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NSF RCN-SEES: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS)

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Many different academic efforts

- US, Britain, Norway, Sweden, Canada, Australia, ...
- Not just geological storage, not just flue gas scrubbing
- Not just engineering
 - Policy, law, economics, etc.
 - Sustainable development

Plentiful Sustainable Energy

Energy is central to human well-being

World needs affordable, plentiful and clean energy for all

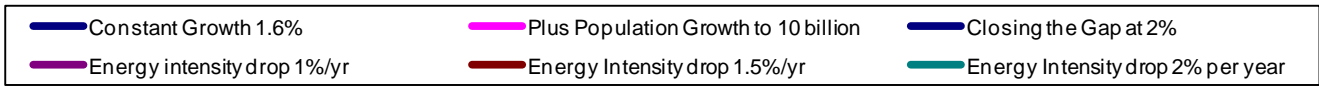
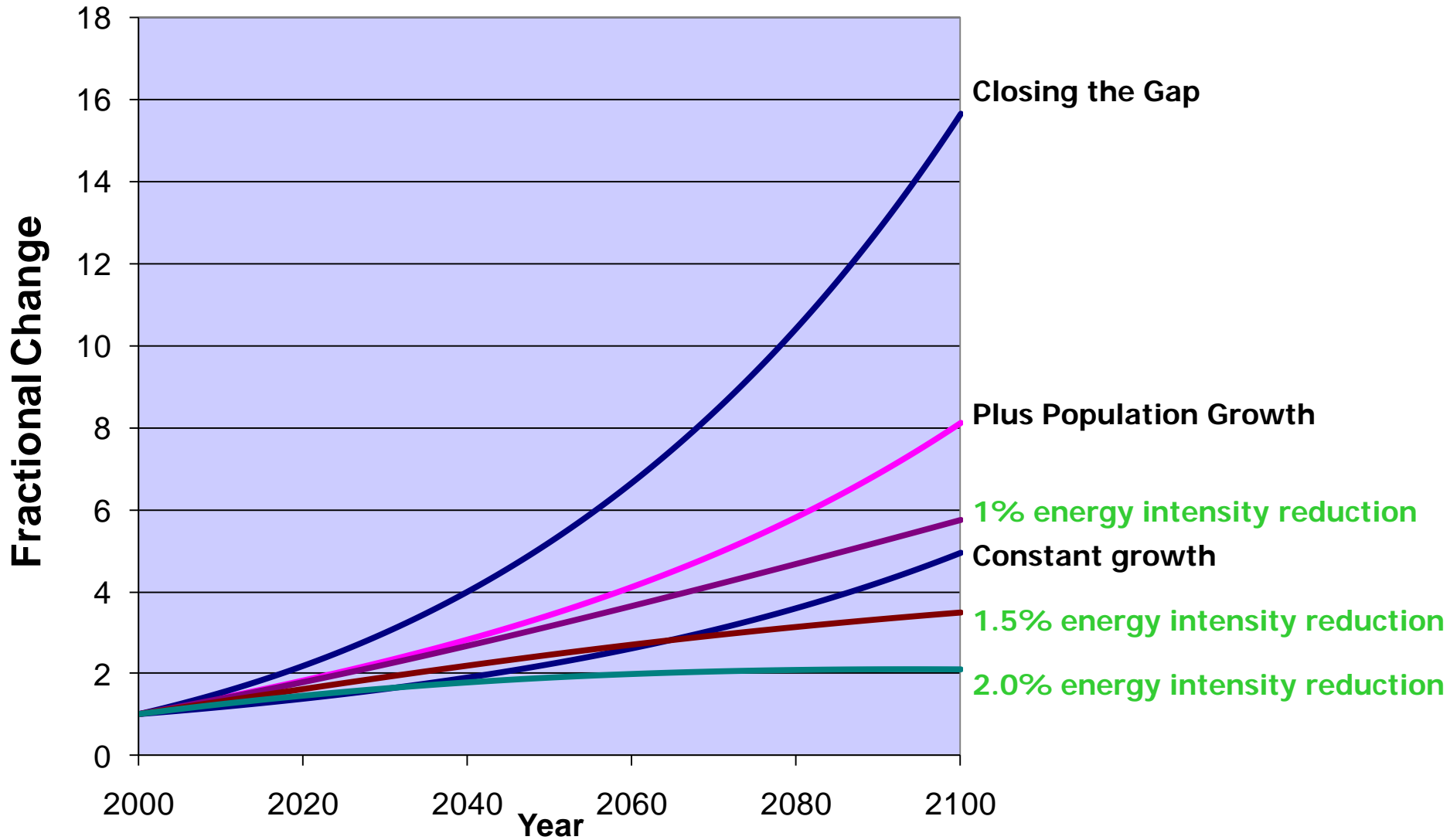
Clean energy can overcome other sustainability limits

Atmospheric CO₂ level must be stabilized

Fossil carbon is cheap and plentiful



Room for 21st century growth

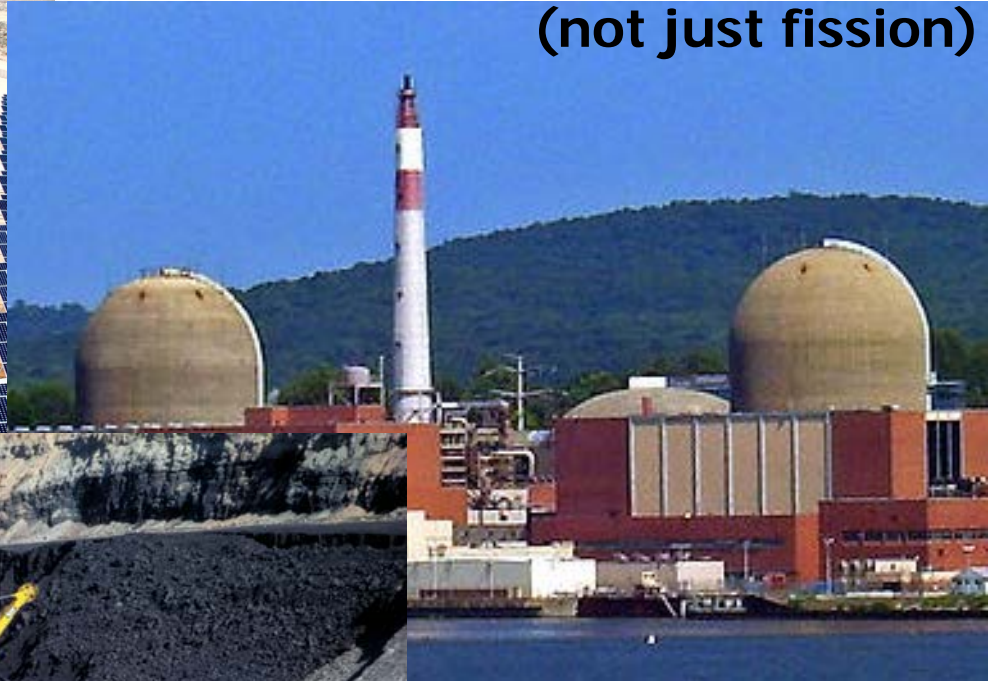


The three big energy options

Solar energy (not just PV)



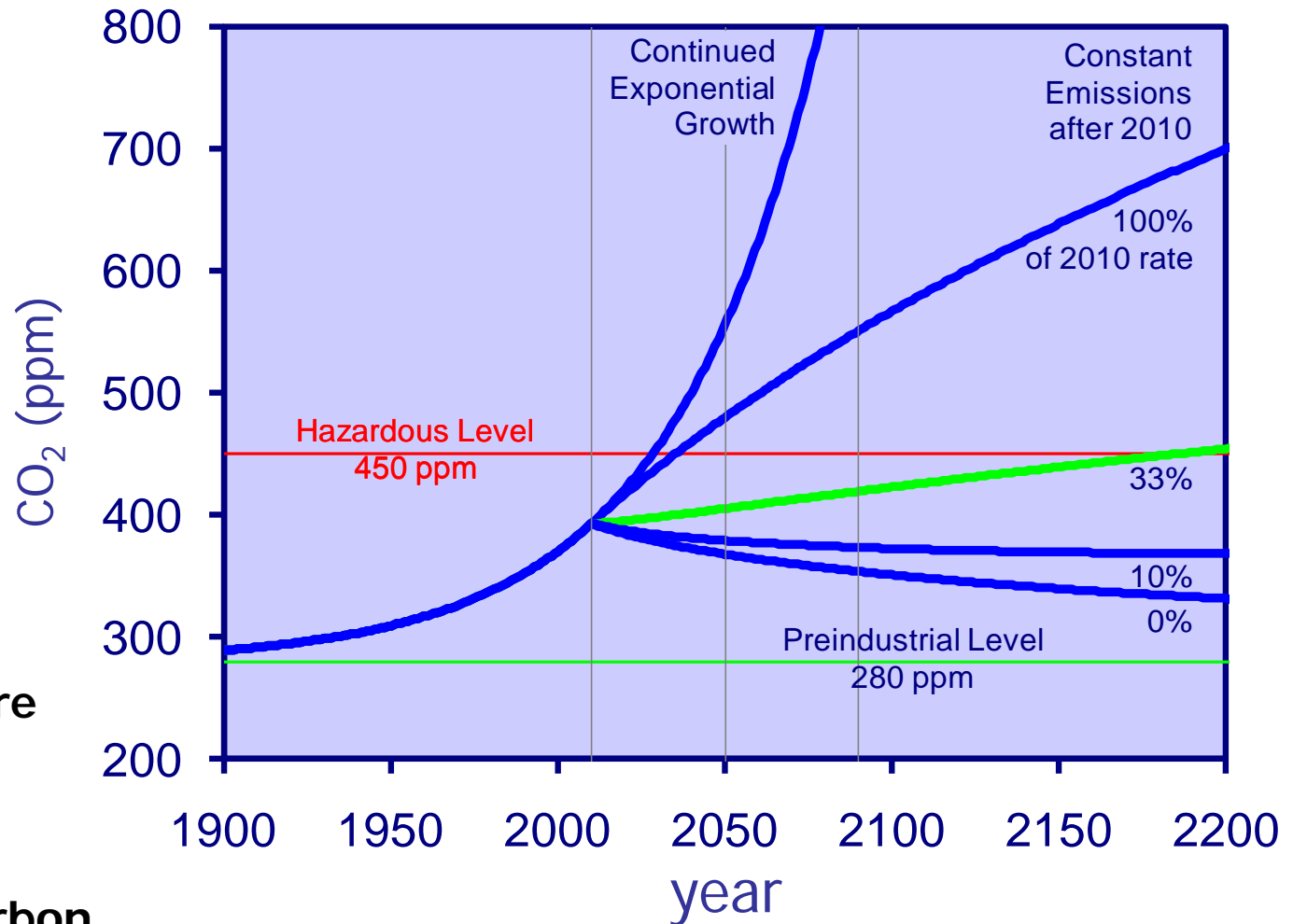
**Nuclear energy
(not just fission)**



**Fossil energy
(not just coal)**

Environmental Limits – Not Resource Limits

Stabilize CO₂ concentration – not CO₂ emissions



Ocean-atmosphere reservoir is not **big** enough or **fast** enough to handle excess carbon

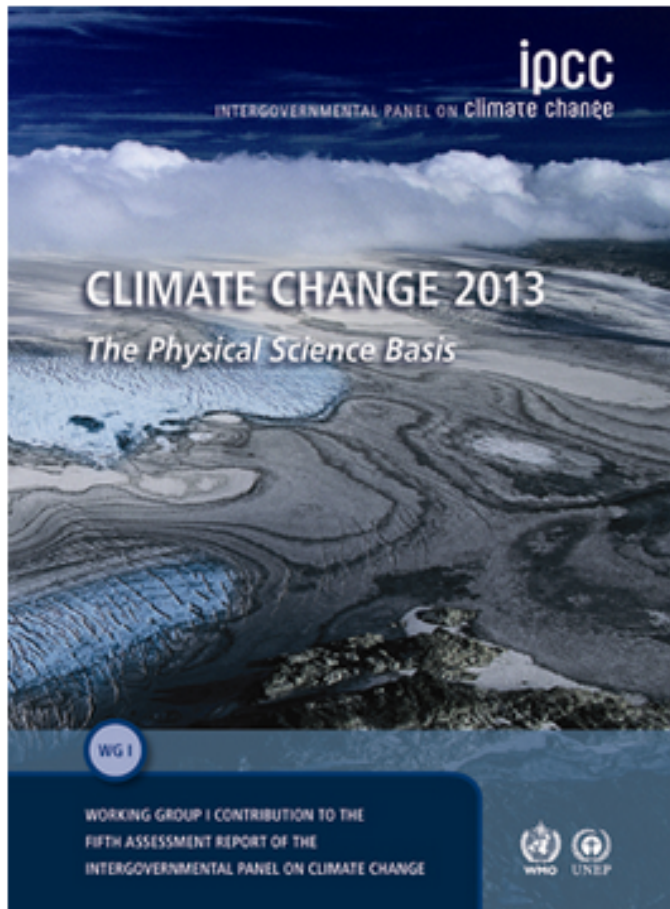
**Without Carbon Capture and Storage
all fossil fuels will have to be phased out**

**The allowable CO₂ concentration
limits the effective resource size**

Roughly: Emission of 4 Gt C raises atmospheric CO₂ by 1 ppm

**For every ton of fossil carbon
extracted from the ground
another ton will have to be returned**

Stocks not flows



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E.8 Climate Stabilization, Climate Change Commitment and Irreversibility

Cumulative emissions of CO₂ largely determine global mean surface warming by the late 21st century and beyond (see Figure SPM.10). Most aspects of climate change will persist for many centuries even if emissions of CO₂ are stopped. This represents a substantial multi-century climate change commitment created by past, present and future emissions of CO₂. {12.5}

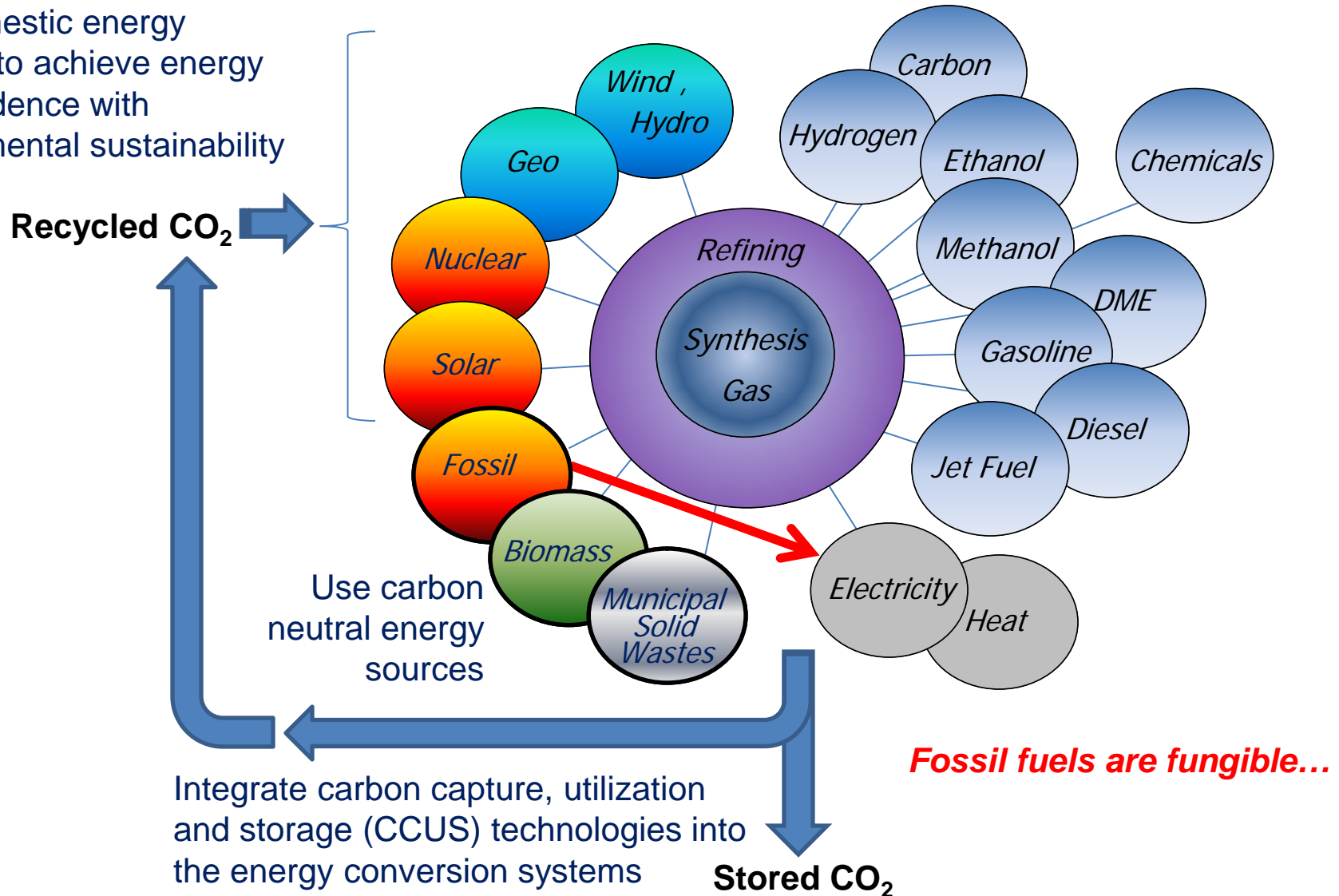
- Methods that aim to deliberately alter the climate system to counter climate change, termed geoengineering, have been proposed. Limited evidence precludes a comprehensive quantitative assessment of both Solar Radiation Management (SRM) and Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR) and their impact on the climate system. CDR methods have biogeochemical and technological limitations to their potential on a global scale. There is insufficient knowledge to quantify how much CO₂ emissions could be partially offset by CDR on a century timescale. Modelling indicates that SRM methods, if realizable, have the potential to substantially offset a global temperature rise, but they would also modify the global water cycle, and would not reduce ocean acidification. If SRM were terminated for any reason, there is *high confidence* that global surface temperatures would rise very rapidly to values consistent with the greenhouse gas forcing. CDR and SRM methods carry side effects and long-term consequences on a global scale. {6.5, 7.7}

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=latest-ipcc-climate-report-puts-geoengineering-in-the-spotlight>

Sustainable Energy and Environmental Research

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Use domestic energy sources to achieve energy independence with environmental sustainability



Goal of NSF RCN program

The goal of the RCN program is to advance a field or create new directions in research or education by supporting groups of investigators to **communicate** and **coordinate** their research, **training** and **educational activities across disciplinary, organizational, geographic and international boundaries**. RCN provides opportunities to foster new collaborations, including international partnerships, and address interdisciplinary topics. Innovative ideas for implementing novel networking strategies, collaborative technologies, and development of **community standards for data and meta-data** are especially encouraged.

Mission Statement of RCN-CCUS

Our mission is to build a trans-disciplinary Research Coordination Network (RCN) on Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS) that will facilitate research collaborations and training that cross the boundaries of the natural sciences, engineering, and the social and economic sciences to develop new understanding, theories, models and technologies as well as assessment tools for the developed technologies and their implementation plans for global communities.

Proposed Outcomes of RCN-CCUS

Potential Audiences:

- **Primary: Academia – lead researchers, graduate students,**
- Existing graduate students involved in CCUS research
- Undergraduate students wanting to learn about CCUS
- Industry/professional audiences
- Government agencies and policy makers
- K-12
- General public

Proposed Outcomes of RCN-CCUS

- **Promote Innovative collaborations** on the basics of CCUS technologies: new ideas/synergies among researchers from different fields
- **Establish Success Matrix:** Cost analysis of CCS focusing on new technologies that are not yet commercial
- **Public outreach:** Engage social sciences during technology development and improve communication with the public.

Via:

- **Workshops on specific themes** → white papers or collaborative research proposals
- **Lecture/Seminar series** → webinars that are globally broadcasted, coordinate lecture series by linking them with on-going seminar series, coordinate travel of key speakers
- **Graduate students led workshops and network events** (e.g., summer school programs)
- **Linkages to existing conferences**
- Utilize social media to reach out to the younger generation
- Develop and share educational contents for graduate and professional certificate programs

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PI: A.-H. Alissa Park

CU PMs: Taylor and Gadikota & AIChE team: Schuster

Steering Committee

Thrust POC: Park

Members: Park, Lackner, Schlosser, Kelemen & Matter (Columbia), Aines (LLNL), Fan (OSU), Fitts & Socolow (Princeton), Jones (Georgia Tech), Keairns (AIChE), Mazzotti (ETH-Zurich), Rubin (CMU), Sageman (Northwestern), Smit (Berkeley), Snurr (Northwestern) and Song (Penn State)

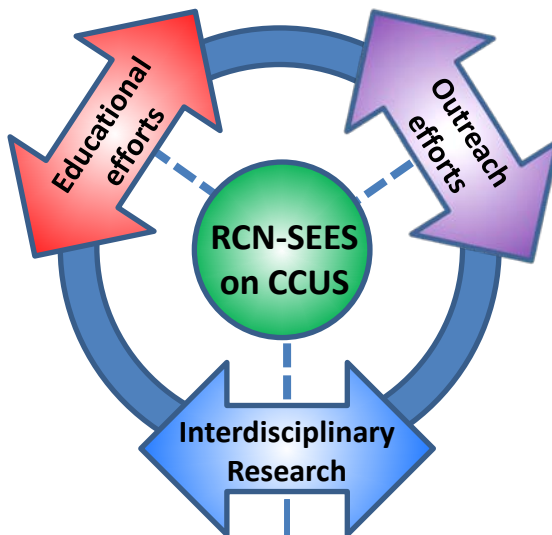
Educational Thrust

Thrust POC: Schuster & Pfirman

- K-12: K-12 teachers (Buck and Miller)
- Young Professional (TBA)
- MCM at Columbia (Lackner)
- Research Experience in C Science (Tomski)
- Women in Science and Engineering (Gadikota)
- Council of Environmental Deans and Directors (CEDD, TBA)

* Columbia participants unless noted

* International participants are in blue



PE Society Thrust

Thrust POC: Keairns & Schuster (AIChE)

AIChE (TBA), AIME (TBA), ASCE (TBA), ASME (TBA), IEEE (TBA), Fox (IMECHE)

Industrial Thrust

Thrust POC: Gupta (RTI) & Schuster (AIChE)

B&W (Vargas), GE (Perry), RTI (Gupta), SK Energy (Park), ARAMCO (Katikaneni), ORICA Ltd. (Brent), POSCO (Jung), etc

CO₂ Capture & Conversion Thrust

Thrust leader: Petit & West

Aines (LLNL), Panagiotopoulos & Bocarsly (Princeton), Chen, Coppens (UCL), Lee (SKU), Farrauto, Liu & Heldebrant (PNNL), Li (NCSSU), Wang (Zhejiang), Park, Reimer (Berkeley), Snurr (Northwestern), Song (PSU), Wilcox (Stanford), Yegulalp, Zhang & Zhang (CAS-IPE), etc

CO₂ Transportation, Storage & EOR Thrust

Thrust leader: Matter (USH) & Brady (SNL)

Baciocchi (UR-TV), Bonneville (PNNL), Blunt (Imperial), Bryant (UT Austin), Dipple (UBC), Dlugogorski (UNewcastle), Goldberg, Lee (KAIST), Park, Peters & Fritt (Princeton), Sageman & Husson (Northwestern), Wang (Yale), Zhu (Indiana), etc

CO₂ MVA & Risk Analysis Thrust

Thrust leader: Stute & Venkat

Bonneville (PNNL), Goldberg, Lackner, Meinrenken, Park, Peters (Princeton), Romanak (BEG Texas), Zhu (Indiana), etc

Policy, Business & Law Thrust

Thrust leader: Barrett & Gerrard

Coppens (UCL), Fox (IMECHE), Lackner, Marcotullio, Shindell, Urpelainen, van Ryzin, Weber, Welton, van der Zwaan (ECN), etc

RCN-CCUS: Year 1 summary

I. Research Coordination

- Formulation of Project Management Team & Identification of RCN participants
- Kick-Off Symposium at Columbia University (Feb. 14th, 2013)
- Steering Committee meeting at Columbia University (Oct. 4th, 2013)
- Seminars via Web-conferencing

II. Educational Development and Programming

- Curriculum Development (Masters of Carbon Management at Columbia University)
- Research Experience in Carbon Sequestration, 2013 in Birmingham, AL

III. Outreach Activities

- International Outreach (student exchange program)
- K-12 outreach (Hands-on workshops at international and national conferences)
- RCN-CCUS Website (www.ccusnetwork.org)
- Gordon Conference on CCUS (the first meeting will be in 2015)

1st Annual Meeting in New York City

Date: **April 14th – 16th, 2014**

Combine three events into a coherent conference: State of the Planet: Energy, RCN Annual Meeting, and LCSE-DTU workshop.

- Will create a diversity of topics and bring together experts from around the world contributing to discussions around energy and the carbon management.
- Will broaden exposure to the RCN, attracting speakers, and maximizing our impact.
- Participants may choose to attend all three events, thereby contributing to the diversity of exchange between the CCUS and carbon recycling communities.

	13-Apr Sunday	14-Apr Monday	15-Apr Tuesday	16-Apr Wednesday
Morning		LCSE/DTU	SOP	RCN
Afternoon	Bi-National Research Collaboration Meeting		RCN	

Mission Statement

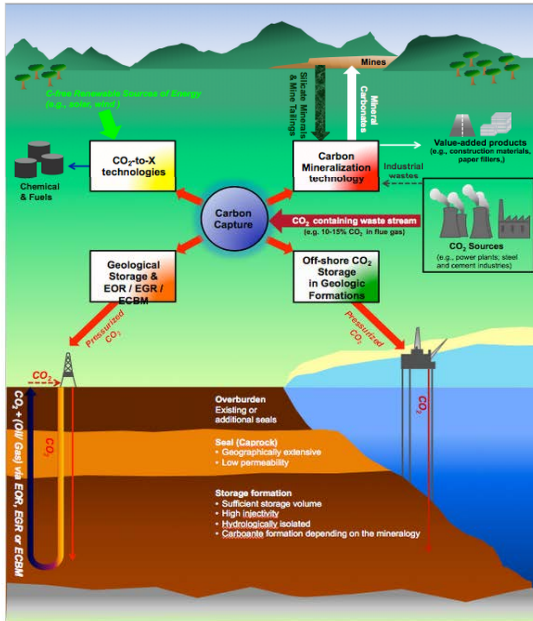
Overall Schemes of Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage

Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS) is one of the greatest challenges faced by humanity that cannot be solved by simply employing traditional scientific or engineering approaches. The development of CCUS technologies as well as their implementation requires more than ever cross-cutting collaborations among natural science, engineering and social science disciplines.

Furthermore, the development of national and international policies and economic framework are also important for the significant reduction in the anthropogenic carbon emissions. The G8 recently stated the goal of achieving at least a 50% reduction in worldwide greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. To achieve this ambitious goal, we need to work together and encourage the effective rapid transfer of knowledge between participating members of the global communities.

In light of this, the RCN-SEES is formulated to provide transformative research collaborations in CCUS and facilitate research collaborations that effectively cross the boundaries of the natural sciences, engineering, and the social and economic sciences. If successful, this effort would lead to new understandings, theories, models and technologies as well as assessment tools for CCUS and their implementation plans for global communities.

The proposed activities of the RCN-SEES also include extensive educational and outreach activities, which will allow the creation of the workforce that has the holistic understanding of CCUS related issues with strong scientific and engineering skills.



Who We Are

Participating Institutions

Learn about the participation of Columbia University and AIChE teams as well as the CCUS Network teams.

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See participating CCUS Network members from Columbia University and institutions worldwide.

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