

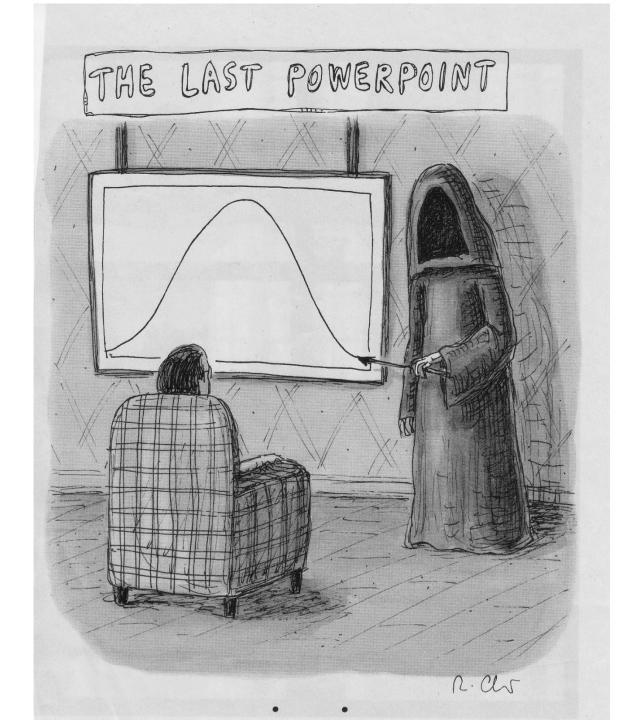
Net Zero Emissions Why and How

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#### Lecture 7

# Issues from lecture 6 Negative emissions, CCS, DAC

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# Lecture 7 Outline

- Ground source thermal
- Biomass and biofuels
- Negative emissions
  - Enhanced weathering
  - Afforestation and reforestation see lectures 3&4
  - Ocean-based removal
  - Carbon capture and storage
  - Direct air capture
- Net Zero Emissions Summary [separate document]

# Ground Source Geothermal for Heating and Cooling

The ground is a renewable energy resource. It is replenished by the energy from the air.

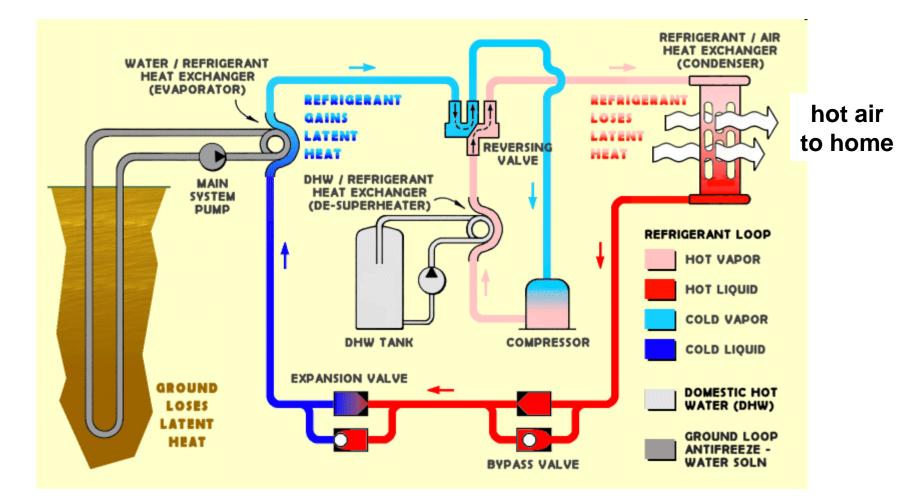
# Ground source heat pump



#### "Geothermal"

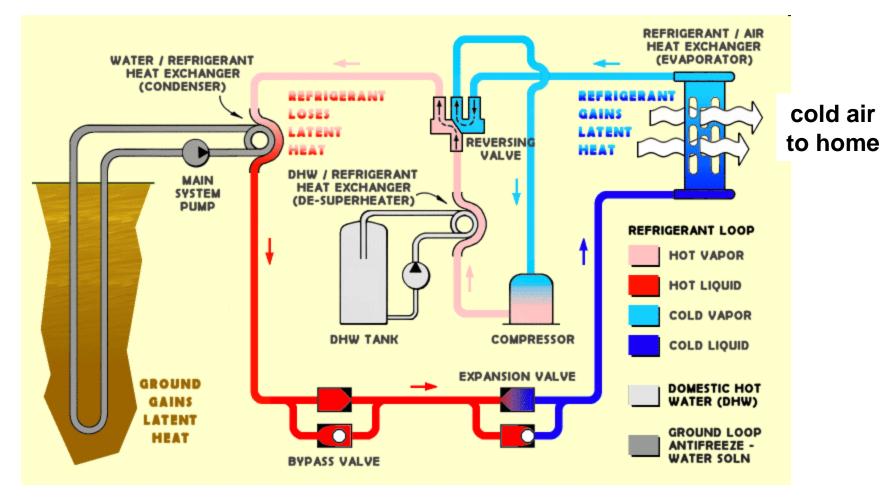


Ground-source (geothermal) heat pump in heating mode



From Geo4VA project, Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy

# Ground-source (geothermal) heat pump in cooling mode



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# Ground source heat pump



#### COP ≈ 2.5

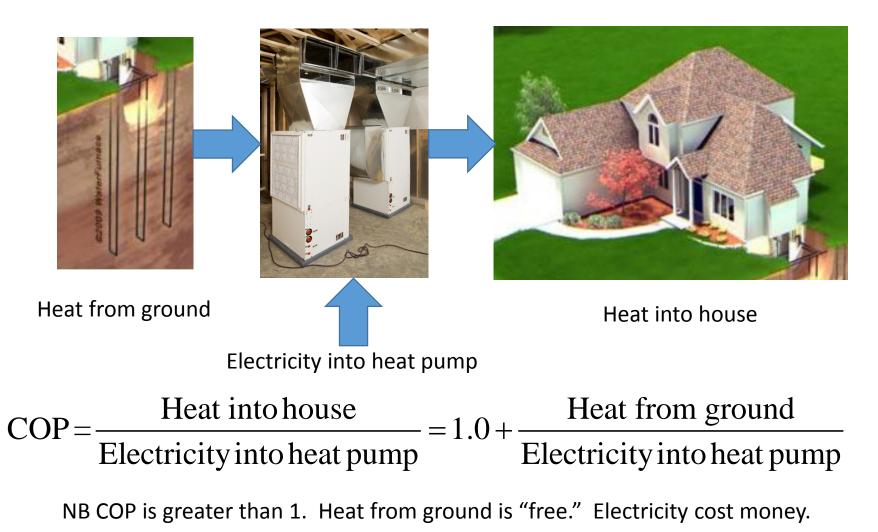
**COP** ≈ 4

GE heat pump pr water heater t

preheat tank

heat pump

# What is COP? Coefficient of Performance



#### The Hole Deal, Inc. Directional Boring & Geothermal Goodfield, IL



# 507 W. Illinois Urbana, IL



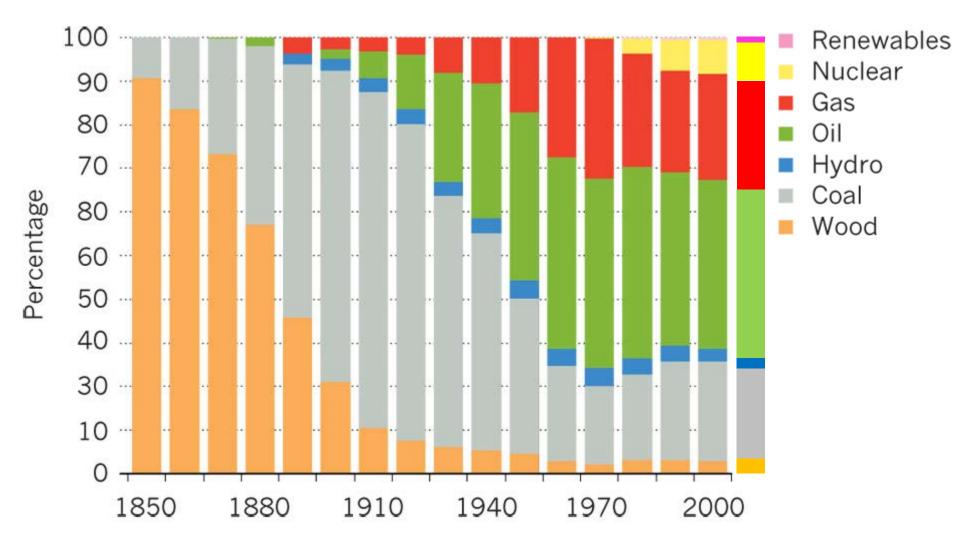
#### **Biofuels and Biomass**

# Outline

- Primary energy sources: historical and current
- Biomass general considerations
- Renewable fuel standard
- Corn and sugarcane ethanol
- Cellulosic ethanol
- Forest and crop residue
- Biomass and biofuels summary

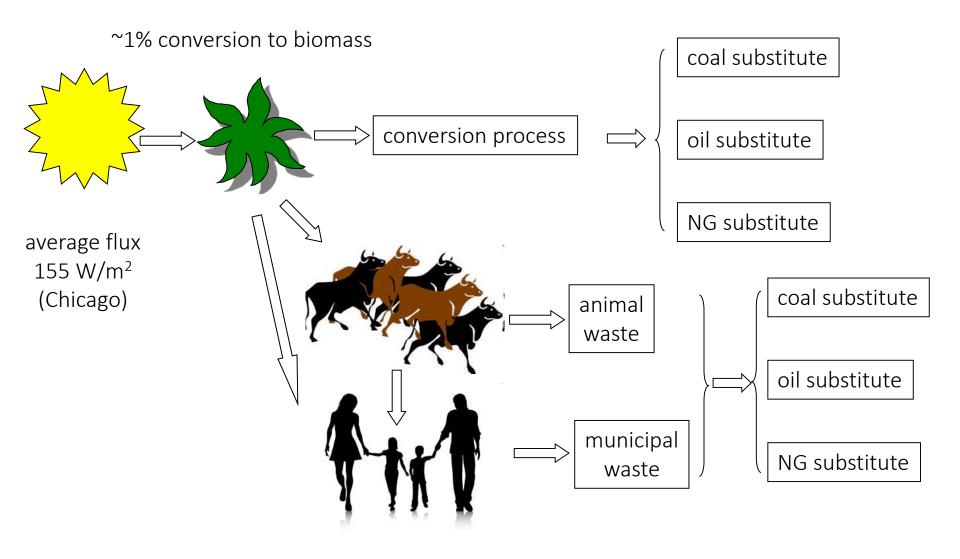
## Historical Primary Energy Sources

# Energy Transitions in the United States Chu and Majumdar, Nature 488(2012)294

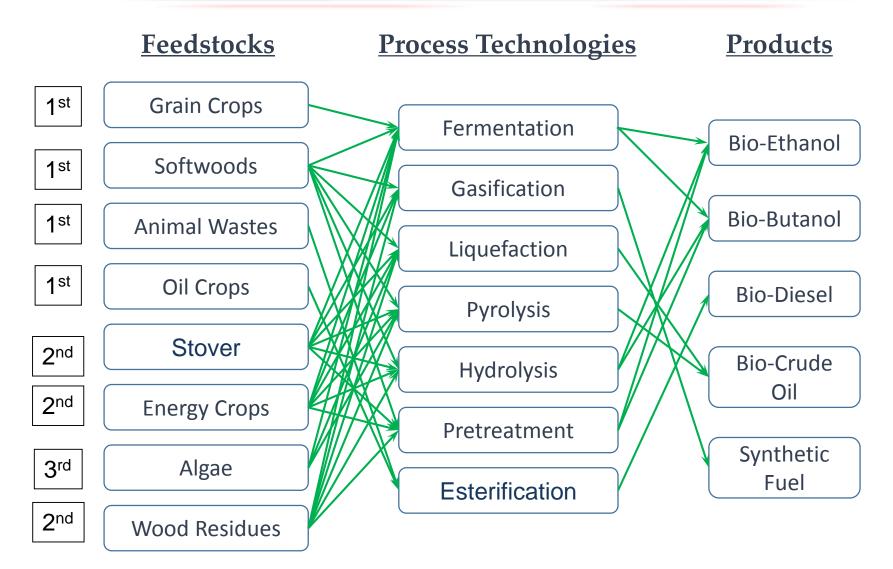


## Biomass in General

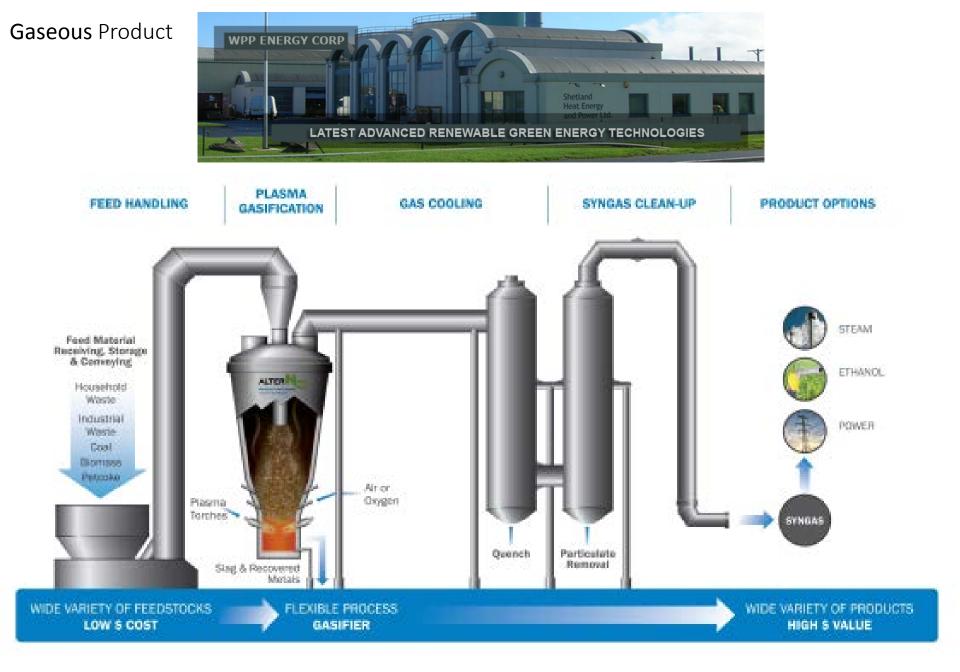
#### **Biomass Schematic**



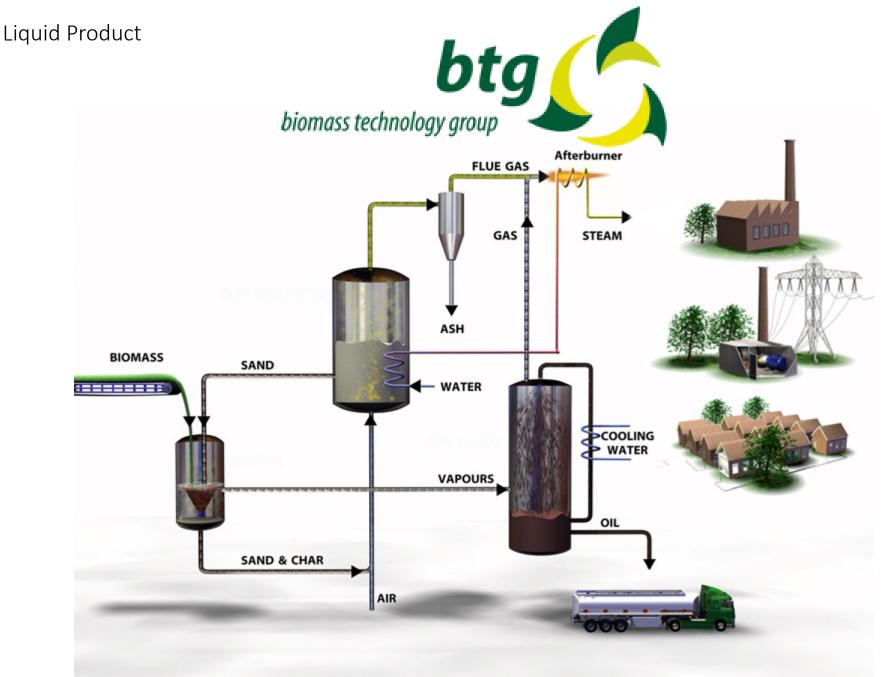
#### **Biofuels Production Processes**



1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of oil substitutes



See http://wppenergy.com/



See http://www.btgworld.com/en/rtd/technologies/fast-pyrolysis

# Biomass and Biofuels Comments

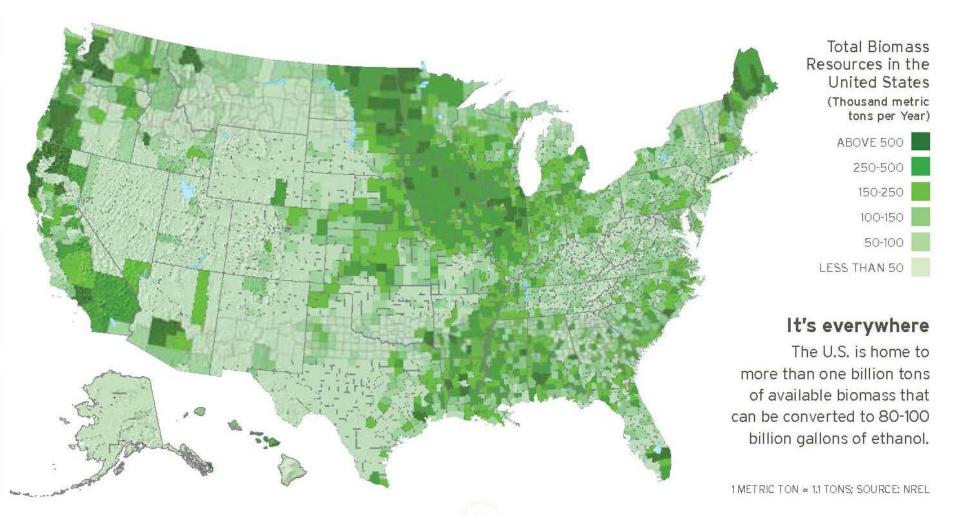
- Land area requirement can be large since power density is small.
- Crops may require irrigation.
- Collection of biomass limited by transportation cost.
- Competition for arable exists between food and fuel production.
- Energy is stored and available at harvest.
- Conversion to oil or natural gas substitute can be energy intensive.
- Improvement of plant productivity and conversion efficiency is a very active research field.

### Arable and Forest Land of the World

Mainly productive crop, pasture and forest land Mainly suitable for crops if improved

Mostly suitable for forest Mainly suitable for forest tree crops or permanent pastures  Mostly suitable for grazing, marginal for cereals
 Predominantly unproductive land

#### U.S. Biomass Resource

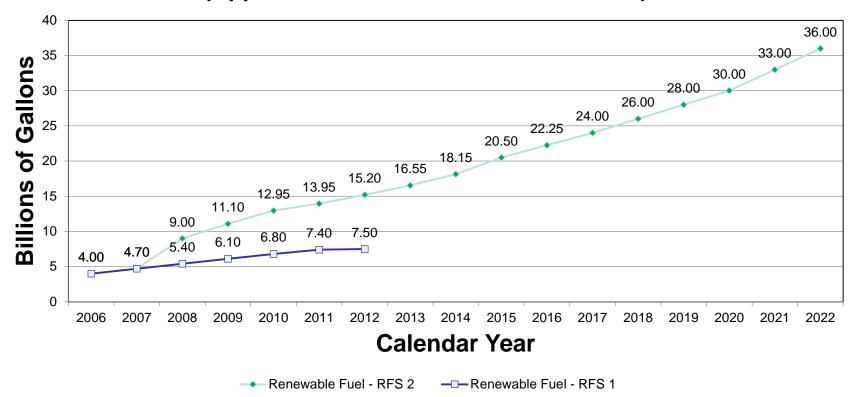


one ton of biomass could yield 80 - 100 gallons of ethanol 80 - 100 billion gallons of ethanol 6.8 - 8.4 quads

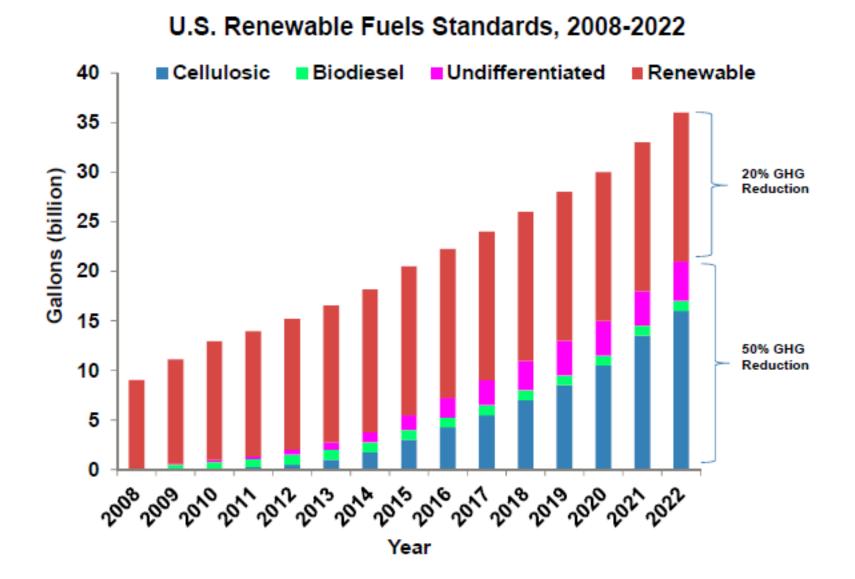
## Renewable Fuel Standard

# Volumetric Requirements of RFS1(2005) and RFS2(2007)

#### RFS 1 v. RFS 2 (Applicable Volumes of Renewable Fuel)



2018 U.S. gasoline consumption 143 billion gallons

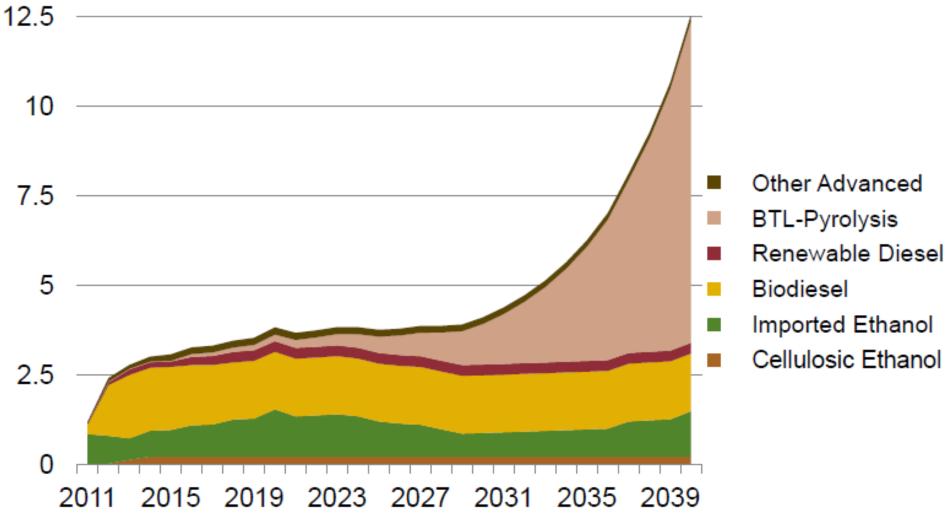


Sugarcane and cellulosic ethanol are favored by the RFS2 and LCFS but must compete with corn ethanol for blending capacity.

<b>—</b>	Fuel: Corn ethanol	D6	
	<ul> <li>Currently, most ethanol blended is (inexpensive) corn et</li> <li>Counts as Conventional biofuel</li> </ul>	thanol	
	Fuel: Sugarcane ethanol (mainly from Brazil)	D5	
	<ul> <li>Not cellulosic, but does count as an RFS Advanced biof</li> <li>Competes for limited ethanol blending capacity</li> </ul>	uel	
	Fuel: Biomass-based diesel	D4	
	Fuel: Biomass-based diesel <ul> <li>Not cellulosic, but does count as an RFS Advanced biof</li> </ul>		

#### **Consumption of Advanced biofuels**

Billion gallons ethanol equivalent



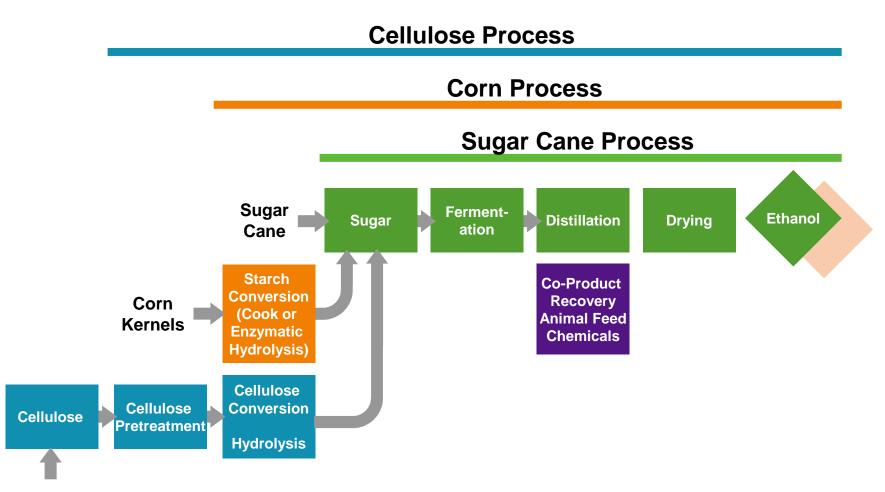
Source: Annual Energy Outlook 2013 Early Release

## Ethanol Fuel Blends

- E10 standard U.S. blend
- E15 NASCAR Sunoco E15
- E25 standard Brazil blend
- Flex-fuel vehicle up to E85
- Indy E98

## Corn, Sugarcane and Cellulosic Ethanol

# **Ethanol Production Schemes**



- Miscanthus
- Switchgrass
- Forest Residues
- Ag Residues
- Wood Chips

#### Very Basic Chemistry

 $6CO_2 + 6H_2O + \text{light} \rightarrow C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2$ 

photosynthesis

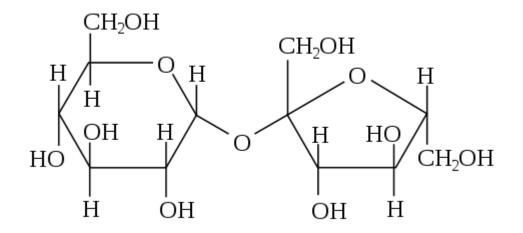
# $C_6H_{12}O_6 \rightarrow +2C_2H_5OH + 2CO_2 + \text{heat}$

fermentation

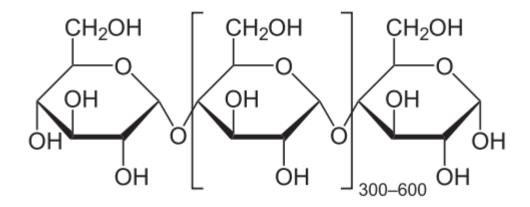
# $C_2H_5OH + 3O_2 \rightarrow 2CO_2 + 3H_2O + heat$

combustion

## Sugar and Starch

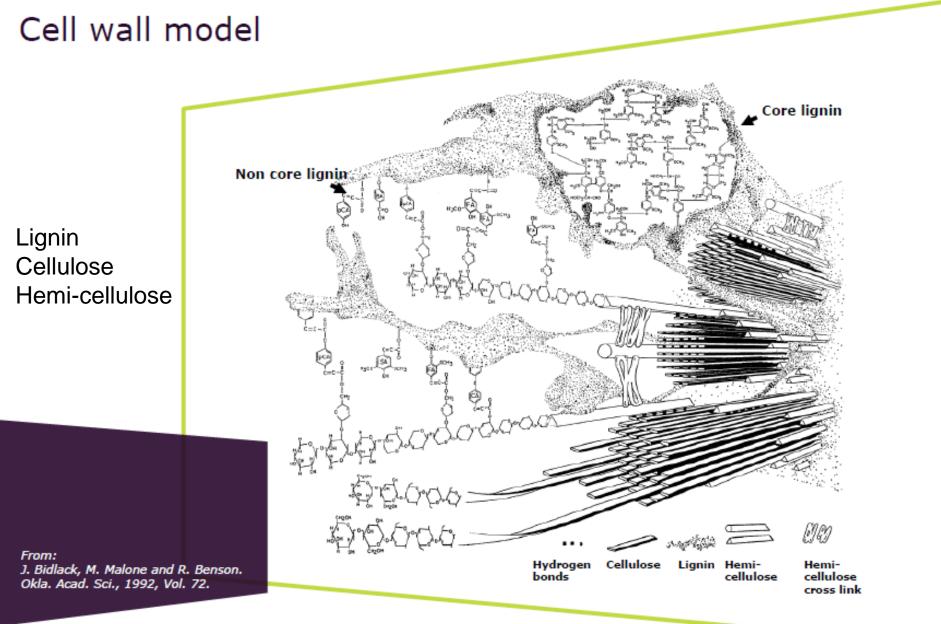


Sucrose: a disaccharide of glucose (left) and fructose (right)



Starch: a polysaccharide of glucose



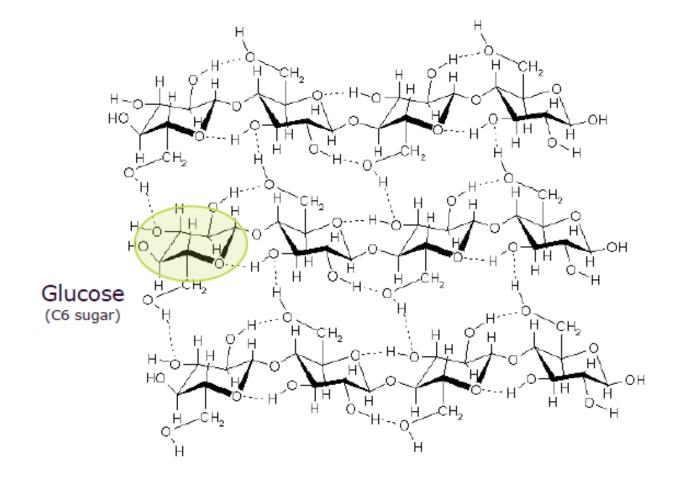


## Lignocellulosic Feedstock Harvest Index

Feedstock	Cellulose	Hemicellulose	Lignin	Ash	Other	HI
Hardwoods	39-50%	18-28%	15- 28%	0.3-1 %	3-6%	0.65-0.82
Softwoods	41-57%	8-12%	24- 27%	0.1- 0.4%	5-9%	0.63-0.69
Miscanthus	43-48%	23-27%	9-22%	1.7- 2.1%	?	0.78-0.89

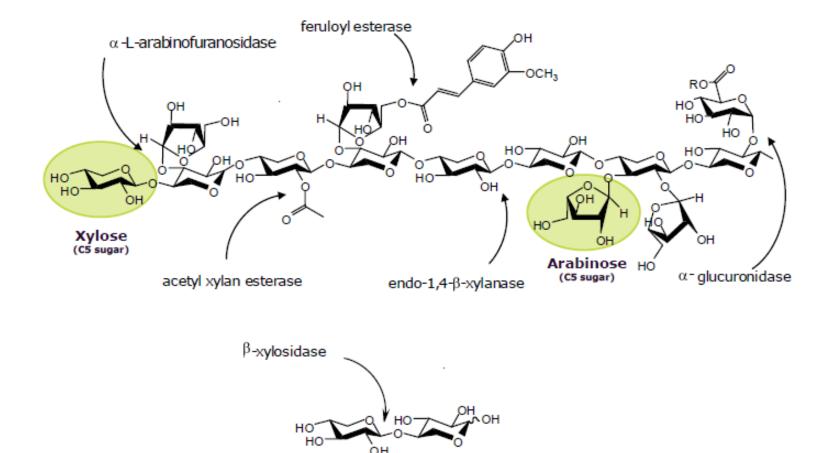


#### Basic cellulose structure





#### Basic hemicellulose structure



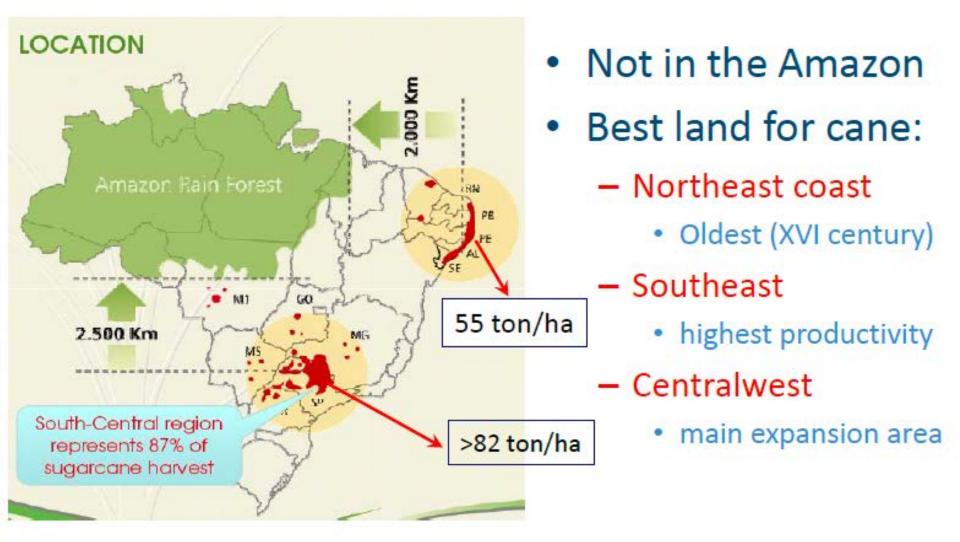
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## Sugarcane Ethanol

## Sugarcane Productivity

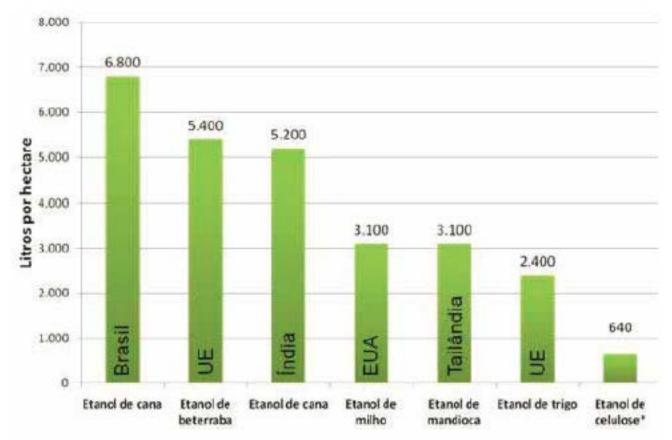


## **Brazilian Sugarcane Locations**



22 million acres in sugarcane, 500 million acres in cattle

## Corn, Sugarcane, Grass Comparison



International Energy Agency (2005)

Sugarcane: 39 ton/ha (dry stalks and trash) Miscanthus 29.6 ton/ha Switchgrass 10.4 ton/ha Maize 17.6 t/ha (total grain plus stover) (Heaton et al., 2008).

## Cellulosic Ethanol

# 2016 Survey of Biorefinery Projects by Technology and Feedstock Categories

	U.S. Biorefineries			International Biorefineries
	Pilot	Demonstration	Commercial	Commercial
Non-Starch Alcohol (BC) from Cellulose	7 (3)	7 (3)	17 (5)	(6)
Non-Starch Alcohol (TC) from Cellulose	2 (2)	0	I (0)	2 (1)
Non-Starch Alcohol (TC/BC) from Cellulose	I (0)	0	I (0)	0
Non-Starch Alcohol from Algae	2 (2)	1 (1)	0	0
Total Non-Starch Alcohols	12 (7)	8 (4)	19 (5)	13 (7)
Renewable HC (TC) from Cellulose	15 (10)	7 (2)	4 (0)	I (0)
Renewable HC (TC) from Fats, Oils, and Greases	I (I)	2 (1)	9 (4)	11 (10)
Renewable HC (TC) from Algae	5 (I)	0	0	0
Renewable HC (BC) from Cellulose	I (0)	2 (2)	0	0
Total Renewable HC	22 (12)	(5)	13 (4)	12 (10)
Cellulosic Sugars	2 (2)	3 (2)	0	0
Oils (pyrolysis)	3 (2)	I (0)	I (0)	5 (3)
Oils (algae)	L (1)	I (I)	0	L (1)
Syngas (from pyrolysis)	L (1)	0	0	0
Total Intermediate Products	7 (6)	5 (3)	l (0)	6 (4)
Grand Total	41 (25)	24 (12)	33 (9)	31 (21)

Operating projects are in (). BC = biochemical, HC = hydrocarbons, TC = thermochemical.

## Miscanthus at University of Illinois Experimental Plot



From D. MacKay Sustainable Energy without the Hot Air, Figure 6.10

### Beta-Renewables Cellulosic Ethanol Refinery Crescentino, Italy





### November 1, 2017 World's 'first' commercial secondgeneration bioethanol facility 'shuts down'

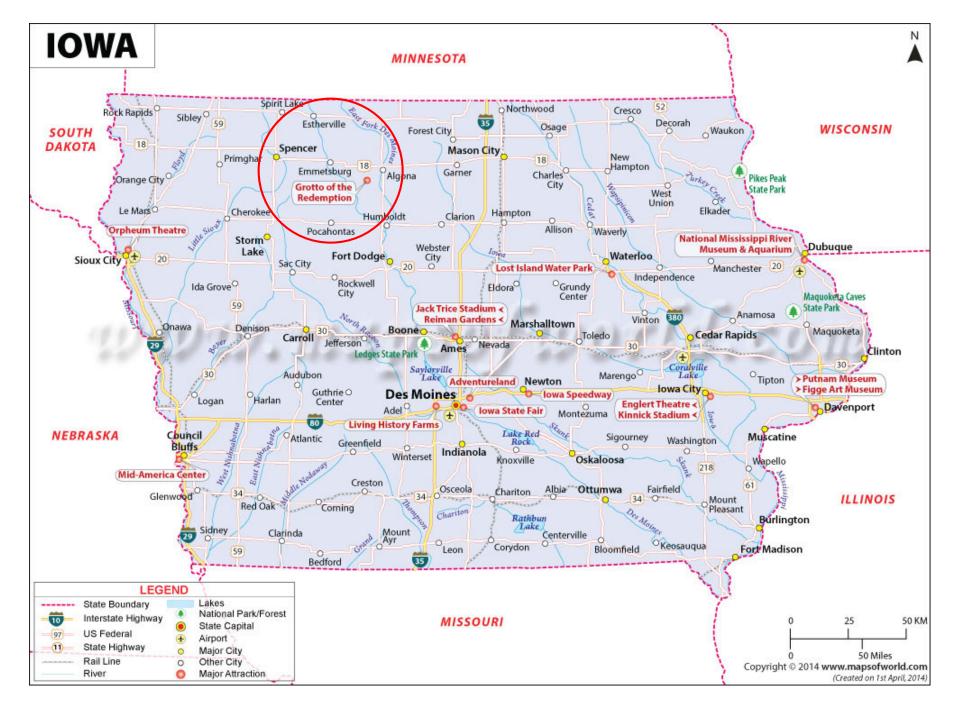




#### **Advanced Biofuels**

#### Emmetsburg, IA





## Status of Cellulosic Ethanol in U.S.

Company	Project Location Technology Pathway		Feedstock Category	Capacity [MMGY]	Operational Year [Anticipated]
Abengoa	Hugoton, KS	Biochemical	Crop Residues	23	2015 (idled in 2015)
Ace Ethanol (Sweetwater Energy, Inc.)	Stanley, WI	Biochemical	Corn Kernel Cellulose	3.5	[2017]
Beta Renewables Inc.	Clinton, NC	Biochemical	Dedicated Energy Crops	20	[2017]
Canergy	Brawley, CA	Biochemical	Dedicated Energy Crops	25	[2017]
DuPont	Nevada, IA	Biochemical	Crop Residues	30	2015
Enerkem	Pontotoc, MS	Thermochemical Gasification	Municipal solid waste (MSW)	10	[2020]
Front Range Energy (Sweetwater Energy Inc.)	Windsor, CO	Biochemical	Cellulosic Sugars	3.6	[2017]
INEOS New Planet Bioenergy LLC <sup>a</sup>	Vero Beach, FL	Hybrid Biochemical/Thermochemical	MSW	8	[2016]
Pacific Ethanol (Sweetwater Energy Inc.)	Madera, CA	Biochemical	Corn Kernel Cellulose	3.6	[2017]
POET	Emmetsburg, IA	Biochemical	Crop Residues	25	2015
Quad County Corn	Galva, IA	Biochemical	Corn Kernel Cellulose	3.8	2014
ZeaChem	Boardman, OR	Biochemical	Woody Biomass	22	[2017]



## April 4, 2019 Sioux Falls-based ethanol producer Poet awarded millions by arbitration panel





#### DuPont sells Iowa ethanol plant to German company; it will soon make renewable natural gas



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## New Cellulosic Projects



September 30, 2018 Clariant bets big on cellulosic ethanol Chemical maker breaks ground in Romania on \$120 million wastestraw-to-ethanol plant



September 24, 2018 Cellulosic biorefinery to break ground in North Dakota New Energy Spirit Biomass Refinery LLC

## Current Land Usage for Corn Ethanol and Comparison to Miscanthus

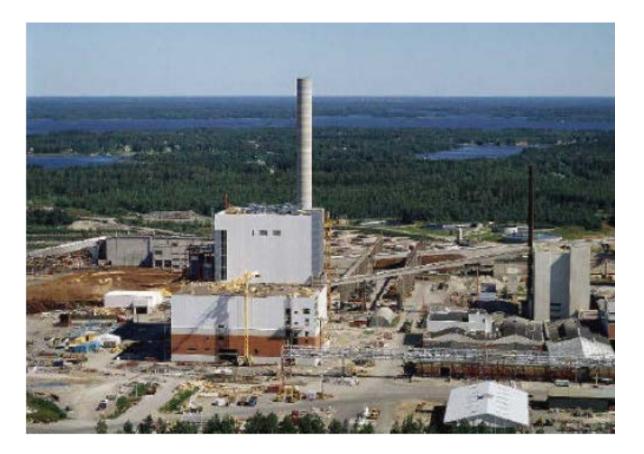
- 2014 total acreage for corn: 83.1 million acres
- 2014 fraction of corn used for ethanol production: 43.7%
- 2014 acreage for corn ethanol production: 36.3 million acres (~11% of all U.S. cropland) to produce 13.8 Ggal
- If miscanthus, 16.9 million acres required (~5.0% of all U.S. cropland)
- Land required for ethanol production from miscanthus smaller

## Electricity and Heat from Forest Residue

From MacKay p. 285

Sustainable crop of woody biomass in northern Europe can produce 0.6  $W_t / m^2$ . For 500  $MW_t$  power plant biomass must be collected from at least a 20 km radius.

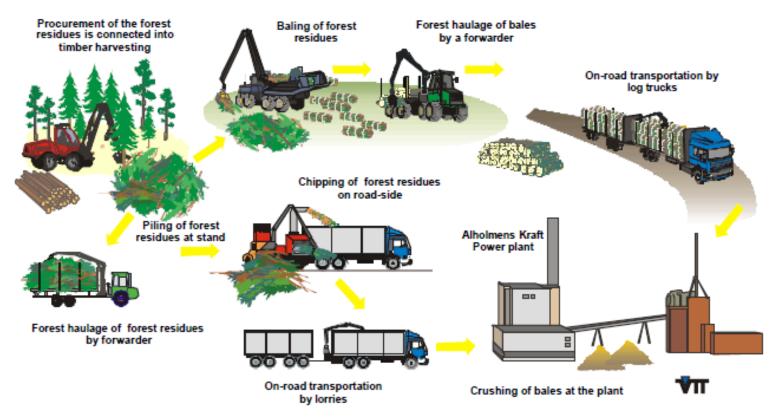
#### World's Largest Biofuel CHP Plant Alholmens Kraft, Finland



550 MW<sub>t</sub> boiler. 240 MW<sub>e</sub>. Up to 100 MW<sub>t</sub> steam and 60 MW<sub>t</sub> district heat. Approximately, 400,000 tonnes of biomass consumed per year.

From Organisations for the Promotion of Energy Technologies, Finland

## **Fuel Gathering**



Forest fuel supply chain from forest to the plant. VTT Energy.

In 2001 production cost of biomass for up to 80 km transportation distance was  $8.2 \in /MWh$  (OPTE, Finland).

## Eastern Illinois University Renewable Energy Center



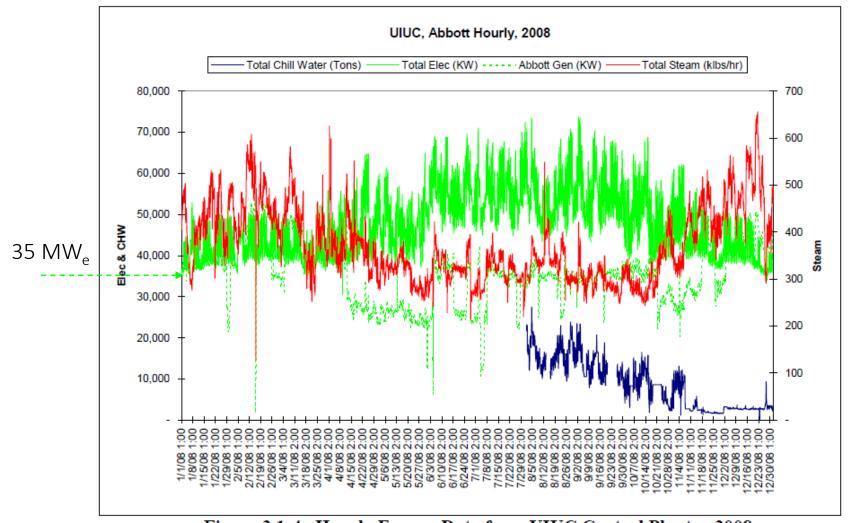
Fuel: biomass (wood chips), 27,000 tons per year yielding 16 MW<sub>t</sub> Source: Gary Reed presentation at UIUC Biorefineries Symposium, October, 2010

## **UIUC Abbott Power Plant**



Coal and natural gas fired combined heating, cooling and power production

## Abbott Power Generation, 2008



**Figure 3.1-4. Hourly Energy Data from UIUC Central Plants - 2008** Source: "A Study of the Utilities at the University of Illinois," Science Applications International Corporation, September 2009

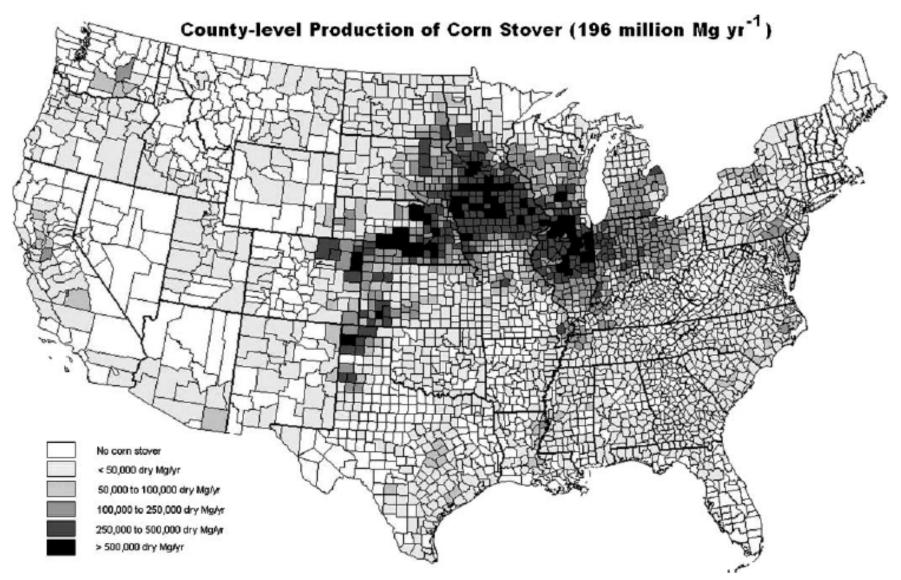


Fig. 5. Annual production of corn stover in the United States. Values were derived as described in text using 1995–2000 corn production statistics from USDA.

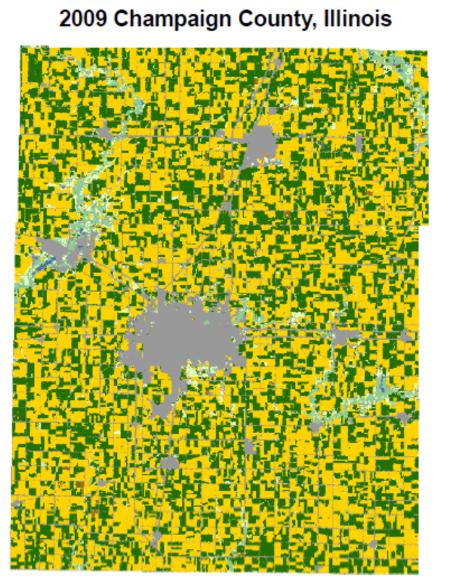
from Graham et al., Agronomy Journal 99(2007)1

# Champaign County Biomass Potential Sufficient for Abbott?

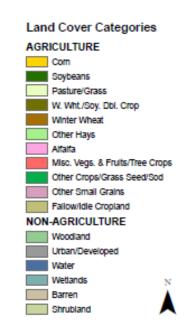


567,000 acres

307,000 acres In corn







Abbott Power Calculation Assume that Abbott requires 180 MW<sub>+</sub> corn stover  $[t / a / y] = 0.021 \times \text{corn yield} [bu / a / y]$ Champaign County corn production = 180 bu / a / yChampaign County stover production = 3.8 t / a / yenergy density of corn stover = 5.3 kWh / kgChampaign County stover production =  $0.52 W / m^2$ Abbott requires 330,000 tons from 86,000 acres

Abbott could be powered by Champaign County stover.

## Other Possible Biomass Examples

- Oil from algae
- Municipal solid waste incineration
- Capture of methane from landfills
- Methane production from animal waste
- Biodiesel production from cooking oil
- Many others

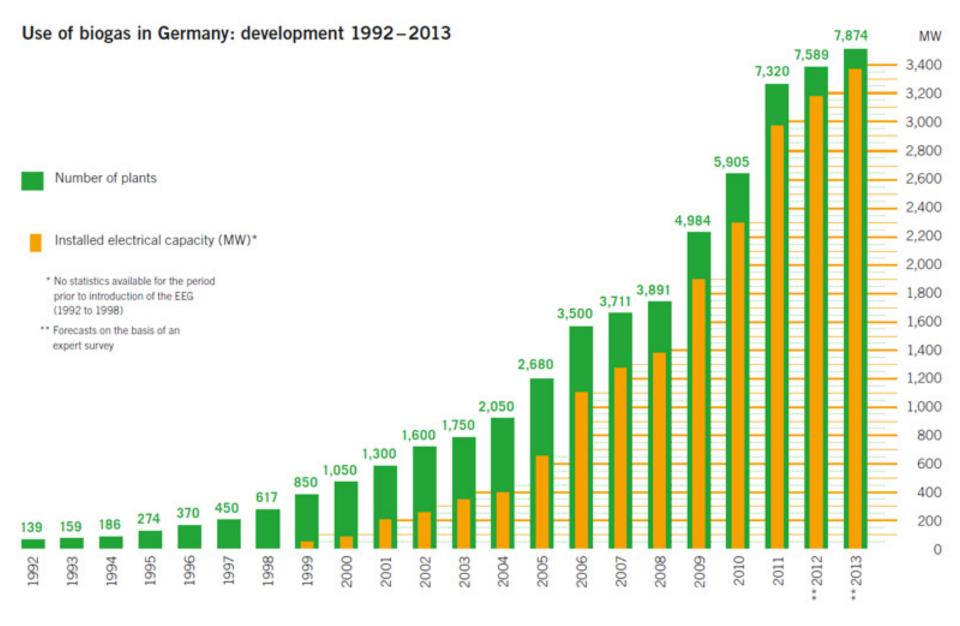
## Oil yields from various plants and microalgae in cubic meters per hectare

Corn	0.14
Soybeans	0.45
Sunflower	0.95
Canola (Rape)	1.20
Jatropha	1.90
Palm	5.90
Microalgae (30% lipids)	59.0
Microalgae (50% lipids)	98.0
Microalgae (70% lipids)	140.0

## Hard Lessons From the Great Algae Biofuel Bubble Firms That Have Moved Away From Algal Biofuel

- <u>Algae Floating Systems</u>
- <u>Algenol</u>
- <u>Algae Tec</u>
- <u>Algix</u>
- <u>AlgaeLink</u>
- <u>Alga Technologies</u>
- <u>Aquaflow Bionomics (NXT Fuels)</u>
- <u>Aurora Biofuels</u>
- <u>Cellana</u>
- Global Algae Innovations
- GreenFuel Technologies
- <u>Heliae</u>

- LiveFuels
- OriginOil (OriginClear)
- <u>PetroAlgae (Parabel)</u>
- Phycal
- Pond Technologies
- <u>Renewable Algal Energy</u>
- <u>Sapphire Energy</u>
- <u>Seambiotic</u>
- <u>Solix</u>
- <u>Synthetic Genomics</u>
- TerraVia (Solazyme)
- <u>XL Renewables</u>



## Biomass and Biofuels Summary

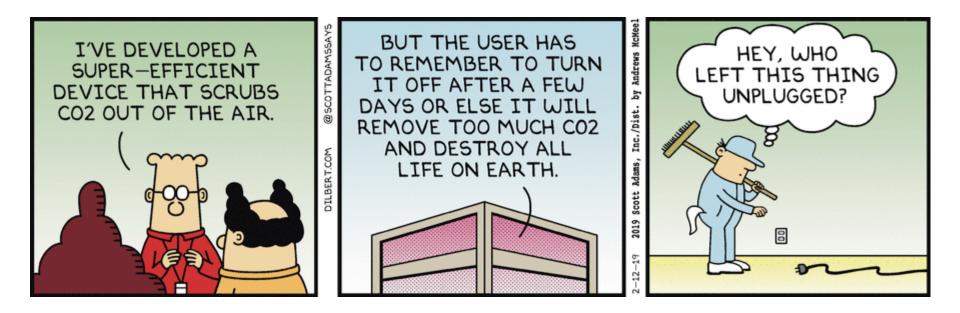
- Significant biomass and biofuel resources both from production and conservation
- Commitment of land required, but marginal land use possible
- Commitment of water required, but drought resistant cultivars exist
- Opportunities for more productive feedstocks and more efficient conversion
- Research to go beyond ethanol promising
- Learn what termites do. Improve on what plants do. Capture more of the sun.

# Negative Emissions

- Why negative emissions?
- Carbon cycle
- Removal of CO<sub>2</sub> from Atmosphere
  - Enhanced weathering
  - Afforestation and reforestation lectures 3&4
  - Ocean-based removal
  - Carbon capture and storage
  - Direct air capture
- Negative emissions summary

# Negative Emissions Remove CO<sub>2</sub> from the Atmosphere

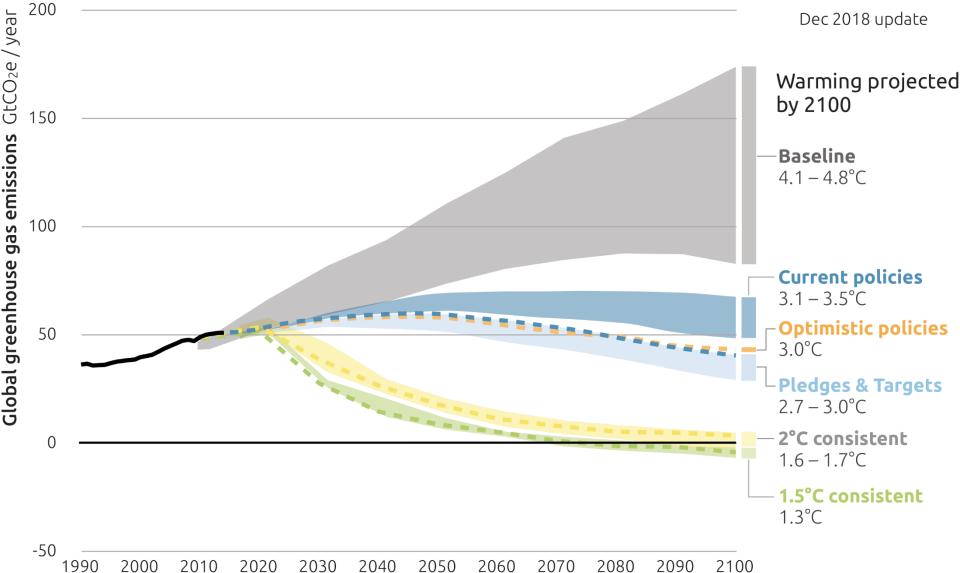




# Why Negative Emissions?

#### 2100 WARMING PROJECTIONS

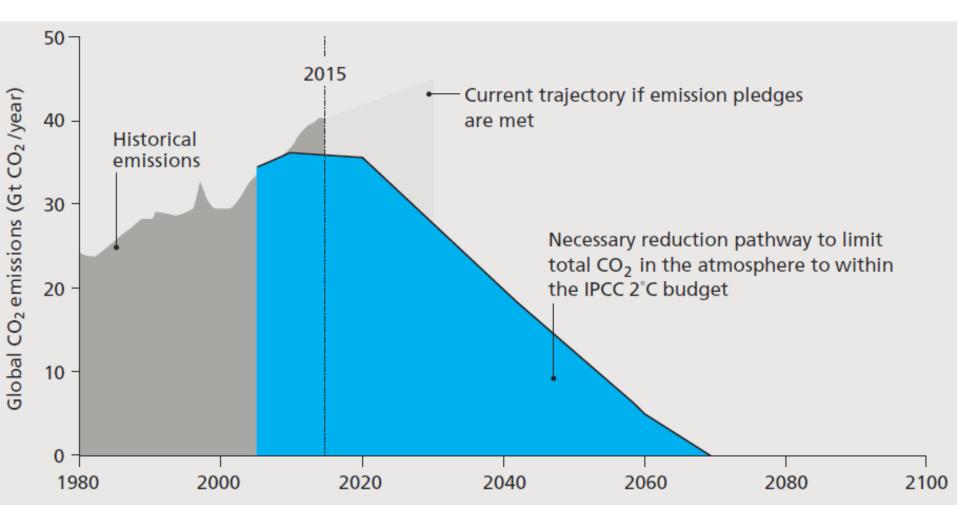
Emissions and expected warming based on pledges and current policies



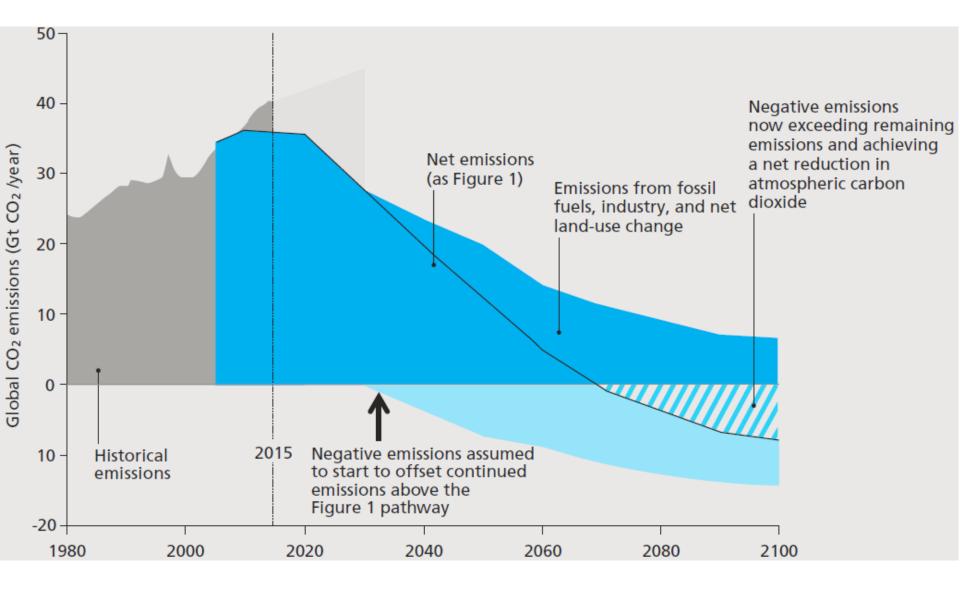
Climate **Action** 

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# Emission Pathway to Achieve No More Than 2°C Temperature Rise

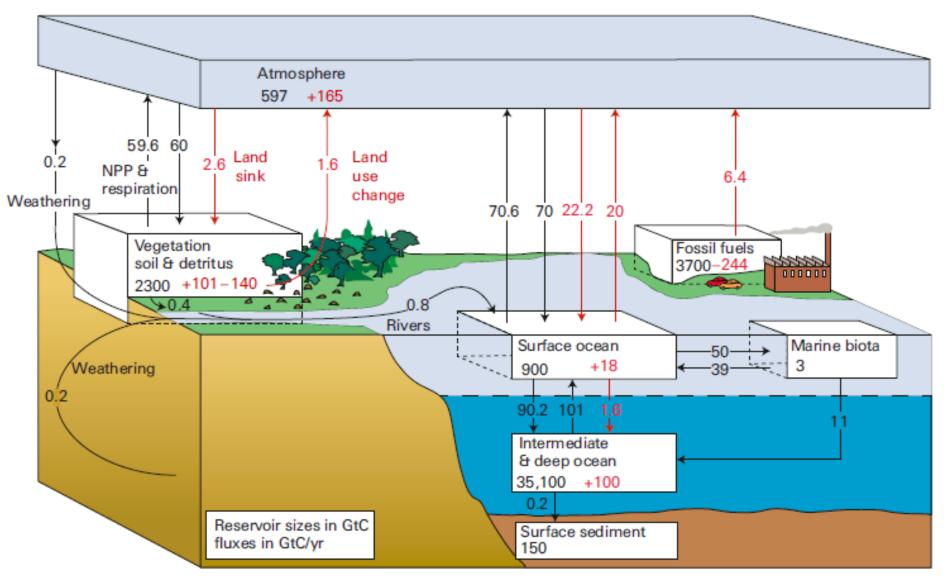


# Emission Pathway to Achieve <2°C with Negative Emissions Technology



# Carbon Cycle and Keeling Curve

# Global Carbon Cycle

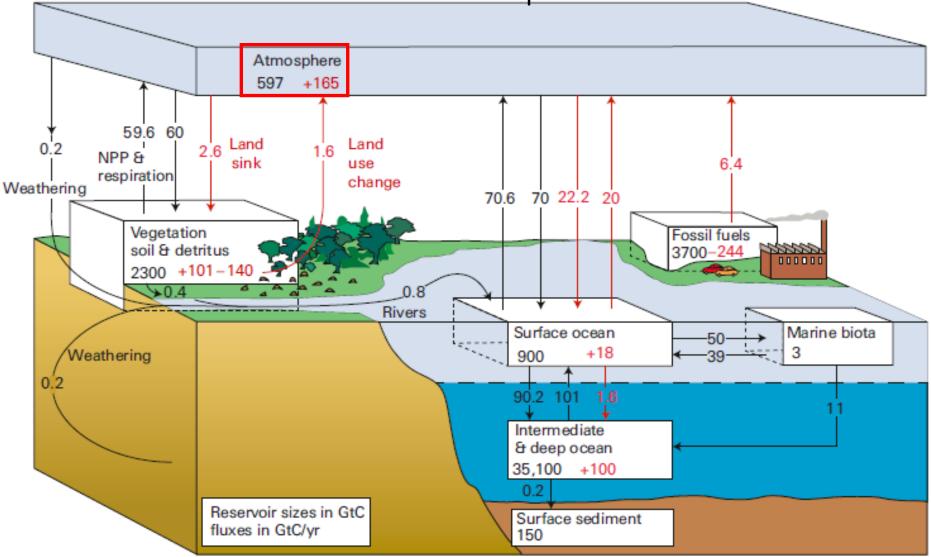


# How Much CO<sub>2</sub> in the Atmosphere?

How Much CO<sub>2</sub> in the Atmosphere?

- Atmospheric pressure P = 101 kPa
- Mass of atmosphere M =  $P \times (4\pi R^2)/g$ 
  - $101 \text{ kPa} \times (4\pi (6.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2)^2)/(9.8 \text{ N} / \text{kg}) = 5.3 \times 10^6 \text{ Gt}$
- GMW of atmosphere 78% O<sub>2</sub>, 21% N<sub>2</sub>, 1% Ar  $\rightarrow$  29 g per mole
- Atmosphere contains  $1.83 \times 10^{20}$  moles
- Currently CO<sub>2</sub> at 400 ppm = 7.31 × 10<sup>16</sup> moles = 3,220 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>
- Pre-industrial CO<sub>2</sub> at 280 ppm 2,250 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>
- 970 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> emitted in atmosphere since industrialization

#### Global Carbon Cycle Modification Direct Air Capture



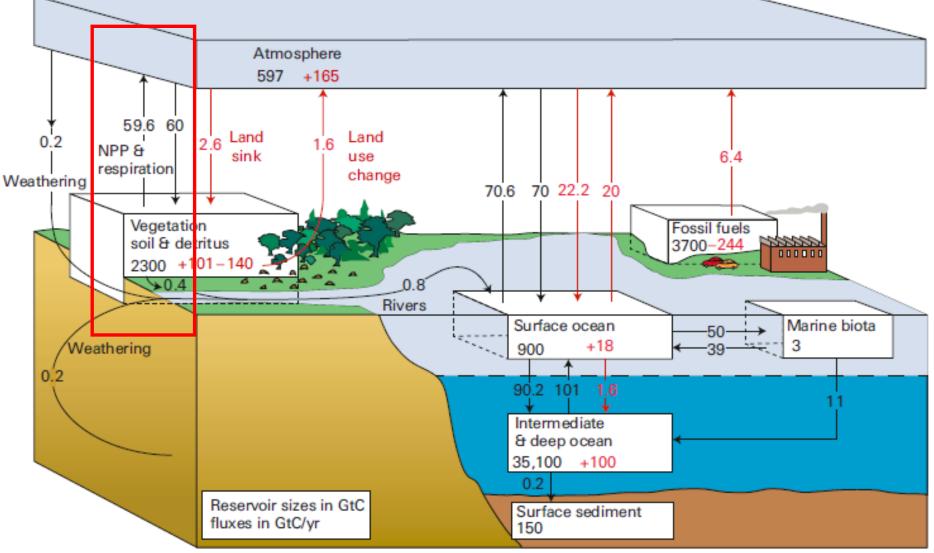
Direct air capture is one possible carbon dioxide removal technology.

How many cubic meters of the atmosphere must be processed to remove one gigatonne of carbon?

# Volume of atmosphere for 1 GtC

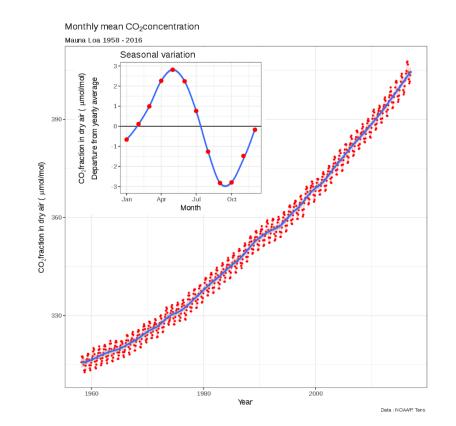
- Density of air at sea level = 1.225 kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- One mole of air = 29 g
  - so air is 42.2 moles/m<sup>3</sup> or  $2.54 \times 10^{25}$  molecules/m<sup>3</sup>
- CO<sub>2</sub> concentration 400 ppm
  - So 1.02 × 10<sup>22</sup> CO<sub>2</sub> molecules/m<sup>3</sup> = 0.743 g CO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>3</sup> = 0.203 g C/m<sup>3</sup>
- 1 Gt =  $10^9$  tonne =  $10^{12}$  kg =  $10^{15}$  g
  - So 1 GtC in  $4.93 \times 10^{15}$  /m<sup>3</sup> of air
- This volume is equal to area × thickness of 7,000 km × 7,000 km ×  $10^2$  m
- An area of 7,000 km × 7,000 km is approximately the area of Russia, Canada, China, and United States

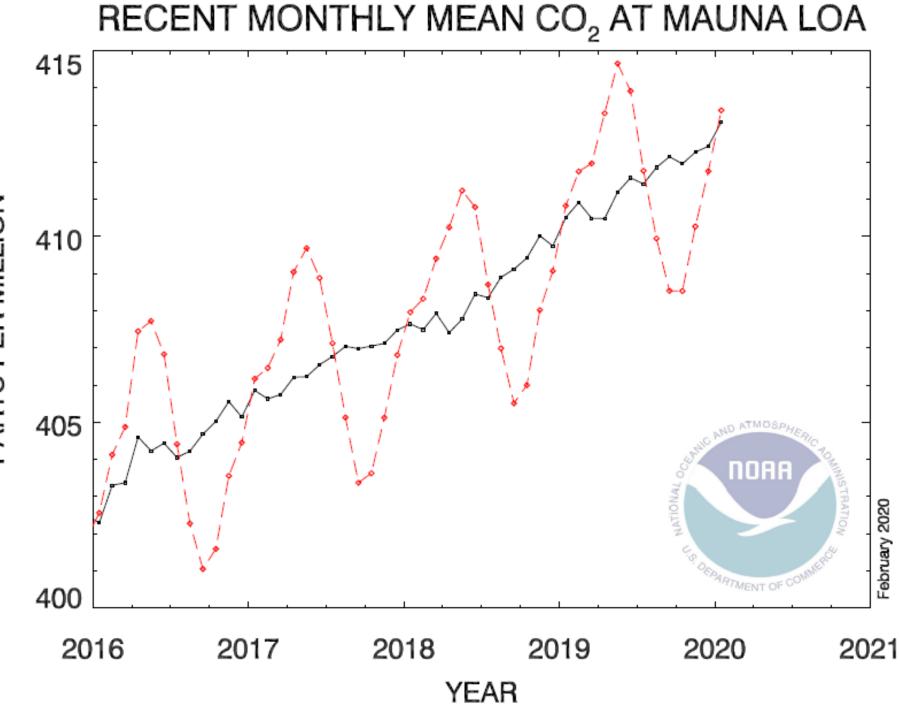
## Global Carbon Cycle Modification Biomass Energy Carbon Capture Storage



The annual variation shown in the insert is attributed to plant growth and decay.

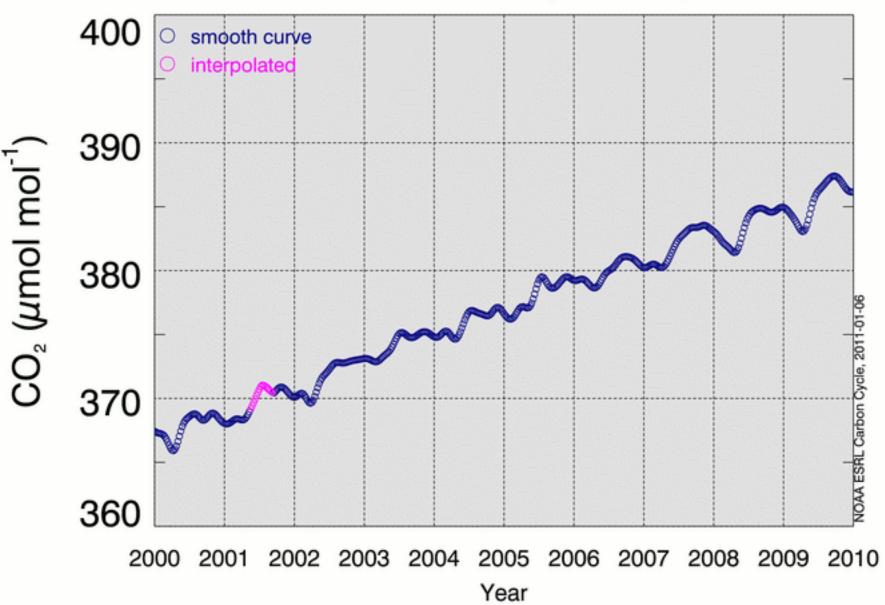
# How many gigatonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> do plants absorb and release in one year?

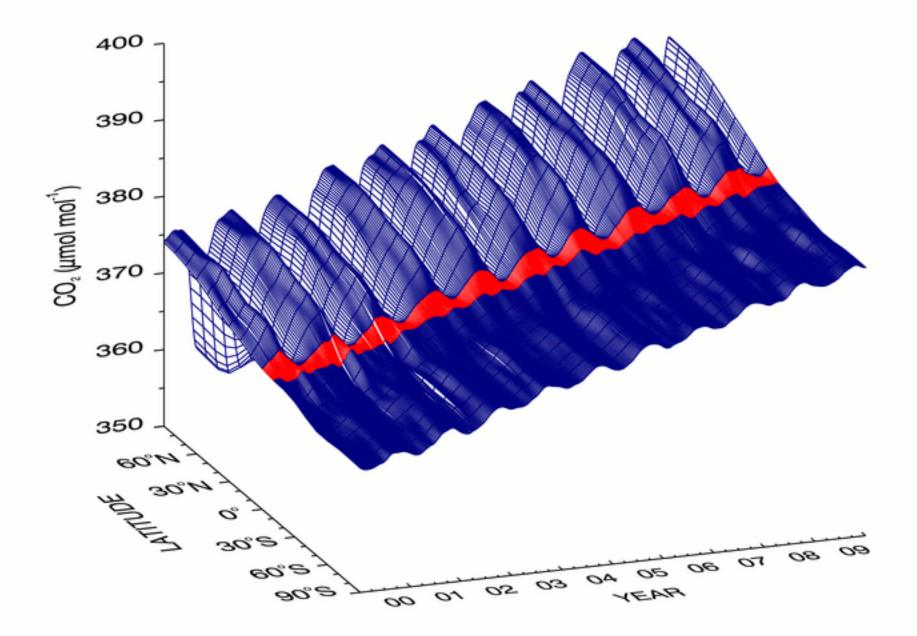




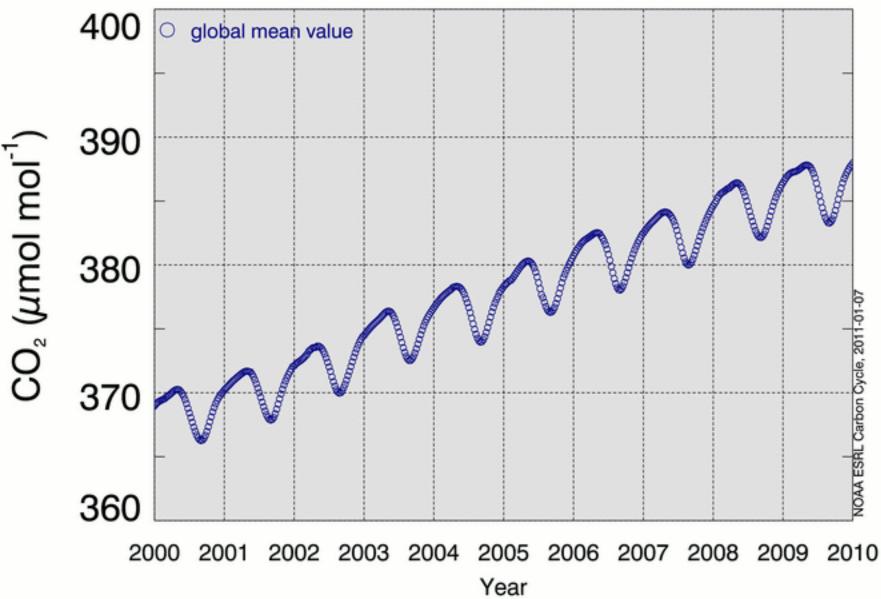
PARTS PER MILLION

#### Extended Record Ascension Island [8°S, 14°W]





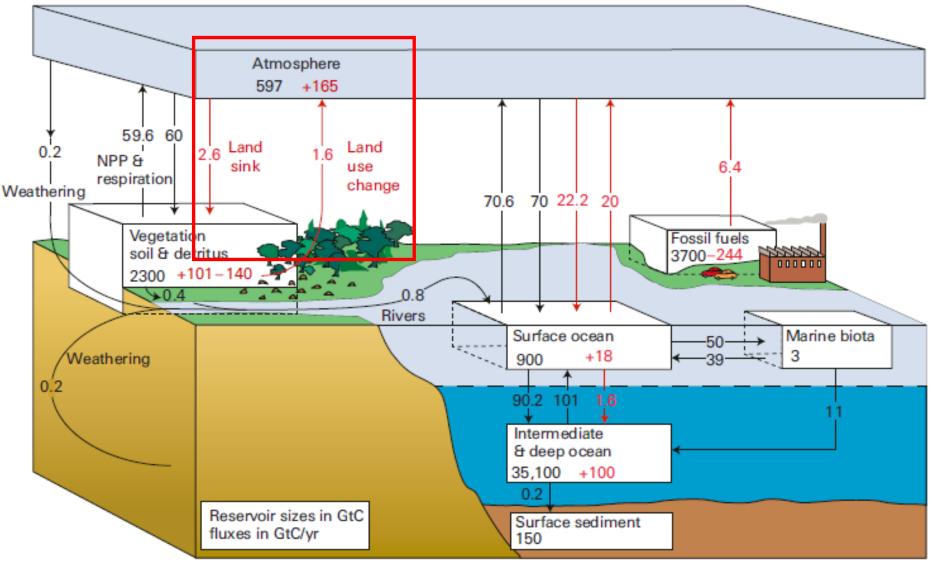
#### Global Mean Surface Time Series



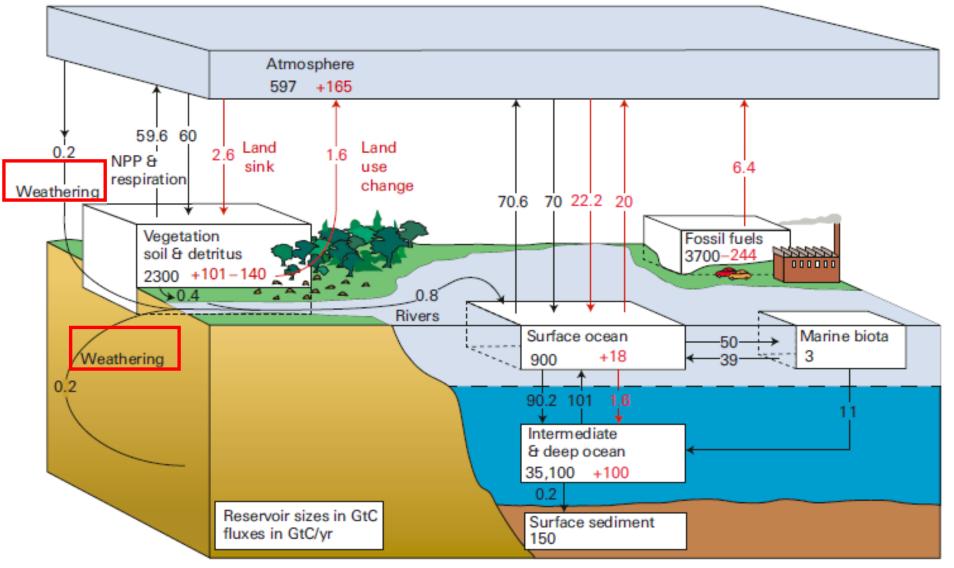
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- Peak to peak variation in global average CO<sub>2</sub> concentration is approximately 4 ppm
- Currently  $CO_2$  at about 400 ppm = 3,125 Gt  $CO_2$
- 4 ppm then is 31.2 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>
- Slope is approximately 2.3 ppm per year, but 25% of emissions are absorbed by the ocean, 28% by plants, and 46% stays in the atmosphere.

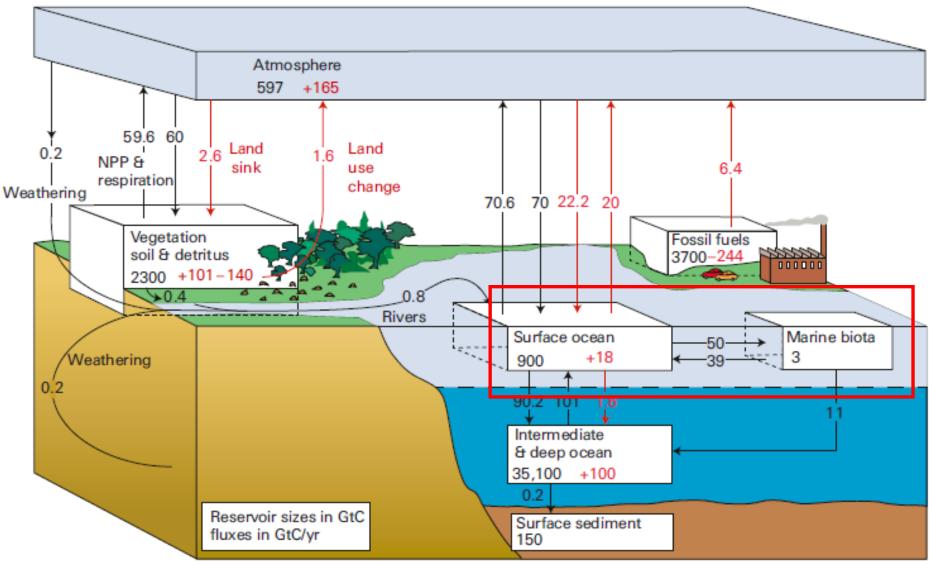
#### Global Carbon Cycle Modification Afforestation/Reforestation



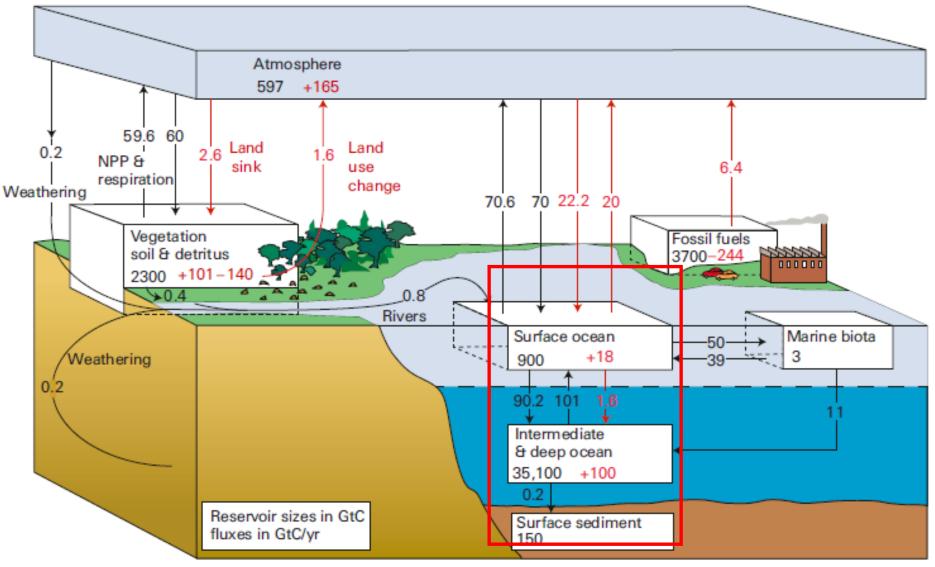
## Global Carbon Cycle Modification Enhanced Weathering



## Global Carbon Cycle Modification Ocean Fertilization



## Global Carbon Cycle Modification Ocean Upwelling/Downwelling



# Global Carbon Cycle natural and anthropogenic

- Gross Primary Production (GPP) of plants material removes 119.6 GtC per year and replaces 120.[0] GtC per year
  - Earth is becoming greener
- Atmosphere interchange with ocean removes 92.2 GtC per year and replaces 90 GtC per year
  - The oceans are becoming more acidic
- Weathering of silicate rock removes 0.2 GtC per year
- Soils sequester 2.6 GtC per year, but land use change replaces 1.6 Gt C per year
- Fossil fuel combustion places 6.4 GtC per year in the atmosphere
- Imbalance between removal from atmosphere, 215.0 GtC per year, and replacement to atmosphere, 218.2 GtC per year, results in increase of CO<sub>2</sub> in atmosphere.
- About one half of CO<sub>2</sub> from combustion ends up in the oceans and about one half in the atmosphere

# How Much CO<sub>2</sub> Must Be Removed?

- Current CO<sub>2</sub> concentration ~400 ppm
- To return to 350 ppm, ~350 GtCO<sub>2</sub> = 100 GtC must be removed
  - Hansen et al., Target atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>: Where should humanity aim? Atmos. Sci. J. 2(2008)217
- To return to 280 ppm, ~840 GtCO<sub>2</sub> = 230 GtC must be removed
  - 280 ppm is pre-industrial level

# How Much Is a Gigatonne of Carbon?

In 2013 U.S. emissions were equivalent of 1.94 GtC, global emissions 8.96 GtC

Typical freight train hopper car capacity: 100 to 125 tons

Typical number of hopper cars in a freight train: 100 to 125 cars

Typical freight train then carries 13,000 tons of coal (~90% carbon)

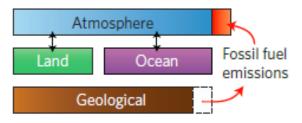
1 gigatonne of carbon supplied by 200 freight trains per day for one year

# Removal of CO<sub>2</sub> from Atmosphere

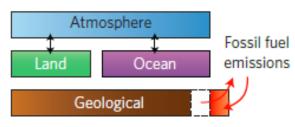
# Carbon Management Options

- Decrease and eliminate fossil fuel consumption
- Increase absorption on land by enhanced weathering
- Increase absorption in ocean by promoting biological activity
- Increase absorption on land by promoting biological activity
- Decrease land use change

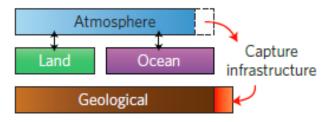
a Fossil fuel energy



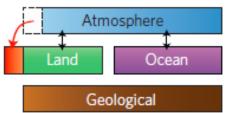
c Carbon capture and storage (CCS)



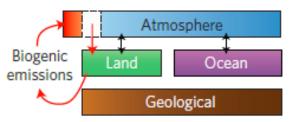
e Direct air capture (DAC)



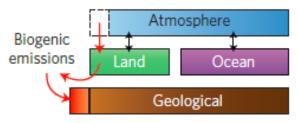
**g** Afforestation/changed agricultural practices



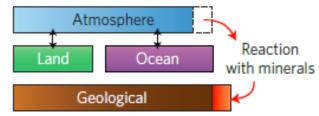
**b** Bioenergy



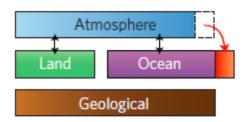
#### d Bioenergy + CCS (BECCS)



f Enhanced weathering



**h** Ocean fertilization/alkalinization



# Enhanced Weathering

# Crushed Minerals Spread on Land



# Enhanced Weathering Silicate rocks absorb CO<sub>2</sub> allowing eventual formation of carbonites.

Typical mineral reactions

(educts ⇒ ions and silica in solution, secondary minerals ⇒ precipitation reactions in the ocean)

Calcium carbonate (not a silicate) CaCO<sub>3</sub> + CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O  $\Rightarrow$  Ca<sup>2+</sup> + 2HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>  $\Rightarrow$  CaCO<sub>3</sub>  $\oplus$  + CO<sub>2</sub> $\hat{v}$  + H<sub>2</sub>O (No net-sink of 'consumed' atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>)

Olivine (silicate)  $Mg_2SiO_4 + 4CO_2 + 4H_2O \Rightarrow 2Mg^{2+} + 4HCO_3 + H_4SiO_4 \Rightarrow 2MgCO_3 + SiO_2 + 2CO_2 + 4H_2O$ (Net-sink for 50% of 'consumed' atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>)

#### Albite (silicate)

 $\frac{2\text{NaAlSi}_{3}\text{O}_{8} + 2\text{CO}_{2} + 11\text{H}_{2}\text{O} \Rightarrow \text{Al}_{2}\text{Si}_{2}\text{O}_{5}(\text{OH})_{4} + 2\text{Na}^{+} + 2\text{HCO}_{3}^{-} + 4\text{H}_{4}\text{SiO}_{4} \Rightarrow 2\text{Na}^{+} + 2\text{HCO}_{3}^{-} + 4\text{SiO}_{2}^{\oplus} + 8\text{H}_{2}\text{O}_{3}^{\oplus} + 8\text{H}_{2}\text{O}_{3}^{\oplus}$ 

Theoretical limit for  $CO_2$  removal by olivine is 1.25 kg of  $CO_2$  per kg of olivine.

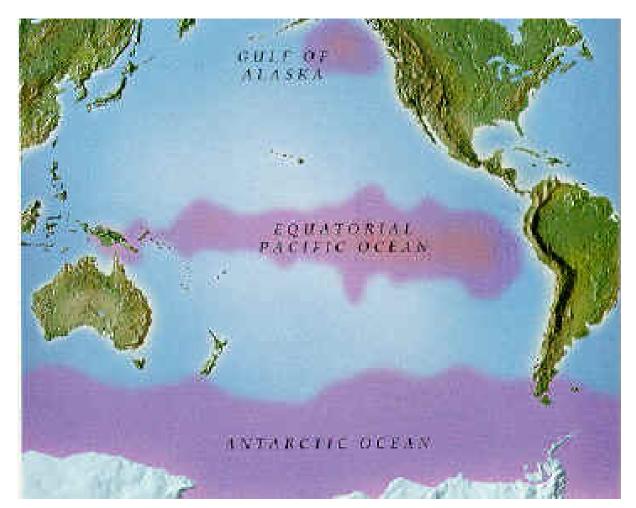
## Land Use Change See Net Zero Emissions lecture 3

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### Removal of CO<sub>2</sub> from Atmosphere Ocean Surface Fertilization

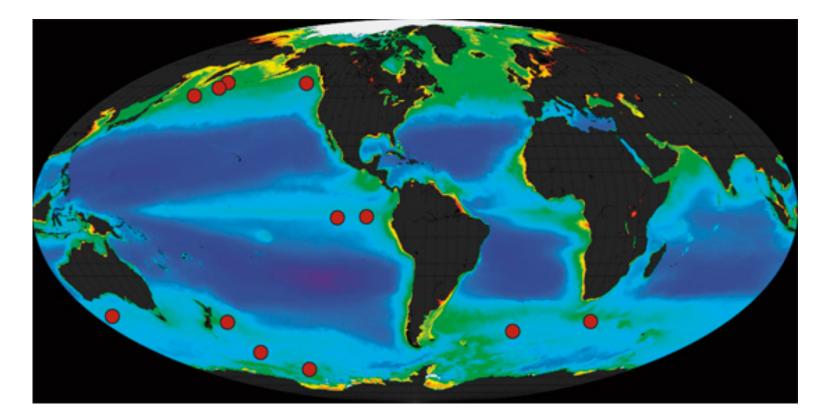
### Iron Hypothesis John Martin, Nature 331(1988)341

"Give me a half tanker of iron, and I will give you an ice age."



Low phytoplankton populations indicated by purple shaded areas on map despite adequate sunlight and nutrients.

### **Ocean Fertilization Experiment Sites**



"Small-scale open ocean experiments (*red dots*) have shown that iron additions do indeed result in phytoplankton blooms, thereby drawing carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and into the ocean."

# The New York Times

October 18, 2012 A Rogue Climate Experiment Outrages Scientists

"A California businessman chartered a fishing boat in July, loaded it with 100 tons of iron dust and cruised through Pacific waters off western Canada, spewing his cargo into the sea in an ecological experiment that has outraged scientists and government officials."

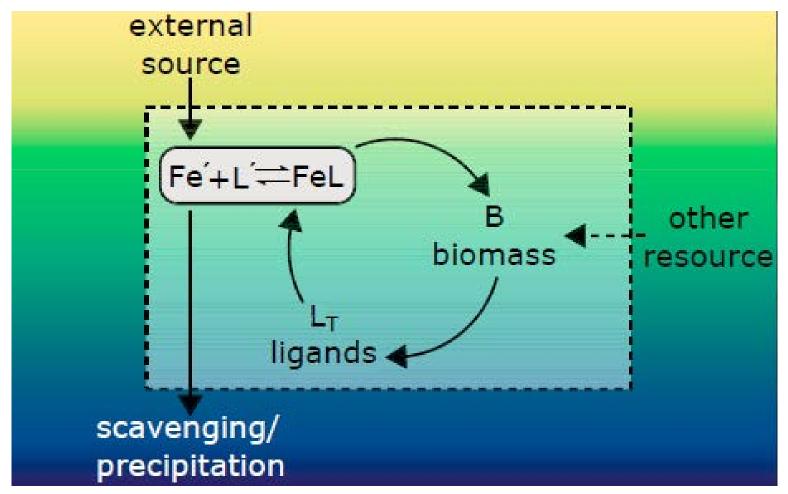


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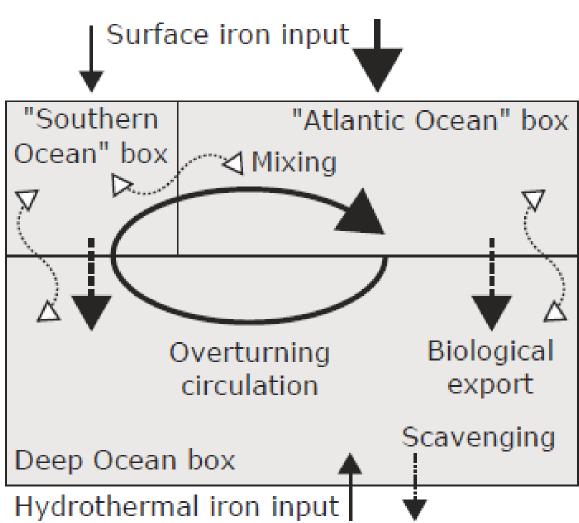
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# Microbial feedbacks optimize ocean iron availability

# Schematic of the "ligand—iron—microbe" feedback



Schematic of the idealized three-box ocean biogeochemistry model.

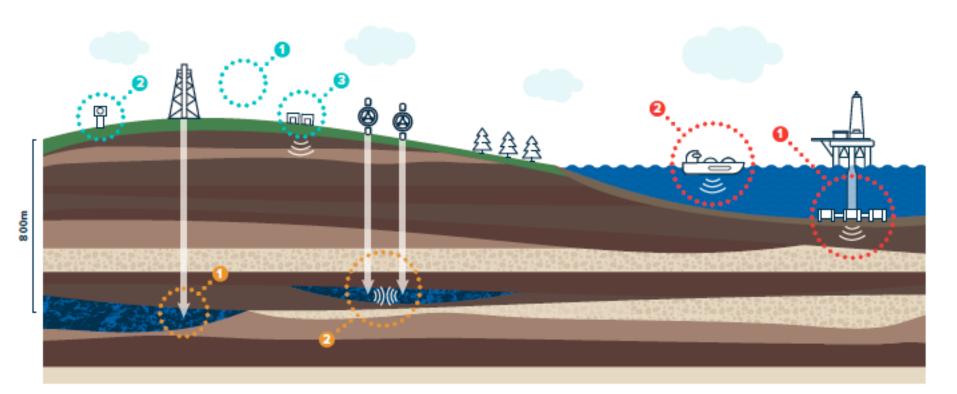


# Significance of Global and Local Feedback Loops

Marine microbe growth is limited by iron over about half of the global ocean surface. Dissolved iron is quickly lost from the ocean, but its availability to marine microbes may be enhanced by binding with organic molecules which, in turn, are produced by microbes. We hypothesize this forms a reinforcing cycle between biological activity and iron cycling that locally matches the availability of iron and other nutrients, leading to global-scale resource colimitation between macronutrients and micronutrients, and maximizing biological productivity. Idealized models support this hypothesis, depending on the specific relationships between microbial sources and sinks of organic molecules. An evolutionary selection may have occurred which optimizes these characteristics, resulting in "just enough" iron in the ocean.

### Removal of CO<sub>2</sub> from Atmosphere

Carbon Capture and Sequestration





#### ATMOSPHERE AIRBORNE EM AIRBORNE SPECTRAL SATELLITE INTERFEROMETRY

#### 2 S

SURFACE EDDY COVARIANCE SURFACE GAS FLUX SOIL GAS CONCENTRATIONS GROUND WATER CHEMISTRY



2D/3D SURFACE SEISMIC LAND EM/ERT SURFACE GRAVIMETRY TILTMETERS



#### SUB-SURFACE

DOWNHOLE FLUID CHEMISTRY DOWNHOLE PRESSURE DOWNHOLE TEMPERATURE GEOPHYSICS LOGS

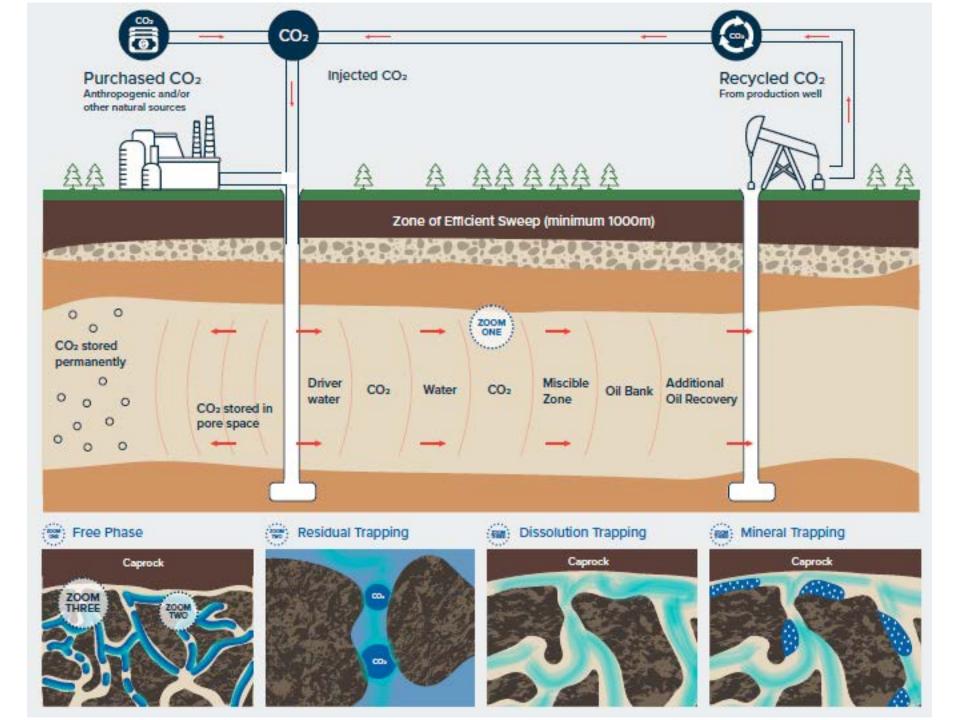
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BOOMER/SPARKER PROFILING BUBBLE STREAM DETECTION MULTI-ECHO SOUNDINGS SIDESCAN SONAR

#### 2 OFFSHORE

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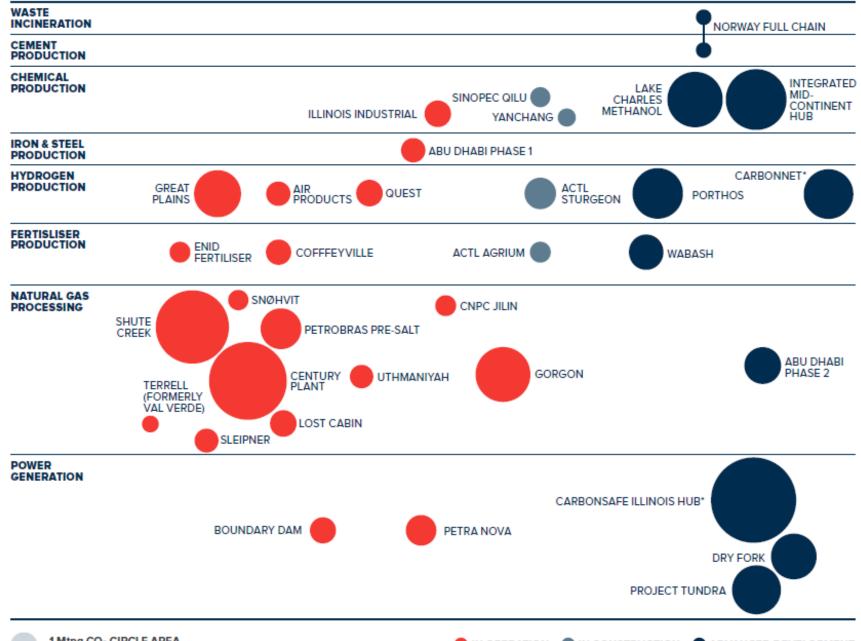


# Large Scale CCS Sites (2019)



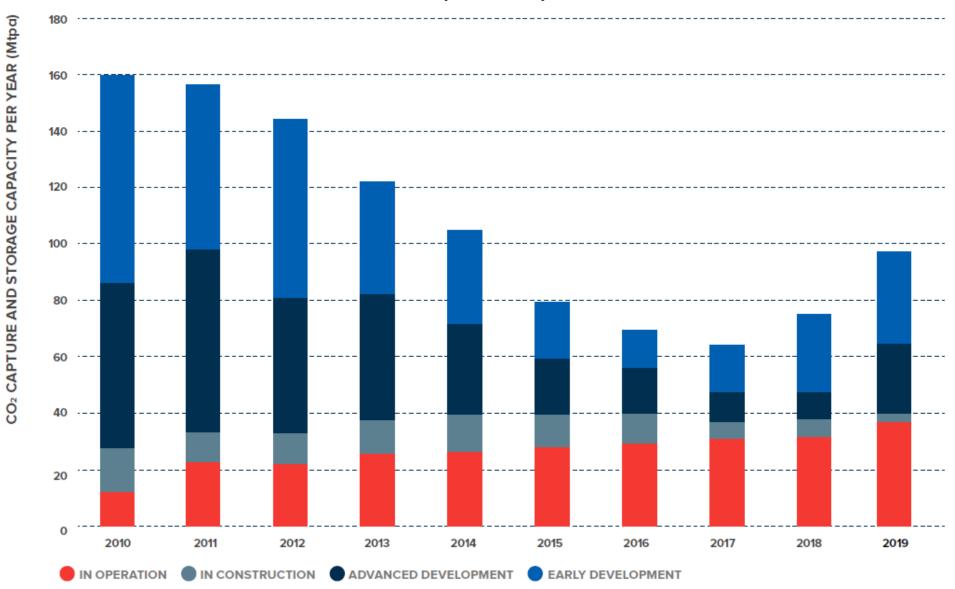
- LARGE SCALE CCS FACILITIES IN OPERATION & CONSTRUCTION LARGE SCALE CCS FACILITIES IN ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT
  - LARGE SCALE CCS FACILITIES COMPLETED
- LARGE SCALE = >400,000 TONNES OF CO<sub>3</sub> CAPTURED PER ANNUM
- PILOT & DEMOSTRATION SCALE FACILITY IN OPERATION & CONSTRUCTION
- PILOT & DEMOSTRATION SCALE FACILITY IN ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT
   PILOT & DEMOSTRATION SCALE
  - PILOT & DEMOSTRATION SCALE FACILITY COMPLETED
- TEST CENTRE





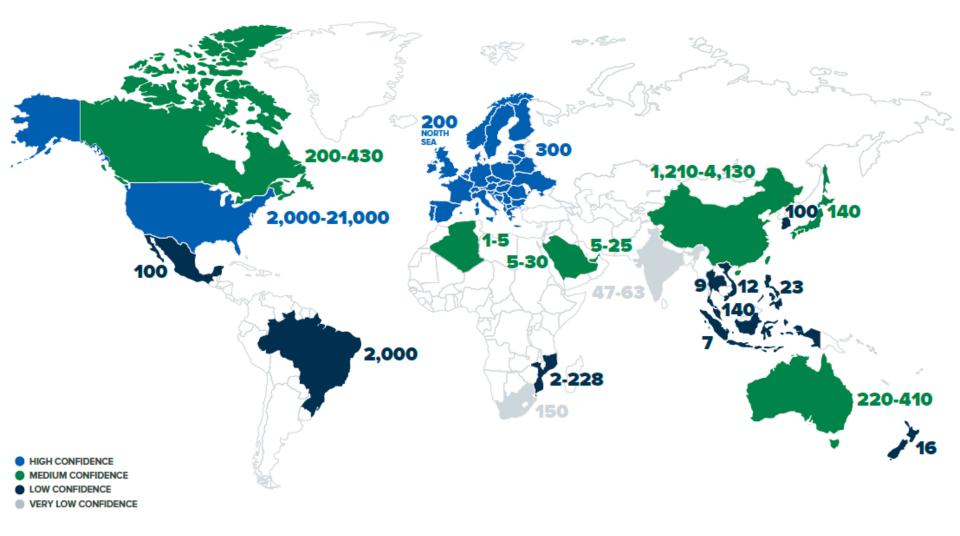
= 1 Mtpa CO<sub>2</sub> CIRCLE AREA PROPORTIONATE TO CAPACITY

IN OPERATION IN CONSTRUCTION ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT



### Global CCS Capacity 2010-2019

# Geological Storage Resource (Gt)

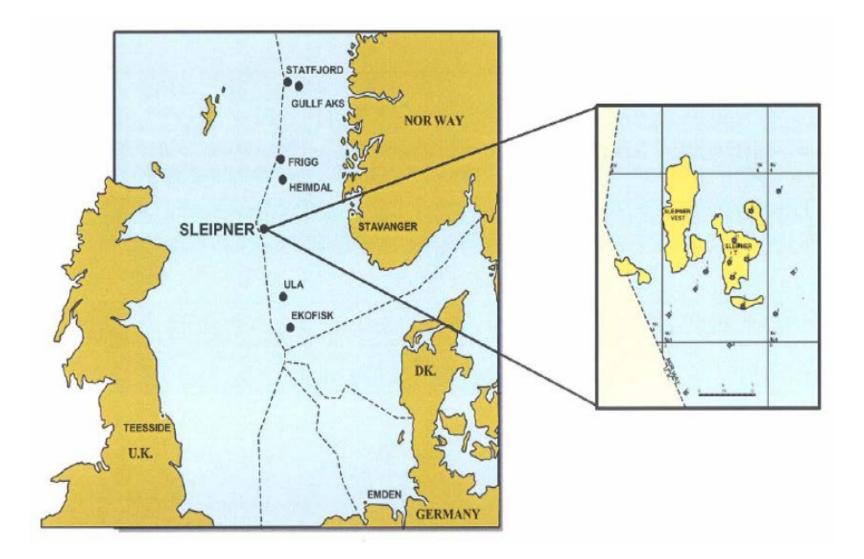


# Is Gigatonne CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Possible?

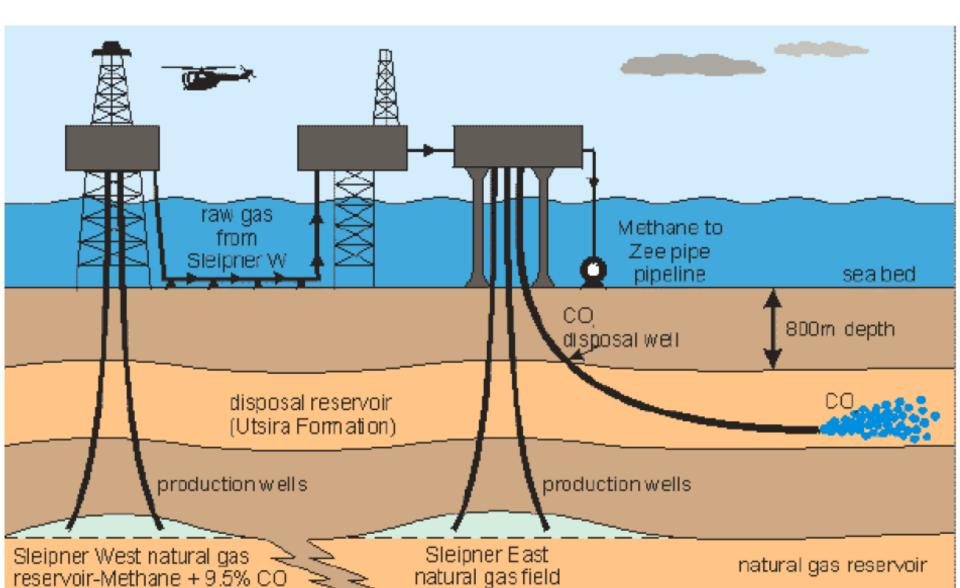
- IPCC pathways model up to 1,200 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> storage by 2100
- 2019 25 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> sequestered from power and industry
- 2019 38 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration capacity
- IEA forecast 30-60 storage sites per year to 2050
- 350 gas and oil fields were developed annually in the peak development period (2000-2010)
- 20% of available rigs could drill storage sites
- IEA forecast 2.3 GtCO<sub>2</sub> per year required until 2060 double the rate of oil and gas industry in last century

Successful Sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> The Sleipner North Sea Gas Field

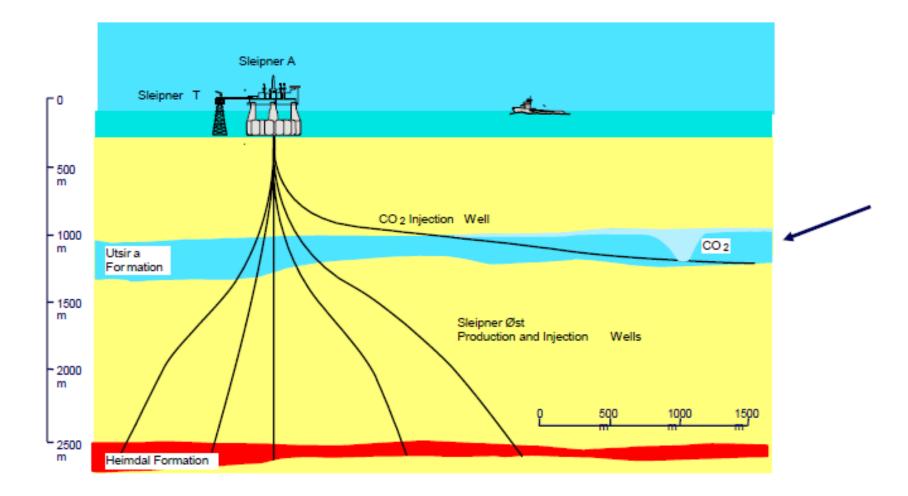
# Location of Sleipner Gas Field



# Schematic of Sleipner Platforms, Production and Disposal



#### CO2 Injection Well in "Utsira"



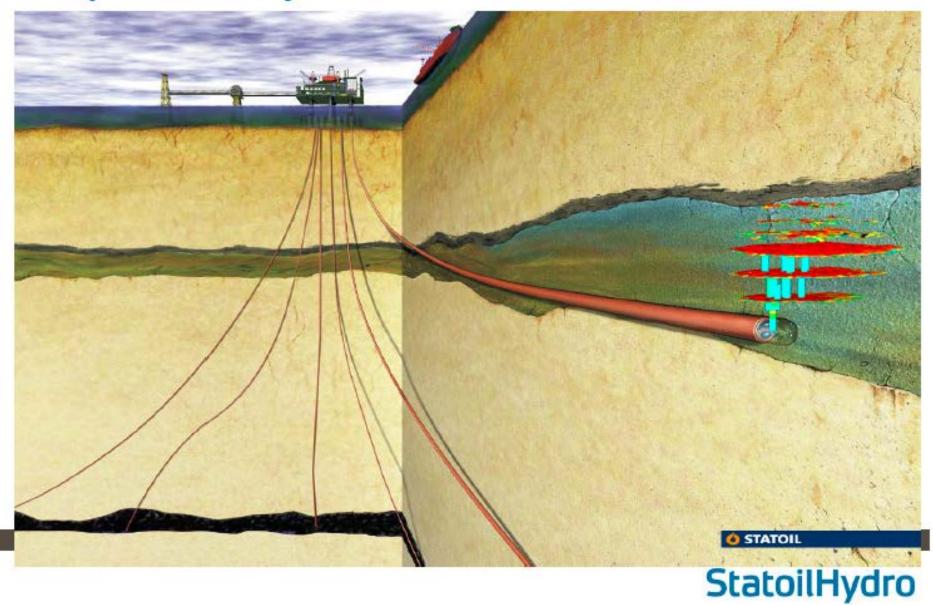
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#### The Sleipner field – CO2 Treatment and Injection

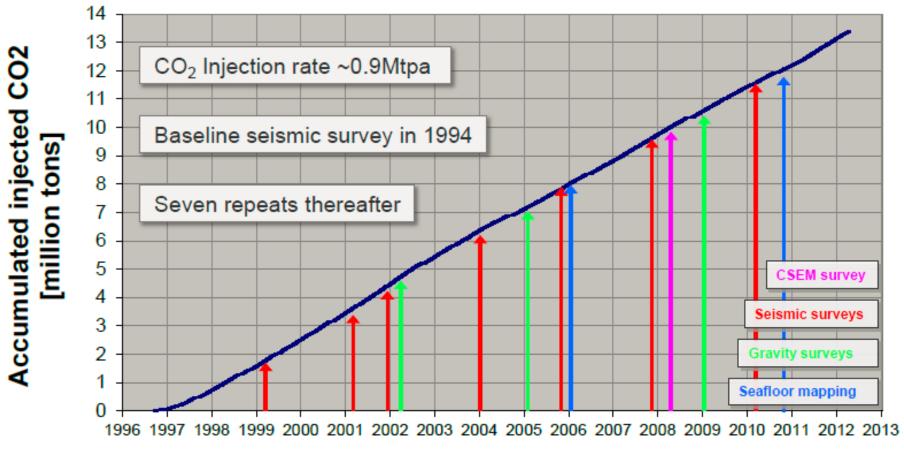


### StatoilHydro

### **Sleipner CO2 Injection**

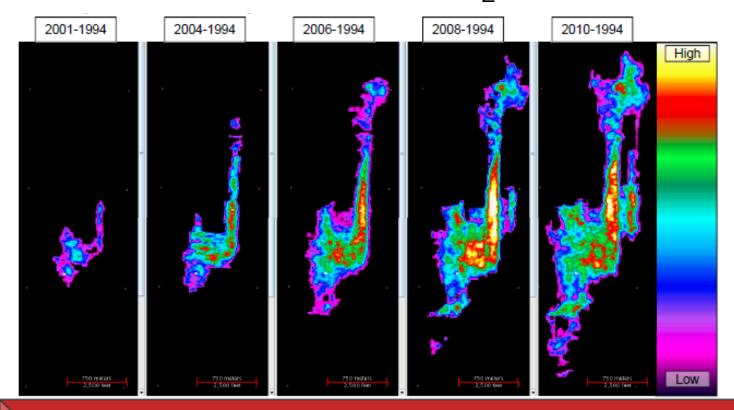


# Cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> injection to date



Year

# Development of CO<sub>2</sub> Plume



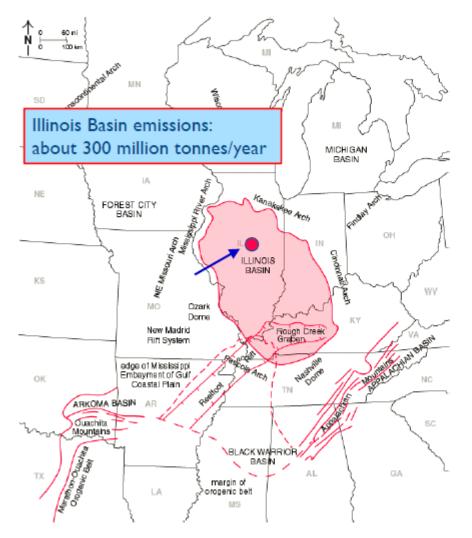
Seismic time-lapse monitoring shows that CO<sub>2</sub> stays in place in the Utsira Fm at Sleipner and gives a detailed description of where the CO<sub>2</sub> is





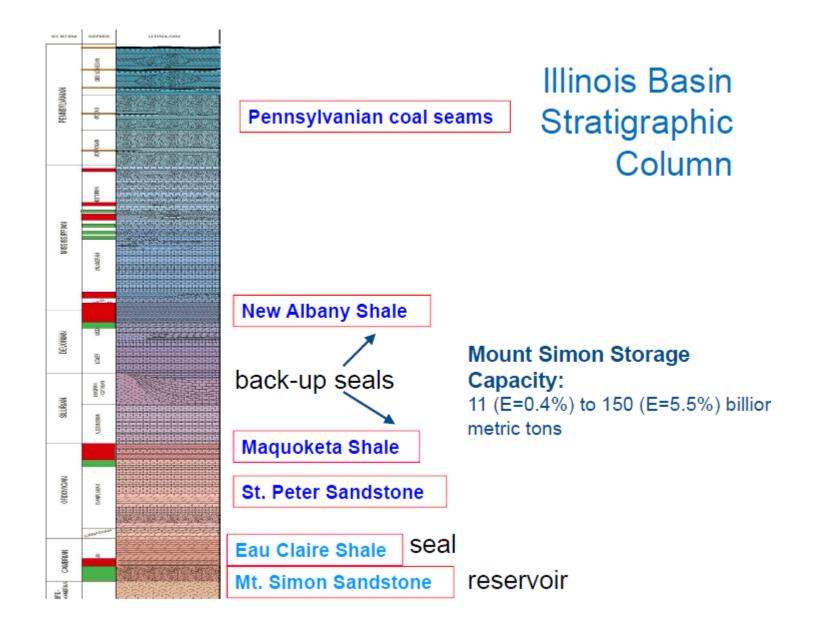
The Illinois Basin - Decatur Project Midwest Geological Sequestration Consortium

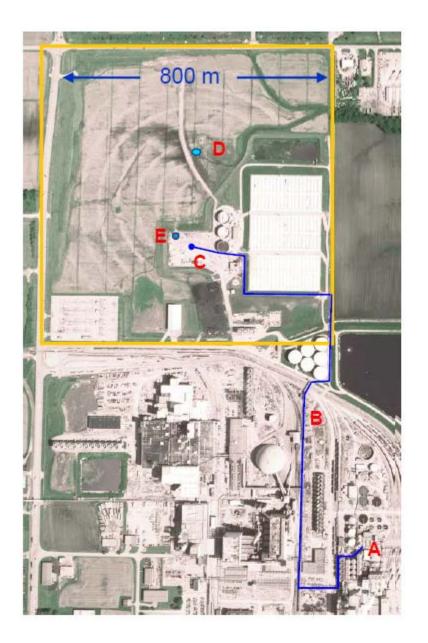
CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration Demonstration



### Illinois Basin – Decatur Project Scope

A collaboration of the Midwest Geological Sequestration Consortium, the Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM), Schlumberger Carbon Services, and other subcontractors to inject I million metric tons of anthropogenic carbon dioxide at a depth of 7,000 +/ft (2,000 +/- m) to test geological carbon sequestration in a saline reservoir at a site in Decatur, IL





Illinois Basin – Decatur Project Site (on ADM industrial site)

A Dehydration/ compression facility location
B Pipeline route (1.9 km)
C Injection well site
D Verification/ monitoring well site

E Geophone well

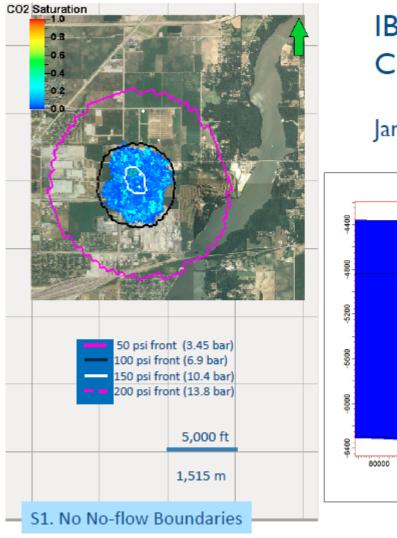




#### Operational Injection: 17 November 2011

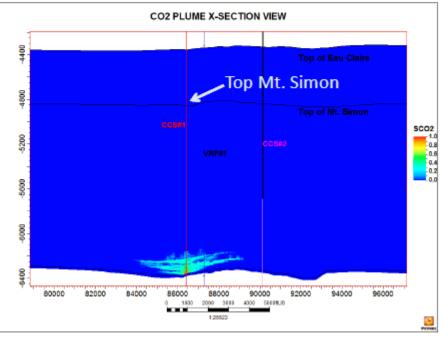
- IBDP fully operational 24/7
- IBDP is the first I million tonne carbon capture and storage project from a biofuel facility in the US
- Injection through November 2014
- Intensive post-injection monitoring under MGSC through November 2017

Cumulative Injection (10 November 2014): 984,000 tonnes

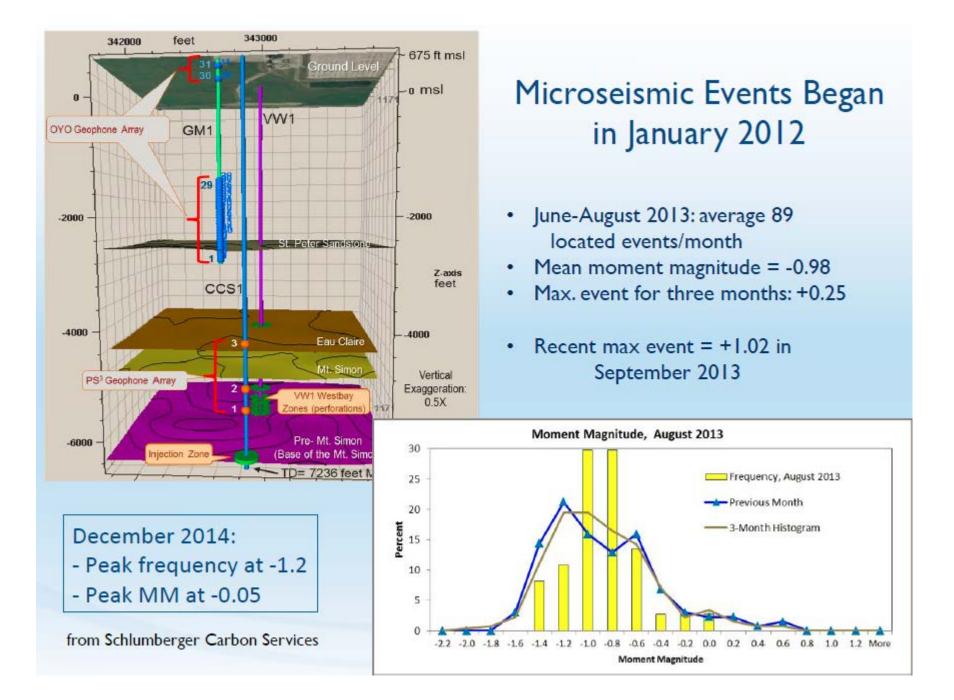


#### IBDP Modeled Plume Configuration

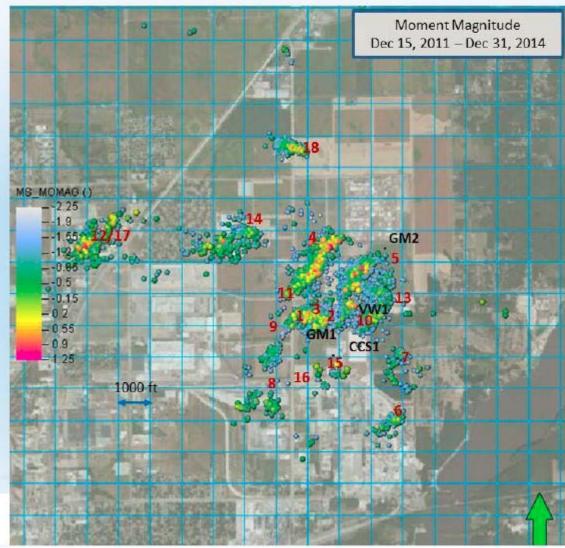
#### January 2014



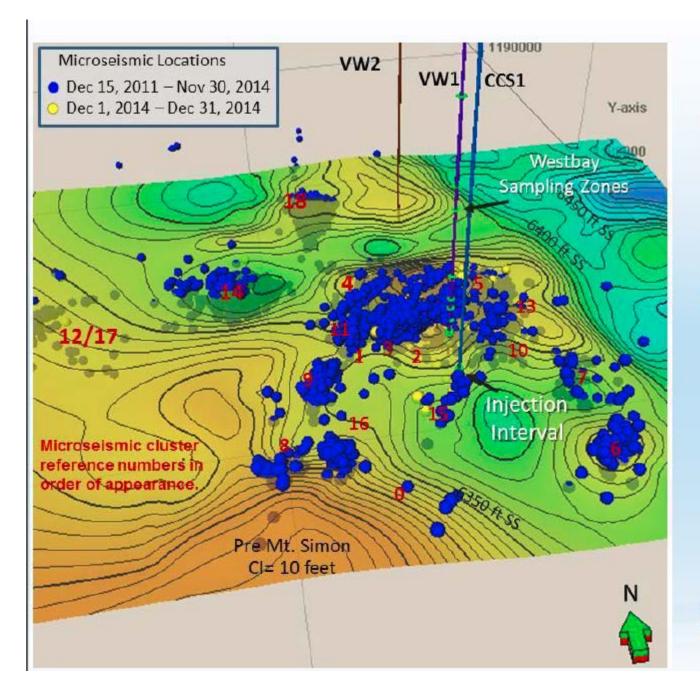
from Schlumberger Carbon Services



### Microseismic Cluster Activity: Cluster Locations in Relation to Surface Features



from Schlumberger Carbon Services



Microseismic Cluster Activity: Relationship to Basement Structure

from Schlumberger Carbon Services

## Variety of Carbon Capture Applications Examples from U.S. Projects

# Some U.S. Carbon Capture Projects

Project	Location	Onstream	Sector
Century Plant	Texas, United States	Operating since 2010	Industry, Natural Gas Processing
Terrell Natural Gas Processing Plant (formerly Val Verde)	Texas, United States	Operating since 1972	Industry, Natural Gas Processing
Petra Nova Carbon Capture	Texas, United States	Operating since 2017	Power, Coal Power Generation
Air Products Steam Methane Reformer	Texas, United States	Operating since 2013	Industry, Hydrogen Production
Enid Fertilizer	Oklahoma, United States	Operating since 1982	Industry, Chemicals (ammonia)
Coffeyville Gasification Plant	Kansas, United States	Operating since 2013	Industry, Chemicals (ammonia)
Illinois Industrial Carbon Capture and Storage	Illinois, United States	Operating since 2017	Industry, Refining (biofuels)
Shute Creek Gas Processing Plant	Wyoming, United States	Operating since 1986	Industry, Natural Gas Processing
Lost Cabin Gas Plant	Wyoming, United States	Operating since 2013	Industry, Natural Gas Processing
Great Plains Synfuel Plant and Weyburn- Midale	North Dakota, United States & Saskatchewan, Canada	Operating since 2000	Industry, Refining (SNG)

Natural gas processing Fertilizer production

Coal power plant

Hydrogen production Syngas plant

#### "Technology push" through R&D is matched with "market pull" through financial incentives

	Threshold by Facility Type (ktCO <sub>2</sub> /y)			Credit in 2026
	Power Plant	Industrial Facility	Direct Air Capture	(\$/t)
Dedicated Storage	500	100	100	50
EOR	500	100	100	35
Utilization	25	25	25	35

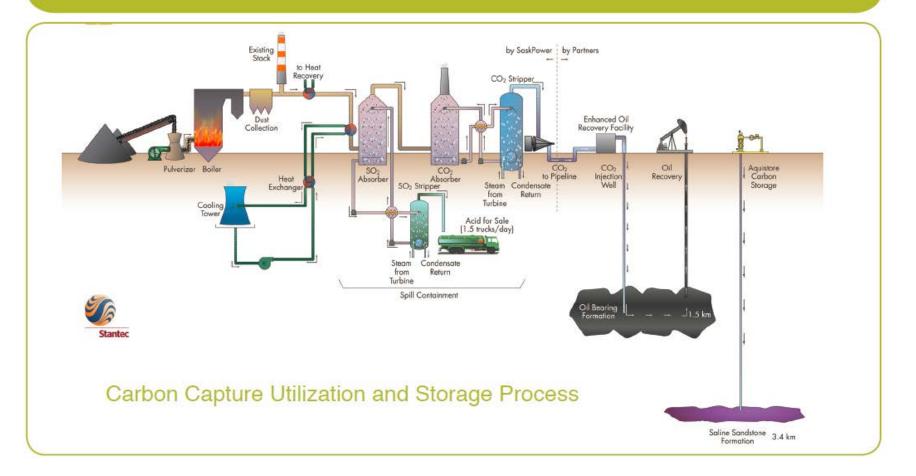
Source: McCoy, 2018

- Credit available to qualified facilities for 12 year period
- Defines qualified Carbon Oxides (CO or CO<sub>2</sub>)
- Measured at point of capture and verified at the point of disposal/injection/use
- Qualified facilities:
  - 1) Construction must begin by Jan 1, 2024;
  - 2) Original planning and design includes carbon capture equipment
- Credit can be claimed by owner of capture equipment or transferred to disposal/use entity

## CCS Power Plant Projects

Boundary Dam Integrated Carbon Capture and Storage Demonstration Project

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## SaskPower Boundary Dam

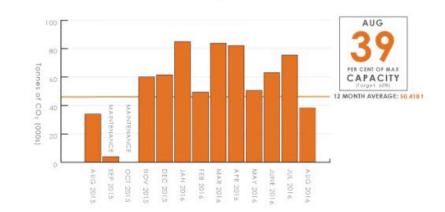


#### **BOUNDARY DAM UNIT #3** AUGUST 2016





VOLUME CAPTURED

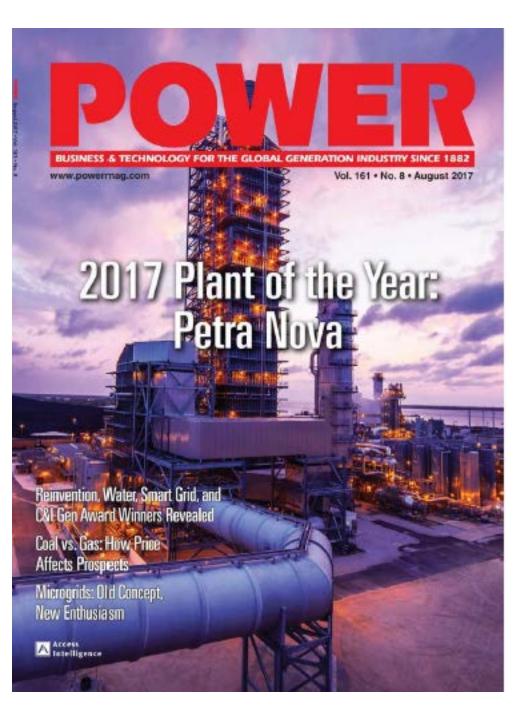


In August, the daily average of CO2 captured by Unit #3 PEAKED AT 2,645 TONNES



1,067,000 TONNES captured since operational start-up

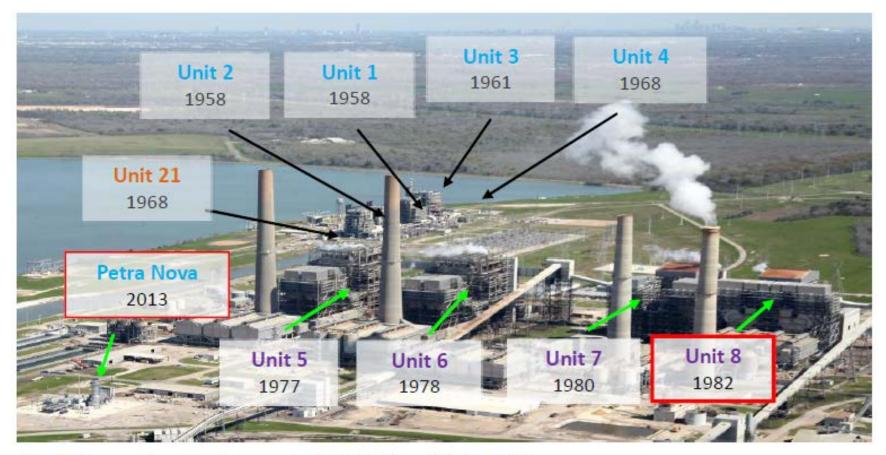
#### Petra Nova



Achieved Commercial Operation on December 29, 2016 on time and on budget A total of 1,000,000 short tons of CO2 captured in October 2017

Unit 8

## NRG Energy, Inc. W.A. Parish Power Plant



Coal Generation Unit : c.a. 2,500 MW (Unit 5-8)

Gas generation Unit : c.a. 1,200 MW (Unit 1-4, Unit 21(diesel) \*, Petra Nova)

\*Starter unit

## Carbon Capture System Site Layout



Cogeneration (steam & power)

- Flue Duct Transports flue gas from Unit 8 to Petra Nova
- Quencher SO<sub>2</sub> polishing scrubber and flue gas cooler
- Absorber Amine solvent captures the CO<sub>2</sub> molecules - remaining flue gas goes out absorber stack
- Regenerator Steam is introduced to separate the CO<sub>2</sub> from the amine solvent, CO<sub>2</sub> exits the top of the regenerator, solvent is recirculated to either the absorber or filtering process
- Compressor compresses the CO<sub>2</sub> to up to 1,900 psi
- CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline transports the CO<sub>2</sub> to the TCV Pipeline
- Cogeneration provides steam and power to the CCS facility

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# Levelized Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> Capture at Coal Fired Power Plants

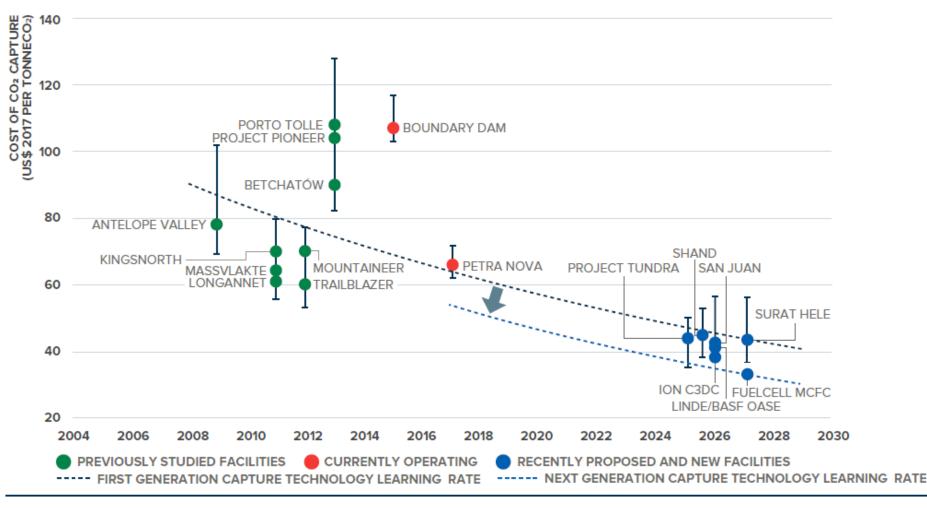
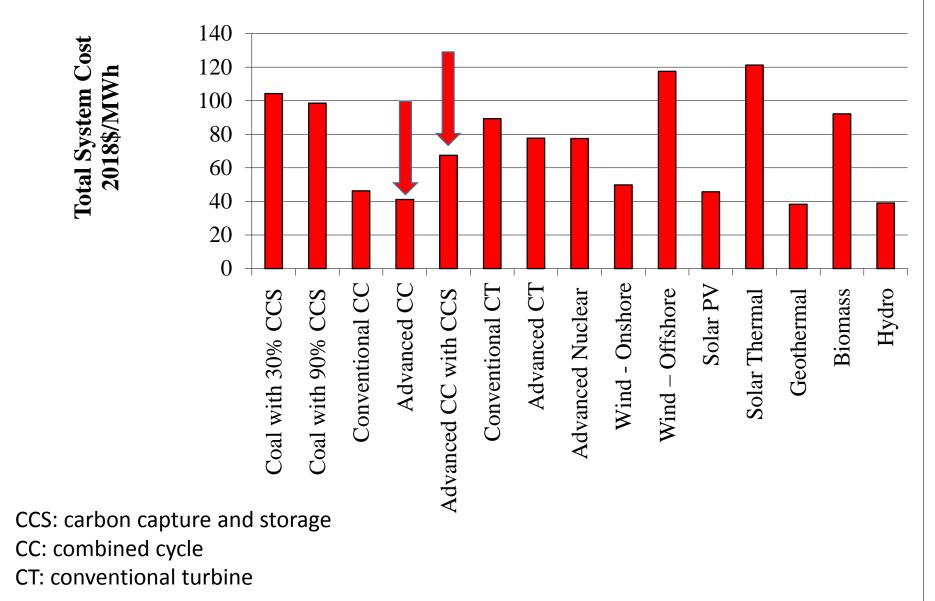
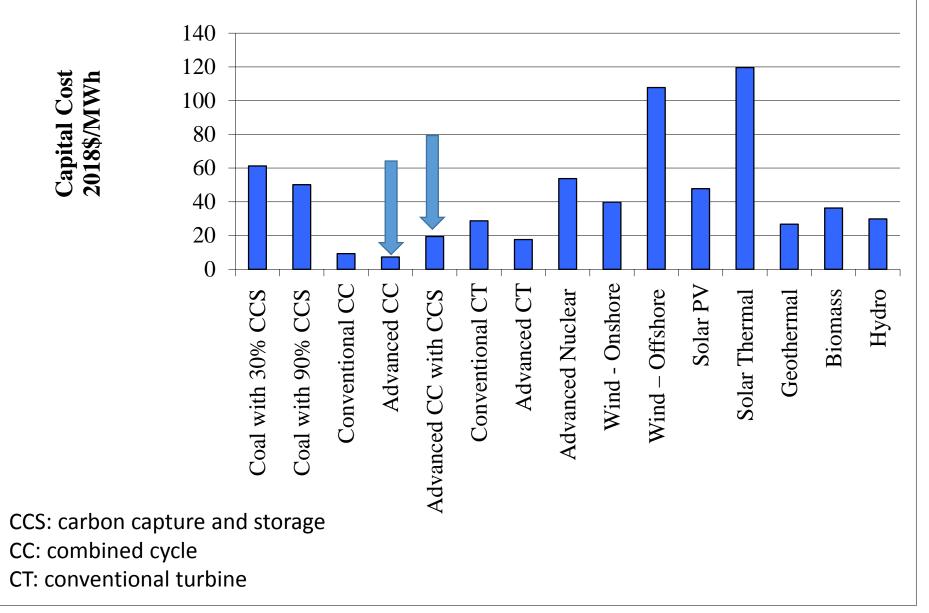


FIGURE 8 LEVELISED COST OF CO2 CAPTURE FOR LARGE SCALE POST-COMBUSTION FACILITES AT COAL FIRED POWER PLANTS, INCLUDING PREVIOUSLY STUDIED FACILITIES<sup>VII</sup> Comparison of the Cost of New Electrical Generation in U.S.

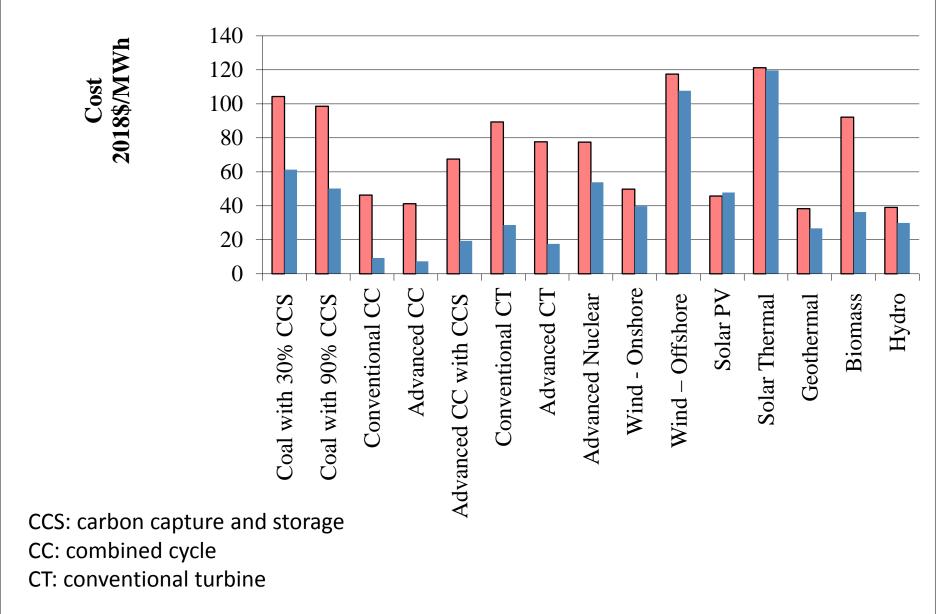
#### Levelized Total System Cost of New Generation Resources, 2023



#### Capital Cost of New Generation Resources, 2023

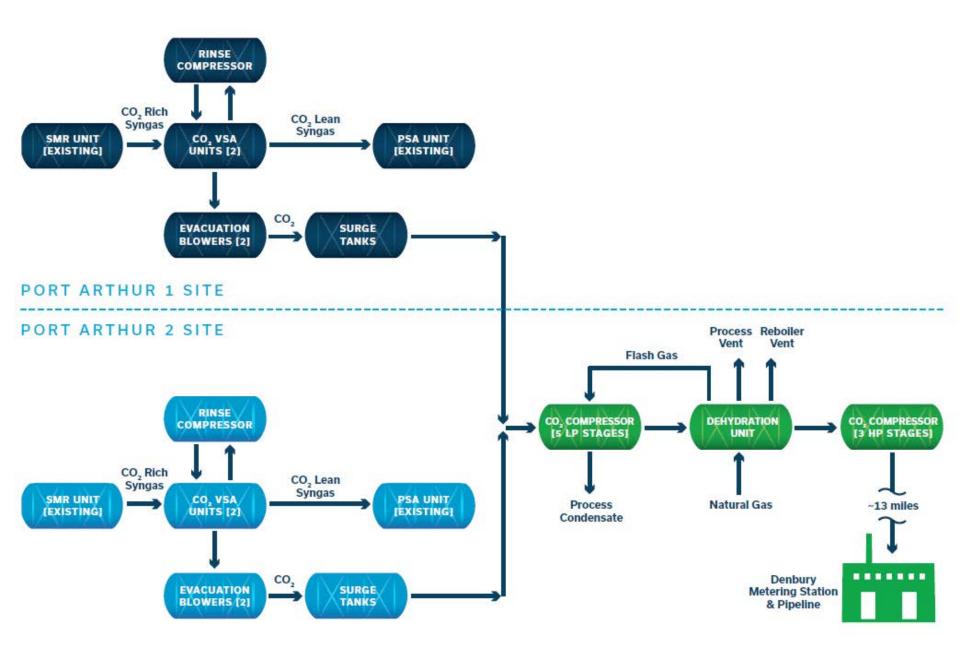


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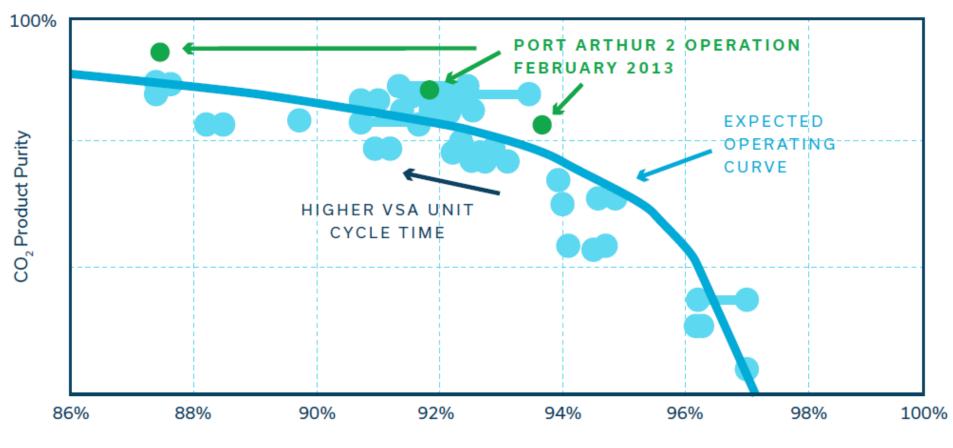


# Carbon Capture at Hydrogen Production Facility

#### Port Arthur TX SMR with CCUS







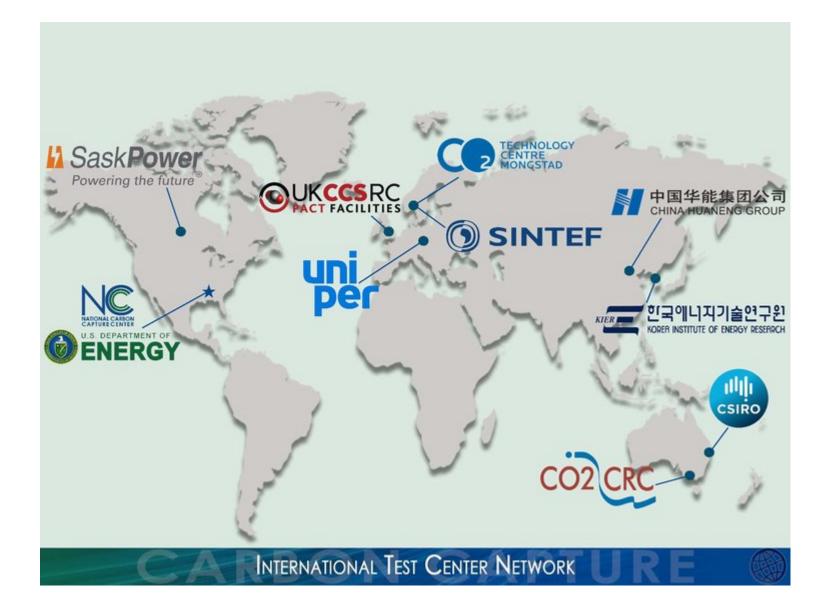
CO<sub>2</sub> Recovery

#### Pre-Combustion Capture Project



# Engineering Clean Coal Technology

BUT BE



# **Che New York Times** July 5, 2016 Piles of Dirty Secrets Behind a Model 'Clean Coal' Project



"Kemper coal plant [Kemper County, MS] is more than two years behind schedule and more than \$4 billion over its initial budget, \$2.4 billion, and it is still not operational."

#### THE WALL STREET JOURNAL. May 4, 2016 Southern's Clean-Coal Woes Mount Kemper facility in Mississippi now faces SEC investigation on top of skyrocketing costs



# The New York Times

ROOM for DEBATE Clean Coal, or a Dirty Shame?

- Arguing that we can handle the climate challenge with renewables alone is a very risky proposition. Develop a portfolio of low-carbon energy options.
- We cannot afford further investment in a pipe dream that distracts us from developing real solutions and technologies for climate change.
- Nations are still building coal plants and the U.S. is still building gas plants. Unless we do something, these plants will put billions of tons of pollution into the air.
- There are no requirements for how long the carbon dioxide must remain below ground, who owns it, who is liable for leakage.



## February 5, 2015 FutureGen's Demise Shows Carbon Capture for Coal Faces Woes





#### Clean Technologies by Linde

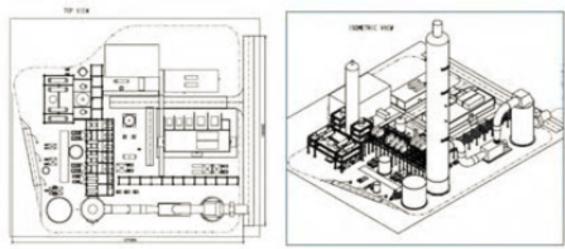
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#### CAPTURING CARBON FROM ABBOTT POWER PLANT

PHASE 1 COMPLETED & PHASE 2 PROPOSAL IN EVALUATION BY DOE/NETL FOR 15 MWe CAPTURE FACILITY





Layout of Linde's 15 MWe Carbon Capture Plant at UIUC

Linde 1.5 MWe Capture Plant at National Carbon Capture Center

- Strong Illinois team led by University: University of Illinois, Linde, BASF, Affiliated Engineers, ACS
- Vigorously Tested, Proven, and Matured Carbon Capture Technology from Linde/BASF
- Phase 1 (Project Definition and {Pre-FEED)
- Phase 2 (build & test) is a \$75 Million project; Phase 2 proposal submitted March 31, 2016
- Syndicated public / private partnership for Phase II with \$58.5 Million from DOE/NETL and the remaining from the University and private sector companies
- Phase 3 plans by University to set up a CO2 utilization Research Center

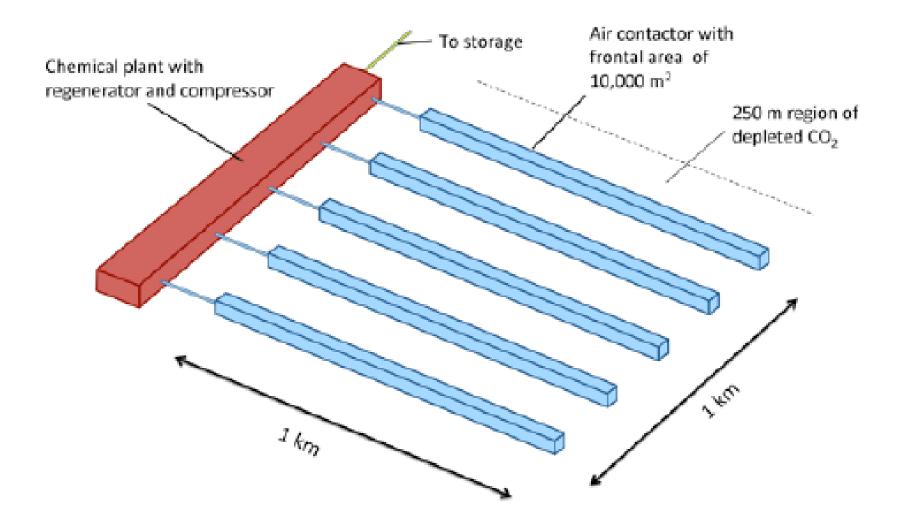


# CCS Summary

- Sequestration in saline aquifers demonstrated
- Techniques exist to monitor CO<sub>2</sub>
- Various capture technologies also exist
- SaskPower and Petra Nova demonstration projects appear successful
- FutureGen 2.0 was cancelled
- Kemper County project a failure
- Capture technology successful in other applications, e.g. hydrogen production, fertilizer production with use in EOR
- Wide-spread adoption of CCS appears possible
- But, is the gigatonne scale possible?
- But, should there be continued use of fossil fuels?

# Removal of CO<sub>2</sub> from Atmosphere Direct Air Capture

# Schematic Representation of 1Mt CO<sub>2</sub> per year Direct Air Capture Facility



	Post-Combustion Capture	Direct Air Capture
	DOE/NETL Study	APS Study
CO <sub>2</sub> captured tons per year	2,790,000	1,000,000
Total capital cost M\$	\$500	\$2,200
Capital cost \$ per ton $CO_2$ captured	\$22	\$260
Operating cost \$ per ton $CO_2$ captured	\$40	\$170
Total cost \$ per ton $CO_2$ captured	\$62	\$430
Total cost \$ per ton $CO_2$ avoided	\$80	\$620

# Start-Up Companies in Direct Air Capture

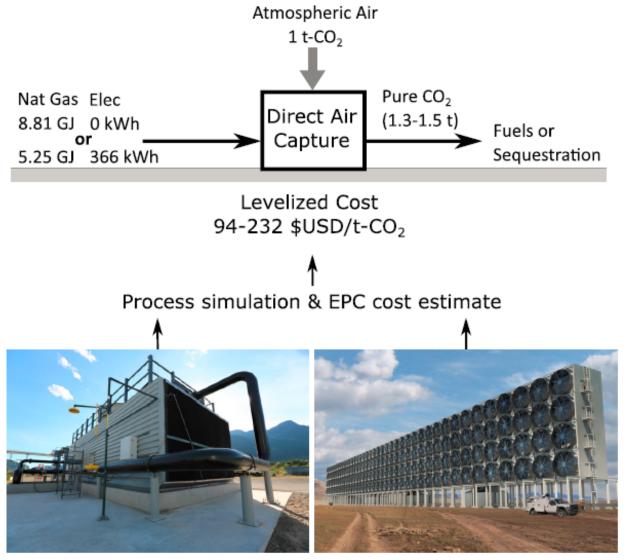








# Process for Capturing CO<sub>2</sub> from the Atmosphere D. W. Keith et al., Joule 2(2018)1573



Pilot plant performance data Commercial scale reference design

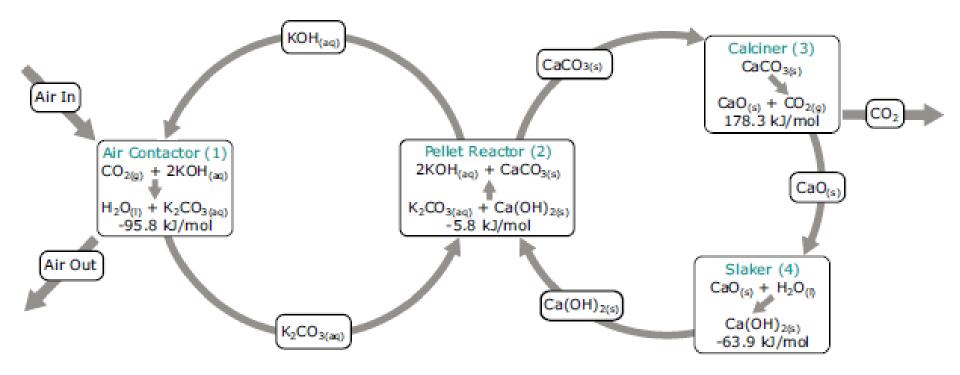
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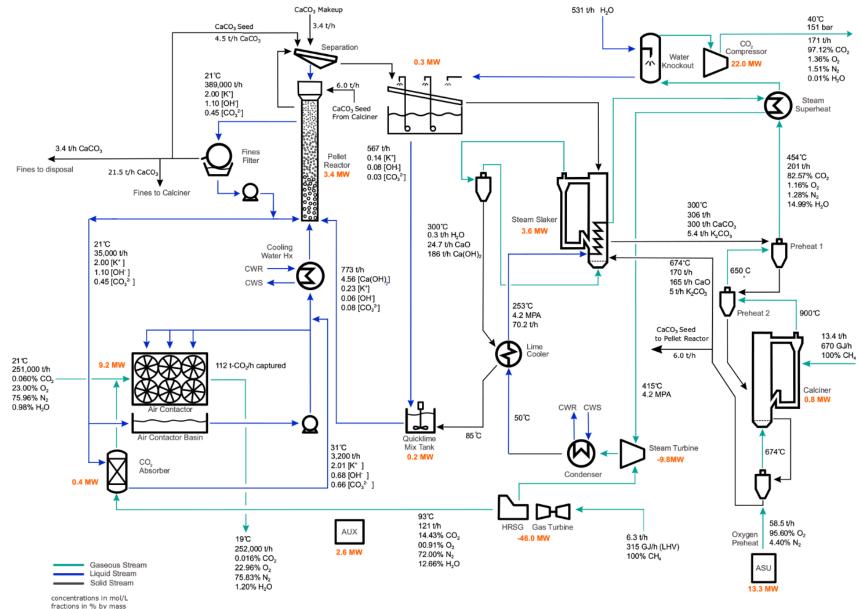
# Carbon Engineering Commercial Scale Design



#### Carbon Engineering Chemistry

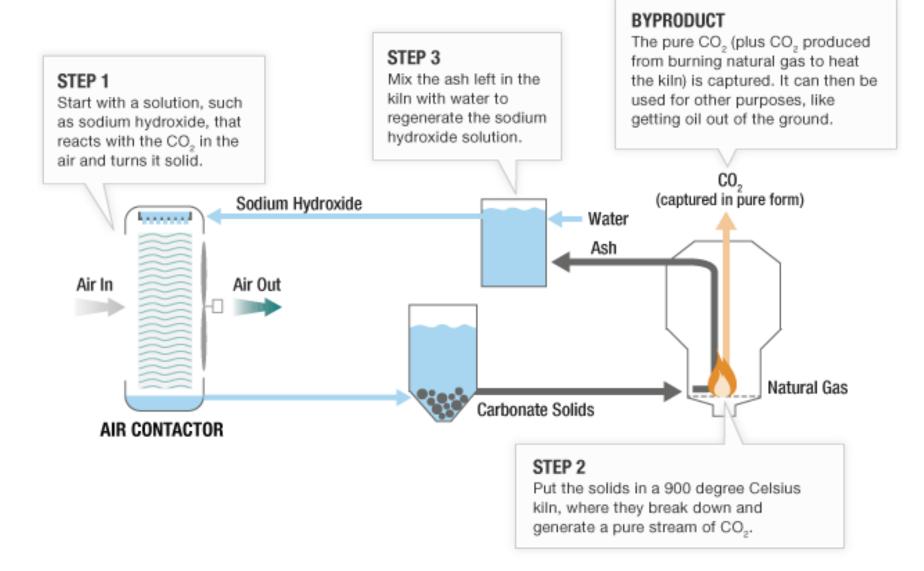


# Carbon Engineering Process Schematic



t denotes metric tons

# Carbon Engineering Process Simplified



# H. Rickover (1953) "the academic" versus "the practical"

An academic reactor or reactor plant almost always has the following basic characteristics: (1) It is simple. (2) It is small. (3) It is cheap. (4) It is light. (5) It can be built very quickly. (6) It is very flexible in purpose ("omnibus reactor"). (7) Very little development is required. It will use mostly "off-the-shelf" components. (8) The reactor is in the study phase. It is not being built now.

On the other hand, a practical reactor plant can be distinguished by the following characteristics: (1) It is being built now. (2) It is behind schedule. (3) It is requiring an immense amount of development on apparently trivial items. Corrosion, in particular, is a problem. (4) It is very expensive. (5) It takes a long time to build because of the engineering development problems. (6) It is large. (7) It is heavy. (8) It is complicated.

# Carbon Engineering Cost Estimates

Scenario	Capital \$ per t-CO <sub>2</sub> /year	O&M <sup>b</sup> (\$/t-CO <sub>2</sub> )	Levelized <sup>a</sup> (\$/t-CO <sub>2</sub> )	
			CRF <sup>c</sup>	
			7.5%	12.5%
A: Baseline: gas fired $\rightarrow$ 15 MPa CO <sub>2</sub> output	1,146	42	168	232
B: Baseline with N <sup>th</sup> plant financials	793	30	126	170
C: Gas and electricity input $\rightarrow$ 15 MPa CO <sub>2</sub> output	694	26	113–124	152–163
D: Gas and electricity input $\rightarrow$ 0.1 MPa CO_2 output assuming zero cost O_2	609	23	94–97	128–130

Capital cost 1 MtCO<sub>2</sub> per year 1<sup>st</sup> plant \$1,127 M, N<sup>th</sup> plant \$780 M Levelized cost \$94 - \$232 per tCO<sub>2</sub>

# Negative Emissions Summary

- Carbon burden in the atmosphere has increased by 230 Gt compared to pre-industrial times
- For comparison global coal production in 2015 was approximately 8 Gt.
- Enhanced weathering requires massive mining operations.
- Afforestation and reforestation in tropics could sequester CO<sub>2</sub>, but significant land required.
- Ocean-based removal experiments have had some success.
- Bioenergy plus carbon capture and sequestration requires CCS, which has had limited success.
- Direct air capture appears feasible.
- Currently, there is no policy or economic incentive to remove carbon from the atmosphere.

# Net Zero Emissions Summary [separate document]