



# WHY CCS?

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# AGENDA

## **INTRODUCTION**

*Climate change, What is CCS?, CCS options, Analogs, Monitoring*

## **WHY CCS?**

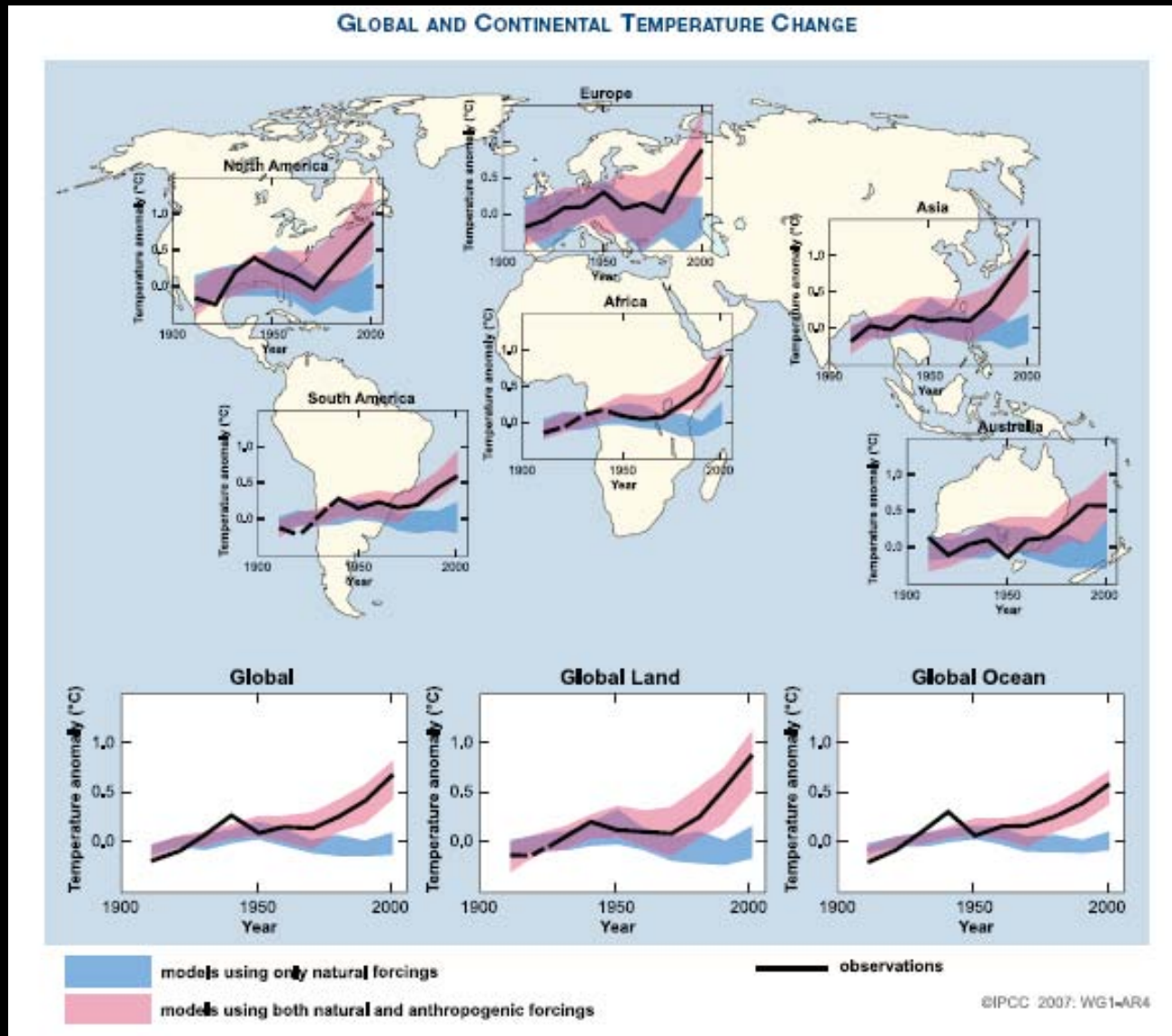
*Scale of the problem, Scale of the solutions, The role of CCS*

## **WHY NOT CCS?**

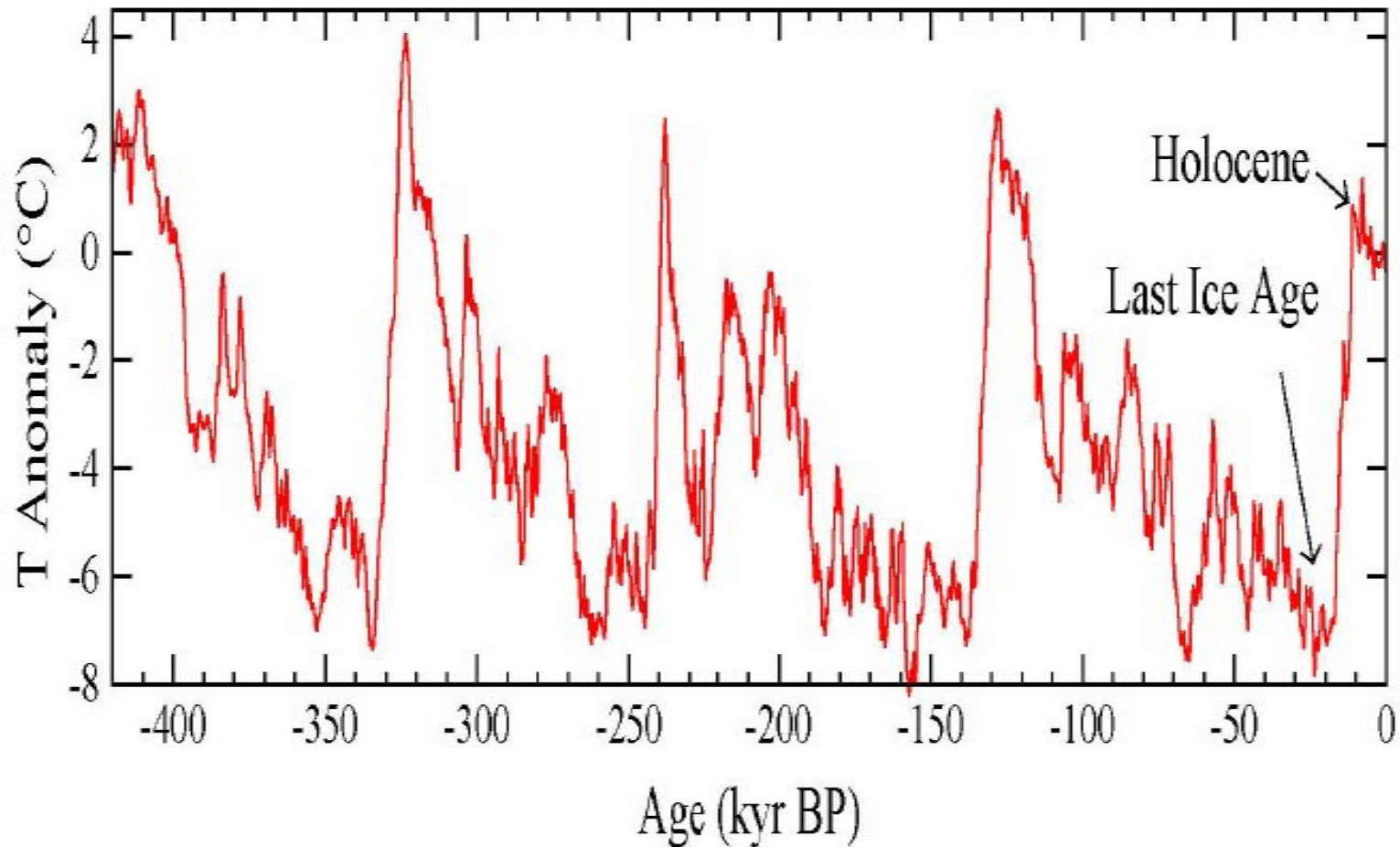
*Can we safely do CCS? How to deploy CCS?*

## **FINAL REMARKS**

# The question of “Why CCS” only makes sense if climate change is induced by human kind...



## Antarctic (Vostok) Temperature

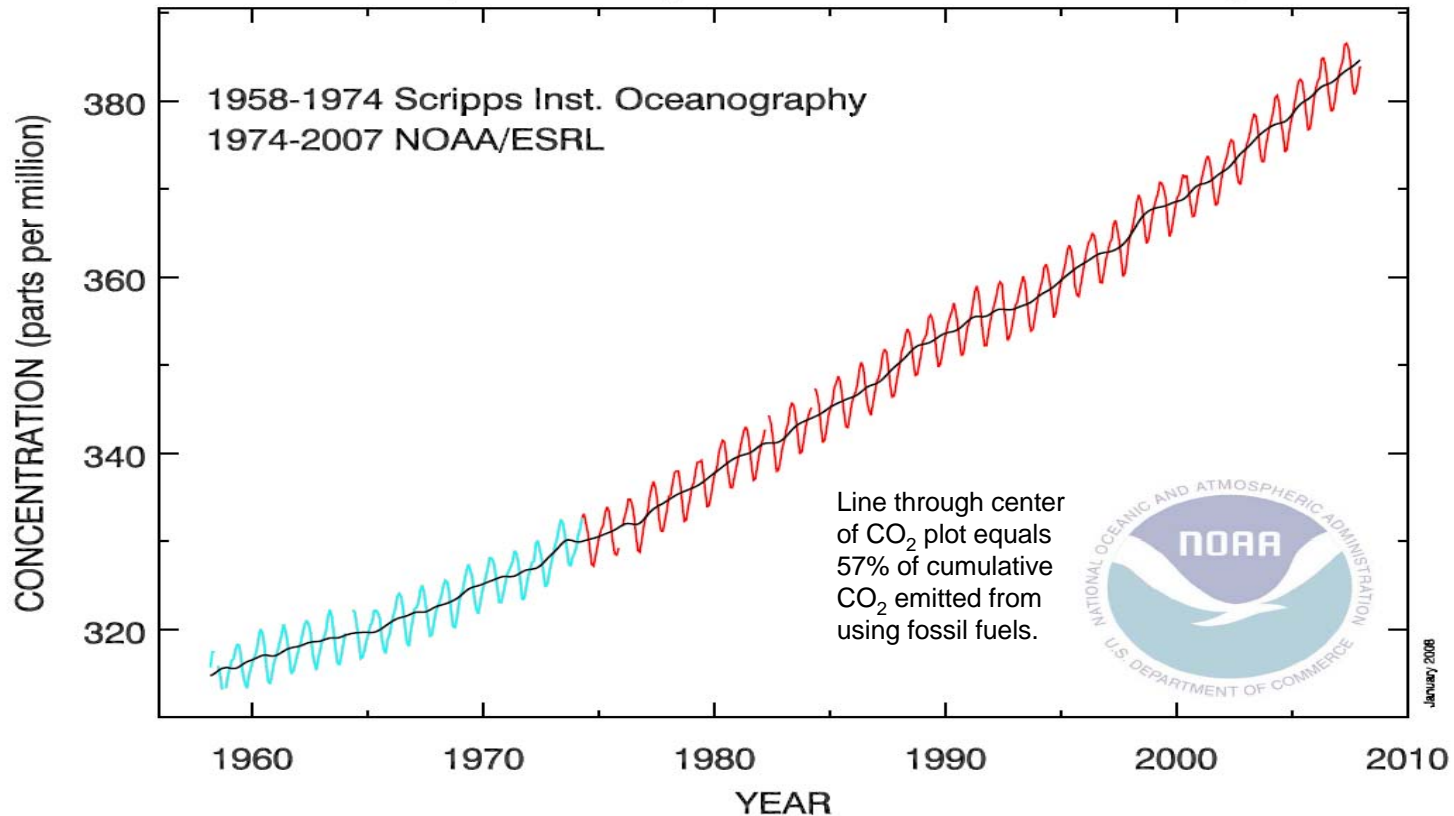


- Earth's history provides most important information on global warming.
- Recorded human history occurs within the Holocene warm period.



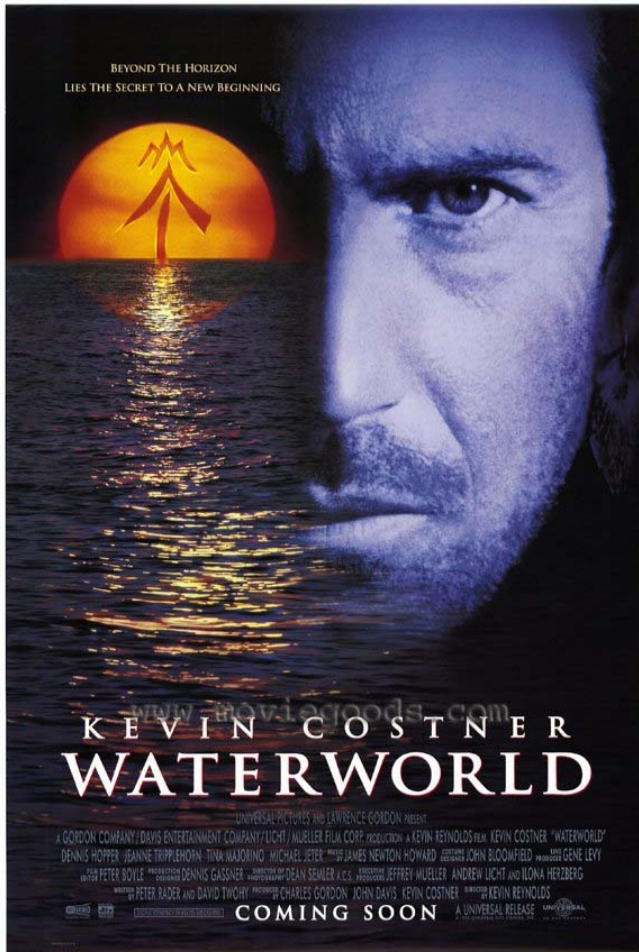
# Mauna Loa CO<sub>2</sub> Record

Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> at Mauna Loa Observatory



Scripps data courtesy of Dr. Ralph Keeling, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego.

# Will We Soon be Treading Water?



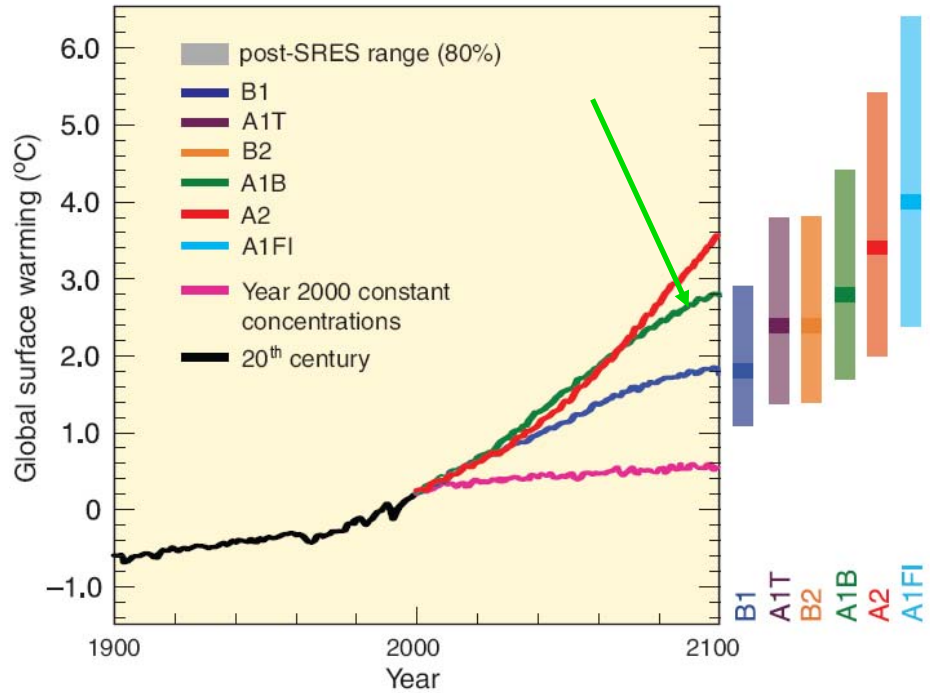
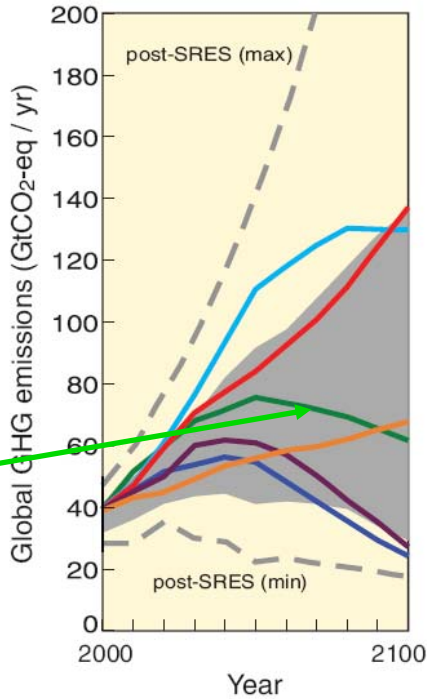
The Day After Tomorrow



# Or Will It Be More Like This?



**Scenarios for GHG emissions from 2000 to 2100 (in the absence of additional climate policies)  
and projections of surface temperatures**



Case	Temperature change (°C at 2090-2099 relative to 1980-1999) <sup>a, d</sup>		Sea level rise (m at 2090-2099 relative to 1980-1999)
	Best estimate	Likely range	Model-based range excluding future rapid dynamical changes in ice flow
Constant year 2000 concentrations <sup>b</sup>	0.6	0.3 – 0.9	Not available
B1 scenario	1.8	1.1 – 2.9	0.18 – 0.38
A1T scenario	2.4	1.4 – 3.8	0.20 – 0.45
B2 scenario	2.4	1.4 – 3.8	0.20 – 0.43
A1B scenario	2.8	1.7 – 4.4	0.21 – 0.48
A2 scenario	3.4	2.0 – 5.4	0.23 – 0.51
A1FI scenario	4.0	2.4 – 6.4	0.26 – 0.59



Greenland Melt  
descending into a  
moulin, a vertical shaft  
carrying water to ice  
sheet base.

*Source: Roger Braithwaite,  
University of Manchester (UK)*

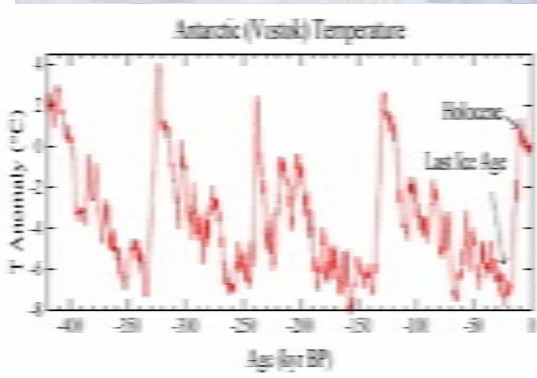


# How much Could Ice Sheets Affect Sea Level Rise?

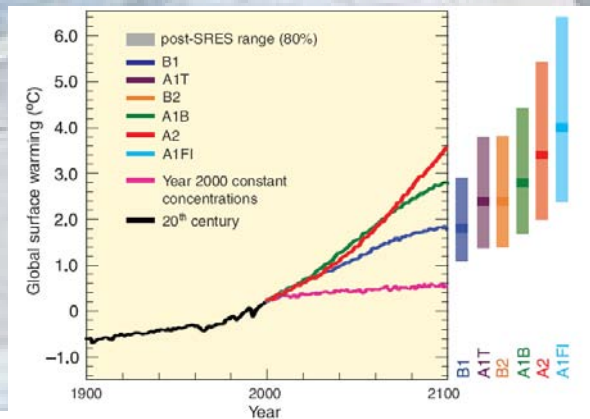
If small glaciers and polar ice caps on the margins of **Greenland and the Antarctic Peninsula** melt, the projected rise in sea level will be around 0.5 m.

- Melting of the **Greenland ice Sheet** would produce 7.2 m of sea-level rise
- The collapse of the grounded interior reservoir of the **West Antarctic Ice Sheet** would raise sea level by 5-6 m.
- Melting of the **Antarctic ice sheet** would produce 61.1 m of sea level rise. Most of the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets lie above the snowline and/or base of the permafrost zone -- they cannot melt in a timeframe much less than several millennia. It is unlikely that they will contribute significantly to sea level rise in the coming century. They can, however, do so through acceleration in flow and enhanced iceberg calving.
- Interesting but irrelevant factoid: Since the peak of the last ice age, over 20,000 years ago, sea levels have risen about 120 meters.

# And Then There Are All Those Other Annoying Questions, Such As Species Extinction, Ocean Acidification, Droughts, Storms, etc.



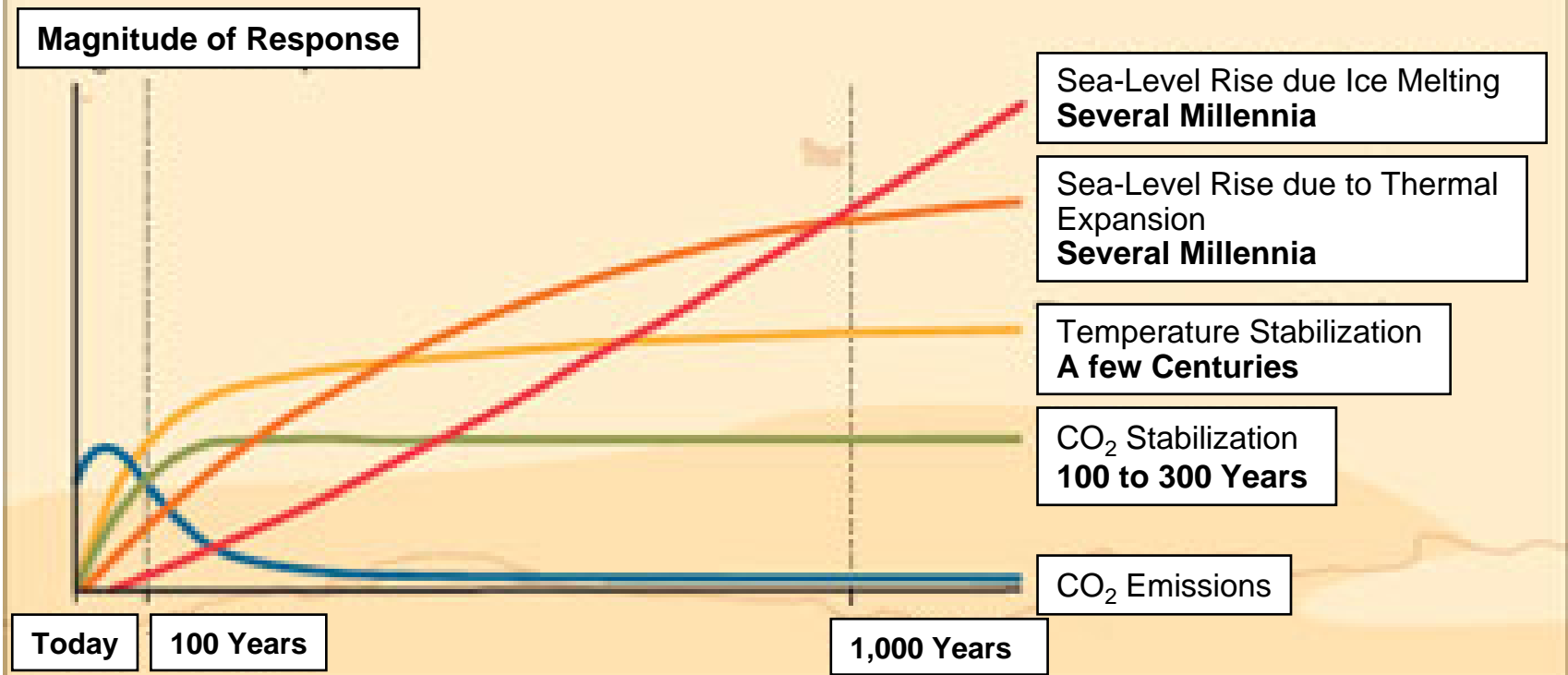
Instead of 1000(s) of years per degree C of climate change, we are heading toward decades per degree C change.



There is *medium confidence* that approximately 20 to 30% of species assessed so far are *likely* to be at increased risk of extinction if increases in global average warming exceed 1.5 to 2.5°C (relative to 1980-1999). As global average temperature increase exceeds about 3.5°C, model projections suggest significant extinctions (40 to 70% of species assessed) around the globe. (IPCC Fourth Assessment)

## Time to Equilibrium

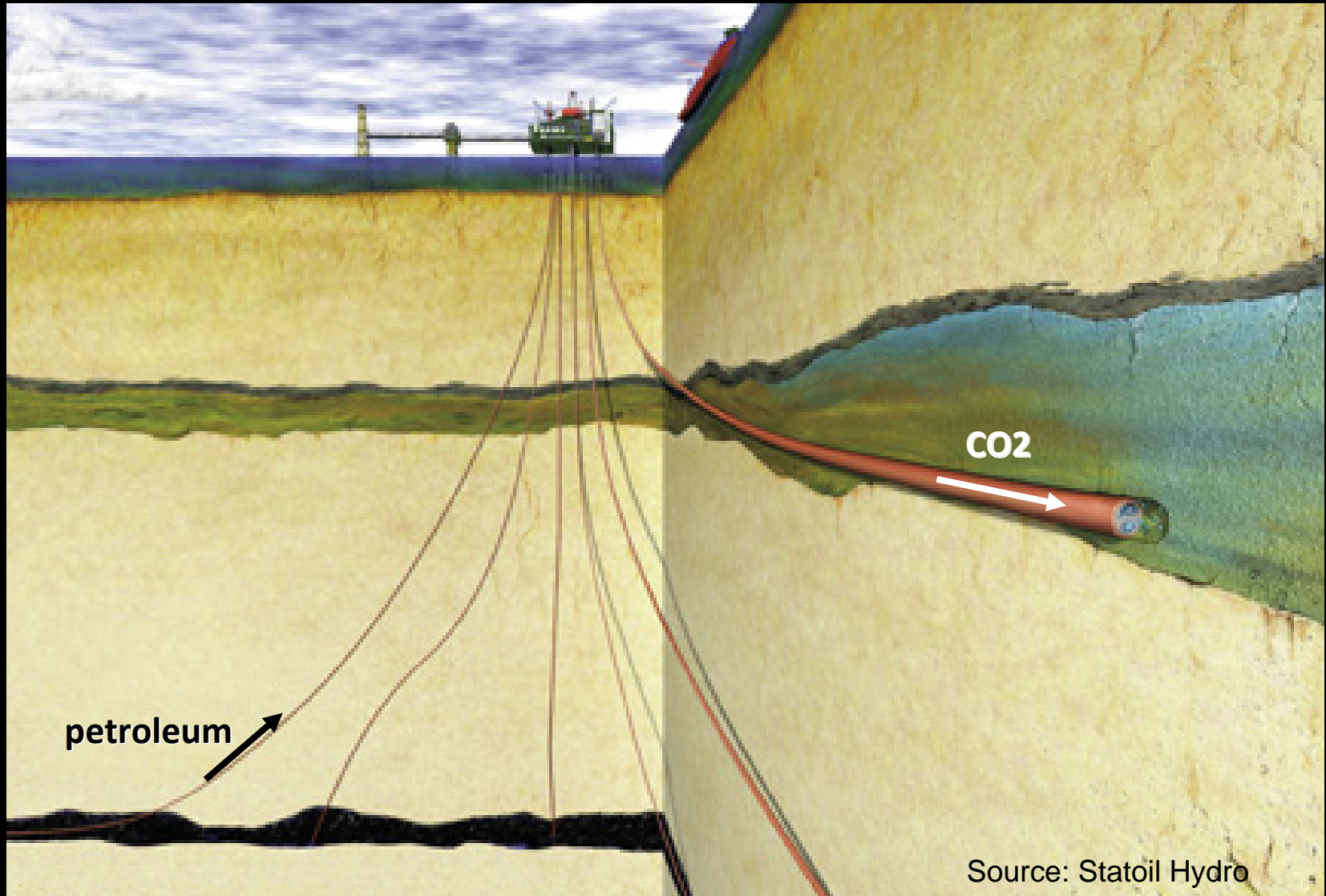
Climate-change experts predict that even when GHG emissions are curtailed, their effects on the environment will continue to be felt for hundreds, if not thousands, of years.



Jones-Thompson, Maryanne, "Engineering Climate", *Technology Review*, MIT, March 2005

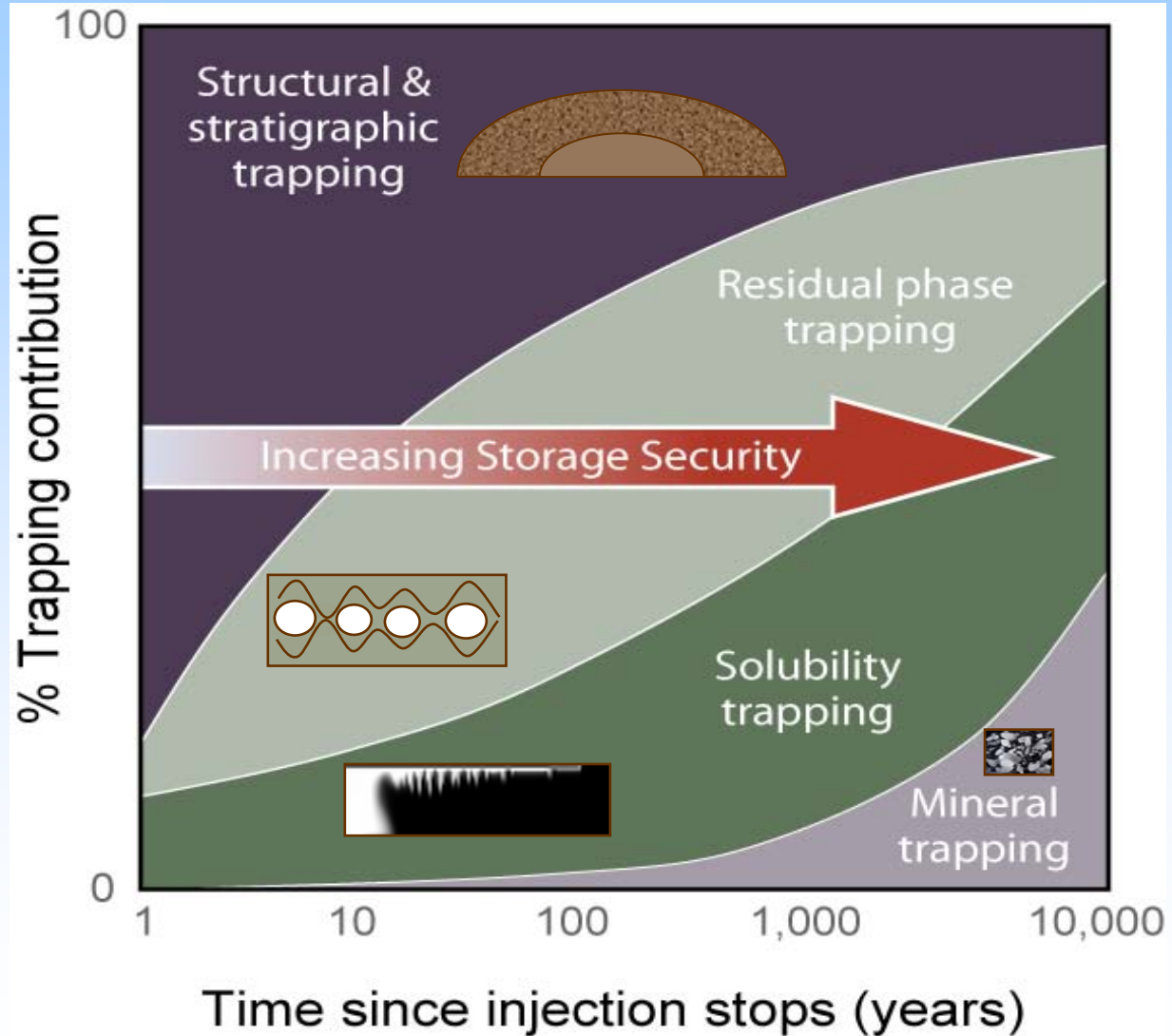
# CCS to the Rescue!

“Putting carbon back to the ground”.





# Primary and Secondary Trapping Mechanisms



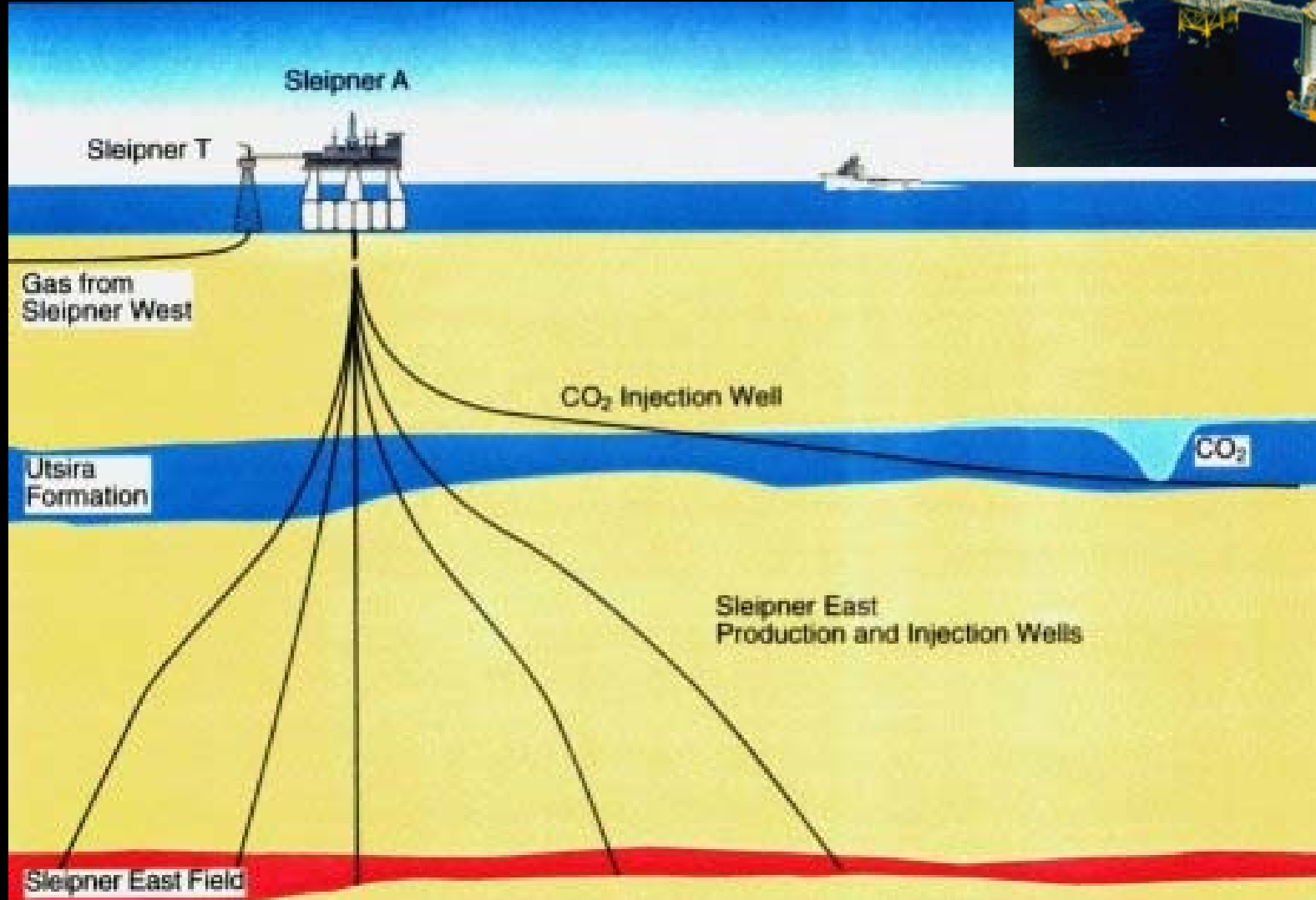


# In Salah Project, Algeria (BP)





# SACS (Saline Aquifer CO2 Storage) Offshore Norway, Statoil Hydro





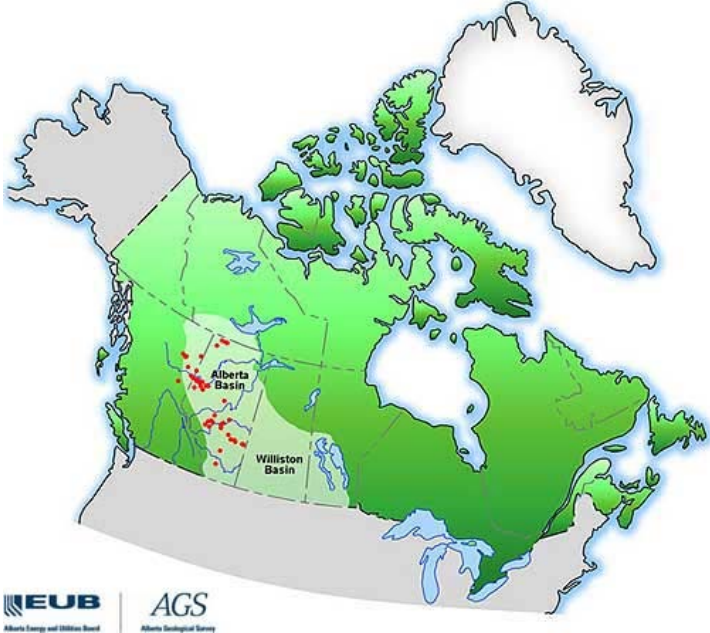
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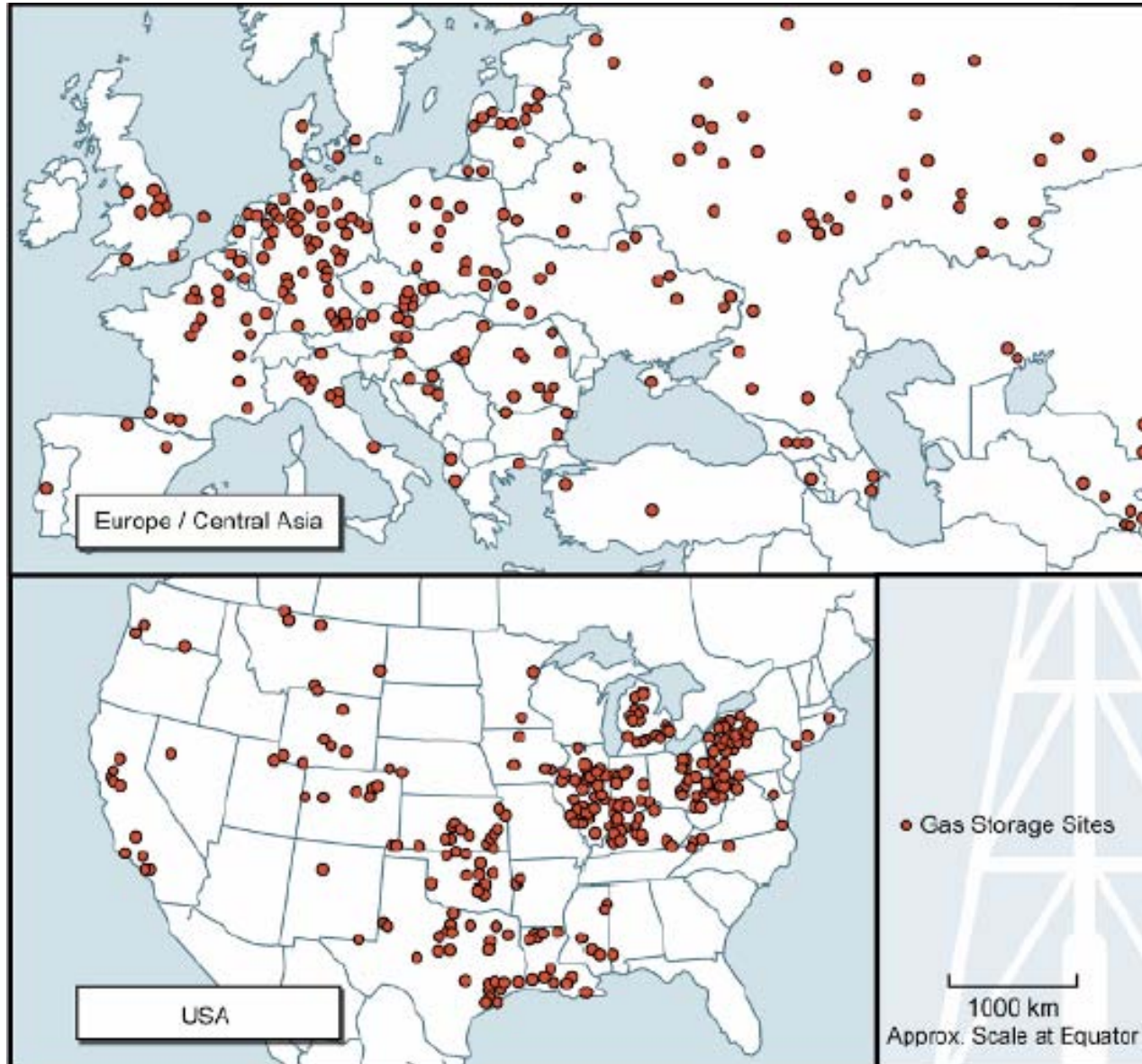
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# Analogs for CO<sub>2</sub> storage

# Acid gas storage in Canada

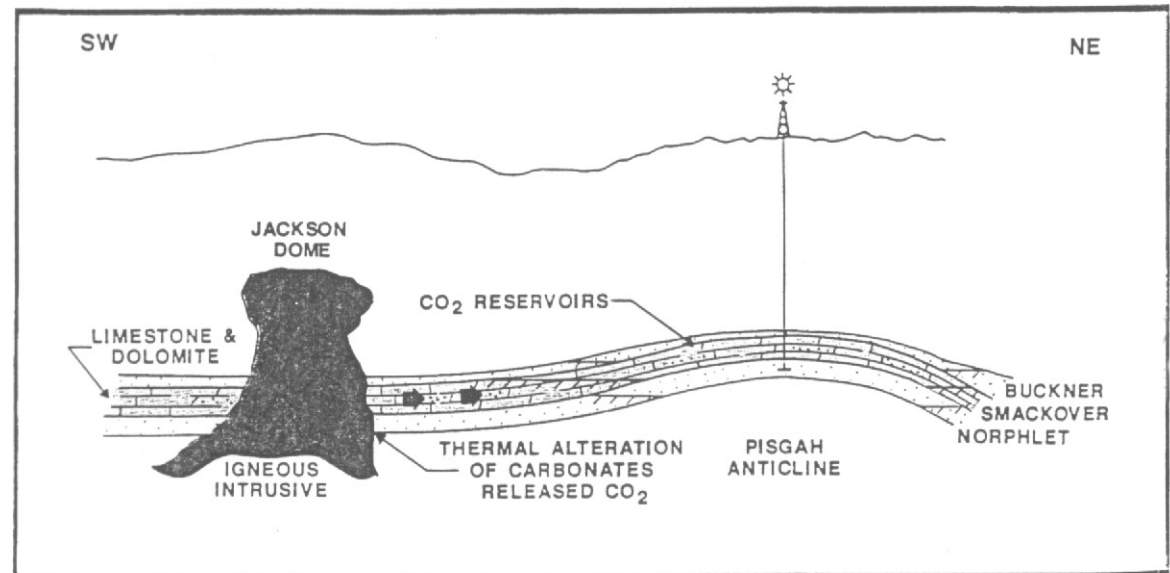
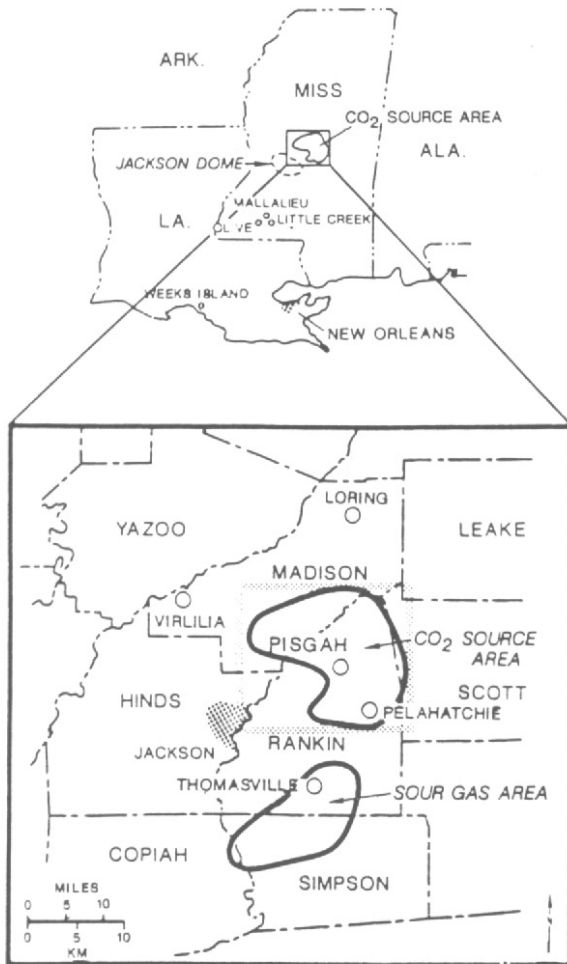


# Natural gas storage sites in Europe and USA (caverns and reservoirs)



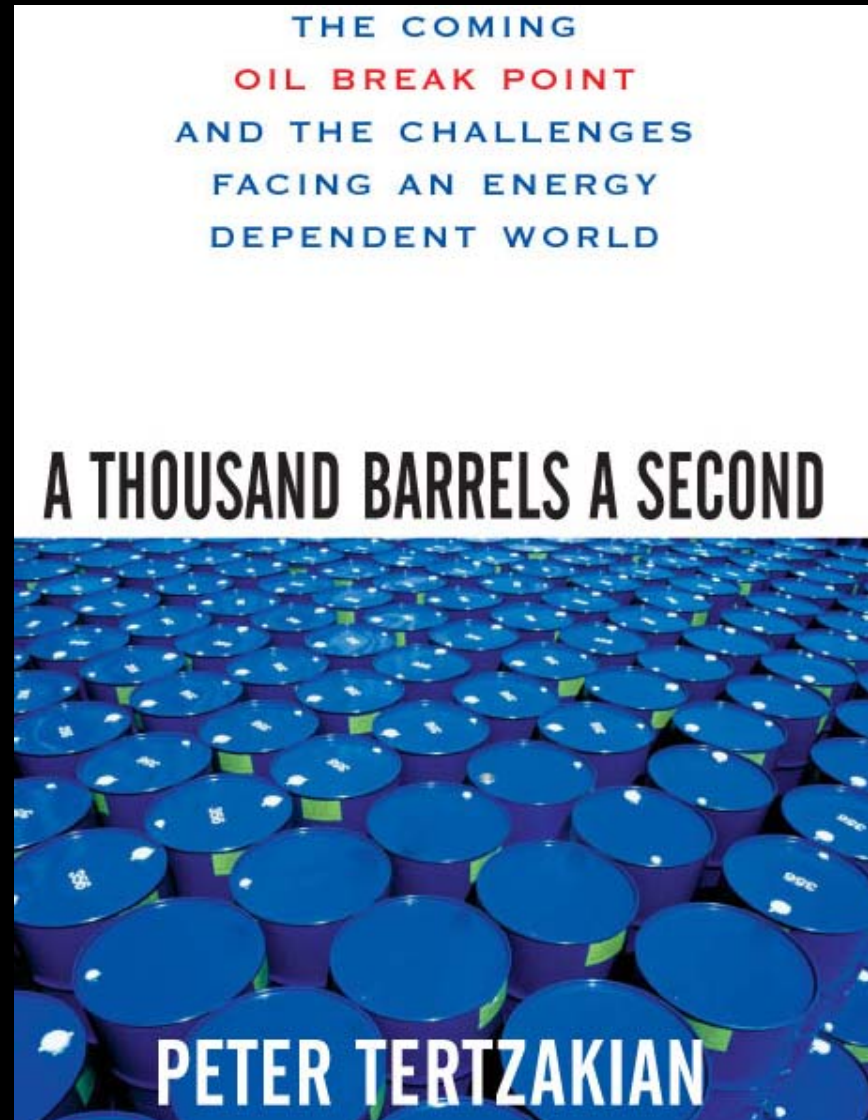
# Natural CO<sub>2</sub> field, Norphlet Formation, Mississippi

- Jurassic aeolian sandstones
- Original CO<sub>2</sub> column: 154 m
- CO<sub>2</sub>-water contact: 4.827 m
- Purity: > 98% CO<sub>2</sub> (3-120 ppm H<sub>2</sub>S)
- Original volume in-place: 2,0 TCF (5,7 x 10<sup>10</sup> m<sup>3</sup>)
- Recovery 65%
- Operators: Shell, Chevron
- Discovered in 1967
- CO<sub>2</sub> piped to Mississippi and Louisiana oil fields for EOR



## Scale of the problem

*Any viable option must consider the present-day and future great dependency of fossil fuels*



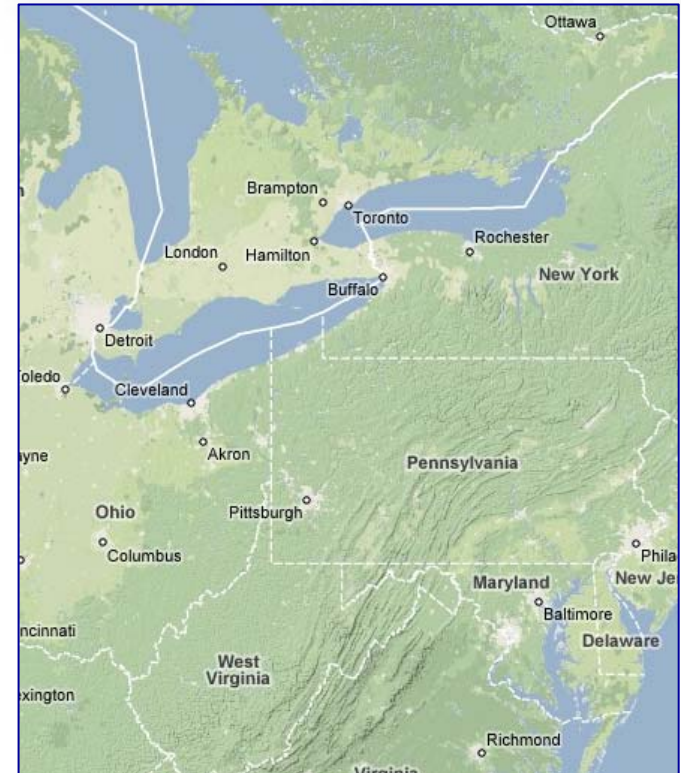
# Scale of the Problem – USA



**U.S. emits roughly 6 billion tons per year, currently**

**Under a reference case scenario, cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 2004-2100 are expected to be 1 trillion tons**

**Enough to fill Lake Erie with liquid CO<sub>2</sub> almost twice or cover the entire state of Utah with a blanket of liquid CO<sub>2</sub> 14 foot thick.**



Lake Erie volume, 113 cubic miles

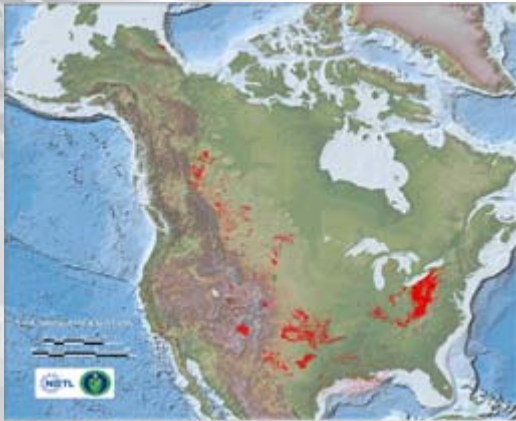
$1 \times 10^{12} \text{ tons CO}_2 * 2000 \text{ lb/ton} * \text{ft}^3 / 68 \text{ lb} * (1 \text{ mile} / 5,380 \text{ ft})^3 / 1 \text{ mile} = 200 \text{ cubic miles}$

U.S. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions increase 60% between 2004 and 2050, 30% between 2051 and 2100

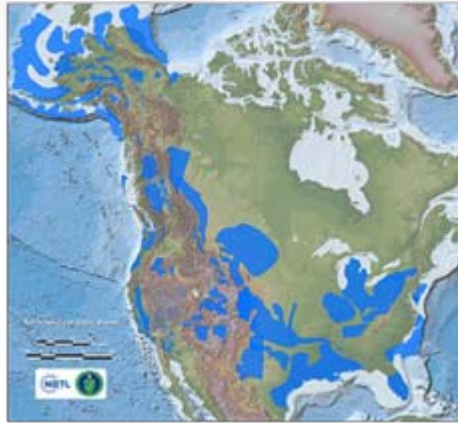
# National Atlas Highlights



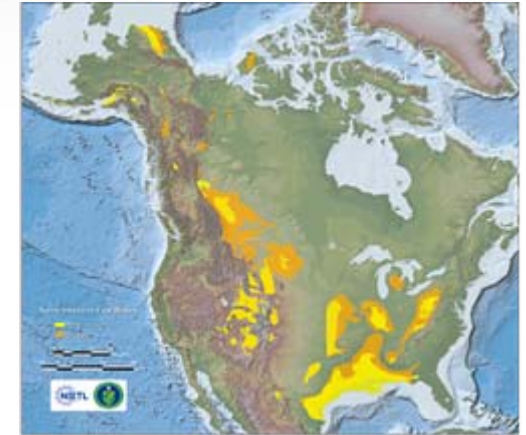
Adequate storage projected  
 U.S. Emissions ~ 6 GT CO<sub>2</sub>/yr all sources



*Oil and Gas Fields*



*Saline Formations*



*Unmineable Coal Seams*

North American CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Potential  
 (Giga Tons)

*Conservative  
 Resource  
 Assessment*

Sink Type	Low	High
<i>Saline Formations</i>	969	3,223
<i>Unmineable Coal Seams</i>	70	97
<i>Oil and Gas Fields</i>	82	83

*Hundreds of  
 Years of  
 Storage  
 Potential*

Available for download at [http://www.netl.doe.gov/publications/carbon\\_seq/refshelf.html](http://www.netl.doe.gov/publications/carbon_seq/refshelf.html)



# Ensuring the Safety and Permanence of CCS

# Multiple Lines of Evidence Indicate Storage Can Be Secure and Effective

## 1. Natural analogues

- Oil and gas reservoirs
- CO<sub>2</sub> formations

## 2. Industrial analogues

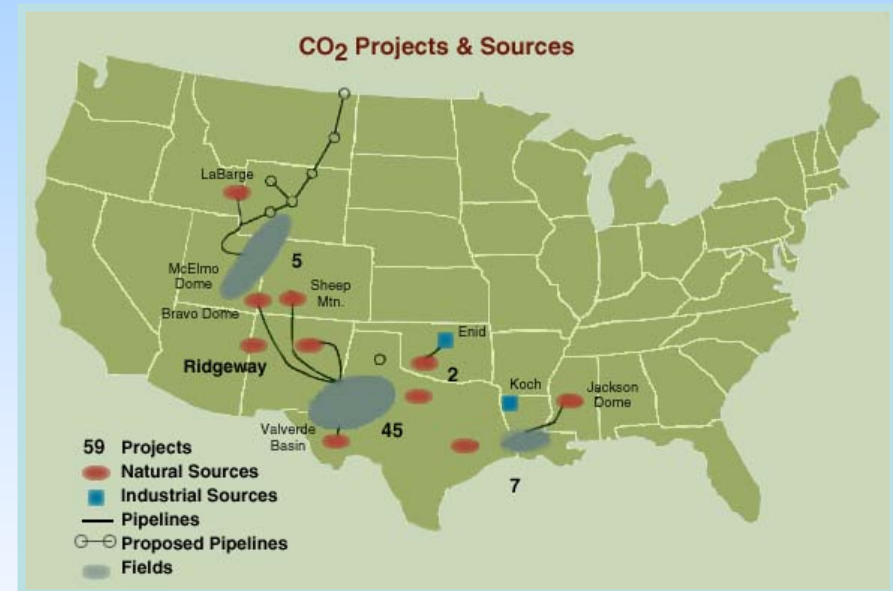
- CO<sub>2</sub> EOR
- Natural gas storage
- Liquid waste disposal

## 3. Existing projects

- Sleipner, Off-shore Norway
- Weyburn, Canada
- In Salah, Algeria

## 4. Fundamental physical and chemical processes

## 5. Numerical simulation of long term performance



## Storage security and trapping mechanisms in a time framework

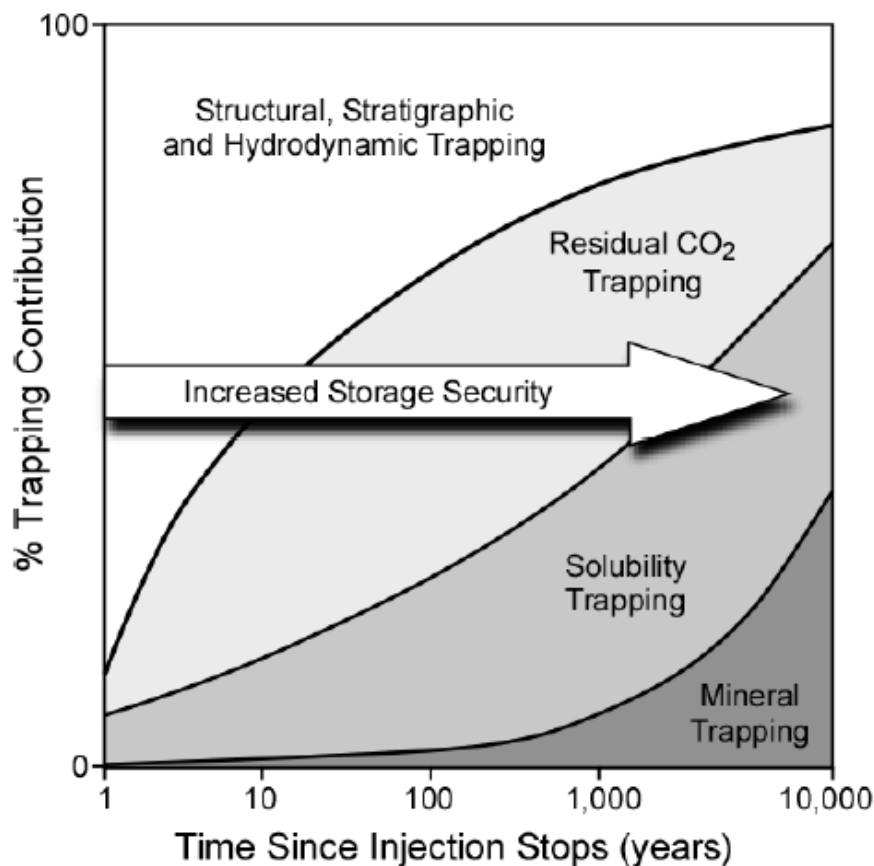
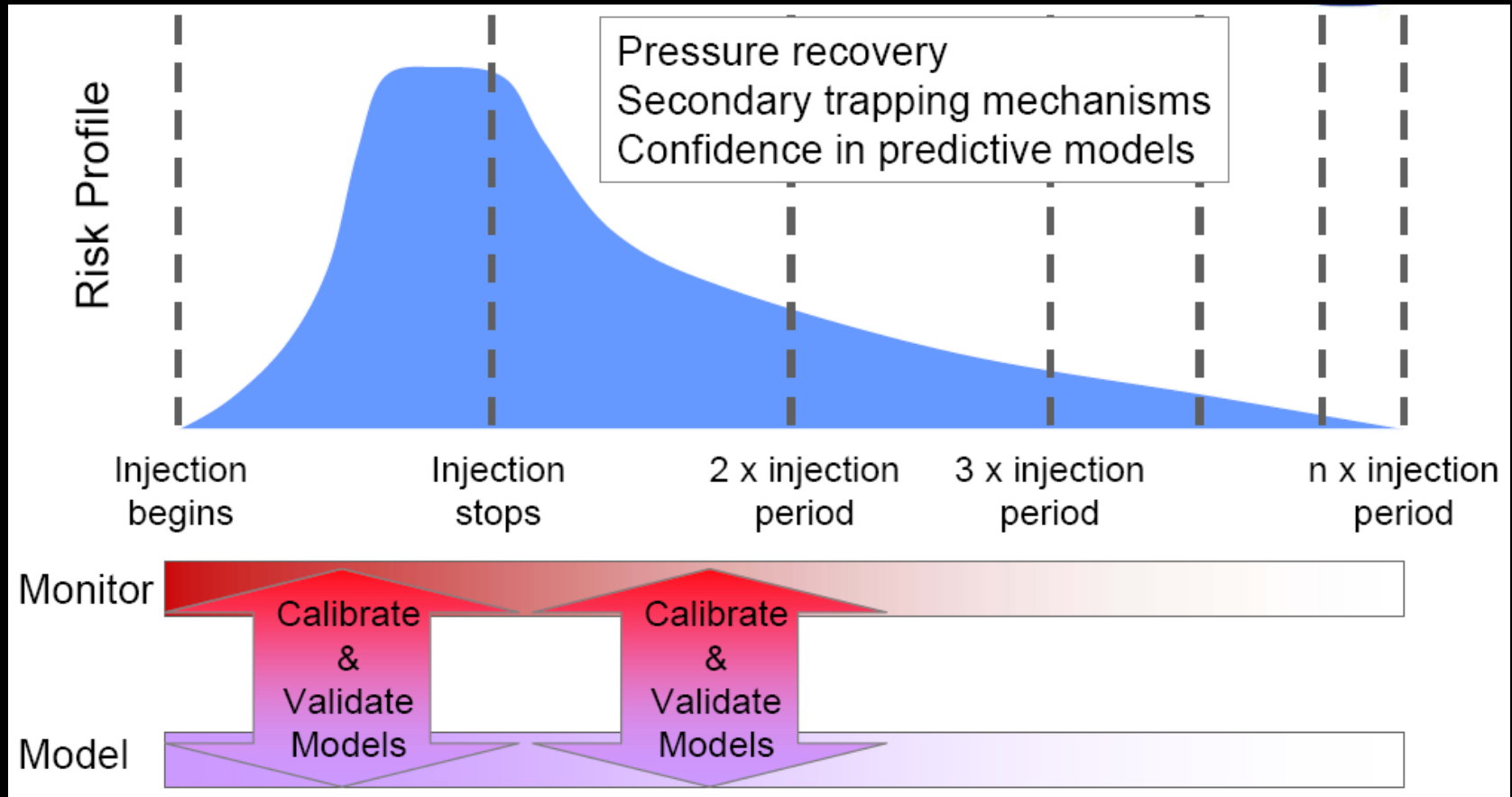
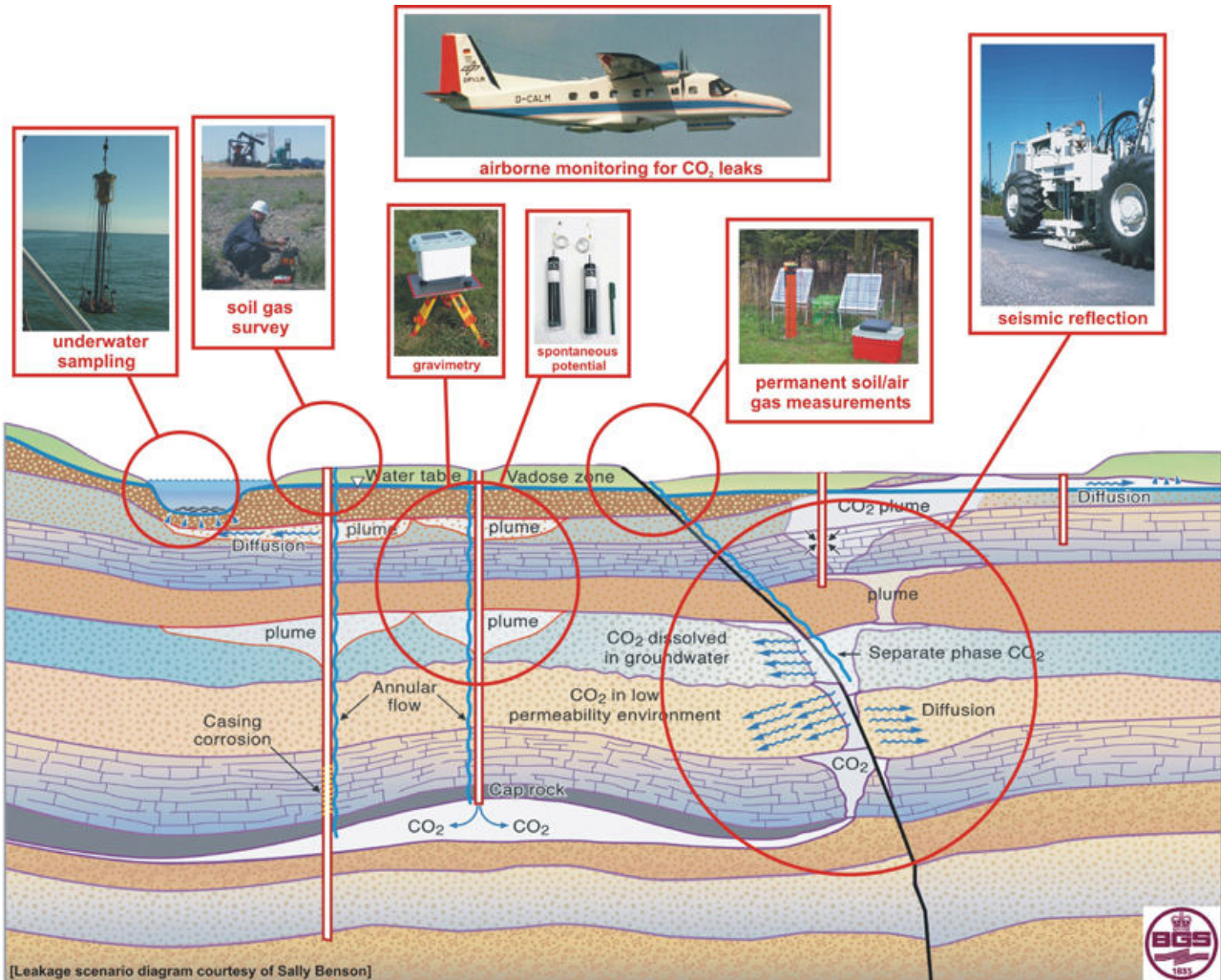


Figure 2. Contribution and storage security of various CO<sub>2</sub> geological-storage mechanisms (from IPCC, 2005).

# Risk (leakage) profile in time

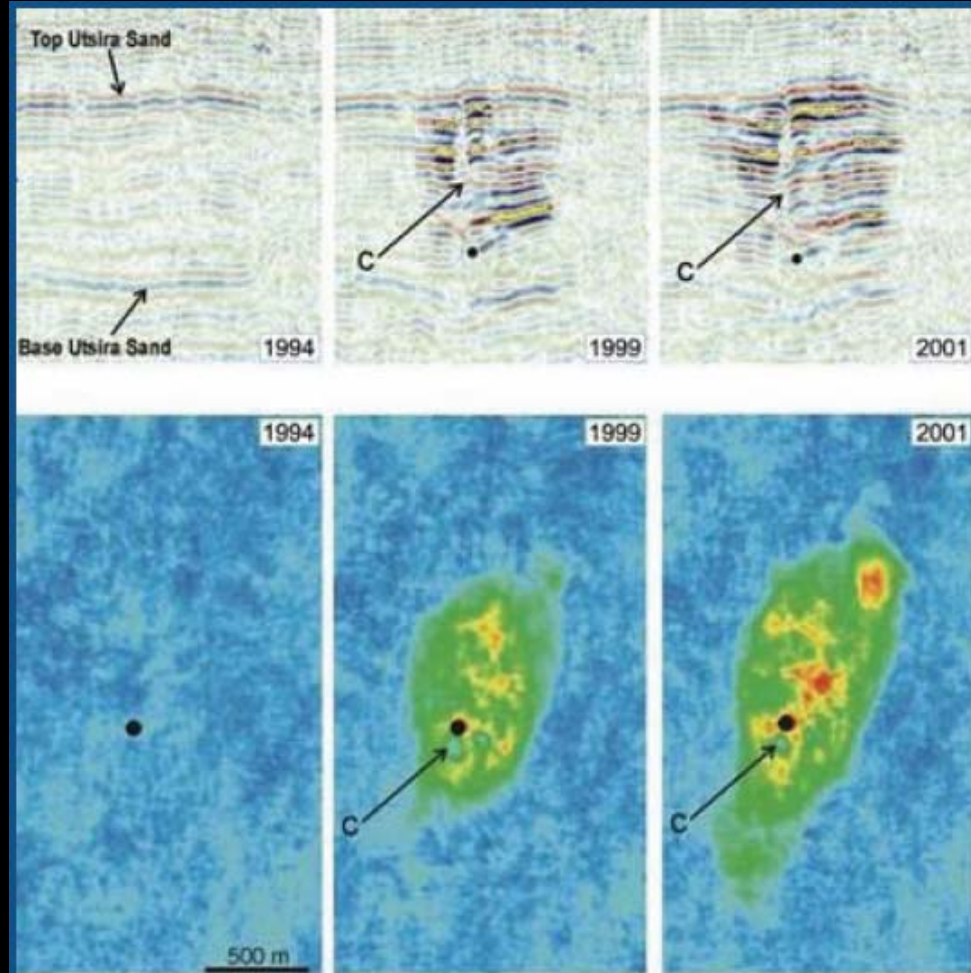


# Monitoring, Accounting and Verification of Stored CO<sub>2</sub>





# 4D Seismic survey in the Utsira Formation (offshore Norway)





**BUT.....**

**CCS is expensive, still needs to be demonstrated in large scale (several Mt/year/site), and requires more fossil fuels to operate (ca. 25% more in a coal fired power plant).**

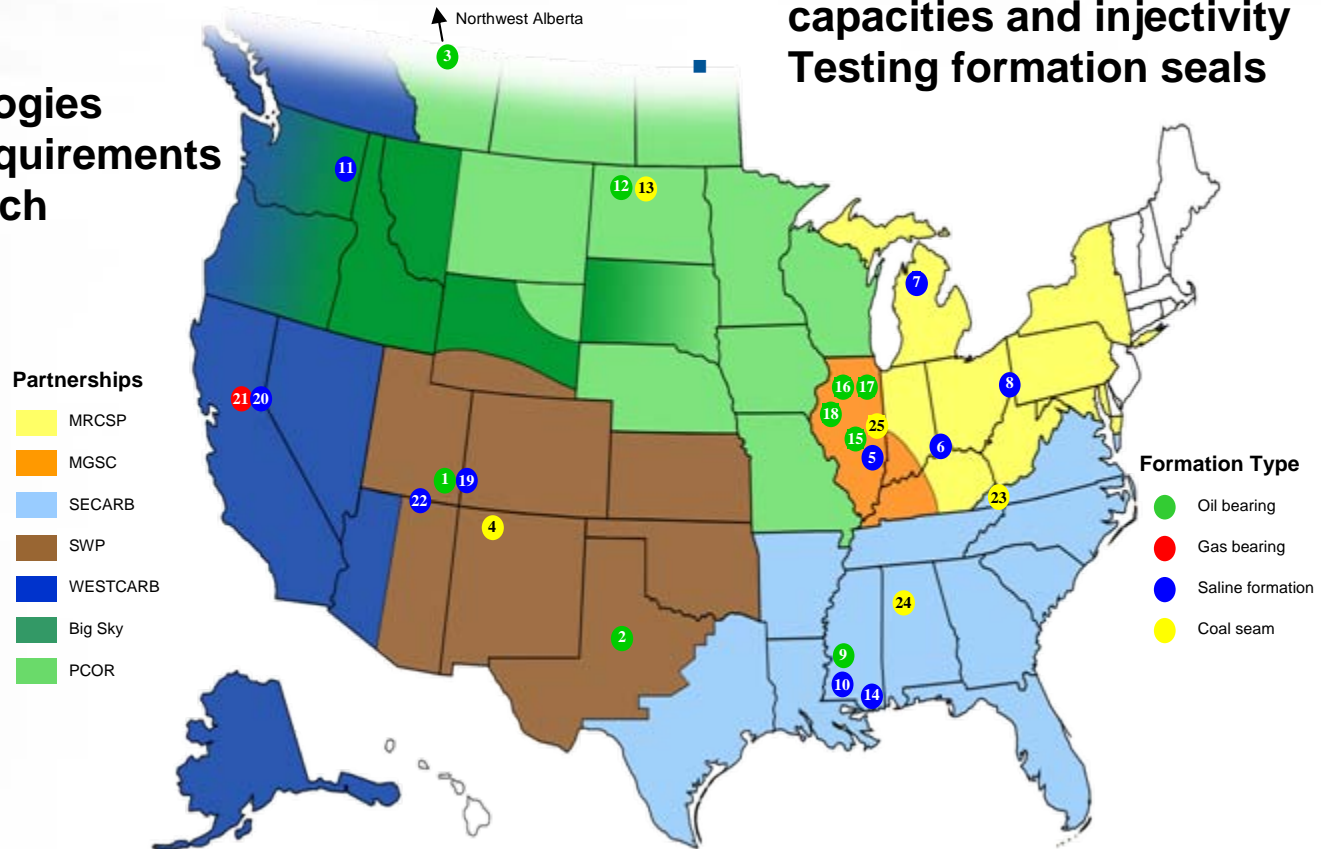
# Phase II Field Validation



## 25 Geologic Tests

- MMV technologies
- Permitting requirements
- Public outreach

- Injection 750-525,000 Tons CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Larger in conjunction with EOR
- Validating geologic formation capacities and injectivity
- Testing formation seals





# Large Scale Test Locations



• Inject 1 – 11 million tons CO<sub>2</sub>

**PCOR**  
Fort Nelson  
CO<sub>2</sub> Acid Gas  
Injection Project

**PCOR**  
Williston Basin CO<sub>2</sub>  
Sequestration and  
EOR Test

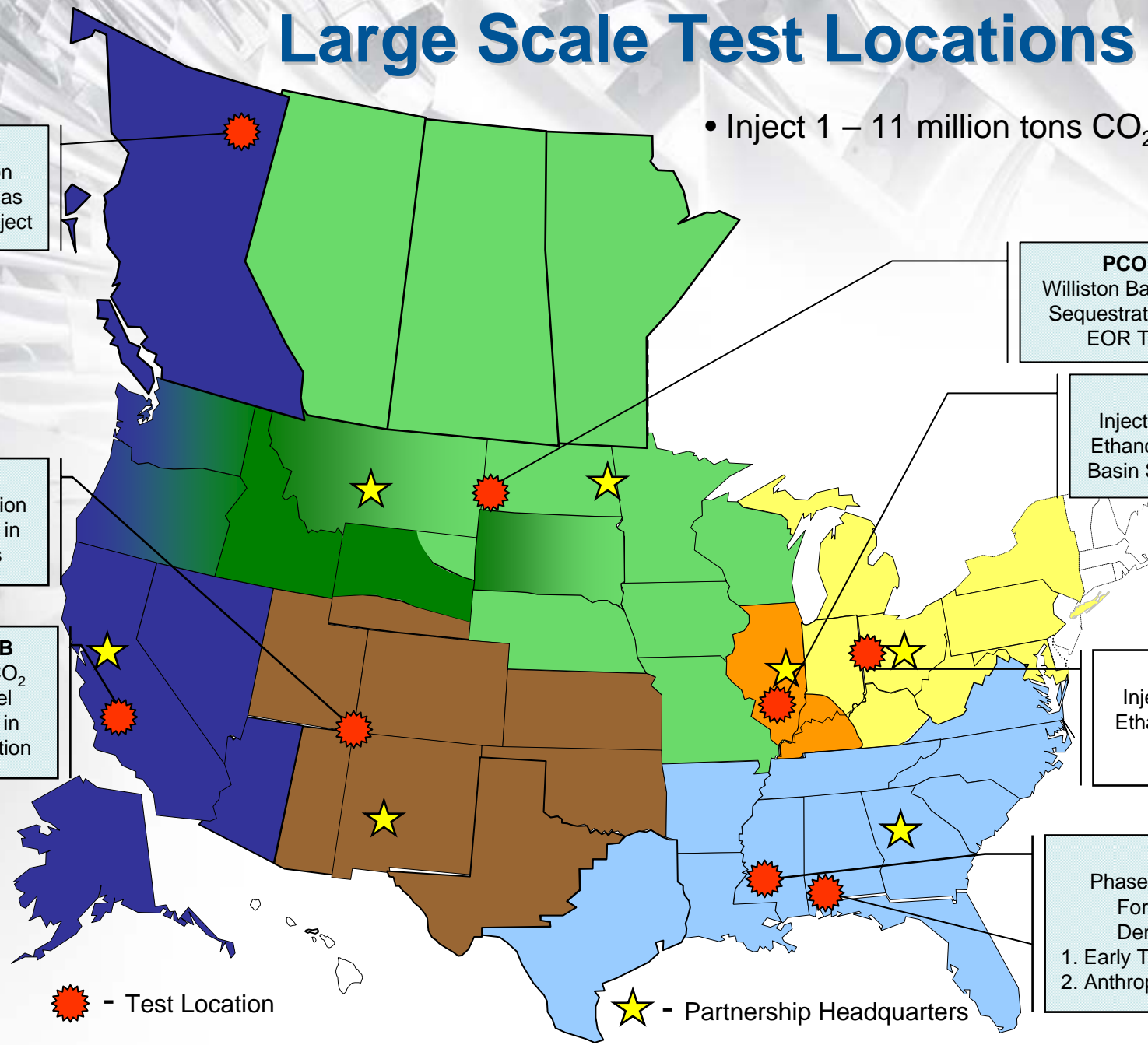
**MGSC**  
Injection of CO<sub>2</sub> from  
Ethanol Plant in Illinois  
Basin Saline Formation

**SWP**  
Saline Formation  
CO<sub>2</sub> Injection in  
Two Basins

**MRCSP**  
Injection of CO<sub>2</sub> from  
Ethanol Plant in Saline  
Formation

**WESTCARB**  
Injection of CO<sub>2</sub>  
from Oxyfuel  
Combustion in  
Saline Formation

**SECARB**  
Phase III Saline  
Formation  
Demonstration  
1. Early Test  
2. Anthropogenic Test



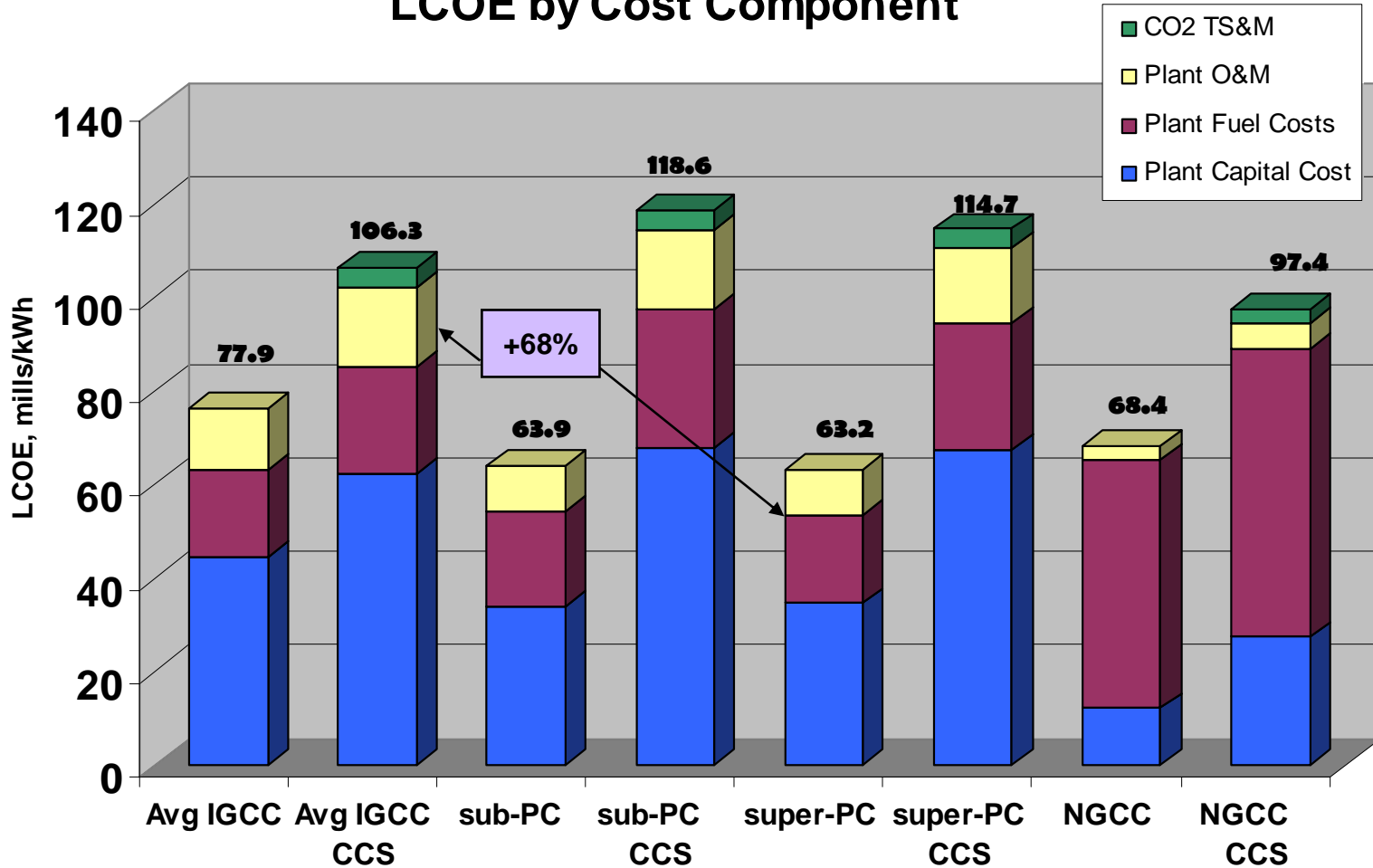
 - Test Location

 - Partnership Headquarters

# Busbar Cost of Electricity



## LCOE by Cost Component



January 2007 Dollars, Coal cost \$1.80/10<sup>6</sup>Btu, Gas cost \$6.75/10<sup>6</sup>Btu

CCS = Carbon capture and sequestration

TS&M = transport, storage, and monitoring



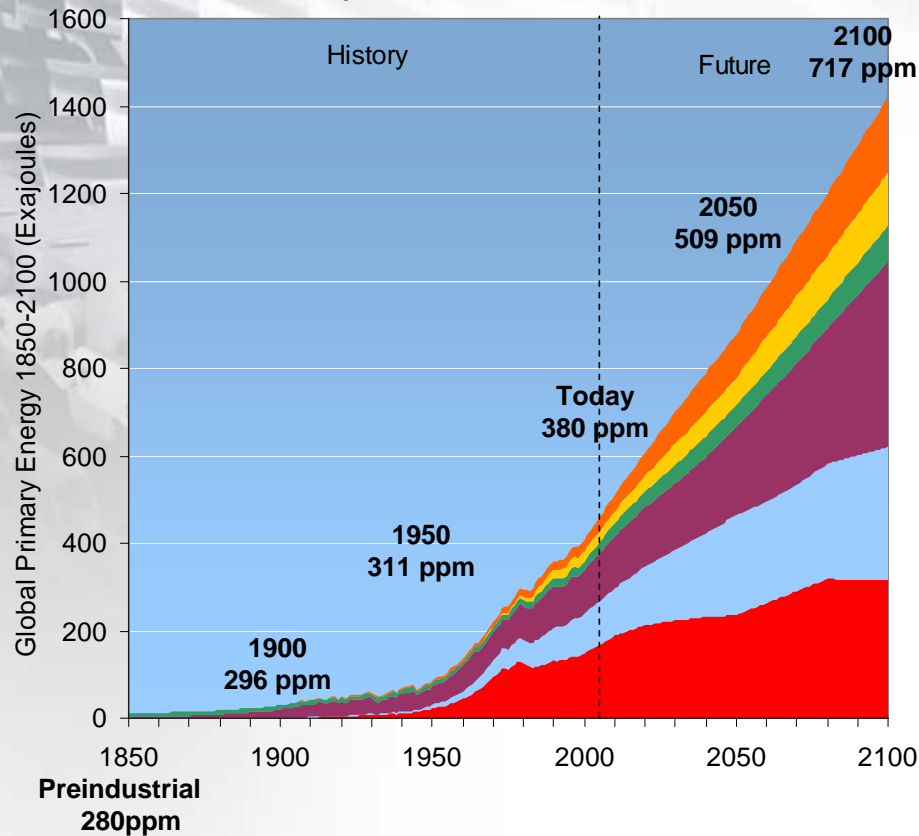
Are there other  
things we can do  
instead of CCS?



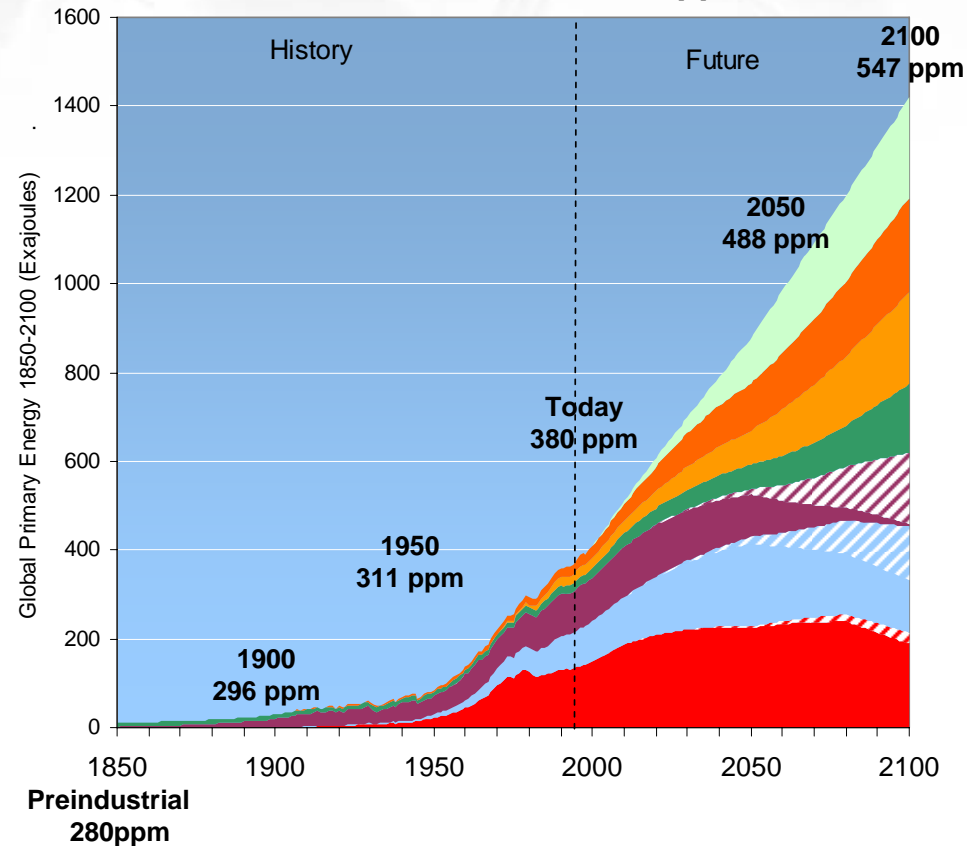
# Stabilization of CO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations

Requires a fundamental change to the global energy system

### History and Reference Case



### Stabilization of CO<sub>2</sub> at 550 ppm

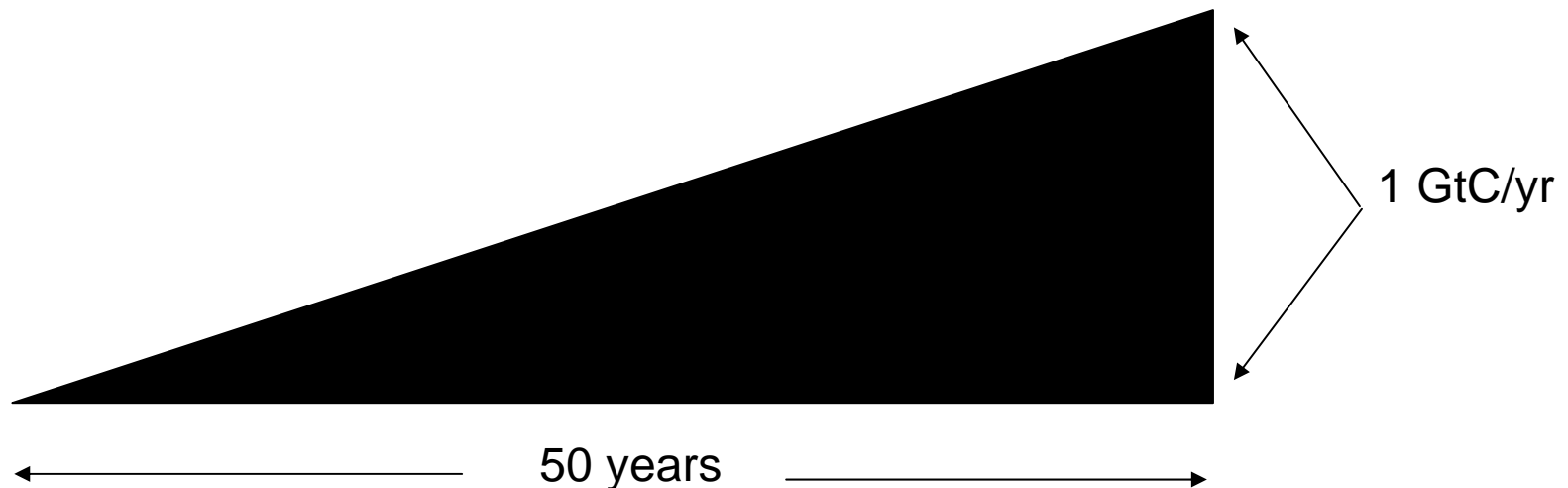


Source:  
Dooley, et.  
al., 2006

- Oil
- Natural Gas
- Coal
- Biomass Energy
- Non-Biomass Renewable Energy
- Oil + CCS
- Natural Gas + CCS
- Coal + CCS
- Nuclear Energy
- End-use Energy

# What is a “Wedge”?

A “wedge” is a strategy to reduce carbon emissions that grows in 50 years from zero to 1.0 GtC/yr. The strategy has already been commercialized at scale somewhere.



Cumulatively, a wedge redirects the flow of 25 GtC in its first 50 years. This is 2.5 trillion dollars at \$100/tC.

A “solution” to the CO<sub>2</sub> problem should provide at least one wedge.

# Efficiency



Double the fuel efficiency of the world's cars or halve miles traveled

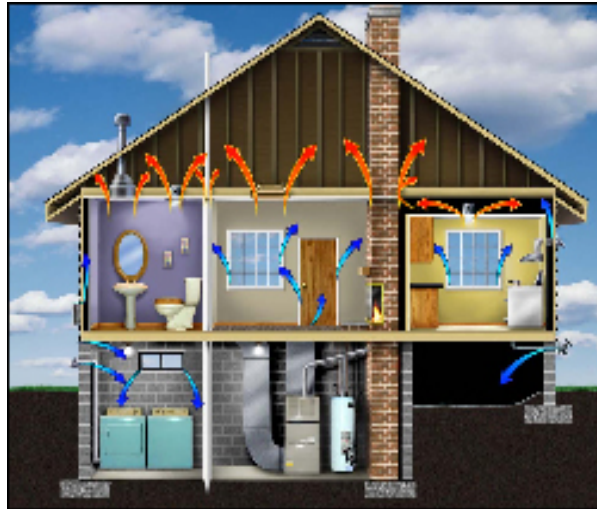
There are about 600 million cars today, with 2 billion projected for 2055

E, T, H / \$

Sector s affected:

E = Electricity, T =Transport, H = Heat

Cost based on scale of \$ to \$\$\$



Produce today's electric capacity with double today's efficiency

Average coal plant efficiency is 32% today

Use best efficiency practices in all residential and commercial buildings

Replacing all the world's incandescent bulbs with CFL's would provide 1/4 of one wedge

# ***Nuclear Electricity***

**Triple the world's nuclear  
electricity capacity by 2055**



Graphic courtesy of NRC

The rate of installation required for a wedge from electricity is equal to the global rate of nuclear expansion from 1975-1990.

**E/ \$\$**

# Wind Electricity



Photo courtesy of DOE

**Install 1 million 2 MW  
windmills to replace coal-  
based electricity,**

**OR**

**Use 2 million windmills to  
produce hydrogen fuel**

**E, T, H / \$-\$\$**

**A wedge worth of wind electricity will require  
increasing current capacity by a factor of 30**





# **How to deploy CCS?**

*The G8/IEA/CSLF plan of action*

## THE G8/IEA/CSLF CARBON PLAN: The near-term first phase 200 Mt/yr (by 2025)

- Low-cost forms of CCS (processes that already capture CO<sub>2</sub> or have “little” additional capture cost such as NG processing, ammonia and hydrogen plants).
- Forms of CCS with costs are offset by EOR or avoided emissions taxes.



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[www.princeton.edu](http://www.princeton.edu)

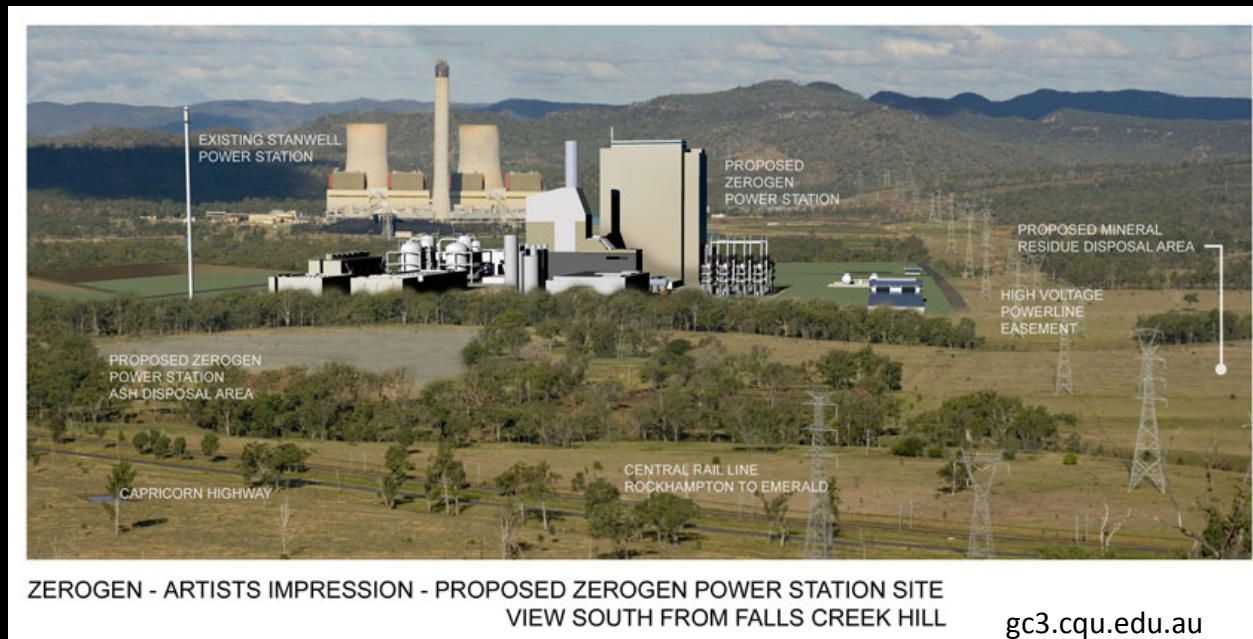


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## *THE G8/IEA/CSLF CARBON PLAN: The longer-term second phase 6000 Mt/yr (by 2050)*

- Widespread deployment of CCS for power generation, facilitated by reduction of capture costs.
- Forms of CCS with heavy industries, such as steel and cement.
- As opportunities for EOR decline, CCS will likely be in saline formations.



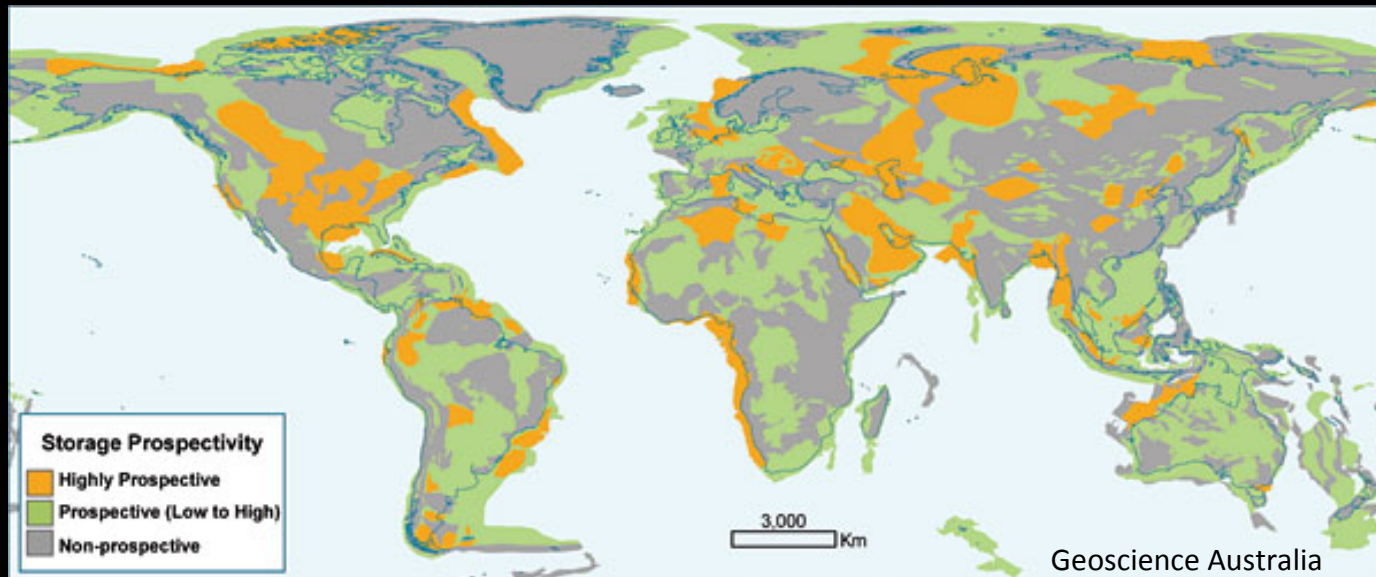


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*THE G8/IEA/CSLF CARBON PLAN:* Key issues governing the deployment of CCS to be resolved already in the FIRST phase:

1. Identification and characterization of storage resources
2. The development and implementation of regulatory and incentive regimes
3. Deployment on a sufficient scale to gain community confidence and support
4. The development of low-cost capture technologies.





## Final remarks:

- *Most of CCS technology is available, but further development is needed to reduce cost.*
- *CCS is one of the most promising solutions to meet GHG emission reductions needs.*
- *CCS can assure the sustainable and safe use of affordable, secure fossil based energy.*
- *CCS does not compete with renewable energy but contributes to a friendly transition from a fossil based to renewable based economy.*



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