

# **Update on the IEA GHG Weyburn-Midale CO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring and Storage Project and PTRC's New Aquistore Project**

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## **IEA GHG Weyburn – Midale CO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring & Storage Project**



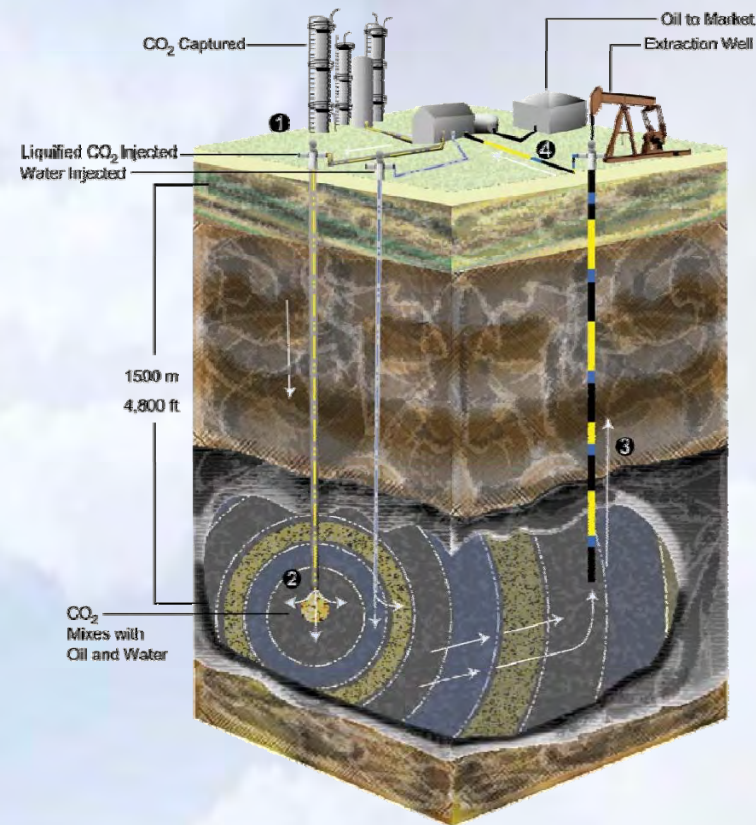
**IEA GHG  
WEYBURN-MIDALE  
CO<sub>2</sub> MONITORING  
AND STORAGE PROJECT**

**“The Weyburn-Midale Project will provide policymakers, the energy industry and the general public with reliable information about industrial carbon sequestration and enhanced oil recovery.”**

**- Samuel Bodman, Secretary of Energy, USA**

## The world's largest full-scale, field study of CO<sub>2</sub> storage associated with commercial EOR operations

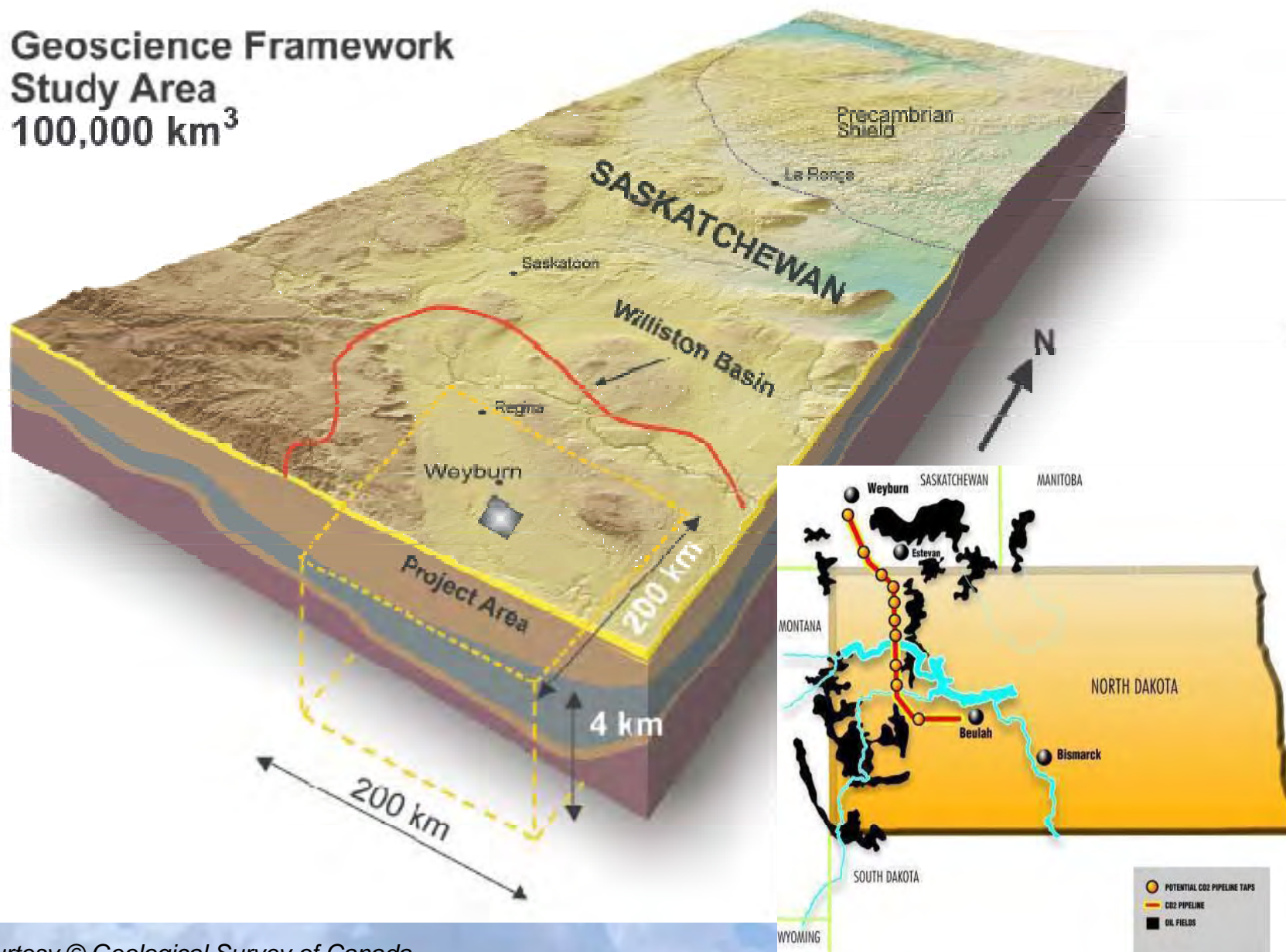
- \$80 million project
- Currently in Final Phase, ending 2011
- 12 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> injected to-date
  - 10 million Weyburn
  - 2 million Midale
- 40 million tonnes stored by 2035
- > 20,000 incremental bbl/day





# Where is the CO<sub>2</sub> from? Where is it stored?

**Geoscience Framework  
Study Area  
100,000 km<sup>3</sup>**

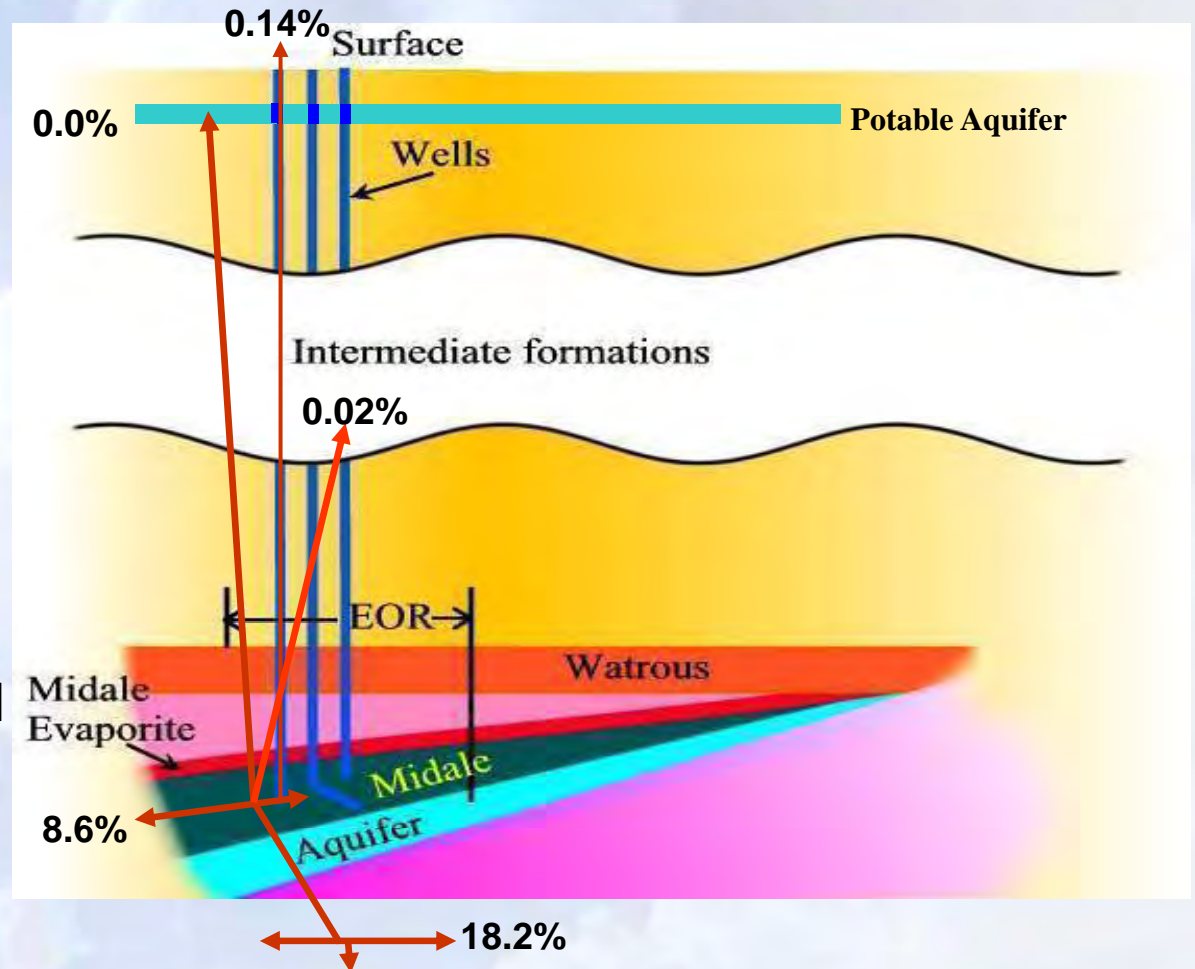


## Geological “container” at Weyburn is effective:

- Primary carbonate and secondary shale seals are highly competent
- Hydraulic separation between adjacent aquifers

## Initial results indicate over 98% of the initial CO<sub>2</sub> in place will remain stored for hundreds years:

- Further work is required
- Develop risk management practices





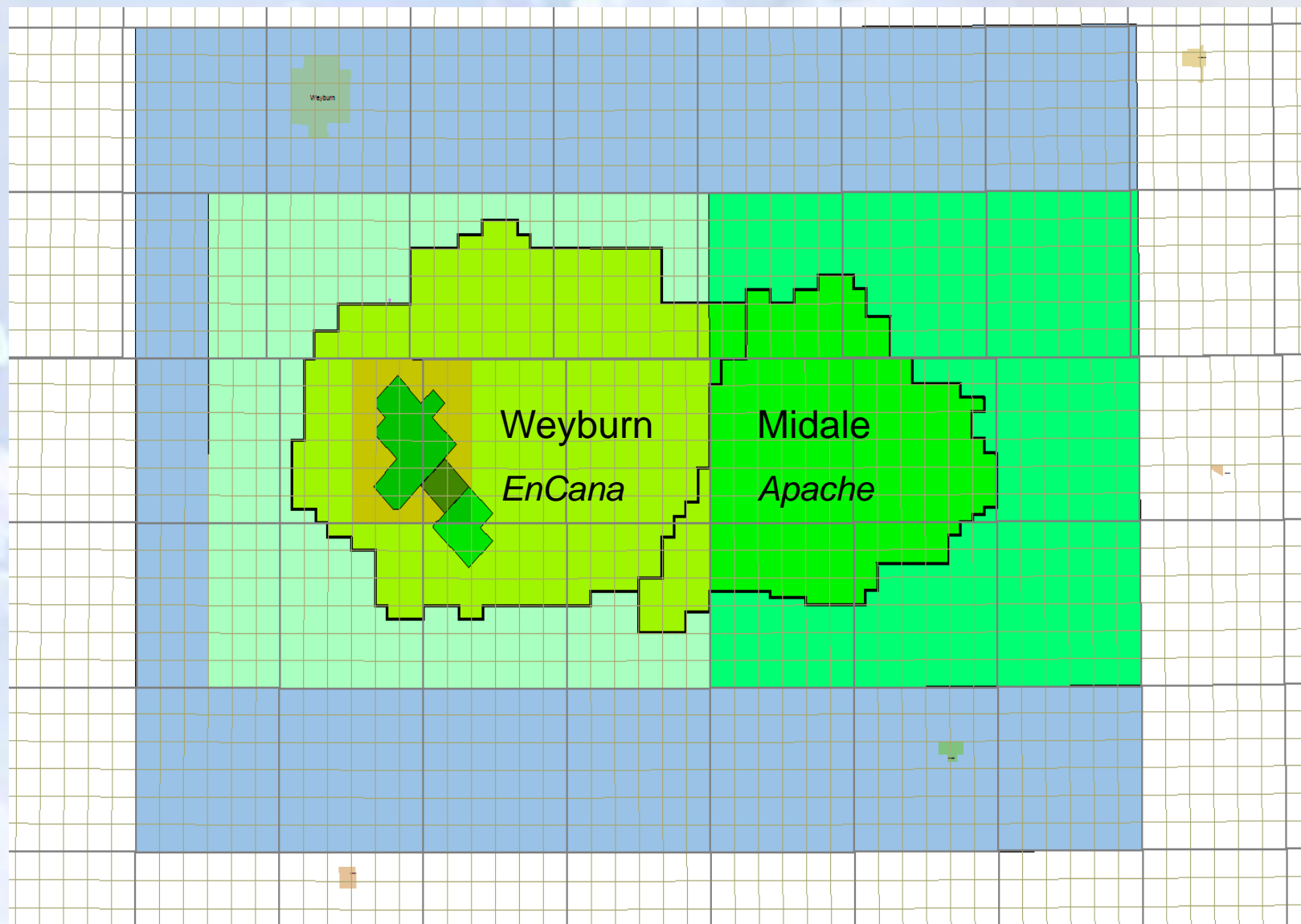
## ***Best Practices Manual***

- Guide all aspects of future CO<sub>2</sub> EOR-Storage projects
- Ensure integration across Technical and Policy Research

## **Technical Components** ↔ **Policy Components**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Site Characterization</li><li>• Monitoring and Verification</li><li>• Wellbore Integrity</li><li>• Performance Assessment</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regulatory Issues</li><li>• Public Communication and Outreach</li><li>• Fiscal Policy Issues</li></ul> |
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# Weyburn & Midale Fields





	Weyburn (EnCana)	Midale (Apache)
<b>Field Size</b>	70 square miles	40 square miles
<b>Original oil in place</b>	1.4 billion barrels	515 million barrels
<b>Oil recovery (pre-CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR)</b>	370 millions barrels	154 million barrels
<b>Projected CO<sub>2</sub> IOR</b>	155 million barrels	67 million barrels
<b>Projected CO<sub>2</sub> stored</b>	30+ million tonnes* (gross) 26+ million tonnes (net)	10+ million tonnes* (gross) 8.5+ million tonnes (net)

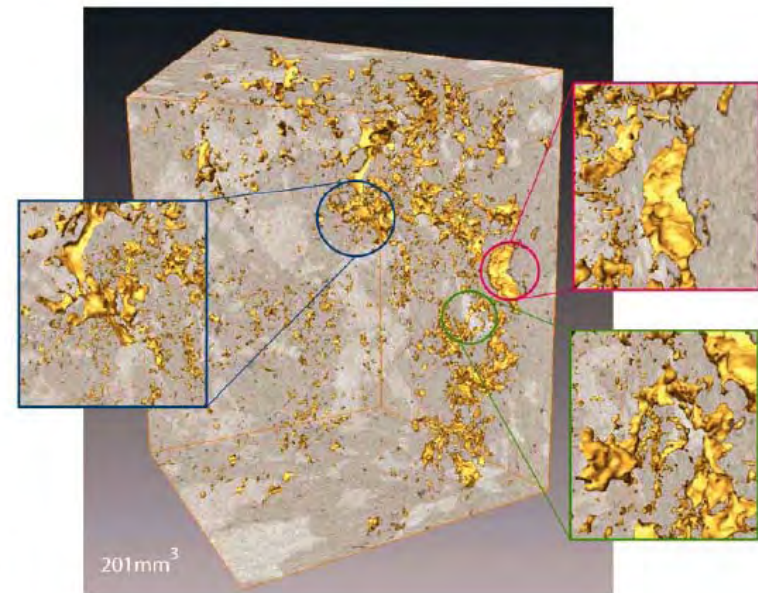
**\*equivalent to removing more than 8 million cars  
off the road for a year**



# Final Phase Technical Program

- *Currently about 33 tasks that have been reviewed and initiated under the four major Technical Themes*
  - Geological Integrity
  - Wellbore Integrity
  - Monitoring
    - Geophysical
    - Geochemical
  - Risk Assessment

Synchrotron analyses of pore spaces and mineralogy in Midale Vuggy



- *As project progresses additional data requirements and tasks may be identified.*
- *PRISM meeting in December*

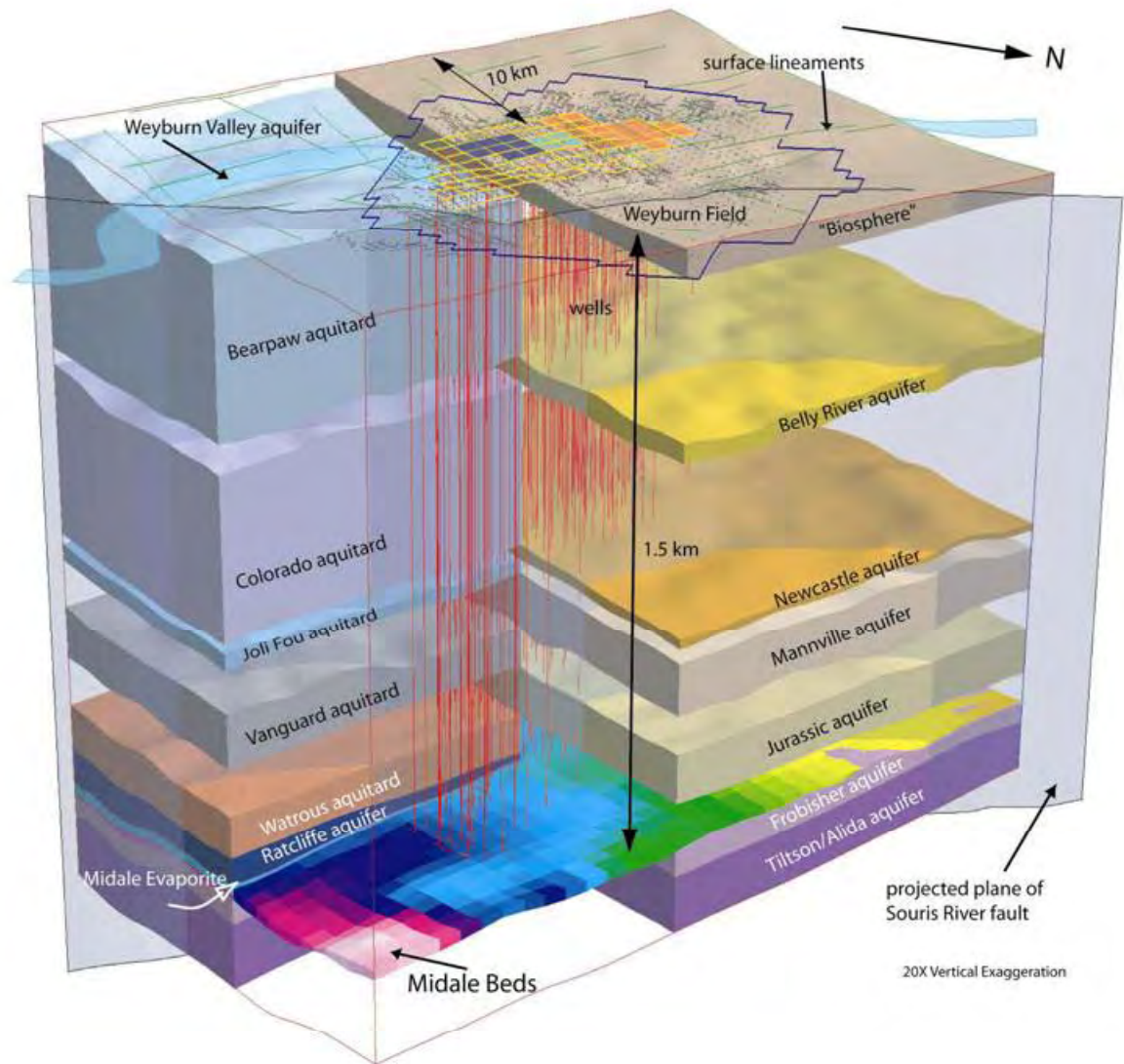
# Geological Model

*Geological architecture of system*

*Geocellular model*

- lithology
- hydrogeological characteristics
- Faults
- Well bores

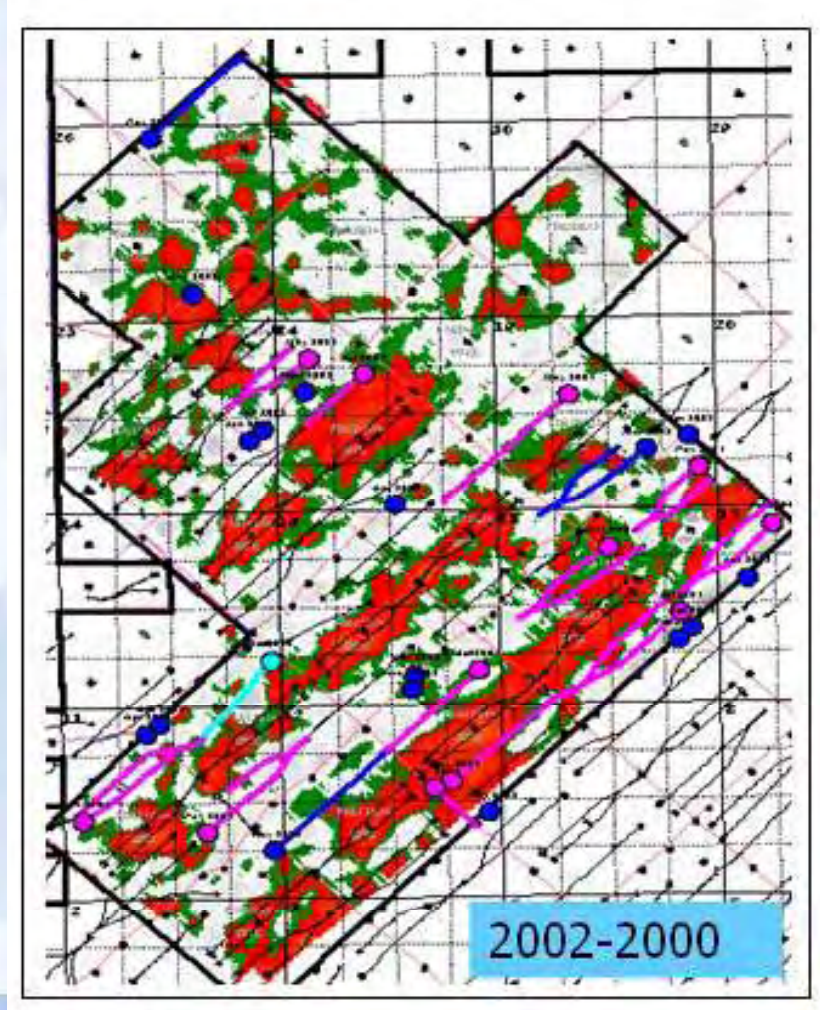
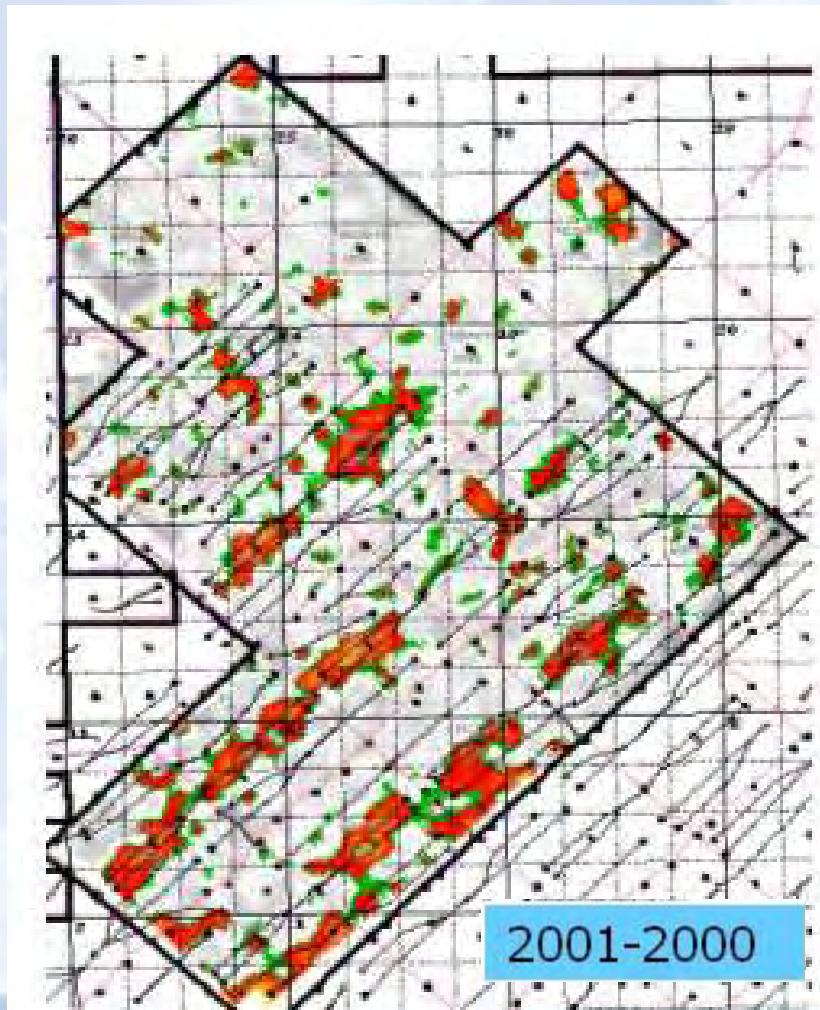
*Can be tailored for different RA methods and scenario analyses*





# Tracking CO<sub>2</sub> Movement: Seismic Surveys (Baseline to 2002)- Phase 1

## Monitoring continued in Phase 2

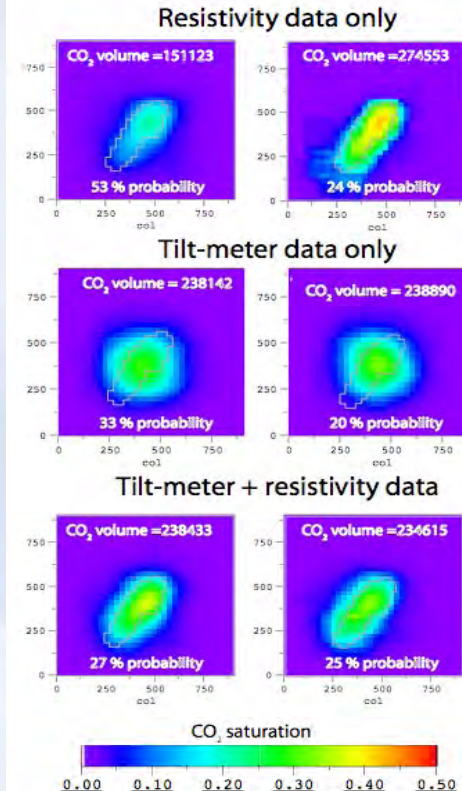




## Forward Tuned Stochastic Modeling

- Improved Site Characterization and Storage Prediction through Stochastic Inversion of Time-Lapse Geophysical and Geochemical Data.
- Develop and Demonstrate a new stochastic modeling technique that will improve site characterization and dependant predictions of CO<sub>2</sub> storage performance at Weyburn
- Utilizes 4D seismic reflection and fluid chemistry data collected during Phase I and the Final Phase.
- This work represents a truly novel and broadly integrative research, which is widely applicable.

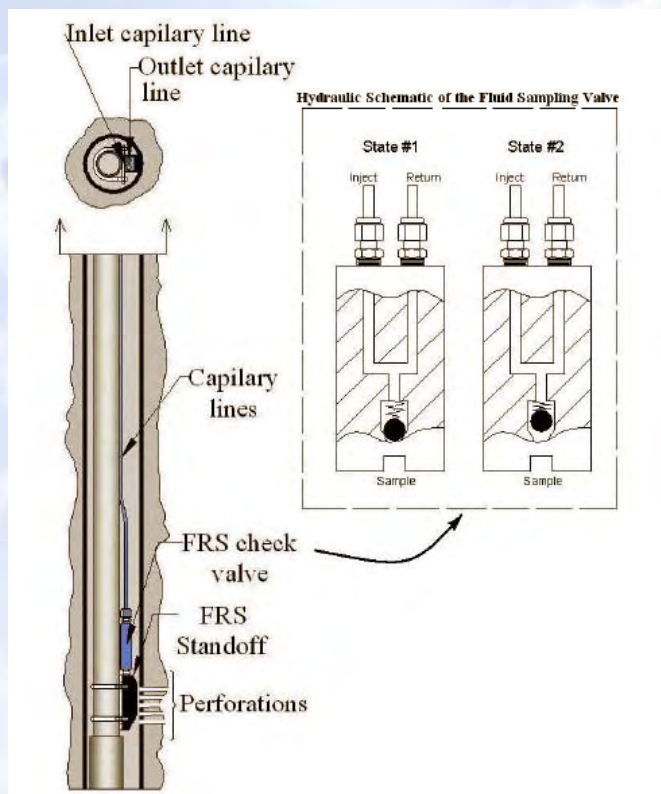
Joint inversion of synthetic data  
Model CO<sub>2</sub> plume volume = 234000 m<sup>3</sup>



# Additional Projects

## Three large Field-Based Demonstration Tasks

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| 1. Monitoring / Observation well        | 1.8M |
| 2. Well Integrity Field Testing Program | 1.3M |
| 3. Permanent Seismic Sparse Array       | 1.5M |



## Smart Well Technology

- Drill dedicated well
- Geophones
- Pressure sensors
- Temperature sensors
- Fluid Recovery System
- Downhole pH measurement



# Final Phase: Partners to Date

## Industry Sponsors

- Apache
- EnCana
- Chevron
- OMV Austria
- Saudi Aramco
- SaskPower
- Schlumberger
- Shell
- DGC
- Nexen

**\$40 Million**



## Government Sponsors

- Natural Resources Canada
- United States Dept. of Energy-  
National Energy Technology  
Lab
- IEA GHG R&D Programme
- Saskatchewan Ministry of  
Energy and Resources
- Alberta Energy Research  
Institute
- RITE (Research Institute  
of Innovative Technology for  
the Earth – Japan)

## Research Organizations



- Alberta Research Council (ARC)
- Canadian Light Source –  
Synchrotron
- ECOMatters (ECOM)
- Geological Survey of Canada (GSC)
- Permedia Group
- Saskatchewan Research Council  
(SRC)
- Canada Capital Energy Corp.



- T.L. Watson & Associates
- University of Regina (U of R)
- University of Sask. (U of S)
- University of Alberta (U of A)
- University of Calgary (U of C)
- URS Canada Inc.
- Saskatchewan Geological Survey



- Fugro Seismic Imaging
- Lawrence Livermore National  
Laboratories
- Bluewave Resources



- University of Bristol UK
- IEA GHG R&D  
Programme

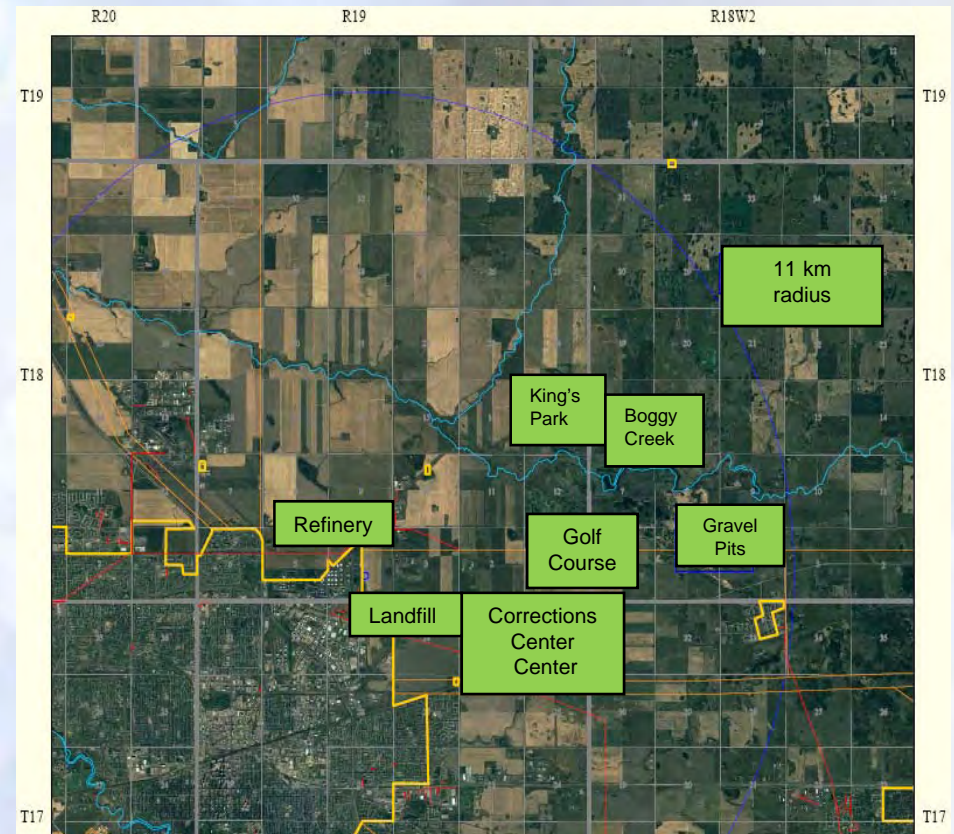


# Deep Saline Aquifer Project



# AQUISTORE Project

- 5 year, \$100 million project, July 2008 to July 2013.
- 500 tonnes/day of CO<sub>2</sub> captured from Consumers' Co-operative Refineries Limited.
- Transported by pipeline from upgrader to injection site.
- CO<sub>2</sub> injected into a suitable deep saline aquifer.
- Comprehensive Measurement, Monitoring and Verification Program.



# AQUISTORE: Work Plan

Task 1 Site Selection

Task 2 Geological and Hydrogeological Detailed Site Characterization

Task 3 Seismic Monitoring and Site Characterization

Task 4 Groundwater Sampling and Analysis

Task 5 Fluid Sampling and Analysis

Task 6 Aquifer Mineralogy

Task 7 Monitoring Wells

Task 8 Reactive Transport Numerical Simulations

Task 9 Risk Assessment and Risk Management Framework

Task 10 Commercialization/ Economic Analysis



# Project Partners

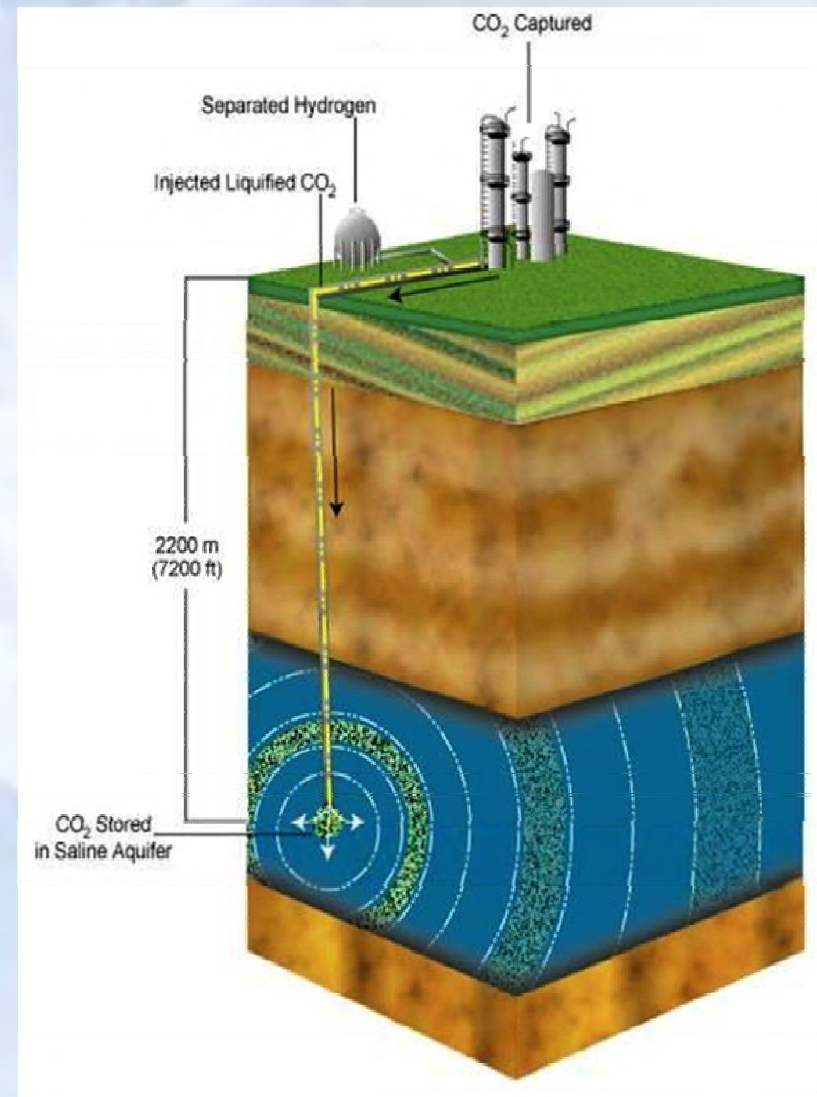
**Aquistore is a joint collaborative research project between governments and industry.**

- **100 million dollar project**
- SDTC (5 million in funding announced, July 2008)
- ecoETI (application submitted)
- Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (5 million in funding, November 2008)
- SaskEnergy (MOU)
- Canadian Co-op Refinery Limited (MOU)
- Schlumberger (MOU)
- Enbridge (MOU)
- Additional sponsors being sought

# AQUISTORE

## Objectives

- Demonstrate CO<sub>2</sub> deep saline aquifer storage is a safe, workable solution for emissions reductions.
- Develop a transportable, integrated suite of technologies for carbon storage in a saline aquifer.
- Establish an environment for creating:
  - linkages between financial institutions developing domestic trading schemes;
  - regulators designing an appropriate regulatory environment
  - Industrial commercialization, and
  - public acceptance



# AQUISTORE: Conclusions

## Leading Canadian project in terms of:

- Large CO<sub>2</sub> point source confirmed
- Experienced and integrated research team engaged
- Comprehensive, single phase work program defined
- Experienced pipeline, compression and well operators
- Feasibility evaluation complete
- Seed funding approved





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**Thank You**



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CO<sub>2</sub> MONITORING  
AND STORAGE PROJECT

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JOINT IMPLEMENTATION  
VAPOUR EXTRACTION

**SOLVE**  
Oil Sands Solvent Co-Injection Project