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“Developing Potential Paths Forward Based on Knowledge, Science and Experience to Date”

**Overview/Status Report on
CO₂ Capture, Sequestration R&D
and Deployment in Canada**

“Putting The Pieces Together”

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Outline of Today's Presentation

"Fitting the Pieces Together"

- **CO₂ Capture & Storage and a Sustainable Energy Economy**
- **Canada's Activities**
- **International Collaboration**
- **Closing Observations**

Capture From All Sources	Transportation
Geological Assessment of Storage Capacity	Storage Deep Saline Aquifers
Enhanced Oil, Gas, CBM Recovery	Monitoring & Verification
Storage Regulations	Public Education Outreach





Achieving a Sustainable Energy Future, Transformative Energy Technologies

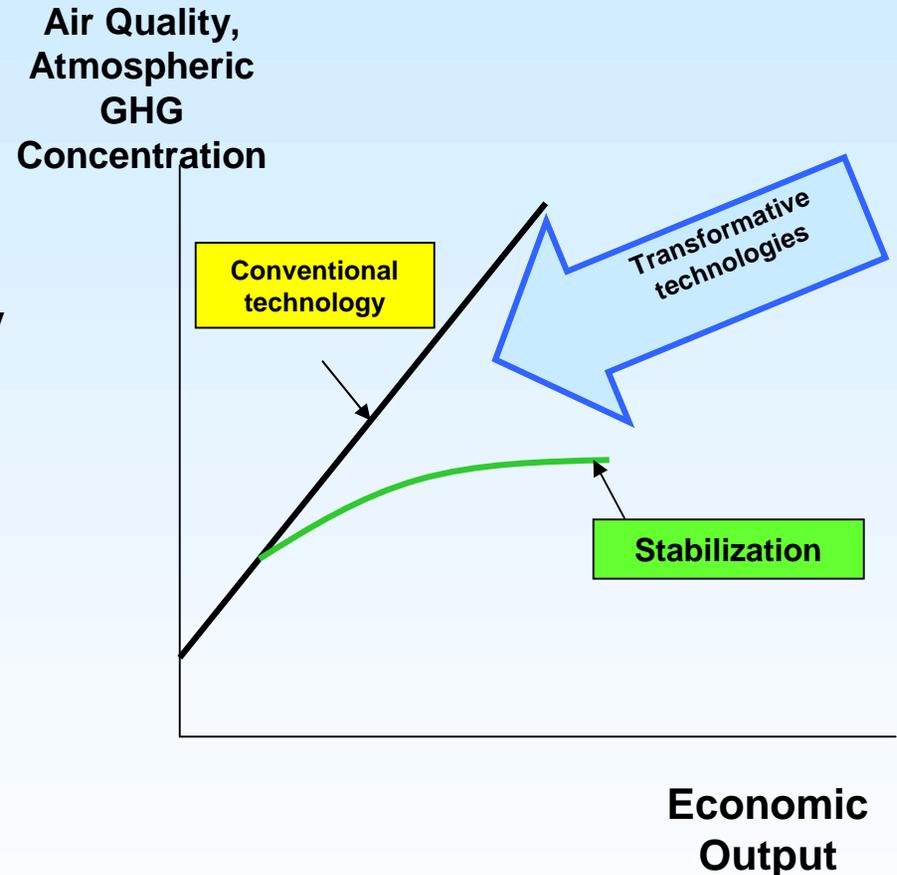
- **Key policy objective is sustainable development and responsible end-use of energy resources**
 - goals - sustainability, security, prosperity
- **Many of today's issues are closely linked to the supply, conversion and end-use of energy, examples are**
 - long-term security of supply, environmental “footprint” of supply activities, impacts of energy end-use on urban air quality, increasing GHG emissions, foreign oil dependence
- **Solution calls for both ...**
 - transformative behaviour and practices, and
 - transformative energy technologies for energy supply, conversion and end-use efficiency





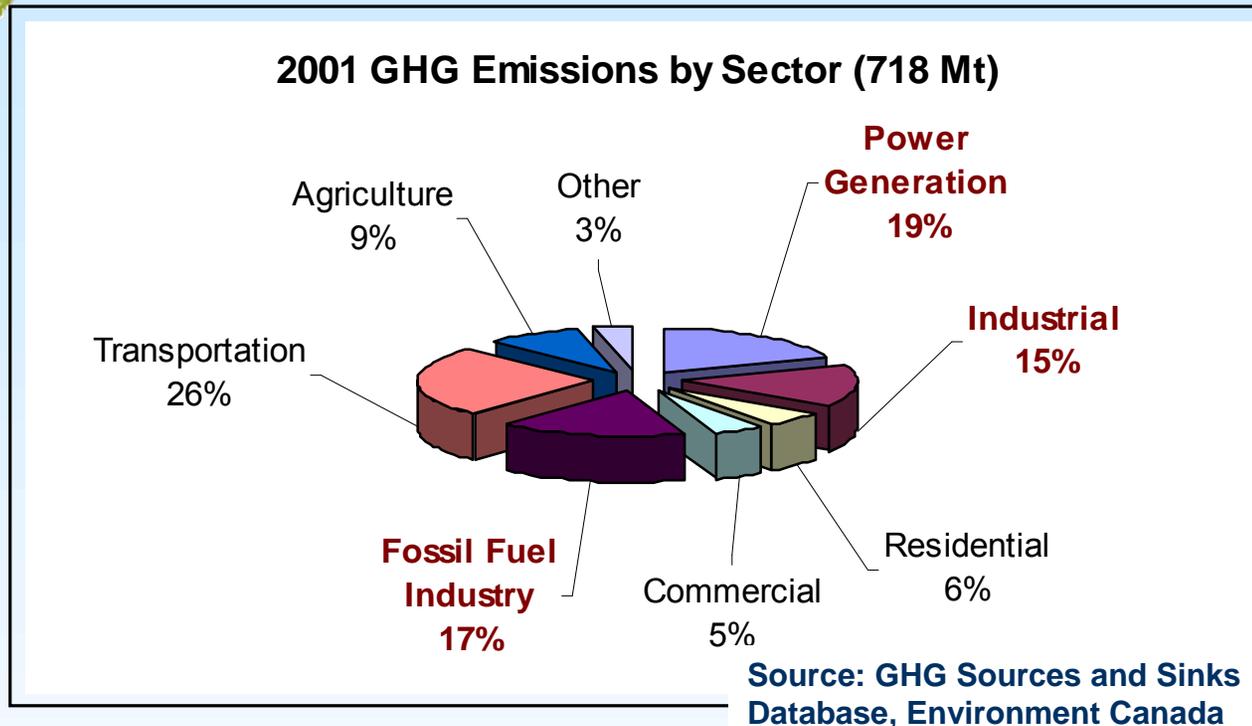
Vision - Transformative Energy Technologies

- Transformative technologies can break linkage between increased use of energy and many of today's energy issues
- Offers a pathway to fundamentally-different ways of supplying, converting and using energy
- But, "transformative" technologies, by their nature, require or lead to ...
 - new infrastructure
 - new skills, expertise
 - displacement of current technologies
 - new environmental impacts
- And importantly, new technologies trigger public interest - needs to be addressed up front
- Examples of transformative technologies
 - hydrogen, CO₂ capture and storage, advanced nuclear





Climate Change and the Need to Reduce GHG Emissions is a Formidable Challenge



- **51% of Canada's emissions from three sectors - power generation (19%), fossil fuel supply (17%), industrial end-use (15%)**
- **Opportunity for GHG mitigation from large point sources**





CO₂ Capture and Storage is a Promising Transformative Pathway

- **Why are we interested in CO₂ capture and storage?**
 - **CO₂ capture and storage is applicable to electricity generation, upstream fossil fuels and industrial sectors – 50% of Canada’s total emissions – largely from point sources**
 - **Canada has an abundance of geological formations potentially suited to the long term storage of CO₂**
 - **“Buys us some time”, facilitates a transition to a low carbon emissions energy economy – e.g., clean coal, hydrogen, nuclear, wind, solar, other alternatives and renewables**
- **Part of an integrated S&T program – technologies and initiatives for clean supply, conversion and efficient end-use, more renewables**





Issues and Needs for CO₂ Capture and Storage

- **Issues and Needs**
 - **Reductions in CO₂ capture costs, increased energy efficiency, improved technologies & systems**
 - **Transportation infrastructure (pipelines)**
 - **Estimates of effectiveness and capacity of storage in geological media**
 - **Cost-effective techniques for longer-term monitoring, measurement and verification**
 - **Safety and integrity of sub-surface storage and longer-term issues affecting 'fixation' and 'leakage'**
 - **Regulatory mechanisms, royalty structures, ownership, credits**

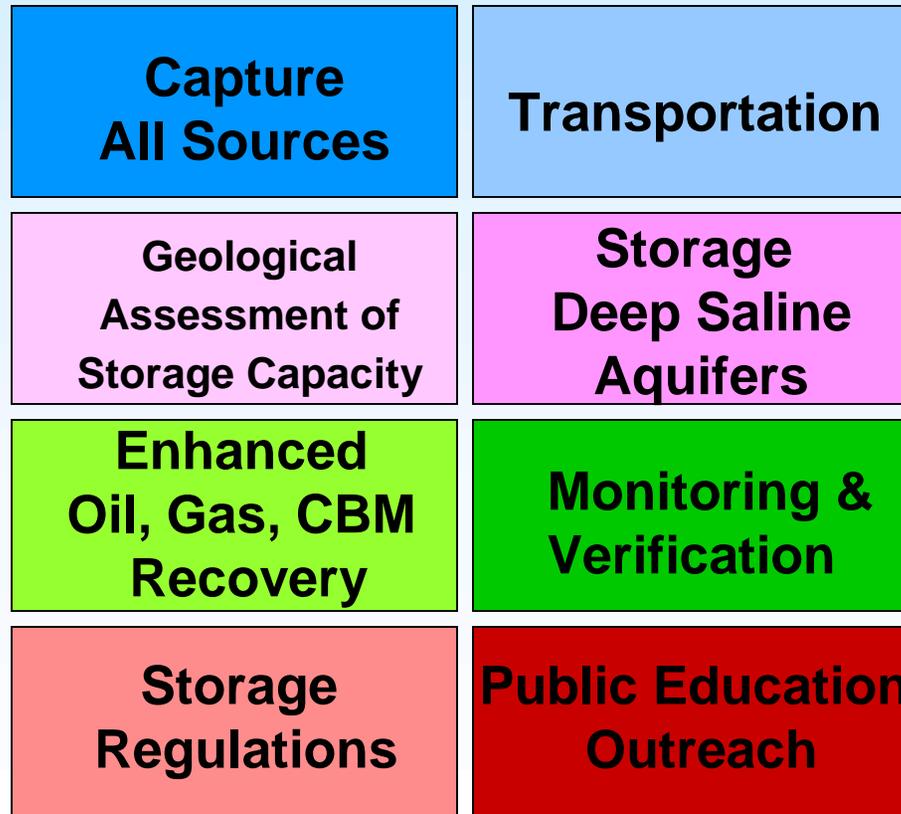




CO₂ Capture, Use and Storage Suite of Interdependent Activities

Overall Vision and Goals

Create Conditions for Development of a “Market/Industry” for CO₂ in Canada





“ ... creating the conditions for a CO₂ market/industry in Canada ... ”

- **Several dimensions to achieve goal**
 - **Development of cost-effective technology**
 - **Development of a regulatory framework for long-term storage**
 - **Address public interests, communications**
 - **Achieve investment confidence**
- **Requires a combination of research from both physical and social sciences**
- **To date, most emphasis has been on the development of the technology**
- **Critical need to draw on social sciences to address – how to provide objective and understandable information, determine public attitudes, understand perceptions of risk, craft communication plans**

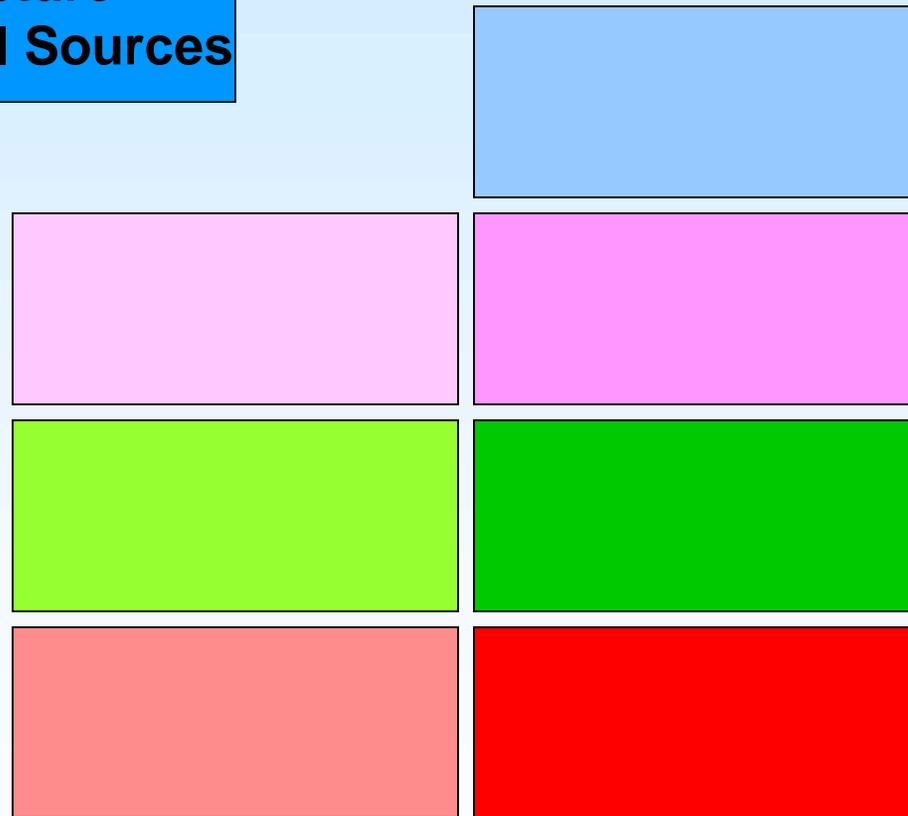




Canada's CO₂ Capture and Storage Activities

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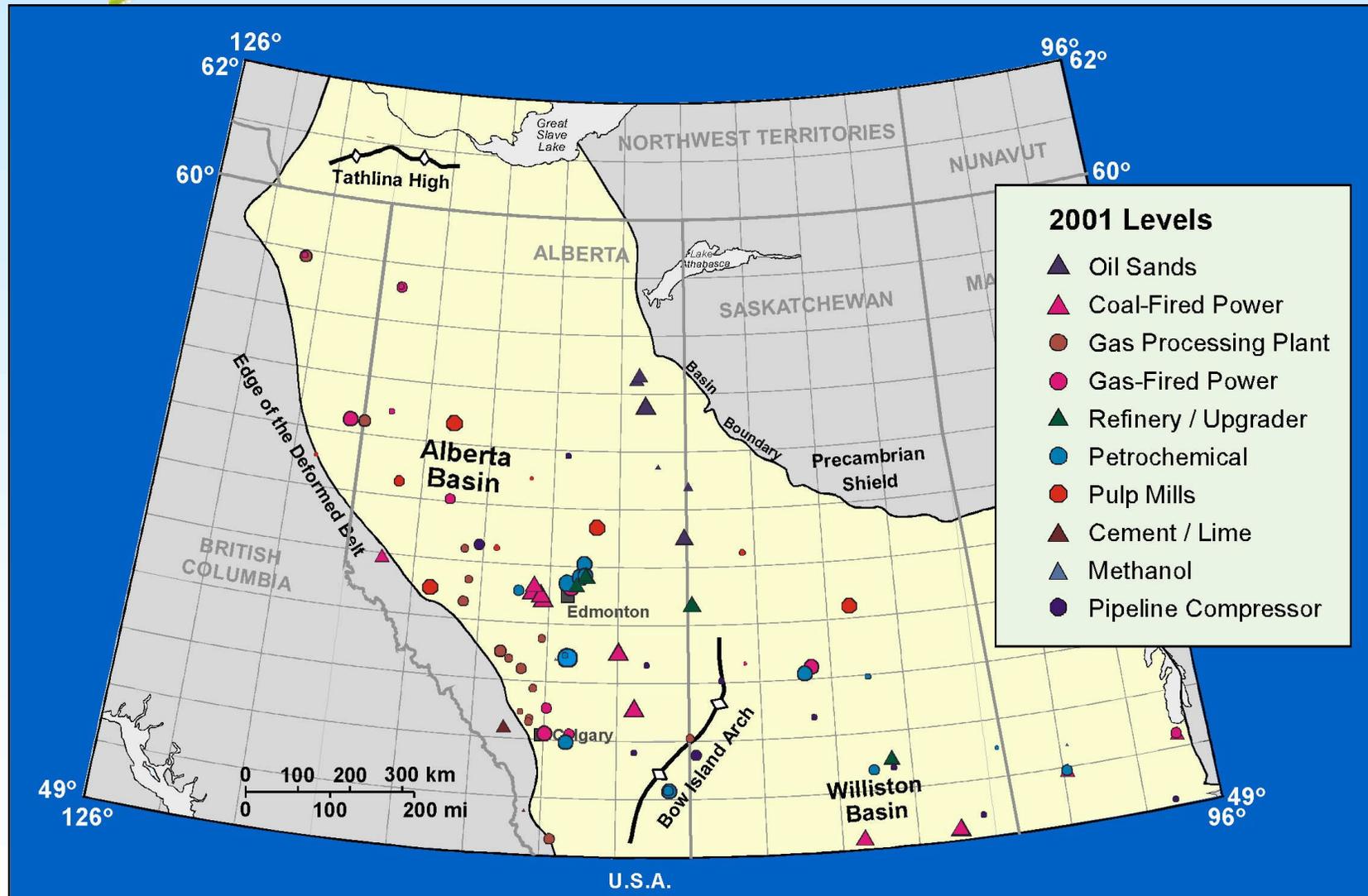
**Capture
From All Sources**





Diverse Point Sources of CO₂ in Western Canada

AGS/EUB - Inventory of CO₂ Sources in WCSB





Reducing the Cost of CO₂ Capture

A Key Challenge

- Large-scale point sources are ideal for CO₂ capture
 - industrial plants, hydrogen production (oil sands), fossil-fired electricity generation
- Capture – Reduce the cost
 - Capture cost represents 70-90% of the total capture, compression, transportation and storage costs
 - CO₂ capture from today's coal plants very costly - dilute flue gas
 - Costs of CO₂ capture consist mainly of additional fuel cost and capital costs
- Potential for capture cost reductions:
 - Continuing R&D and development of a market for products is needed to stimulate cost reductions
 - Advancements will be made to existing technologies
 - Technological breakthroughs – greater efficiencies, potential for large cost reductions

(Source:IEA GHG studies)





Examples – CO₂ Capture Technologies

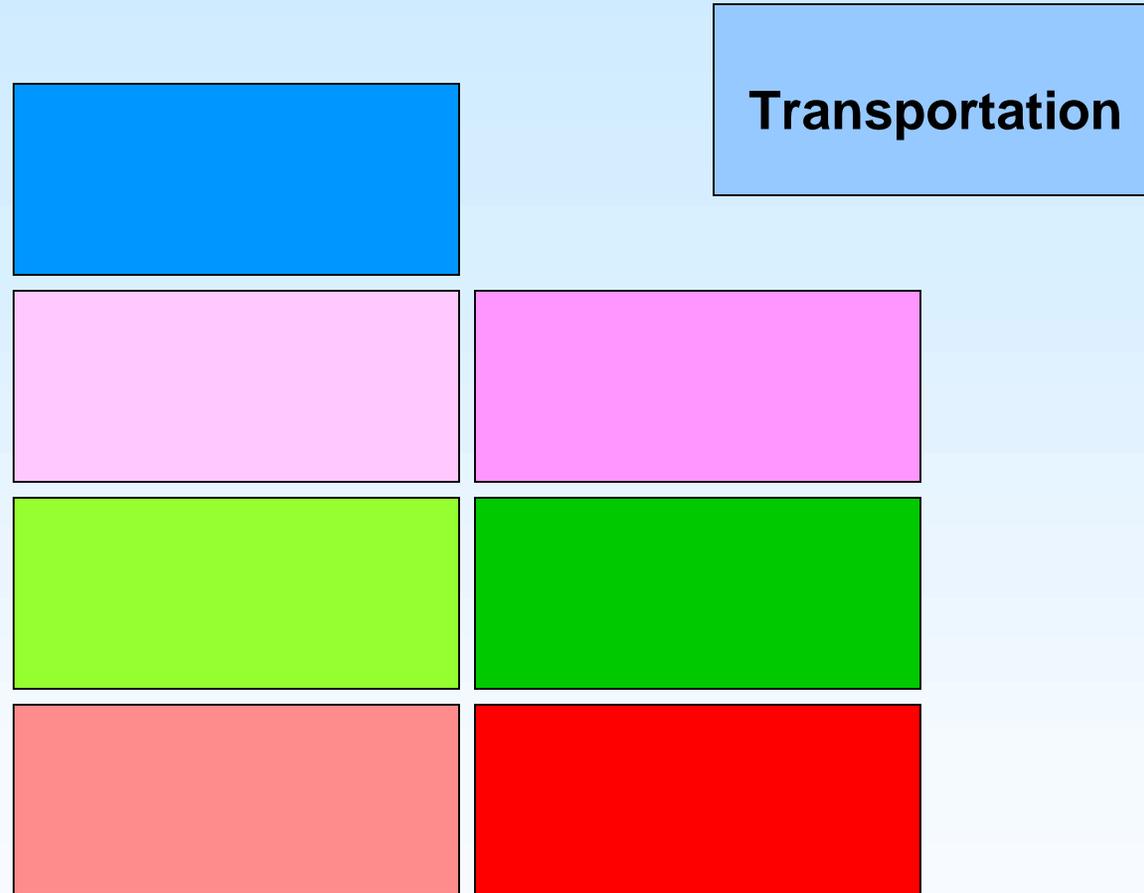
- **Three major lines of investigation**
 - Amine capture
 - CO₂/O₂ recycle
 - Gasification with CO₂ capture
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 - International Test Centre, University of Regina
- **CO₂/O₂ Recycle**
 - NRCan Energy Technology Centre, Ottawa
- **Gasification with CO₂ capture**
 - Canadian Clean Power Coalition
 - NRCan Energy Technology Centre, Ottawa





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Large-Scale CO₂ Uses Require New Pipeline Infrastructure



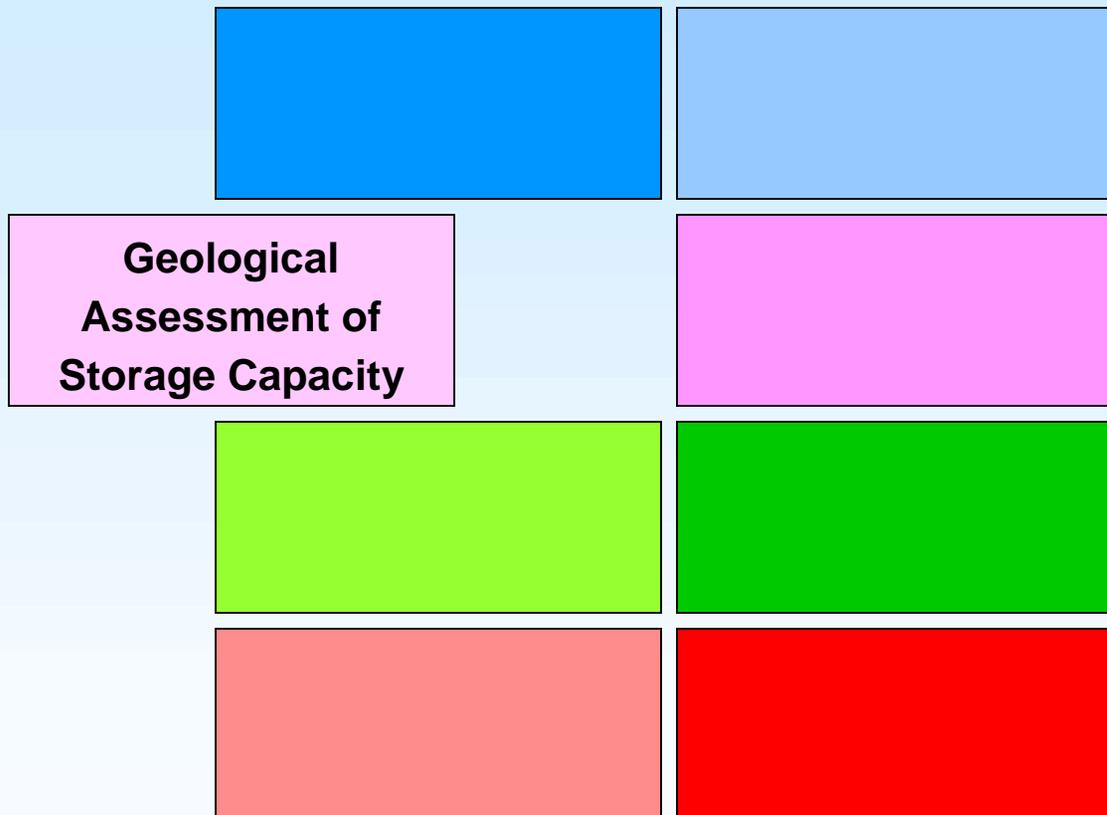
- **Pipelines**
 - High pressures and easy handling but corrosion and safety issues – the only viable transportation means
 - Two existing commercial EOR projects in Canada are fed by pipelines
- For EOR, main sources of CO₂ are often distant from fields with EOR potential
- Calls for a “trunk pipeline”, carefully sized and staged
- For storage in deep saline formations, many CO₂ sources are favorably located





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Initial Assessments of Storage Capacity are Impressive

- **Geological studies completed for**
 - **Western Canada Sedimentary Basin (basin-wide, Alberta Geological Survey/ Energy and Utilities Board)**
 - **Nova Scotia (coal basins, Geological Survey of Canada)**
- **Assessed – regional geological characteristics, EOR candidates, depleted oil gas fields, deep saline formations, deep coal measures**
- **Estimates of storage volume indicate huge technical storage potential in Western Canada**

CO₂ EOR	450 megatonnes
ECBM	10,000 – 100,000 megatonnes
Depleted Reservoirs	111 megatonnes (non-EOR oil)
	13,200 megatonnes (gas)
Deep Saline Aquifers	100,000 - 1,000,000 megatonnes

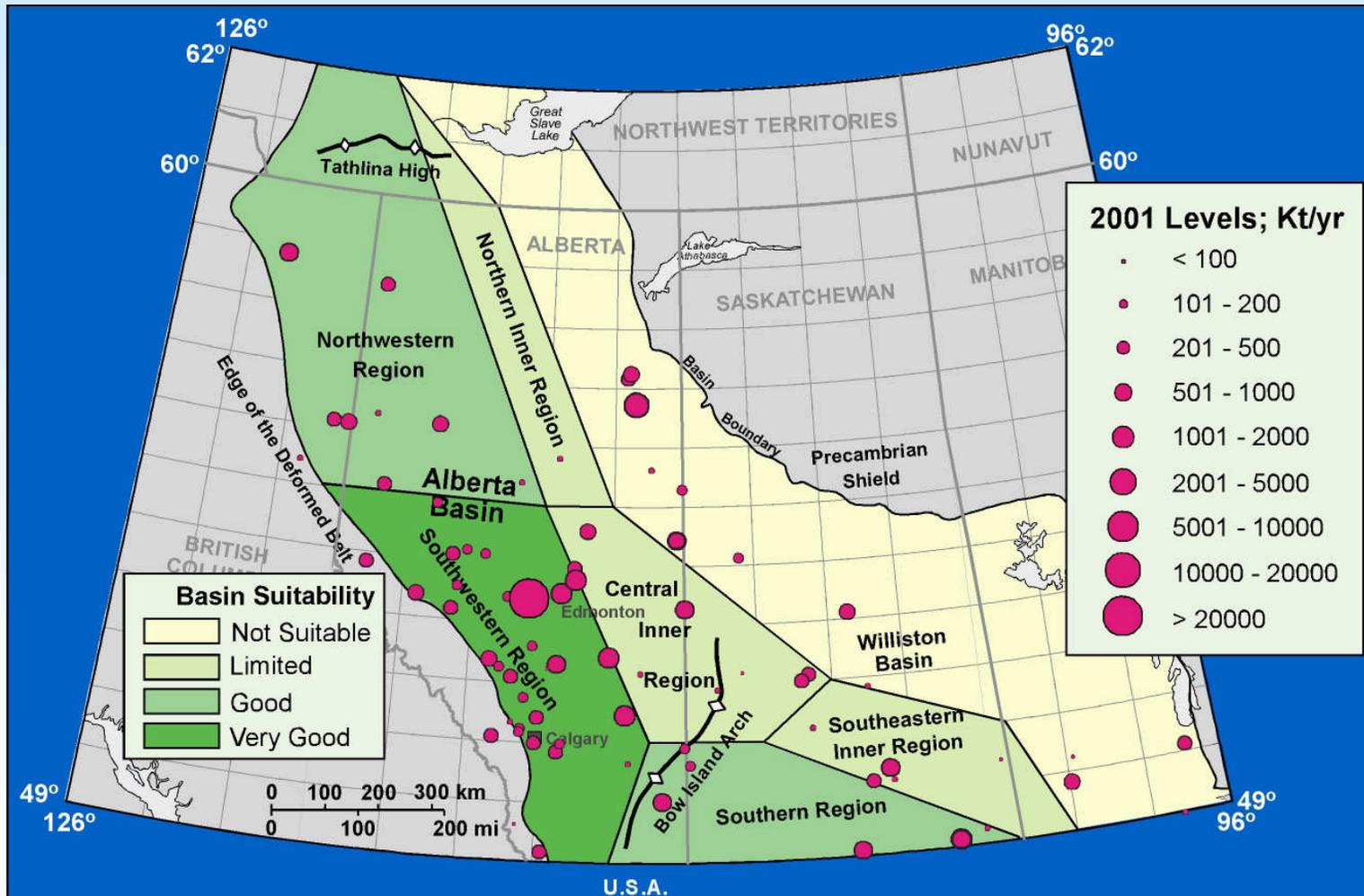
Sources: Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (S. Bachu); NRCan/EnergyINet





Good Geographic Match Between Best Storage Areas and Major Sources

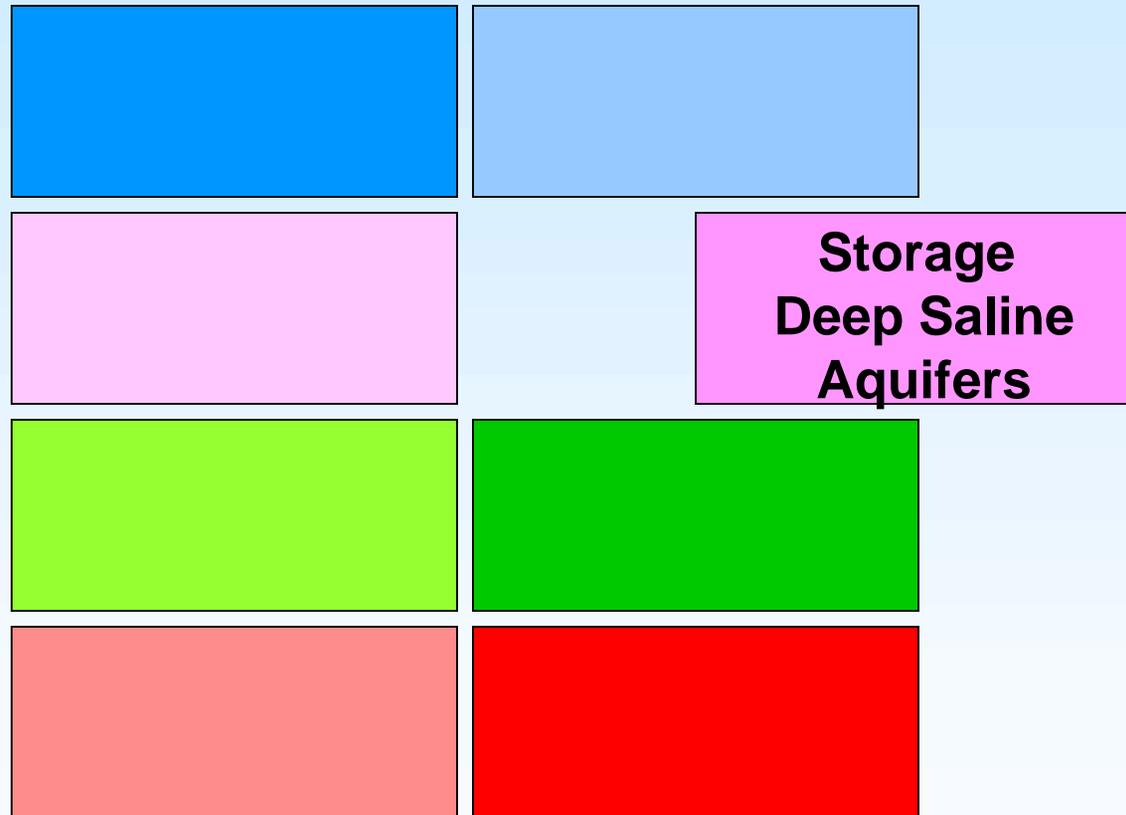
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Canada's Sedimentary Basins Offer Ideal Storage Capacity

- **Results from geological studies are positive – suitable geology, well-isolated from fresh water aquifers, good understanding of subsurface water movement**
- **Prime storage areas in Canada – most of the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin, coal basins in eastern Canada, northern and offshore basins**
- **Storage configurations, no resource recovery – deep saline aquifers, depleted oil and gas fields**
- **Storage capacity is immense, relative to Canada's annual emissions**
- **International examples – Norway's Sleipner project (offshore platform), Frio Brine project**





Disposal of Acid Gas in Alberta A Working Example

- Production and processing of sour natural gas yields by-products – e.g., H_2S , CO_2
- Disposal of acid gas in deep saline aquifers is a routine practice – over 40 projects in Alberta
- Regulatory requirements and practices are well-established
- Volumes are small relative to anticipated CO_2 to be stored
 - Roughly 1 Mt annually of acid gas, versus 70 Mt annually from power production in western Canada





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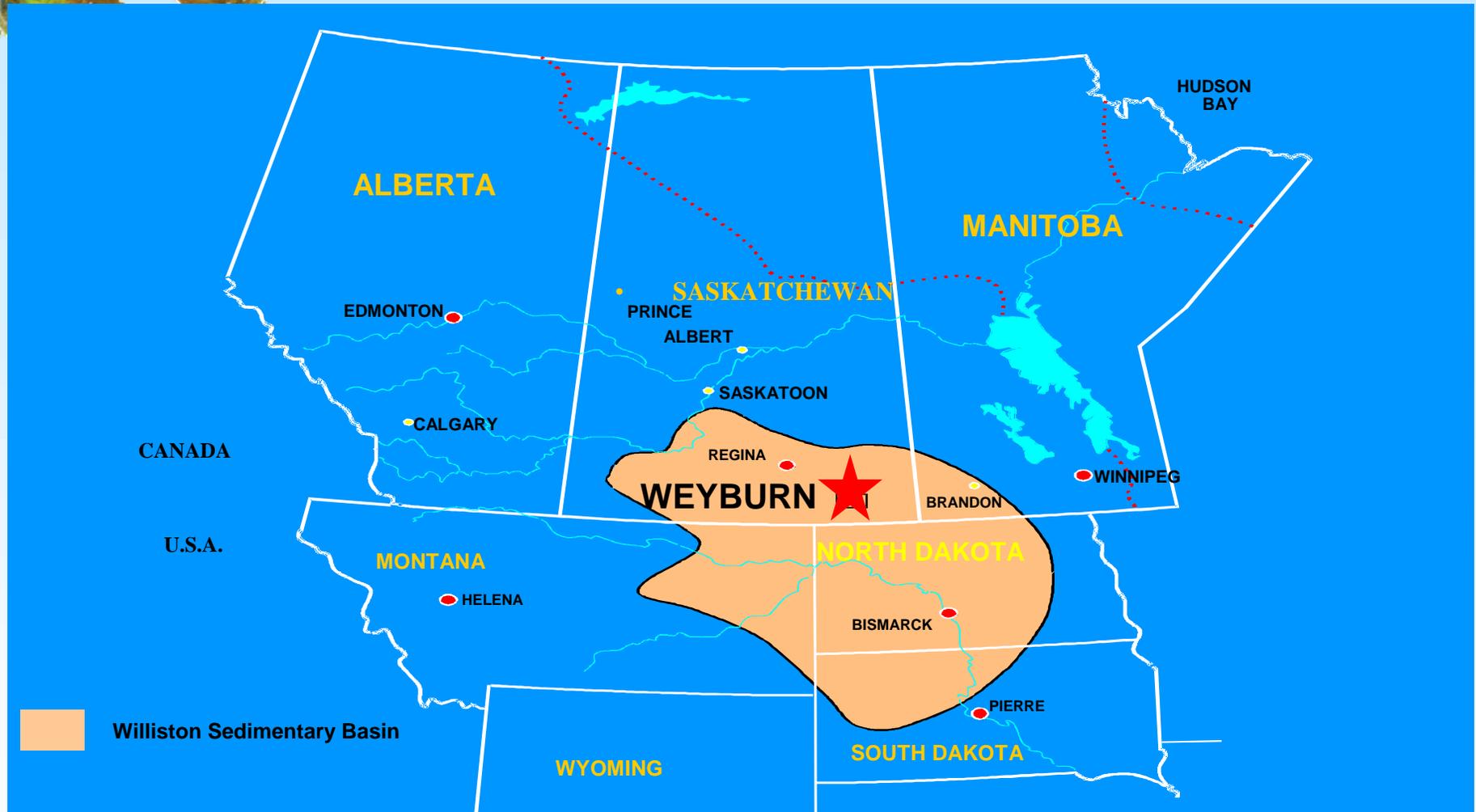


CO₂ Floods Open up Pathway to Increasing Recovery of Oil, Gas from Existing and New Fields

- **Recovery rates of oil and gas using conventional techniques are low**
 - 15% for heavy oil, 35% for light oil
- **Recovery rates can be increased by flooding reservoir with CO₂**
 - Enhanced oil recovery (EOR), enhanced coal bed methane (ECBM), enhanced gas recovery
- **Over 70 CO₂ EOR fields in US, two to date in Canada, additional field announced recently – commercial successes**
- **Examples (light and medium oil)**
 - EOR - EnCana's Weyburn EOR Project
 - Apache Canada's Midale Project (recently announced)
 - Several new EOR pilot projects
 - ECBM - R&D underway, multi-well pilots, Suncor project



EnCana's Weyburn Oil Field – CO₂ Enhanced Oil Recovery Project



Weyburn Unit:

Field Size: 179 km²
Oil Recovered: 56 million m³

OOIP: 220 million m³
CO₂ IR: 20 million m³



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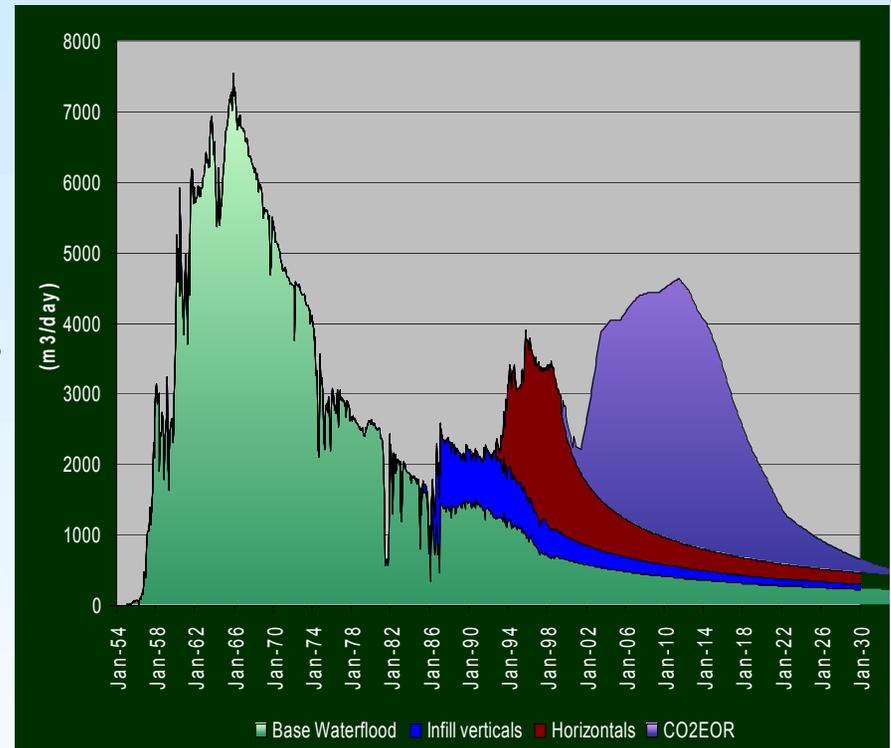
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EnCana Operations

Update (Sept. 2000 – Dec. 2002)

- CO₂ injection into Phase 1A started Sept. 2000
- CO₂- EOR flood to 2025
- 14 M tons (net) of CO₂ stored over 25 yrs
- Commercial project is rolling out beyond the Phase 1A monitoring project area
- Current CO₂ purchase: 5000 t/day
- 29% injected gas recycle
- 2.71 M tons injected to the end of Dec. 2002 (1.7 M tons stored)
- 4.14 M tons injected to the end of Dec. 2003 (2.7M tons stored)



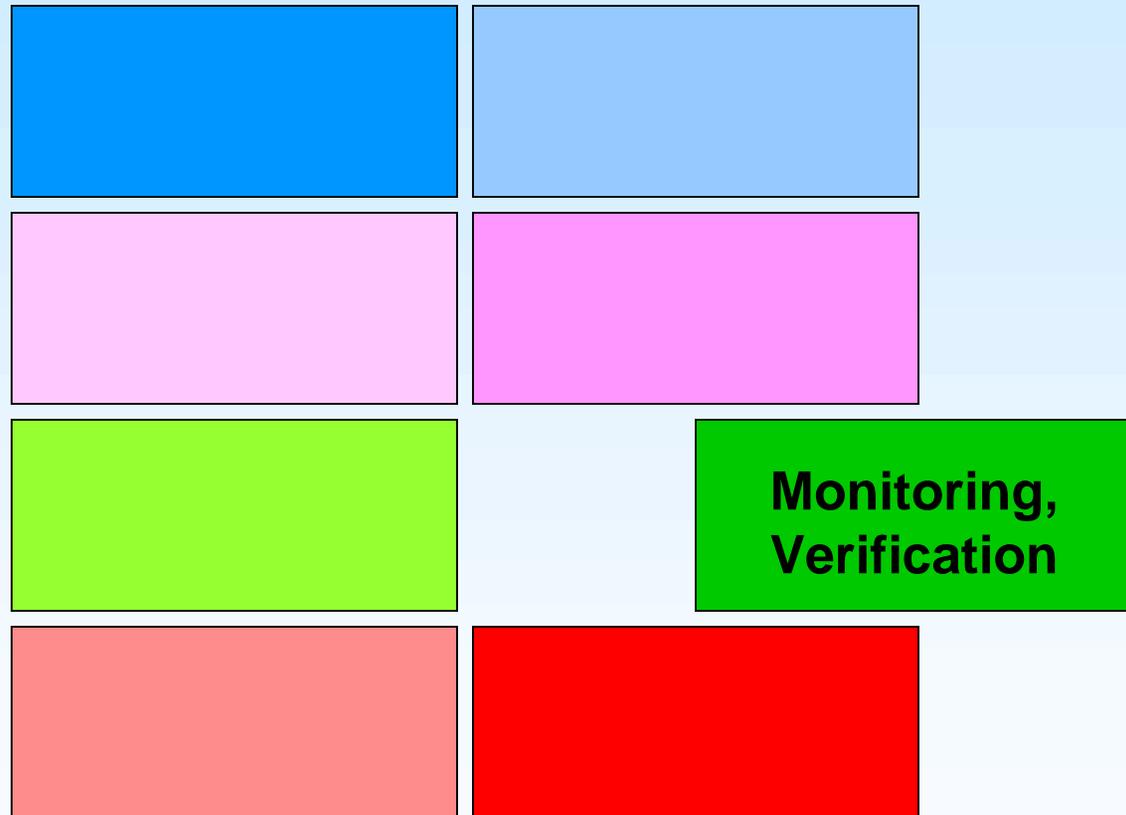
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Any Proposal for CO₂ Storage Requires Sound Methods for Monitoring and Verification

- **Critical questions – How much is stored? Where does the CO₂ go? How long does it stay there? Does it move away? will it leak to the surface? – in essence, determining “storage capacity and integrity”**
- **EOR sites are an excellent platform for study, analysis of CO₂ storage**
 - **Excellent geological drilling records and production data, ideal test site for storage capacity analysis and monitoring techniques**
- **Need monitoring and verification techniques suitable for**
 - **EOR, ECBM**
 - **Deep saline aquifers**
- **Essential ingredient to assure public confidence, achieve international recognition of stored volumes**
- **Example:**
 - **IEA GHG Weyburn CO₂ Monitoring and Storage Project**





Why Was The Weyburn Unit Selected for Canada's Initial Monitoring Project?

- **World-class CO₂ Enhanced oil recovery (EOR) project (CDN \$1.5 billion, US \$1.1 billion)**
- **Easily accessible site**
- **Substantial historical data base**
- **Extensively drilled with accurate records**
- **Pre-injection baseline data could be gathered**
- **Extremely supportive industry host and partner (EnCana Corporation)**



A CO₂ injector site





Long-Term Risk Assessment of the Storage Site Yielded Positive Results

- “ A Long-term assessment of the fate of CO₂ injected into the Weyburn reservoir” – identify all risks, assess the ability of the Weyburn reservoir to securely store CO₂ for 5000 years
- Results:
 - Cumulatively over 5000 years – 75% stays in the EOR area, 18% moves below the reservoir, 9% moves laterally, 0.02% moves into overlying caprock, nil into potable aquifers
 - From abandoned wells, cumulative leakage of 0.14%
 - 95% probability that 98.7% to 99.5% of the initial CO₂ in place will remain stored in the geosphere for 5000 years
- Conclusion
“The geological setting at Weyburn is highly-suitable for the long-term storage of CO₂”





How Did The Initial Weyburn Project Advance CO₂ Storage Technology?

- **Yielded several critically important results:**
 1. **Reliable estimates of net CO₂ stored in this reservoir, via production monitoring**
 2. **Means to follow movement of CO₂ in the reservoirs, using seismic monitoring, fluid sampling**
 3. **Evidence of possible chemical reactions between the CO₂ and reservoir fluids, using geochemistry modeling**
 4. **Advancements in monitoring techniques – seismic, computer simulation, geochemistry**
 5. **Increase database of information – for regulation, for studies which will inform public, build interest and confidence in CO₂ geological storage**





Collaboration at Weyburn Was Excellent Some Highlights

- **Partners – EnCana, governments - Canada, Alberta, Saskatchewan, US DOE, EU, IEA, 9 companies, 24 research providers – 5 European, 5 US, 14 Canadian – managed by the Petroleum Technology Research Centre**
- **Built on a solid foundation provided by the IEA Greenhouse Gas R&D Programme - expertise, ongoing engagement and collaboration**
- **High quality, sound scientific experiment – excellent baseline information, complementary disciplines brought to bear**
- **Widespread dissemination of information**
- **Field operator is strongly supportive, cooperative with the international monitoring project**





Leading Sponsors' Overall Plan CO₂ Storage and Monitoring

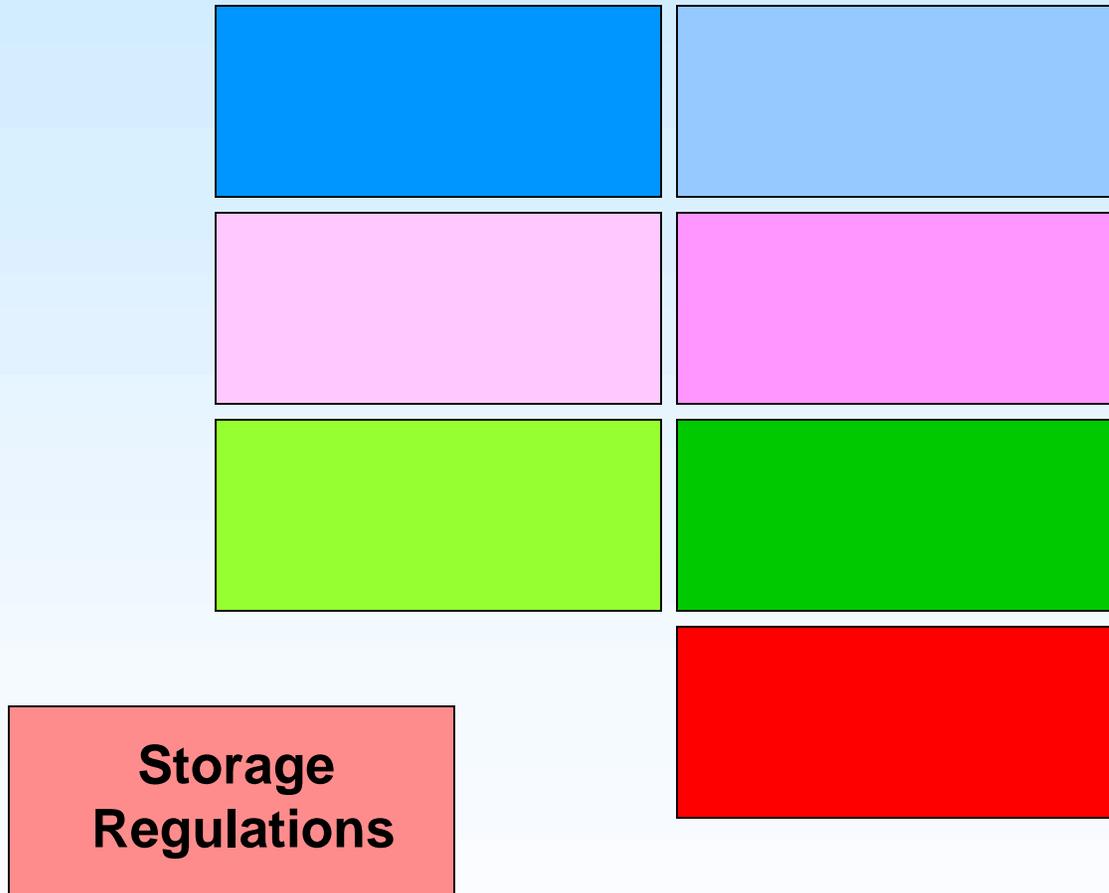
- **Leading Sponsors** have developed an overall plan for the advancement of CO₂ Capture and Storage - EnCana, NRCan, Saskatchewan Industry and Resources, US DOE, ChevronTexaco
- **Mission:**
“Use the IEA GHG Weyburn CO₂ Monitoring and Storage Project (Final Phase) as the “flagship” for developing the necessary technical and operating information to guide regulatory policy on EOR-based CO₂ geological storage projects”
- **Scope covers** – science & technical, regulatory, public awareness
- **Weyburn Final Phase** will play a central role in all science and technical components – managed by the PTRC
 - Will support regulatory, public awareness, frameworks for national and international credits/trading of emissions





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Need a Harmonized Regulatory Framework Operations, Disposal, Long-Term Monitoring

- **Ongoing EOR activities regulated today**
 - “good oilfield practice” under provincial regulation in Saskatchewan and Alberta
- **Disposal of acid gas underway at 40+/- sites**
 - “acid gas injection” of H_2S , CO_2
- **Requirement for regulation of long-term storage of CO_2**
 - monitoring, leakage, safety, ownership
- **Activities underway**
 - Provincial-federal working group
 - Assessment of regulatory regimes (Clifton Associates Report)





Study: Develop Principles and Regulatory Criteria for Effective Storage of CO₂

- **Examined existing legal and regulatory frameworks to identify strengths and gaps**
- **Study found that improvements are needed to existing laws, regulations and standards to provide a basis for an effective regulatory framework**
- **Examples of areas to consider – CO₂ capture, CO₂ transportation, injection wells, storage, monitoring and measurement, well abandonment, long-term management, risk analysis**





Study: Develop Principles and Regulatory Criteria for Effective Storage of CO₂ .. *cont'd*

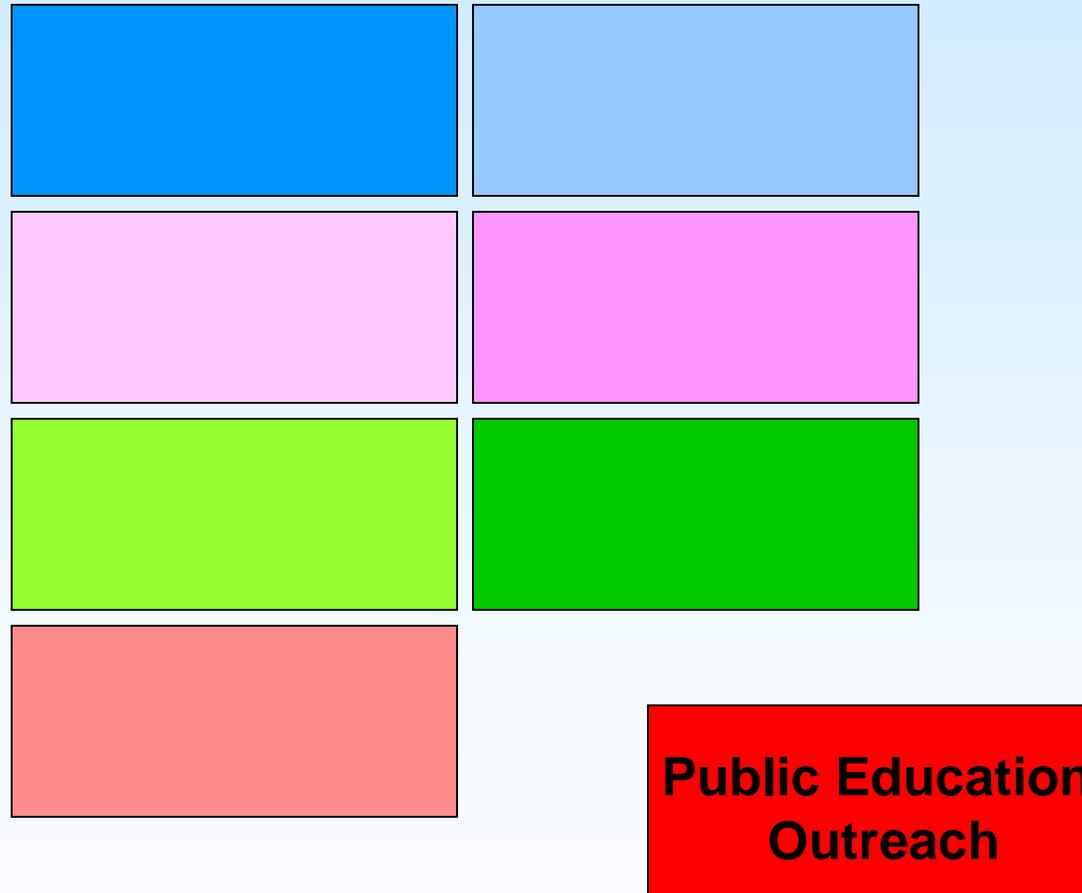
- **Three main areas for follow-up work were recommended**
 - **Regulatory review, consolidation and integration**
 - **Research and development**
 - **Public consultation**
- **Advocates for a sustained effort in research and public consultation**





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Addressing Public Concerns re CO₂ Capture and Storage Research from the Social Sciences

- Even if all technology needs and economic hurdles are overcome, widespread deployment could be delayed by public concerns
- Wide range of issues – defines questions to be addressed through social science research
 - Describing complex technology in objective, understandable information on how the technology works.
How to describe a complex technology to a non-technical audience?
 - Perceptions of risk
What are the risks, what are the consequences, frequencies?
 - Tolerance for risk
What level of risk of leakage is acceptable 1%, 0.1%?
 - Long-term aspects
Do we need to worry about leakage for the next 100 years, the next 1000, the next 10,000?
 - Climate Change overall
How does it fit in the overall approach?
- Social science research underway now – assess public opinions





Assessing Issues re Public Education and Outreach – Developing Strategies

- Created an Ad Hoc Committee in 2003 – representatives from Alberta, Federal Government, Pembina Institute
- Work so far via three studies, and on strategy development
- Study: *“Towards a Strategy for Stakeholder Engagement in Geological Carbon Storage”*
 - Needs, purpose, potential participants, delivery, challenges
- Study: *“Steps Towards a Strategic Plan for Citizen Involvement in Carbon Capture Storage Decisions in Canada”*
 - Guidance and input towards a strategic plan to structure and conduct citizen involvement





Assessing Issues re Public Education and Outreach, Developing Strategies .. *cont'd*

- **Survey: “*Public Attitudes Towards Geological Carbon Dioxide Disposal in Canada*” – School of Resource and Environmental Management, SFU**
- **Objectives – to identify and prioritize issues which policy makers, regulators, and industry need to be concerned about**
- **Two-phase approach**
 - **First Phase – two focus groups, in Toronto, Edmonton, to identify attitudinal differences between the two regions**
 - **Second Phase – Internet survey of 2000 Canadians**





Assessing Issues re Public Education and Outreach, Developing Strategies .. *cont'd*

- **Key research questions**
 - Identify state of knowledge, identify and prioritize concerns
 - Identify and prioritize reasons for public support
 - Separate and identify opposition stemming from concern about the *risks from fundamental* opposition to the concept
 - Identify and understand features that might determine the degree of public support for this technology as a GHG mitigation measure in Canada
 - Determine how positive (benefit-focused) information versus negative (risk-focused) information impacts support for the technology
 - Determine attitudinal difference between geographic areas
- **Results being compiled and analyzed, report due in mid-2005**





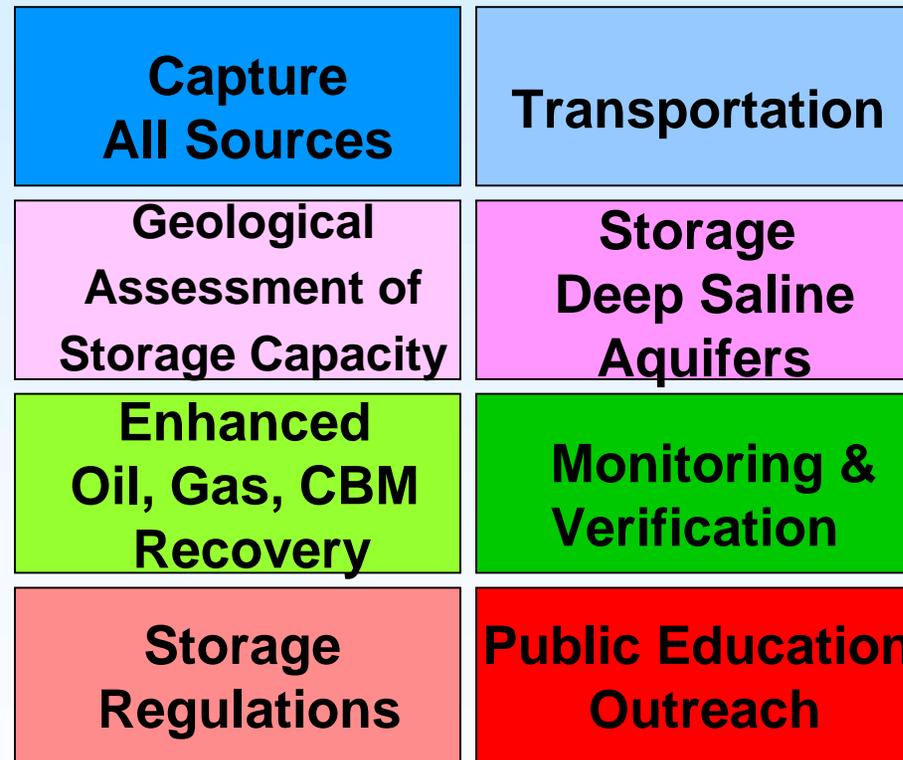
IEA Study of Public Perceptions Towards CO₂ Capture and Storage

- IEA Publication “*Prospects for CO₂ Capture and Storage*” – December 2004
- Widespread deployment of CCS technologies will require broad understanding and long-term commitment by numerous constituencies – local governments, public, ENGOs and NGOs, industry, academia, media
- Few people are aware of CCS, or its potential re climate change mitigation
- First step – increase awareness via openness, high-quality data, national consultations, local negotiations
- Anticipate two types of opposition
 - From those who prefer other mitigation measures, object to continued use of fossil fuels
 - Local opposition – safety, long-term integrity of storage, risks
- Absence of organized, effective communication strategies could result in obstacles to scientific research, demonstration projects and widespread CCS deployment
- Underlines importance of developing a better understanding of public perception, risk tolerance, how to articulate a technical activity, frank-open-early information



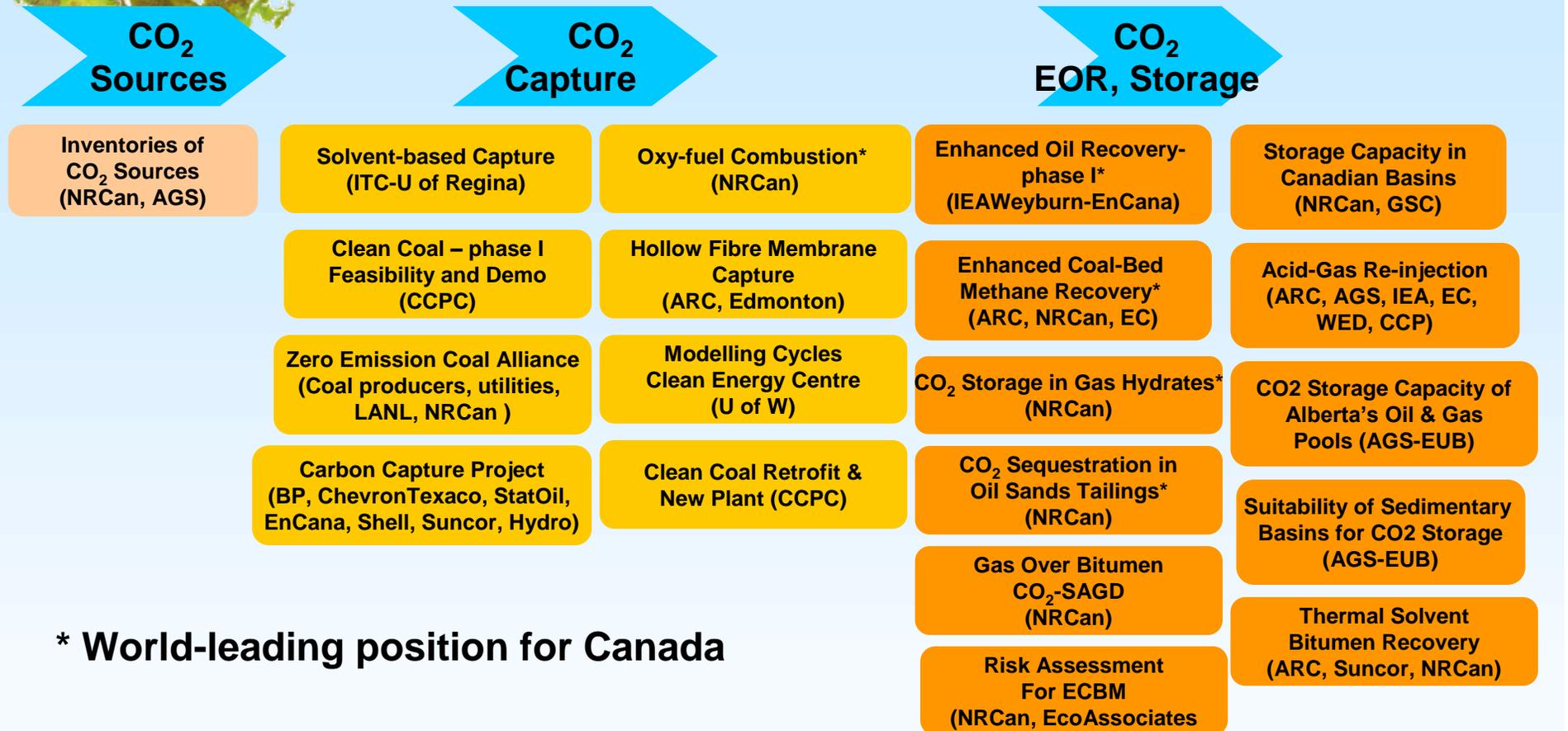


“Fitting the Pieces Together” **Creating Conditions for a CO₂ Market/Industry in Canada**





Examples of Canadian S&T Activities



* World-leading position for Canada

← Heavily networked: nationally (Canadian CO₂ Capture & Storage Technology Network), internationally (IEA, CSLF, IPCC) →

Canadian Technology Roadmaps: CO₂ Capture and Storage, Clean Coal Technology, Oil Sands Technology



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Canada's CO₂ Capture and Storage Technology Roadmap

- **Purpose**

“To identify technology strategies, processes and integration system pathways which are needed to enable CO₂ to be captured and stored in Canada”

- **Identifies three main challenges**

- Capture and transport
- Geological storage
- Cross-cutting (risk assessment, MMV, capacity building, awareness)

- **Further develops the “Hub Concept” – “hubs” for gathering CO₂, for using CO₂, pipeline to connect them**

- **Sets out an Action Plan for follow-up, to be issued in mid-2005**

www.nrcan.gc.ca/es/etb/cetc/combustion/co2trm





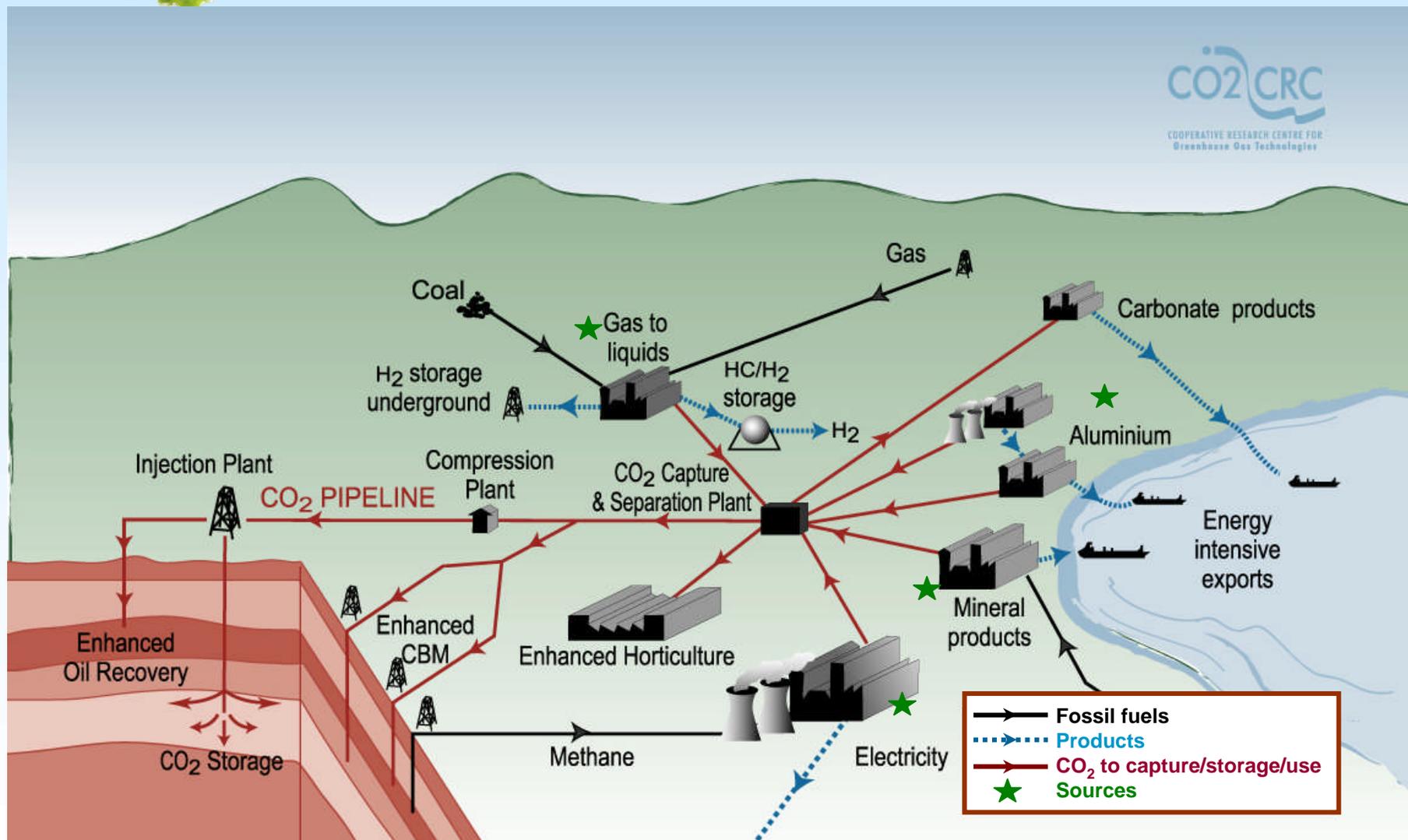
Current Situation

- **Presently marginal economics for majority of pure sources of revenue generating opportunities due to:**
 - Distance of sources to sinks – lack of infrastructure
 - Uncertainties – storage regulatory frameworks, price for CO₂, crediting/trading framework
- **Good progress is being made – activities underway:**
 - Excellent progress at Weyburn Phase 1, launching Final Phase
 - New EOR pilot projects – recently announced
 - Discussions underway on infrastructure needs, possible “backbone” pipeline
 - MMV techniques being developed, documented
 - Addressing regulatory issues
 - Climate Change “Project Green” – reference to CO₂ pipeline, technology development initiatives
 - Scoping work, analysis on public perception, communication and outreach
- **Western Canada CO₂ capture and storage market/industry is getting closer**





A Vision - CO₂ Market/Industry



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Some Closing Observations

- **CO₂ capture and storage technologies - an integral component of Canada's climate change response options and part of a sustainable energy future**
- **A truly “transformative technology” - breaks link between emissions of CO₂ from fossil fuel use and permits the continued use of the existing energy infrastructure**
- **Canadian industry has taken the lead in many technology projects with strong support from provincial and federal governments, academia – approximately \$40M for R&D projects, plus \$42M at Weyburn, over 5 years**
- **Many R D and D challenges remain to be addressed before CO₂ Capture and Storage technologies become adopted on a wider scale – e.g., improved CO₂ capture technologies, advanced energy cycles, lower penalties and costs, transportation infrastructure, enhanced geological mineralization, reduced risks of leakage, establish MMV and improved ECBM productivity**
- **There is a compelling need for an integrated approach to carbon management**
- **Close cooperation both nationally and globally is vital for success**

