



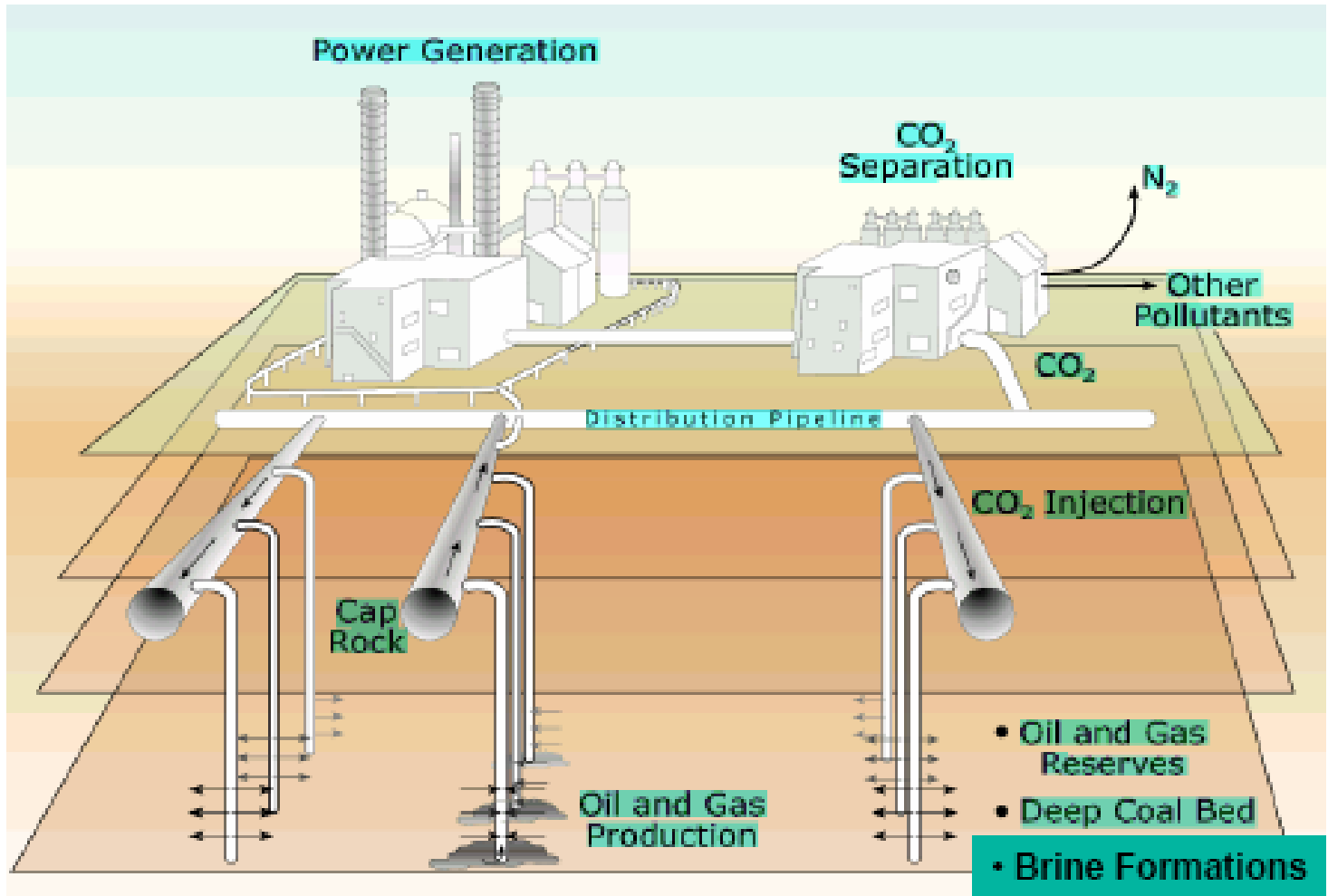
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Geologic Sequestration Involves Capture, Compression and Injection





Primary Storage Options

- ★ **Oil and gas reservoirs**

 - Storage with Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR), Enhanced Gas Recovery (EGR)

 - Storage only

- ★ **Deep, unminable coal beds**

 - Storage with Enhanced Coal Bed Methane (ECBM) recovery

- ★ **Saline formations**

 - Storage only



Oil and Gas Reservoirs are the Early Storage Targets

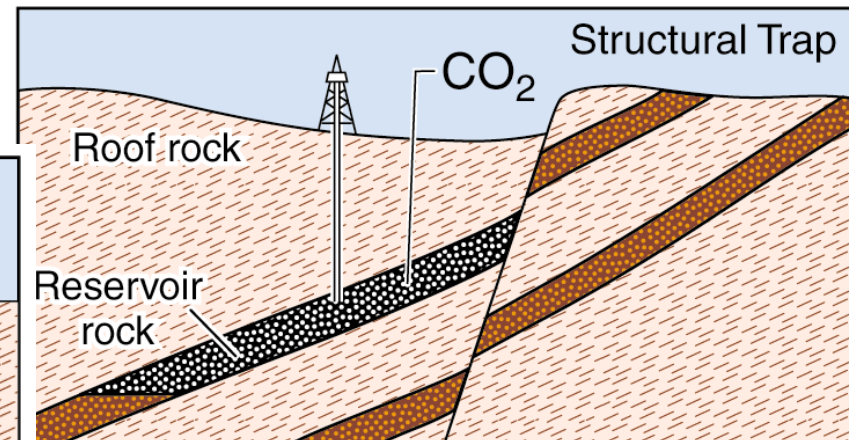
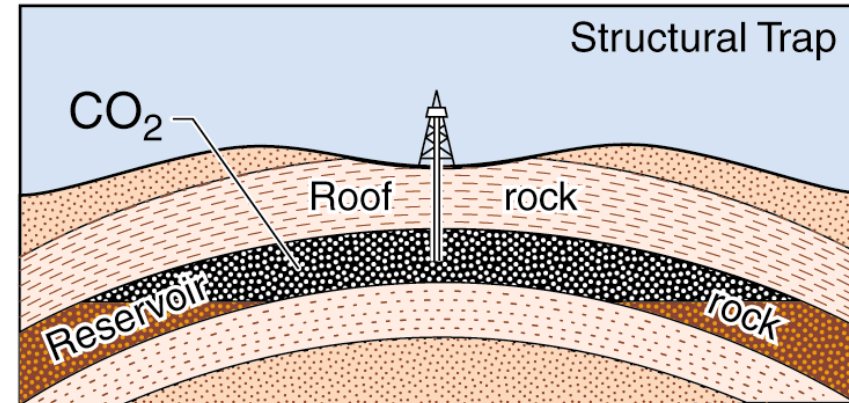
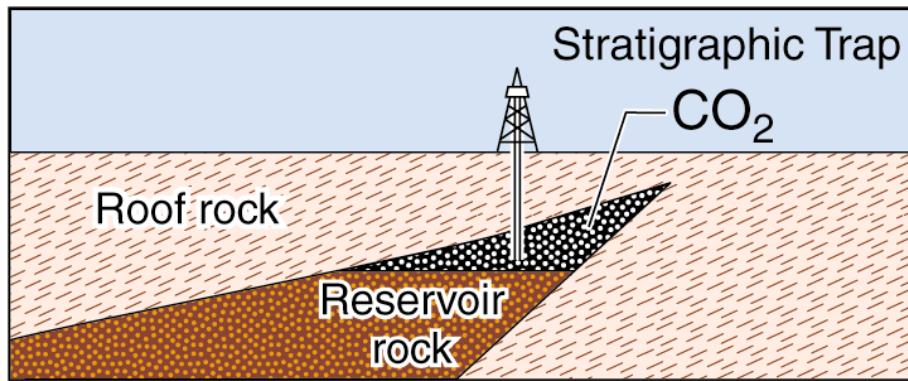


- ★ **Reservoirs are broadly distributed**
- ★ **Reservoir seals are inherent**
- ★ **Reservoir characteristics well defined**
- ★ **Decades of relevant technological experience**
- ★ **Depressurization provides storage capacity**
- ★ **EOR, EGR provide cost off-sets**
- ★ **Storage capacity likely too small in long term**
- ★ **Abandoned wells need to be addressed**



Typical Hydrodynamic Traps for Oil and Gas Reservoirs

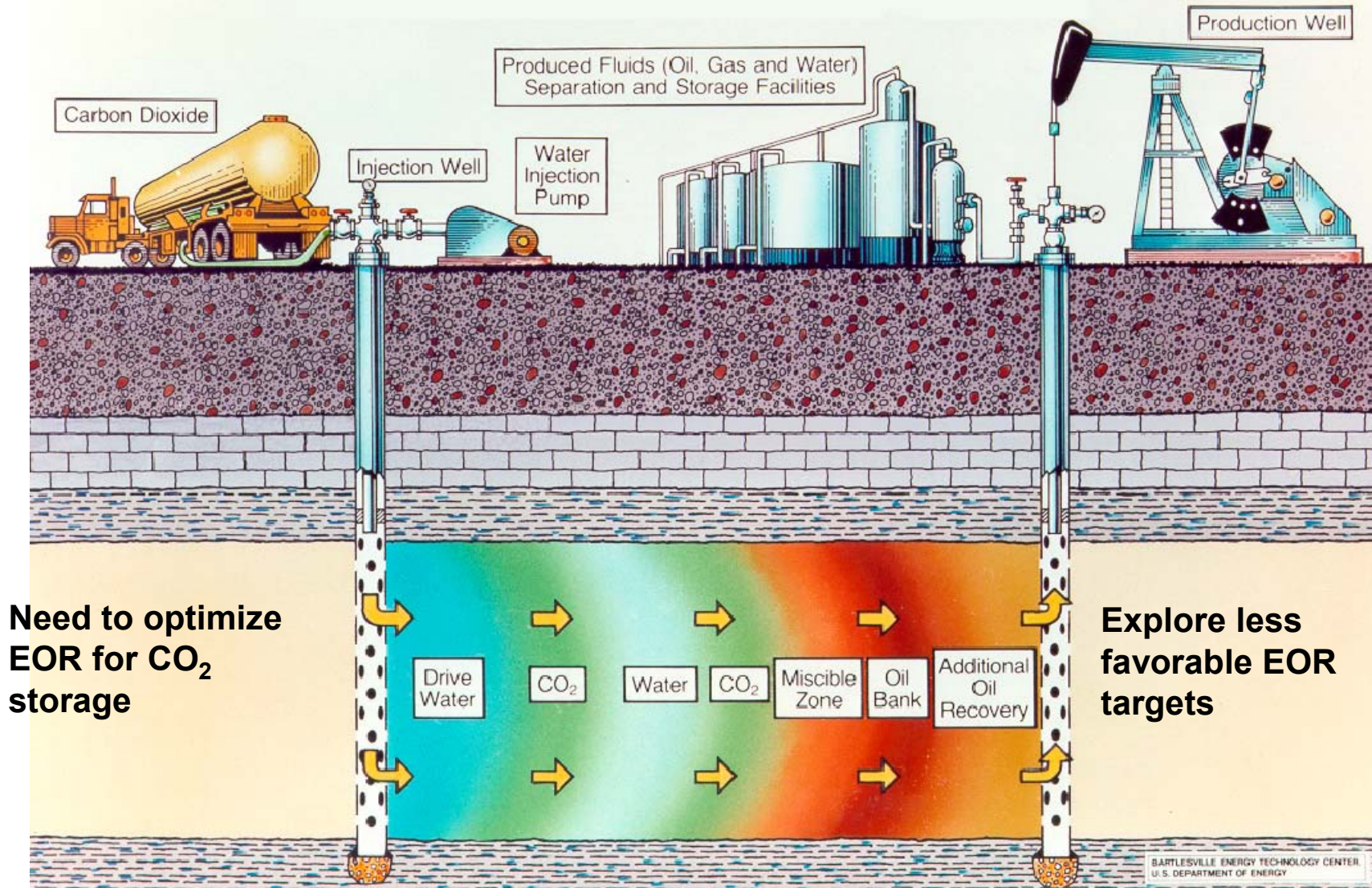
- ★ Oil, methane, carbon dioxide all buoyant fluids
- ★ Seals provided by low permeability cap rock or faults



Source: W Gunter, ARC



CO₂ EOR is a Commercial Technology

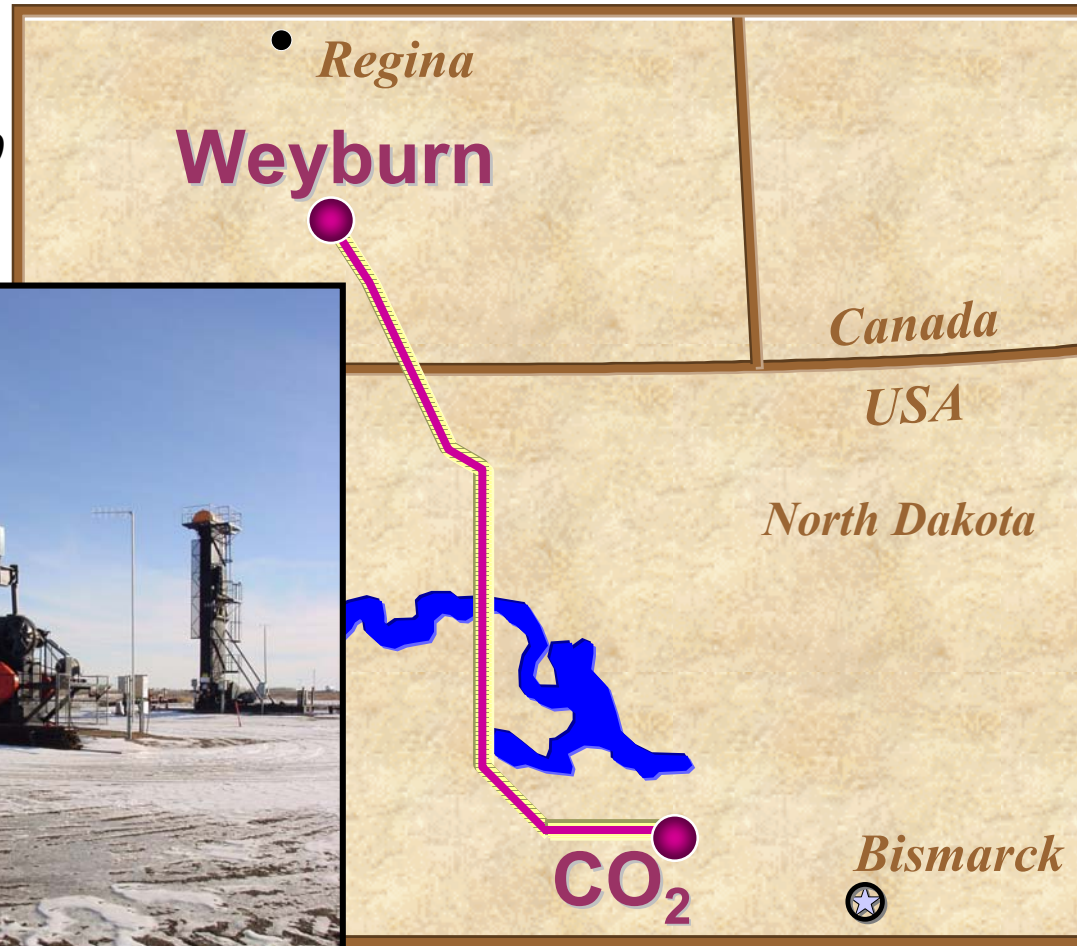




CO₂ Storage with EOR is Underway at Weyburn



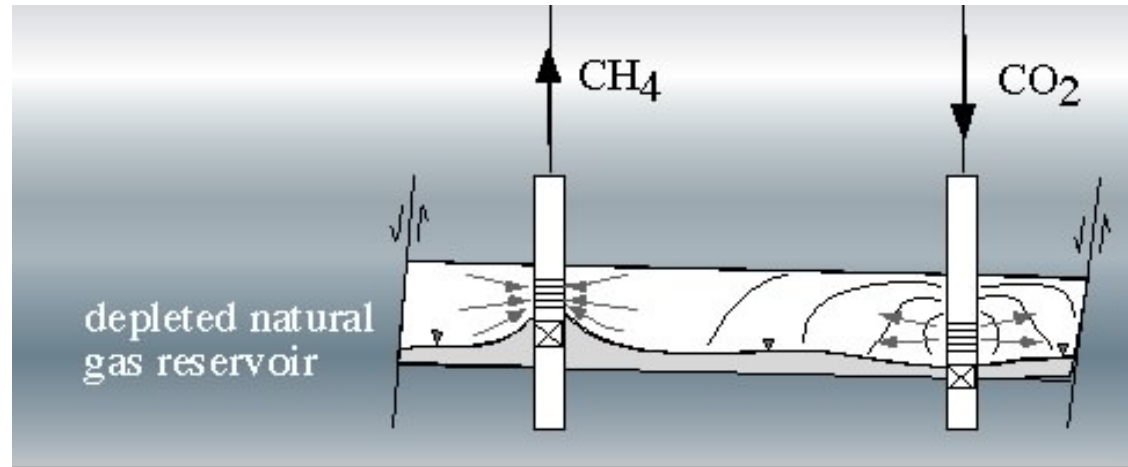
1-2Mt/year 2000



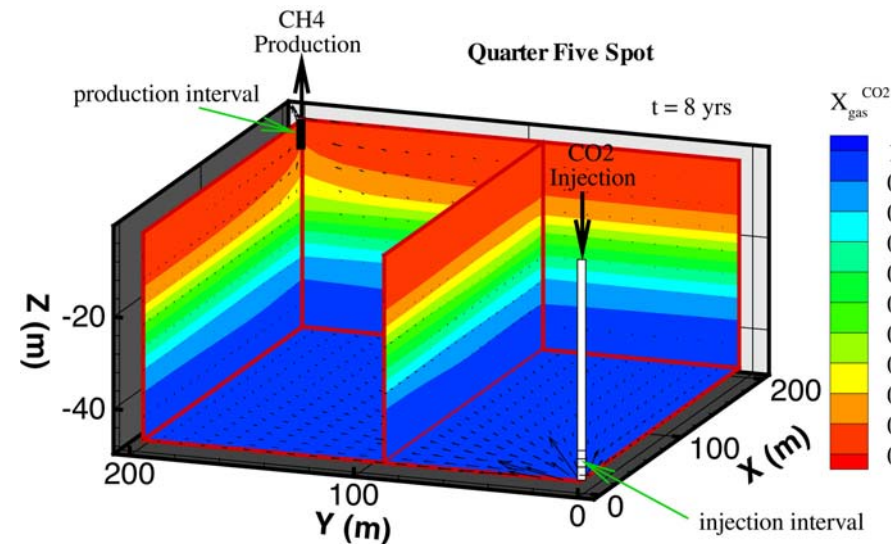
An additional 70 – 80 CO₂ EOR projects world wide



CO₂ EGR has Potential



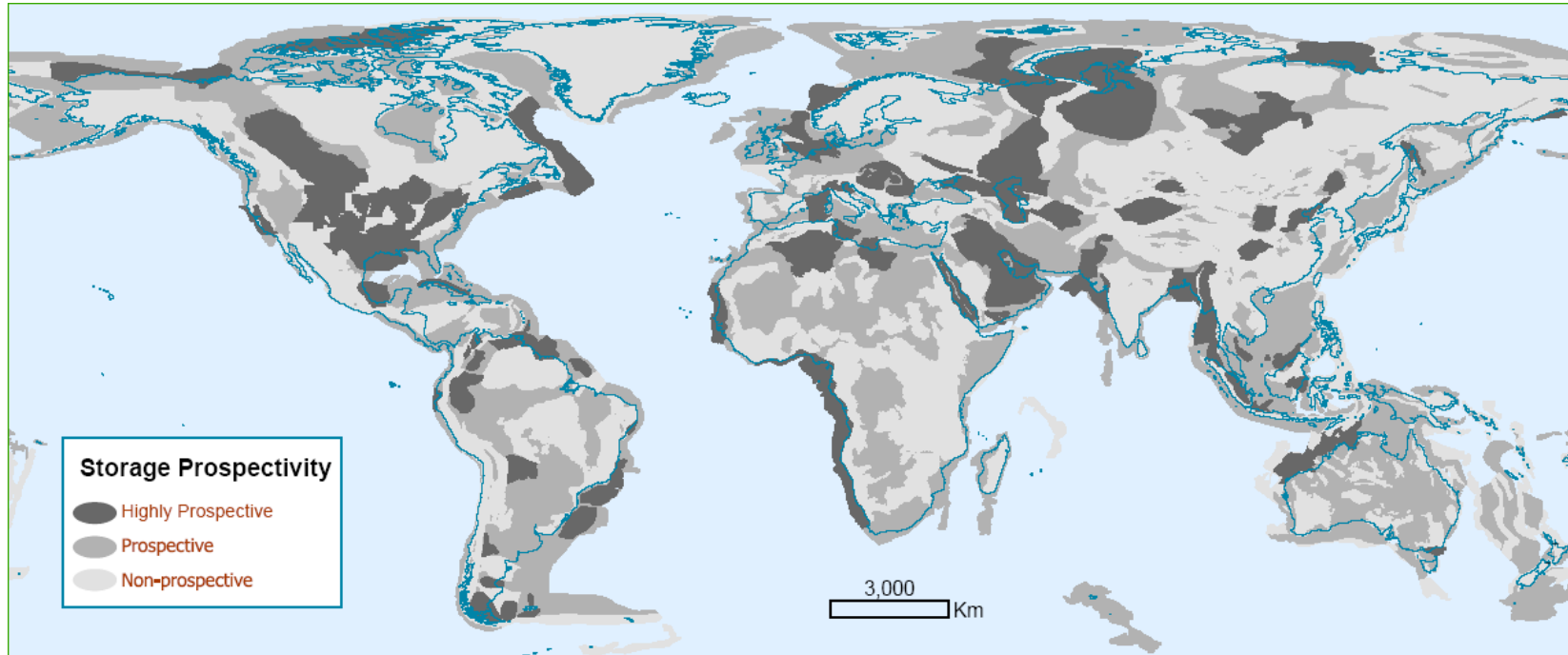
- * Technology is untested
- * CO₂ has favorable density and viscosity



Source: C Oldenburg, LBNL



Prospective Saline Formation Storage Broadly Distributed



From Bradshaw and Dance 2005

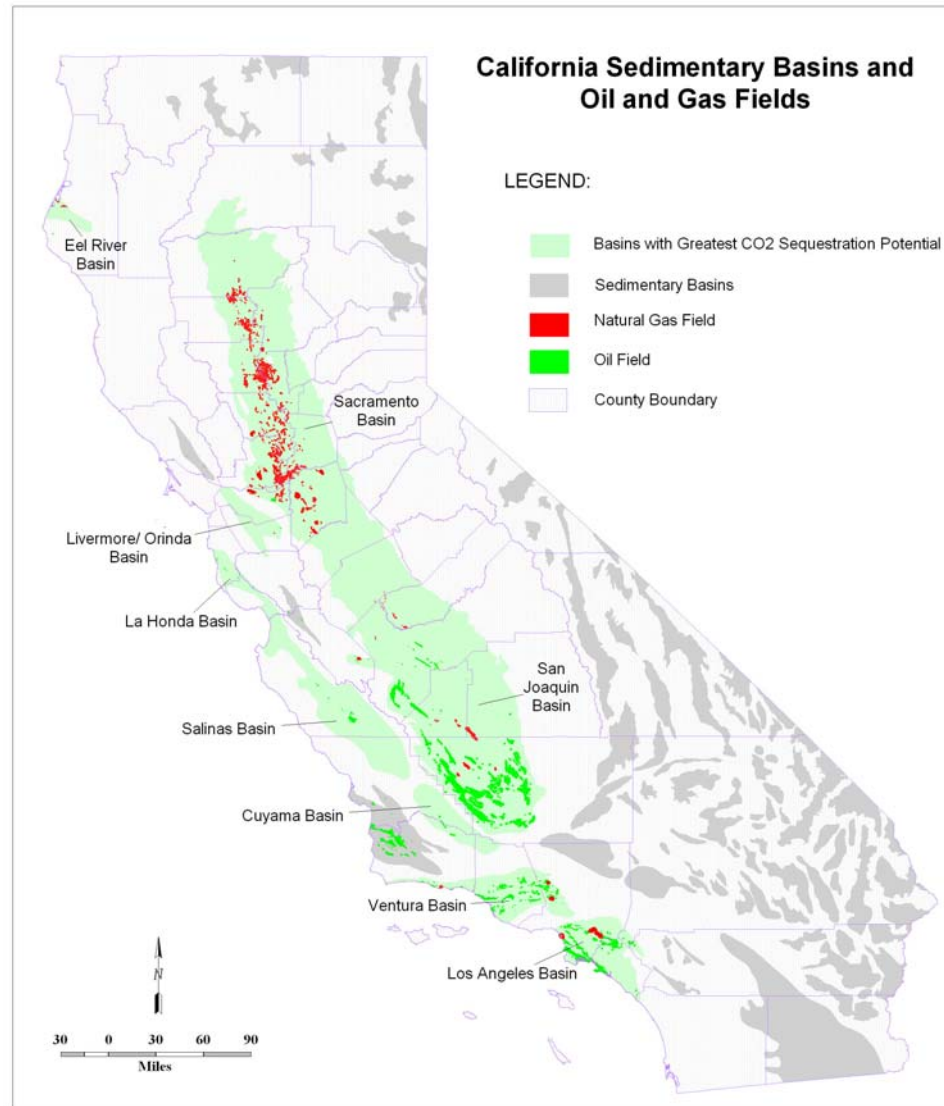
“It is likely that the technical potential for geological storage is sufficient to cover the high end of the economic potential range (2200 GtCO₂), but for specific regions, this may not be true.” IPCC, 2005



Saline Formations Include Oil, Gas Reservoirs as Subset



- * Oil and gas reservoirs are local hydrocarbon accumulations in sedimentary basins
- * Data from oil and gas reservoirs pertinent to surrounding saline formation
- * Much technology is directly transferable





Saline Formations Will Become the Primary Storage Opportunity



- ★ **Site characterization needed to define trap, seal and reservoir characteristics**
- ★ **Monitoring will be key in assessing performance and demonstrating storage security**
- ★ **Relevant technological experience is available for site selection, management, monitoring and remediation, if necessary**
- ★ **No cost off-sets yet identified; subsurface component of CCS, including monitoring, about 10% to 20% of total project costs**



CO₂ Storage in Saline Formations is Underway



Sleipner

1Mt/year 1996



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1Mt/year 2004

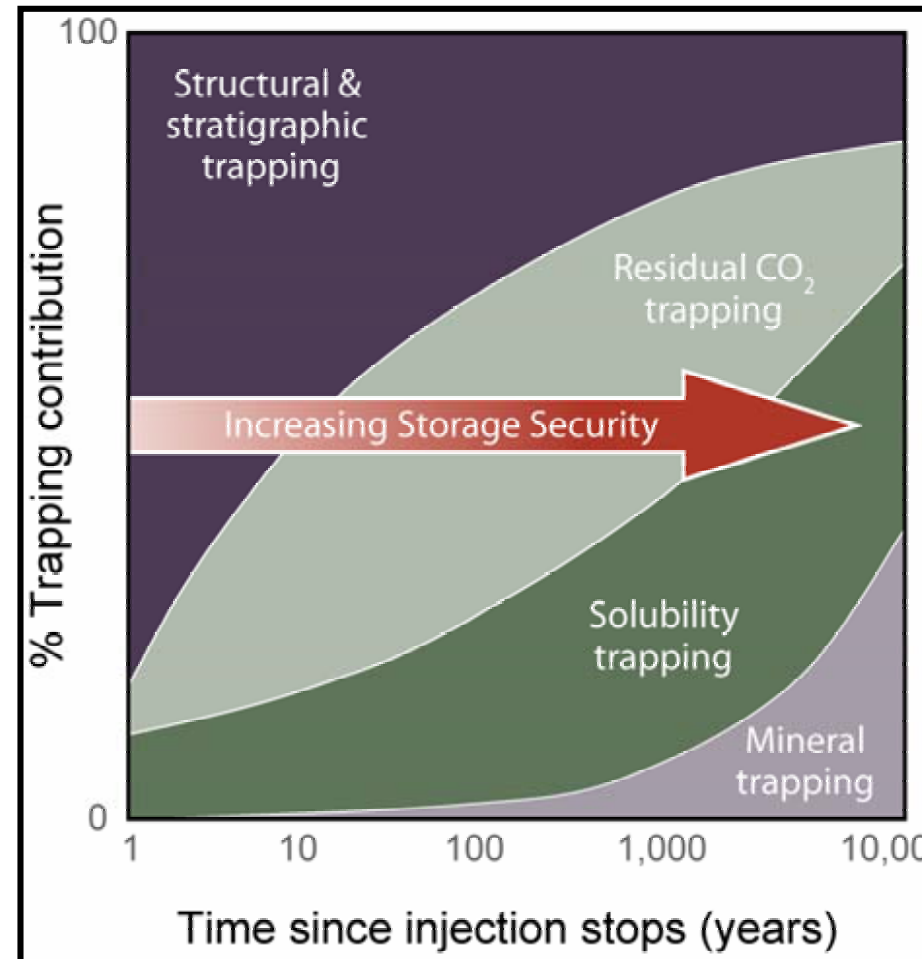




Summary of Trapping Mechanisms



- **Structural and stratigraphic trapping beneath caprock**
- **Capillary trapping (residual CO₂ trapping) in storage formation**
- **Geochemical trapping**
 - **Solubility trapping**
 - **Mineral trapping**



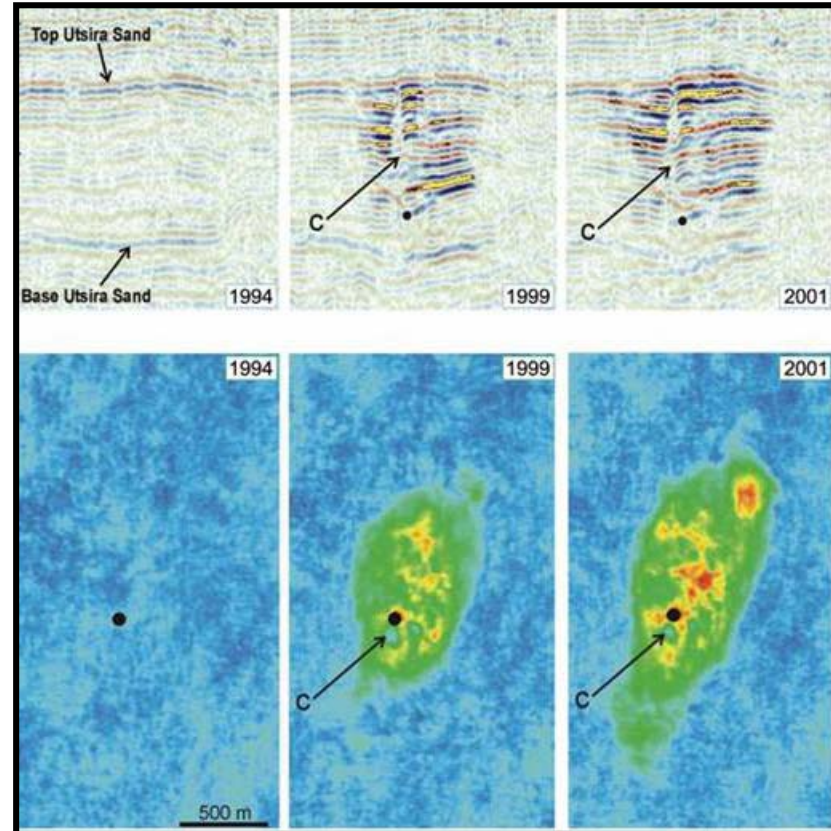
Source: S Benson, LBNL



A Substantial Portfolio of Monitoring Techniques are Available



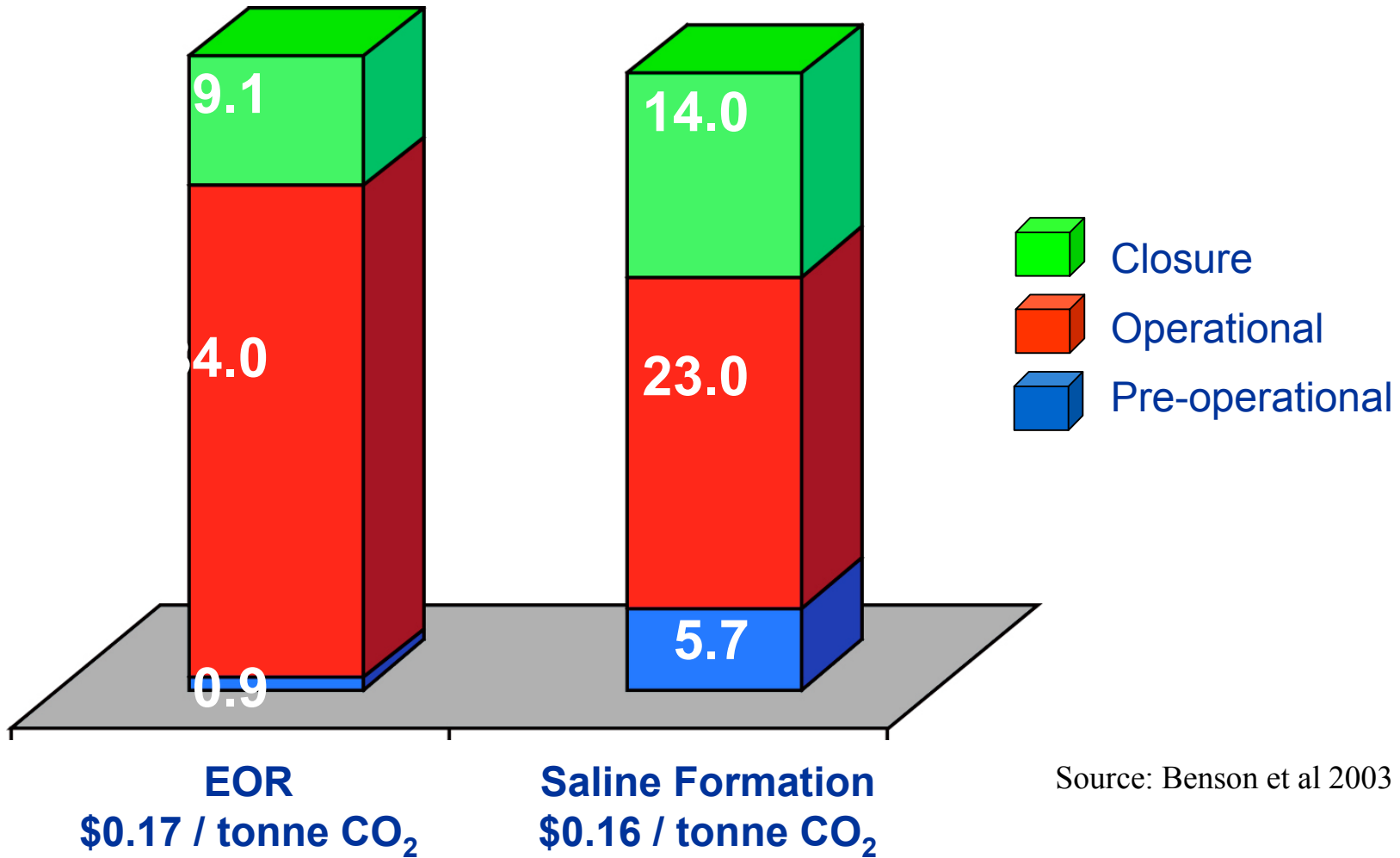
- ★ Seismic and electrical geophysics
- ★ Well logging
- ★ Hydrologic pressure and tracer measurements
- ★ Geochemical sampling
- ★ Remote sensing
- ★ CO₂ sensors
- ★ Surface flux measurements



Time-lapse seismic monitoring results from Sleipner, after Chadwick et al., 2005



Comparison of Monitoring Costs



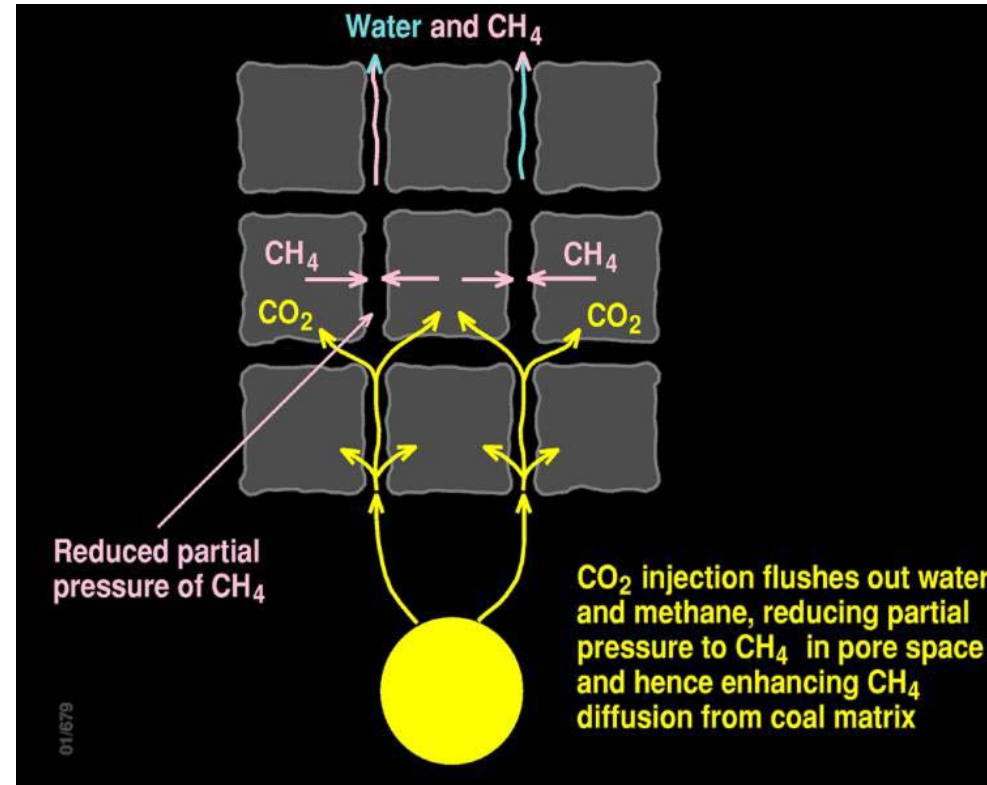
Source: Benson et al 2003



Coal Seams May Have Additional Storage Potential



- * **CO₂ is preferentially adsorbed by coal, displacing CH₄**
- * **Storage capacity small compared to other options**
- * **Uncertain depth to assure no future mining**
- * **Uncertainty about injectivity**
- * **Small scale pilots have been performed**



Source: J Bradshaw, Geoscience Australia



Summary



- ★ **Many components are technologically mature**
- ★ **Pilot and demonstration projects are needed to refine costs, gain experience at a regional scale, and gain confidence in the security of geological storage**

*“ With appropriate **site selection** informed by available subsurface information, **a monitoring program to detect problems, a regulatory system**, and the appropriate use of **remediation methods to stop or control CO₂ releases if they arise**, the local health, safety, and environment risks of geological storage would be comparable to risks of current activities such as natural gas storage, EOR, and deep underground disposal of acid gas.”* IPCC, 2005