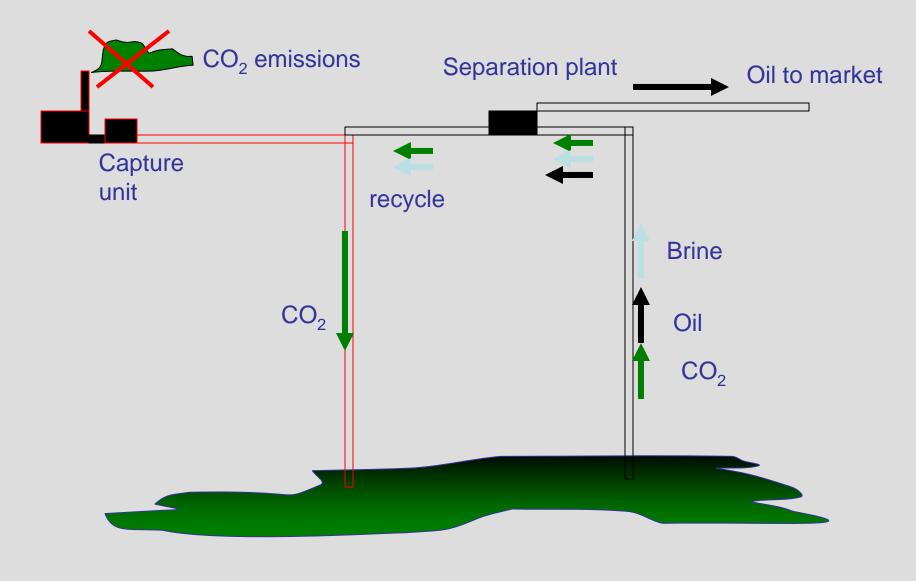
12-mile CO2 pipeline constructed by Denbury Resources

CO2 Injection at Denbury's Citronelle Field 2011-2013

SECARB researchers will monitor injection and 3-years post injection

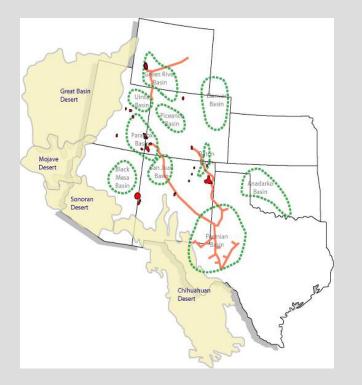


CO₂ use for Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) is Sequestration



EOR

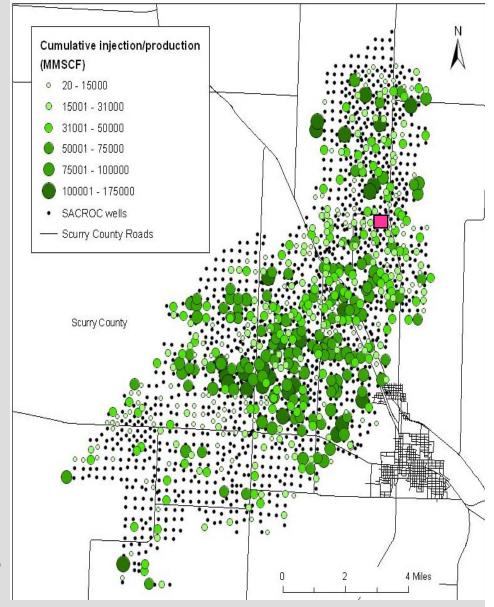
West Texas EOR



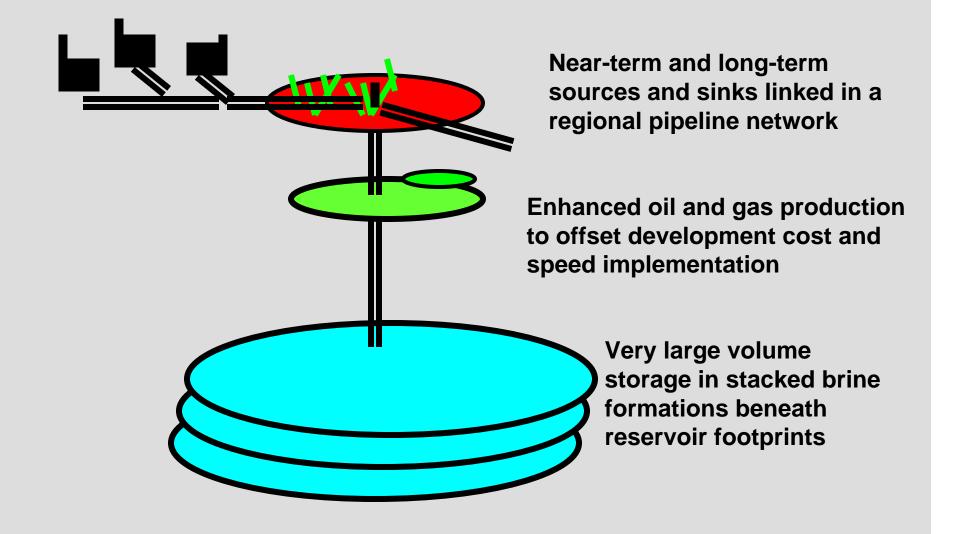
~150 million metric tons CO₂ injected for EOR since 1972 by various oil companies

~75 million metric tons CO₂ recovered through 2010

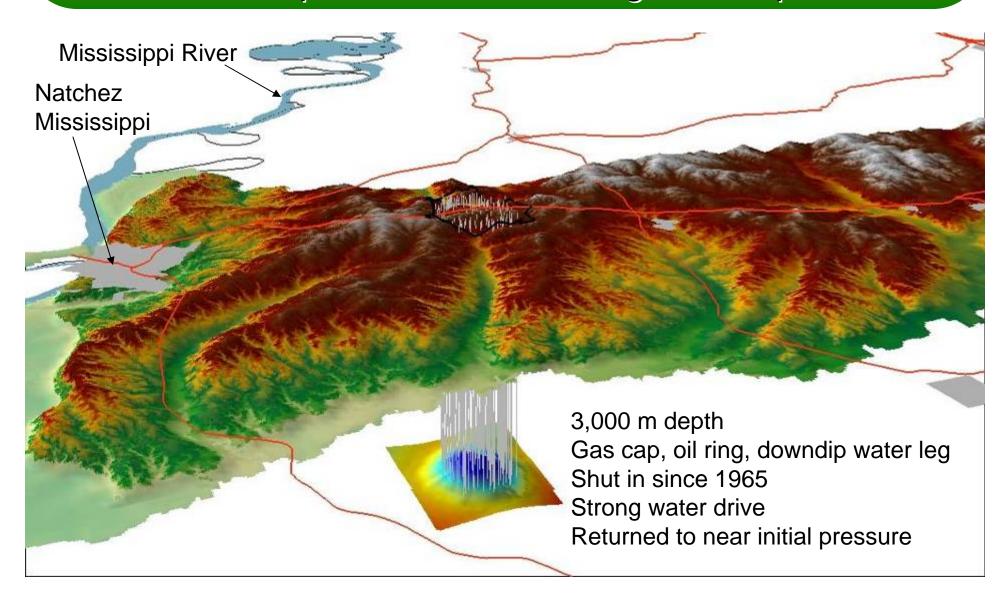
SWP + BEG researchers have documented no impact to overlying potable groundwater.



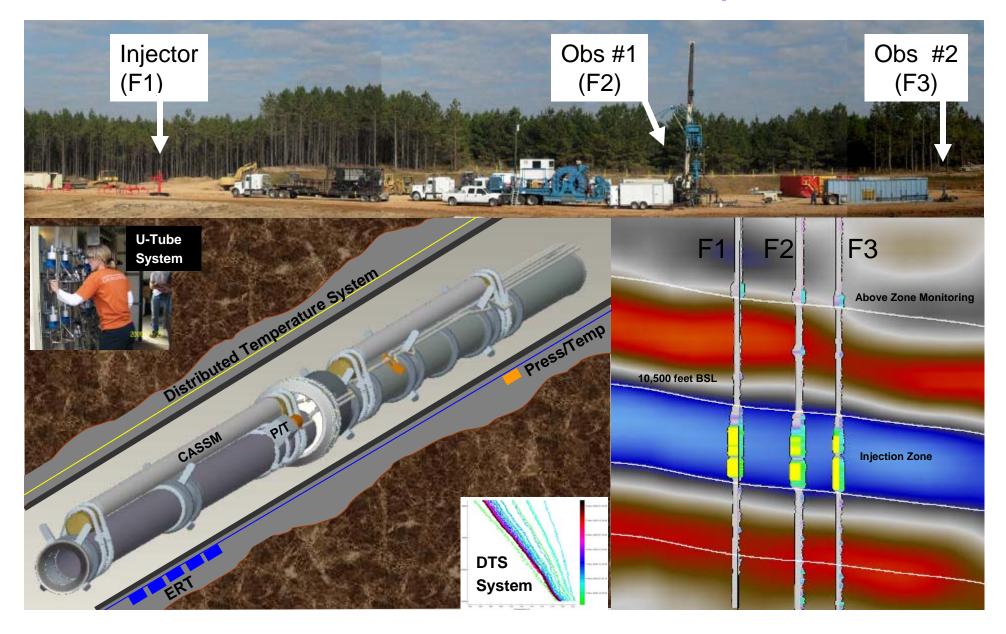
The Role of EOR: Stacked Storage Concept



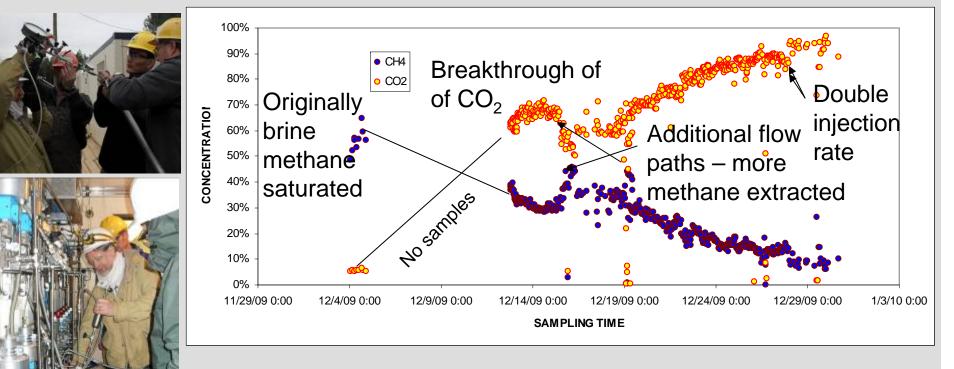
Cranfield, MS: SECARB Phase 3 Example of stacked storage concept



Closely spaced injectors and observation wells in brine reservoir @ 3 km depth



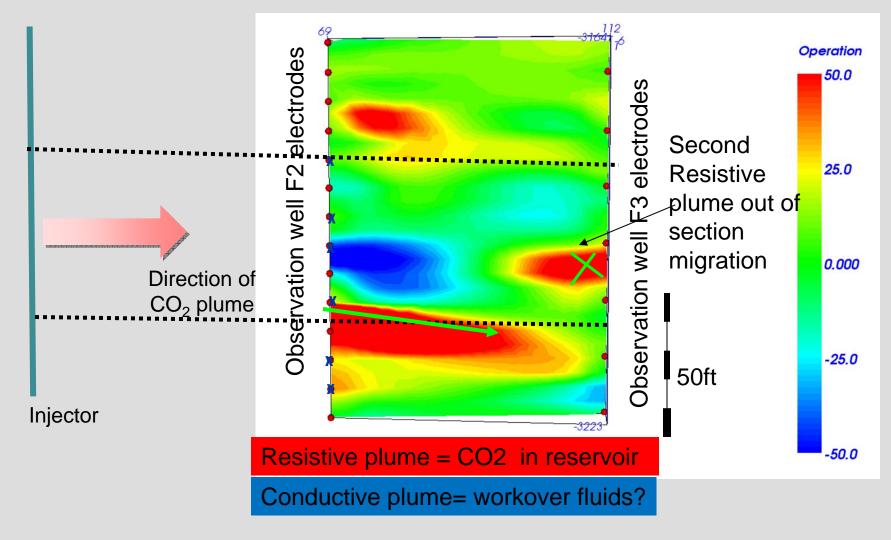
High frequency fluid sampling via U-tube yields data on flow processes



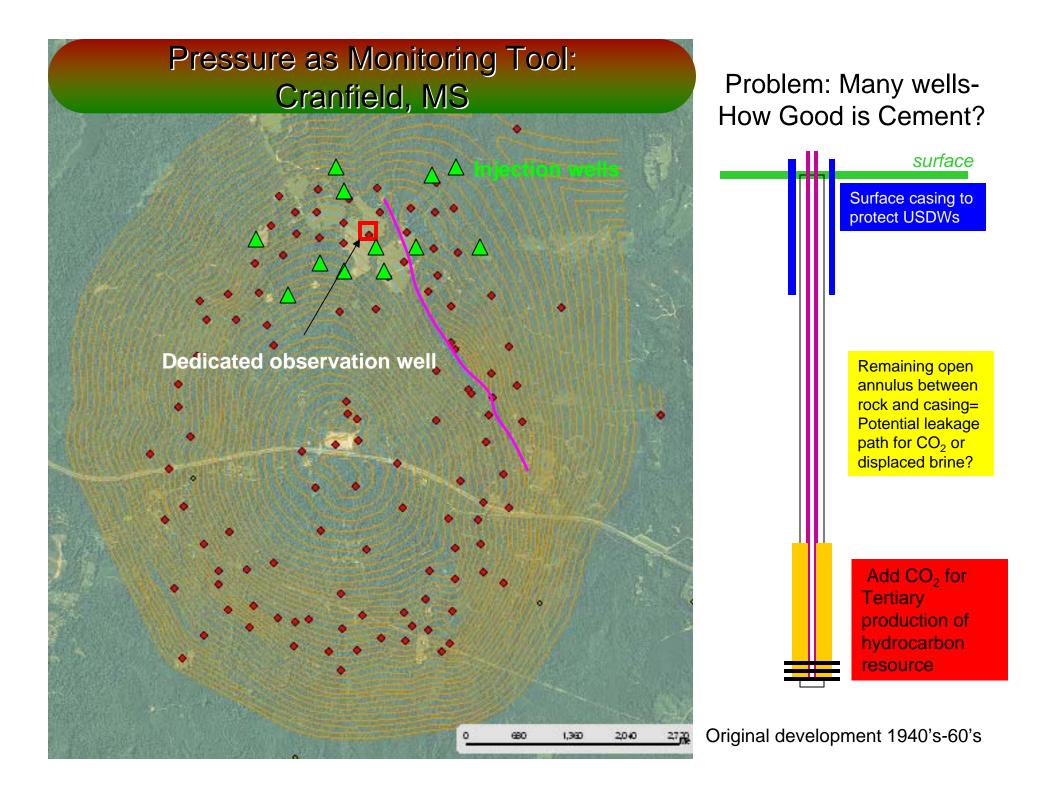
Small diameter sampler with N_2 drive brings fluids quickly to surface with tracers intact CO_2 dissolution into brine liberates dissolved CH_4

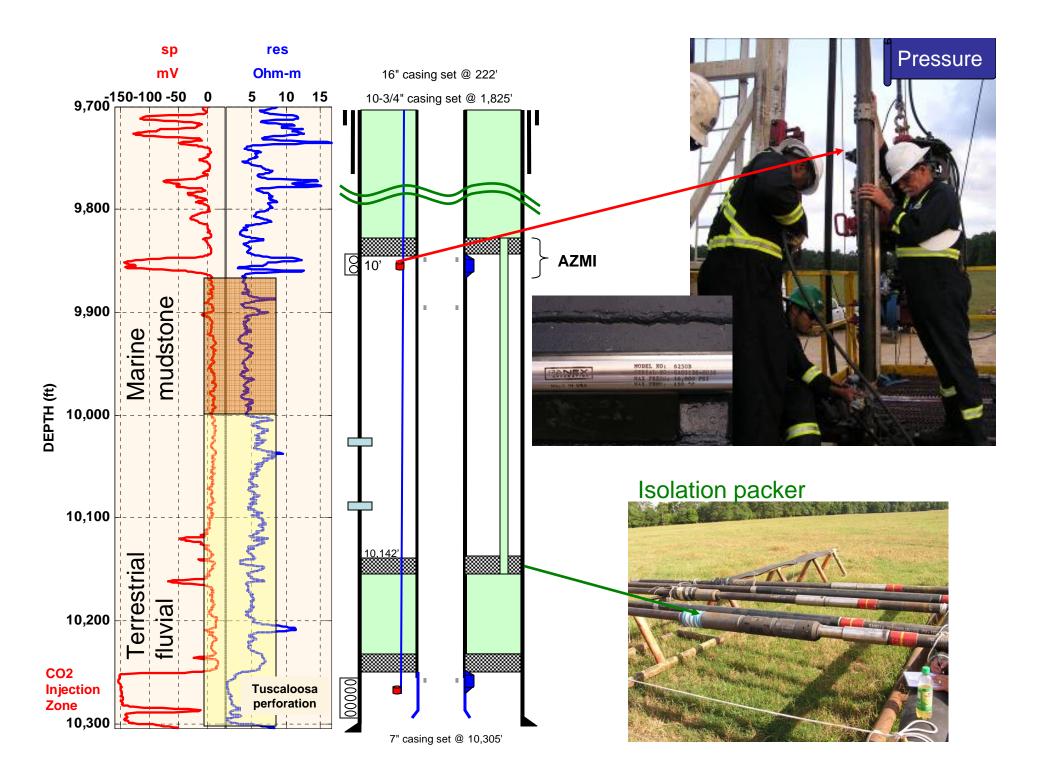
BEG, LBNL, USGS, ORNL, UTDoG, data compiled by Changbing Yang BEG

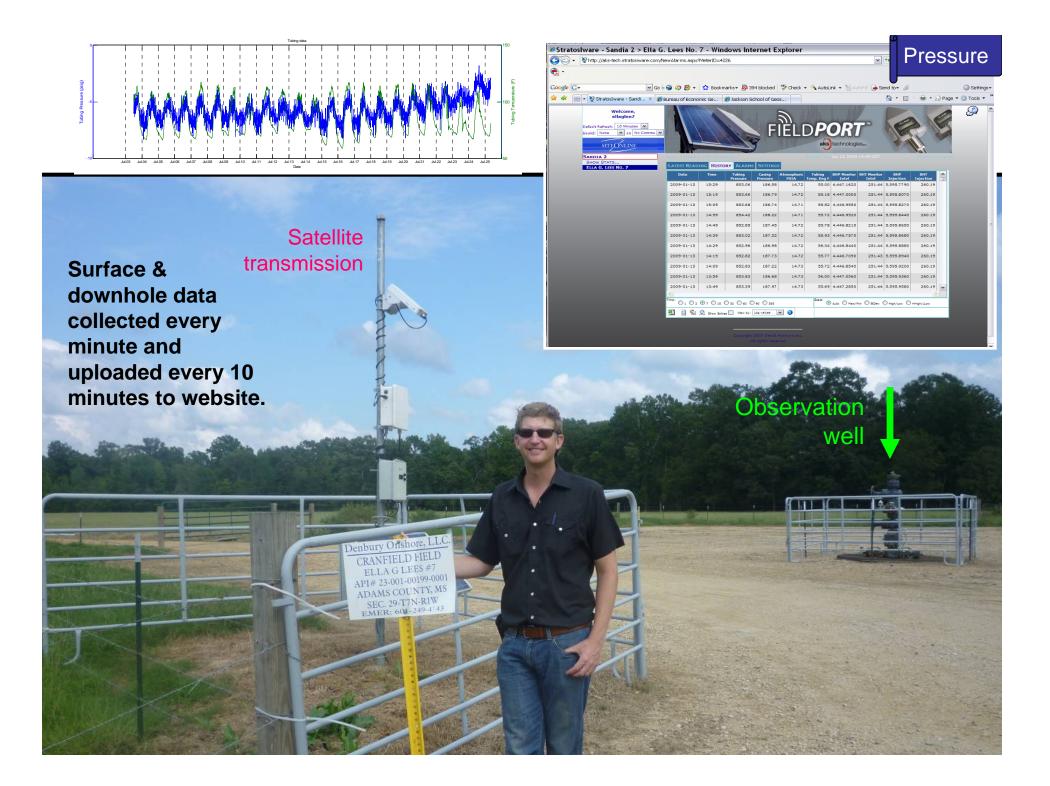
Cross Well Electrical Resistance Tomography: Flow dynamics at inter-well scale over months



Charles Carrigan, LLNL





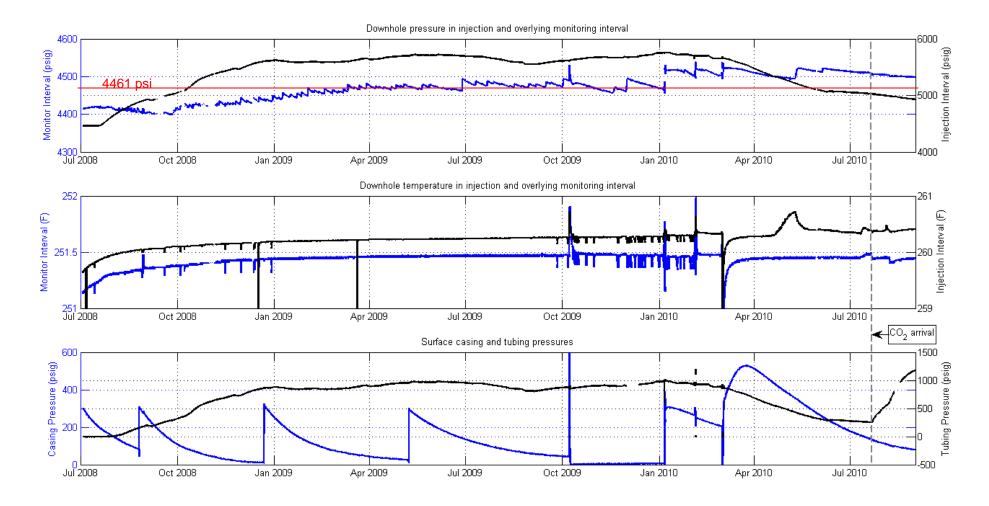


Continuous 2-year data series

Maximum sustained pressure differential >1,200 psi

Suggests old wells have reasonable integrity.

Some aspects of data difficult to interpret, but likely relate to complicated well completion.



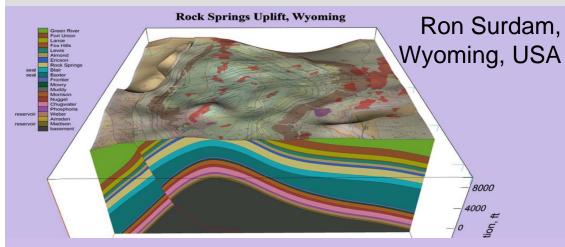
Pressure & Boundary Conditions Influence Capacity

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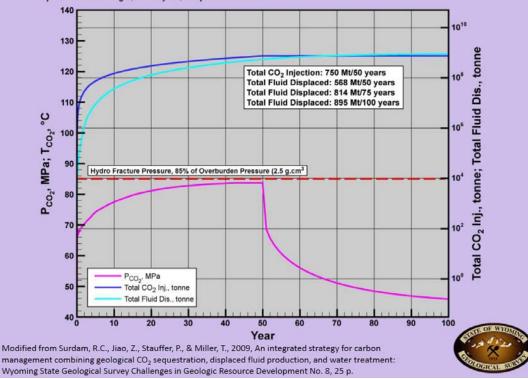
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Pressure Mitigation (Fluid Withdrawal)



CO₂ Injection Simulation Results from FEHM for the Weber Sandstone, Rock Springs Uplift Injection Interval 700 ft, Porosity 10%, Relative Permeability 1 md, Injection Rate 8.8 kg/s, 15 Mt/year, 9 Injection Wells

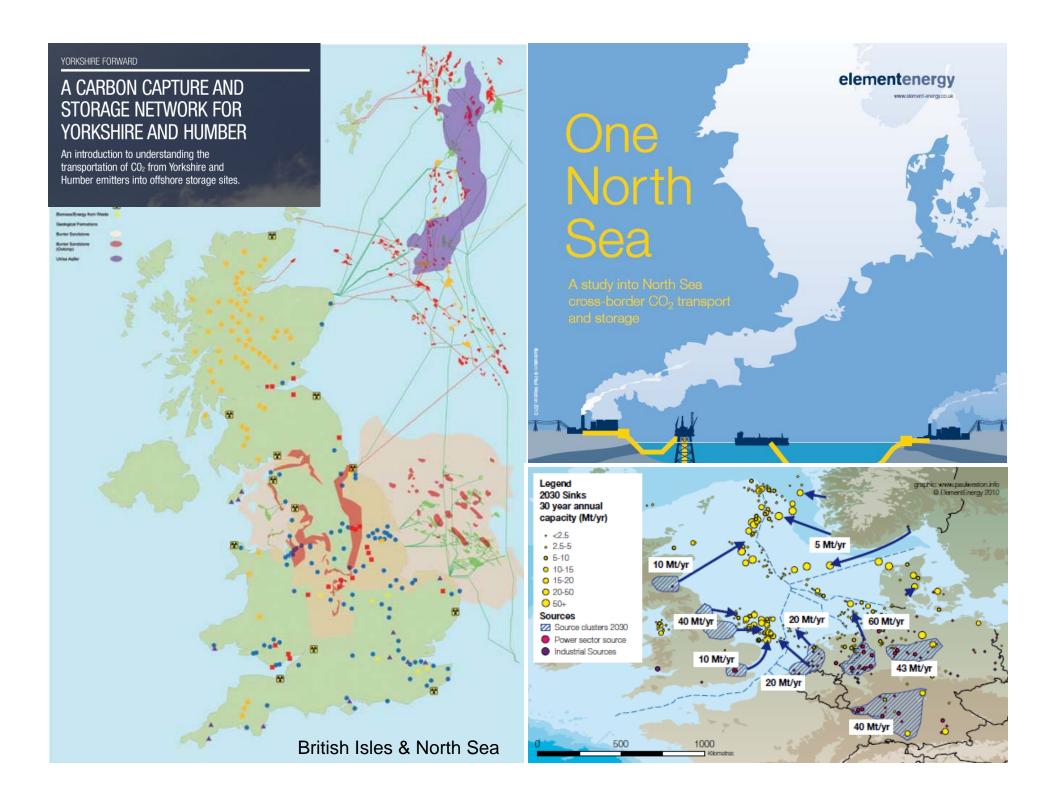


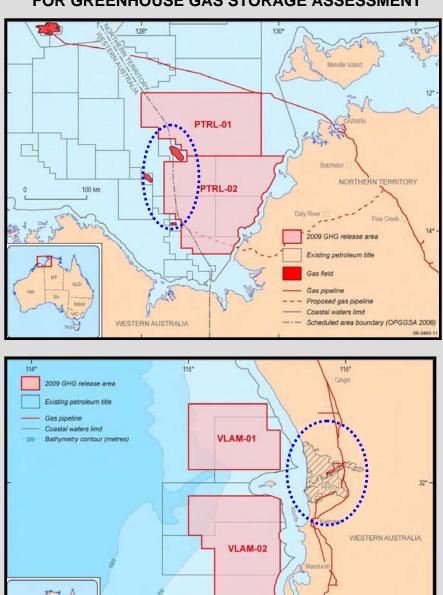
Injected CO2 will raise pressure and displace large volumes of brine – where will it go?

Extraction wells may be viable, but costs of reinjecting brine may be high.

Potential to desalinate brine for economic use of water is being considered.

Pressure

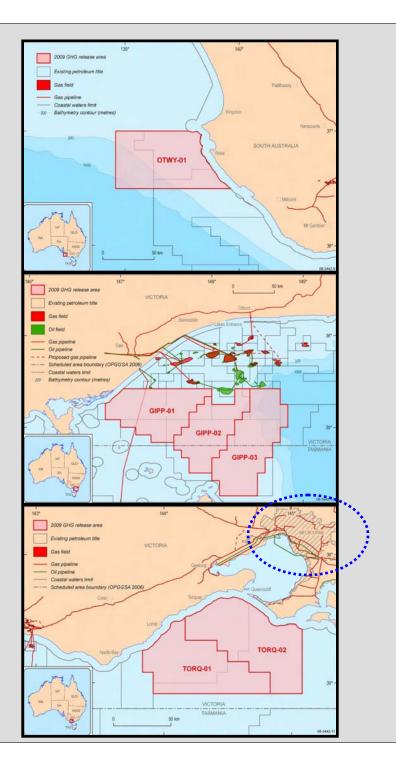




50 km

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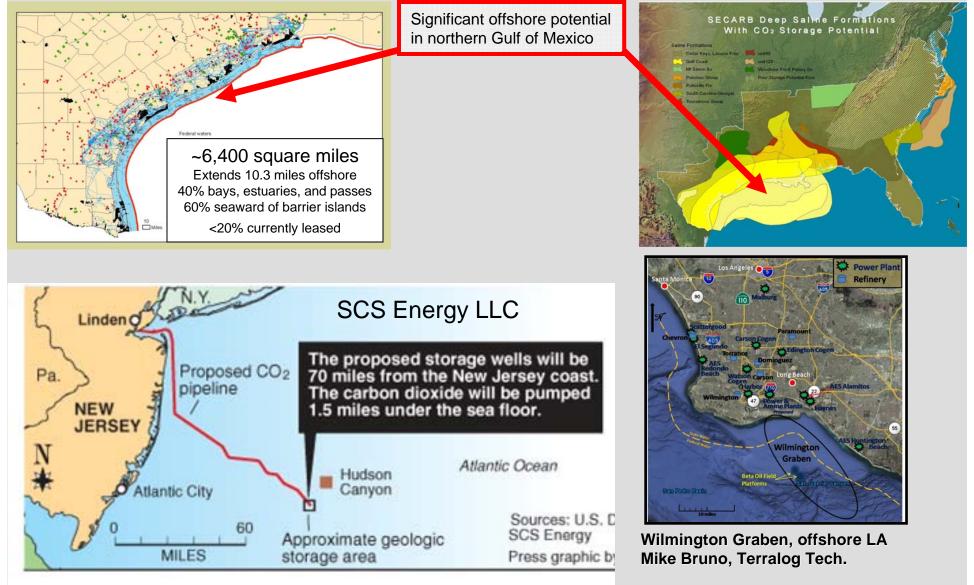
Harvey



AUSTRALIA 2009 RELEASE OF OFFSHORE AREAS FOR GREENHOUSE GAS STORAGE ASSESSMENT

USA Offshore CCS Activities

Offshore Texas, Gulf of Mexico T. Meckel & R. Trevino, TX BEG



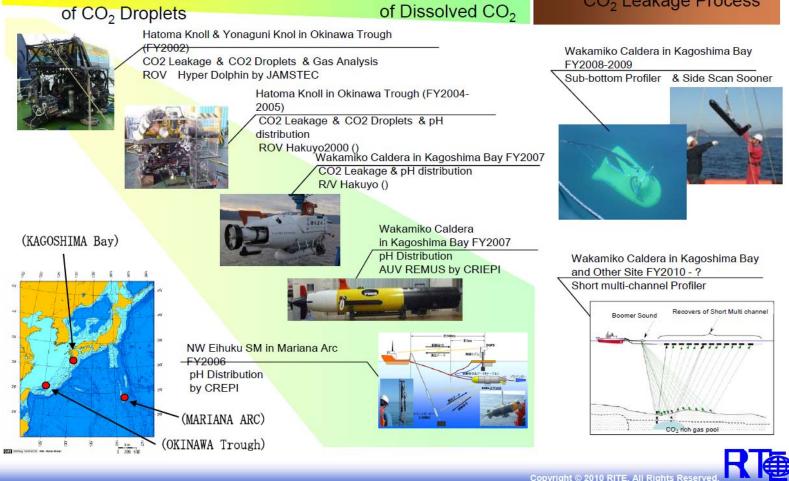
Onshore vs. Offshore

NETL 2010 Atlas of Capacity

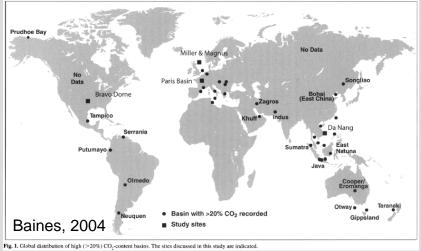
Offshore Monitoring: RITE

Michimasa Magi: IEA Natural Releases Meeting, Maria Laach, Germany, Nov. 2010

2. Ocean Sequestration Project 2. Natural Analogue Study
Observation of Natural CO₂ Analogue Site
Dissolution Process
Behavior
CO₂ Leakage Process

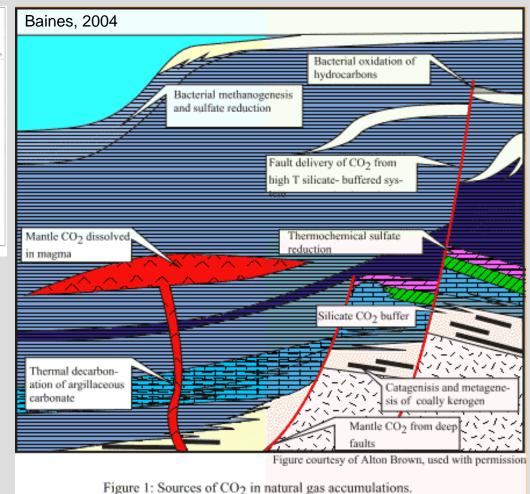


Basin Fluid Histories and CO₂



CO₂ is common in many geological settings.

Understanding the historic ability of basins to naturally buffer CO_2 will greatly reduce uncertainties about long-term fate of injected CO_2 .



Global CO₂ Map

Each country is sized proportional to its annual CO2 emissions.

Thank you to Japanese hosts, especially Ziqiu Xue. I look forward to working on this important international issue with Japanese researchers.

