

Resource Assessment Methods for CO₂ Storage in Geologic Formations

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Presentation Outline

- **Resource Assessments**

- *CO₂ Storage Method Development for Unconventional Systems, Oil and Gas Systems, and Saline Systems*
- *Experimental Measurement of Microscopic Displacement Efficiency in Geologic Systems*

- **Geospatial Data Management**

- *Atlas Development and NATCARB*
- *Geodatabase Development in Support of Geologic Storage Research (EDX)*

Benefit to the Program

- **Carbon Storage Program Major Goals**
 - Support industry's ability to predict CO₂ storage capacity in geologic formations to within ± 30 percent.
- **Project Benefits Statement:**
 - This research project aims at developing and maintaining tools/resources that facilitate regional- and national-scale assessment of carbon storage

Project Overview: Goals and Objectives

Project Objectives.

- **Resource Assessments** – How can available geospatial data be best used to assess storage resource to $\pm 30\%$ accuracy?
 - **Develop a Defensible DOE Methodology for Regional Assessments**
- **Geospatial Data Management (EDX and NATCARB)** – What spatially related datasets exist in support of carbon storage R&D and can they be provided in a user-friendly system to allow for advanced use and research?
 - **Develop and maintain geospatial platforms that support research and assessment and that facilitate preservation and transfer of data (EDX and NATCARB)**

Technical Status

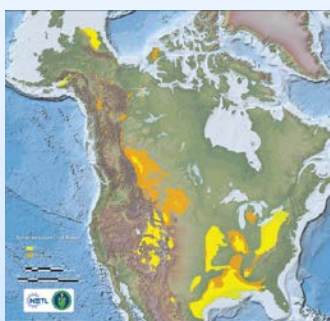
- **Resource Assessments**
 - ***CO₂ Storage Method Development for***
 - *Unconventional Systems*
 - *Oil and Gas Systems*
 - *Saline Systems*
 - ***Experimental Measurement of Microscopic Displacement Efficiency in Geologic Systems***

Prospective Storage Resource for CO₂ storage at the regional and national scale at the Exploration Phase.

- Based on **physically** accessible pore volume without consideration of **regulatory** or **economic** constraints.
- broad **energy-related** government policy and business decisions



Saline Formations



Unmineable Coal Seams



Basalt Formations



Oil and Gas Fields



Organic-Rich Shale

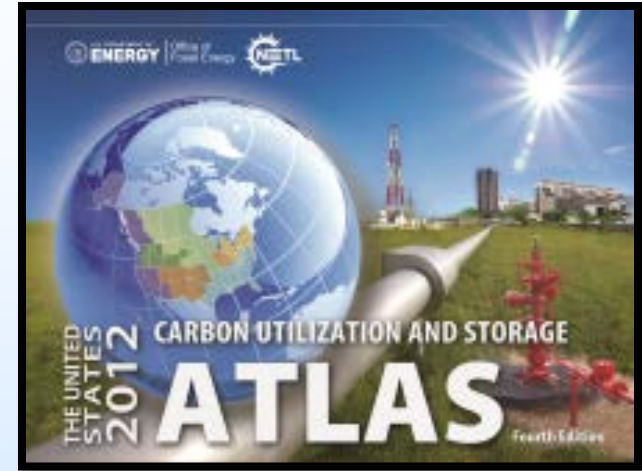
Petroleum Industry		CO ₂ Geological Storage	
Reserves	Implementation	Capacity	
On Production		Active Injection	
Approved for Development		Approved for Development	
Justified for Development	Site Characterization	Justified for Development	
Contingent Resources		Contingent Storage Resources	
Development Pending		Development Pending	
Development Unclassified or On Hold	Exploration	Development Unclassified or On Hold	
Development Not Viable		Development Not Viable	
Prospective Resources	Exploration	Prospective Storage Resources	
Prospect		Qualified Site(s)	
Lead		Selected Areas	
Play		Potential Sub-Regions	

Exploration	Prospective Storage Resources	
	Project Sub-class	Evaluation Process
	Qualified Site(s)	Initial Characterization
	Selected Areas	Site Selection
	Potential Sub-Regions	Site Screening

Prospective CO₂ Storage Resource Methods

Volumetric approach: *geologic properties & storage efficiency*

- Method for prospective CO₂ Storage Resource
 - **Simple Geometric-Based Formula**
 - **Extensive Peer-Review**
 - **Extensive Statistical Rigor**
- Applied by Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnerships
- Refined Estimates in U.S. DOE's Carbon Utilization and Storage Atlas



Geologic Formation

- (1) Saline
- (2) Coalseams
- (3) Oil and Gas
- (4) Shale

Mass Resource Estimate

$$G_{CO_2} = A_t h_g \phi_{tot} \rho E$$

$$G_{CO_2} = A_t h_g C_s \rho E$$

$$G_{CO_2} = A_n h_n \phi_e \rho E$$

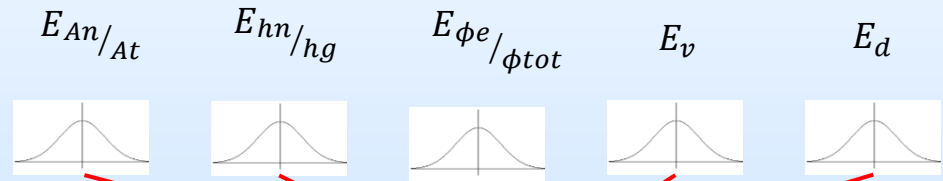
$$G_{CO_2} = [(A_t h_g \phi_{tot} \rho_{CO_2} E_{free}) + (A_t h_g (1 - \phi_{tot}) C_s \rho_{CO_2} E_{sorbed})]$$

Stochastic Treatment of Storage Efficiency

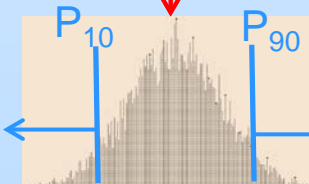
A **fraction of the total** volume of the formation that will effectively store CO₂
 Represents **variability** in geologic parameters used to calculate G_{CO₂}

Log Odds Method applied with Monte Carlo sampling

$$E_{\text{saline}} = E_{A_n/A_t} E_{h_n/h_g} E_{\phi_e/\phi_{\text{tot}}} E_v E_d$$



$$E = \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-N(E_{A_n/A_t})}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-N(E_{h_n/h_g})}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-N(E_{\phi_e/\phi_{\text{tot}}})}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-N(E_v)}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-N(E_d)}} \right)$$



10% of values

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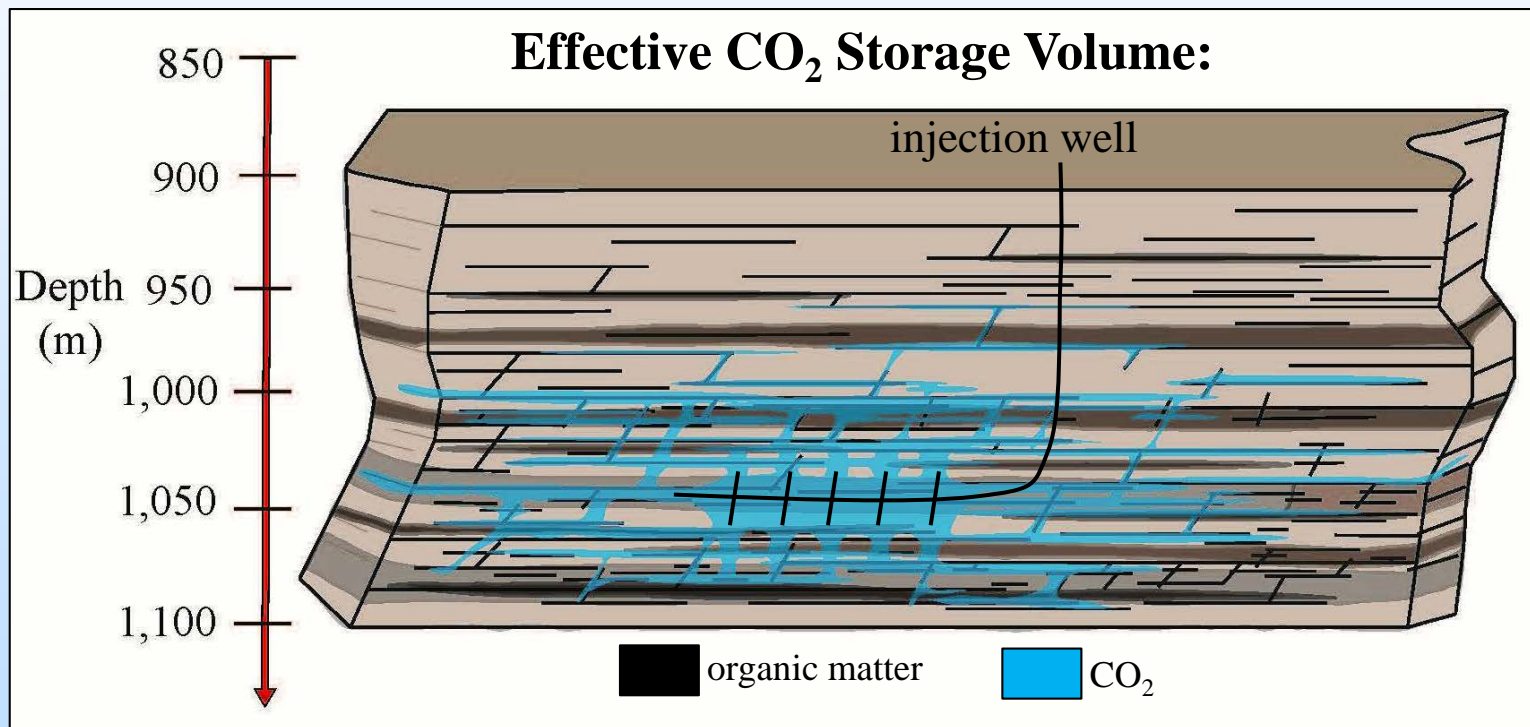
Saline Formation Efficiency Factors		
Lithology	P ₁₀	P ₉₀
Clastics	0.51%	5.4%
Dolomite	0.64%	5.5%
Limestone	0.40%	4.1%

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- **Resource Assessments**

- ***CO₂ Storage Method Development for Unconventional Systems***

- ***Team Members:*** Isis Fukai¹, Angela Goodman¹, Robert Dilmore¹, Dan Soeder¹, Scott Frailey², Grant Bromhal¹, George Guthrie¹, Traci Rodosta¹



Simplified sketch of an organic-rich shale storage formation showing the portion of the formation that is accessed during CO₂ storage.

Method for Estimating the CO₂ Storage Resource of Organic-rich Shales

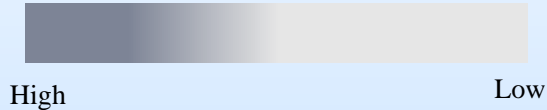
Fracture Matrix

SRV*	1	2
USRV^	3	4

*Stimulated Reservoir Volume

^Unstimulated Reservoir Volume

CO₂ Storage Efficiency:



fracture

matrix

SRV*	free	✓	✓ in ϕ
	sorbed	X	✓ in clay & kerogen
USRV^	free	✓	✓ in ϕ
	sorbed	X	✓ in clay & kerogen

Methodology for Estimating the CO₂ Storage Resource of Organic-rich Shales

Criteria for CO₂ Storage in U.S. Organic-rich Shale Formations

- (1) Organic-rich shale formations must have a TOC \geq 2.0 wt. % and be methane-bearing.**
These formations have sufficient volumes of sorptive kerogen & void spaces where CH₄ is able to reside, suggesting they will also be amenable for CO₂ storage.
- (2) Structural, stratigraphic, & hydrodynamic traps (faults, seals, & capillary pressures) must exist** in order to prevent the migration of CO₂ into adjacent formations or to the surface.
- (3) The organic-rich shale formation has been, or will be produced for methane before or during implementation of CO₂ storage.** This is to reduce the likelihood of formation over-pressurization and ensure space is available to allow in-situ methane and fluids to be displaced and/or managed via production.

CO₂ Storage Resource Methodology for Organic-rich Shales

Represents the physically accessible, *effective* CO₂ storage volume

Volumetric Equation:

$$G_{CO_2} = [(A_t h_g \phi_{tot} \rho_{CO_2r} E_{free}) + (A_t h_g (1-\phi_{tot}) C_s \rho_{CO_2s} E_{sorbed})]$$

(1) *Free phase* storage in Stimulated Reservoir fractures and matrix pores

(2) *Sorbed* storage on kerogen & clays

Efficiency: *fraction* of the total formation volume that will be accessed for CO₂ storage

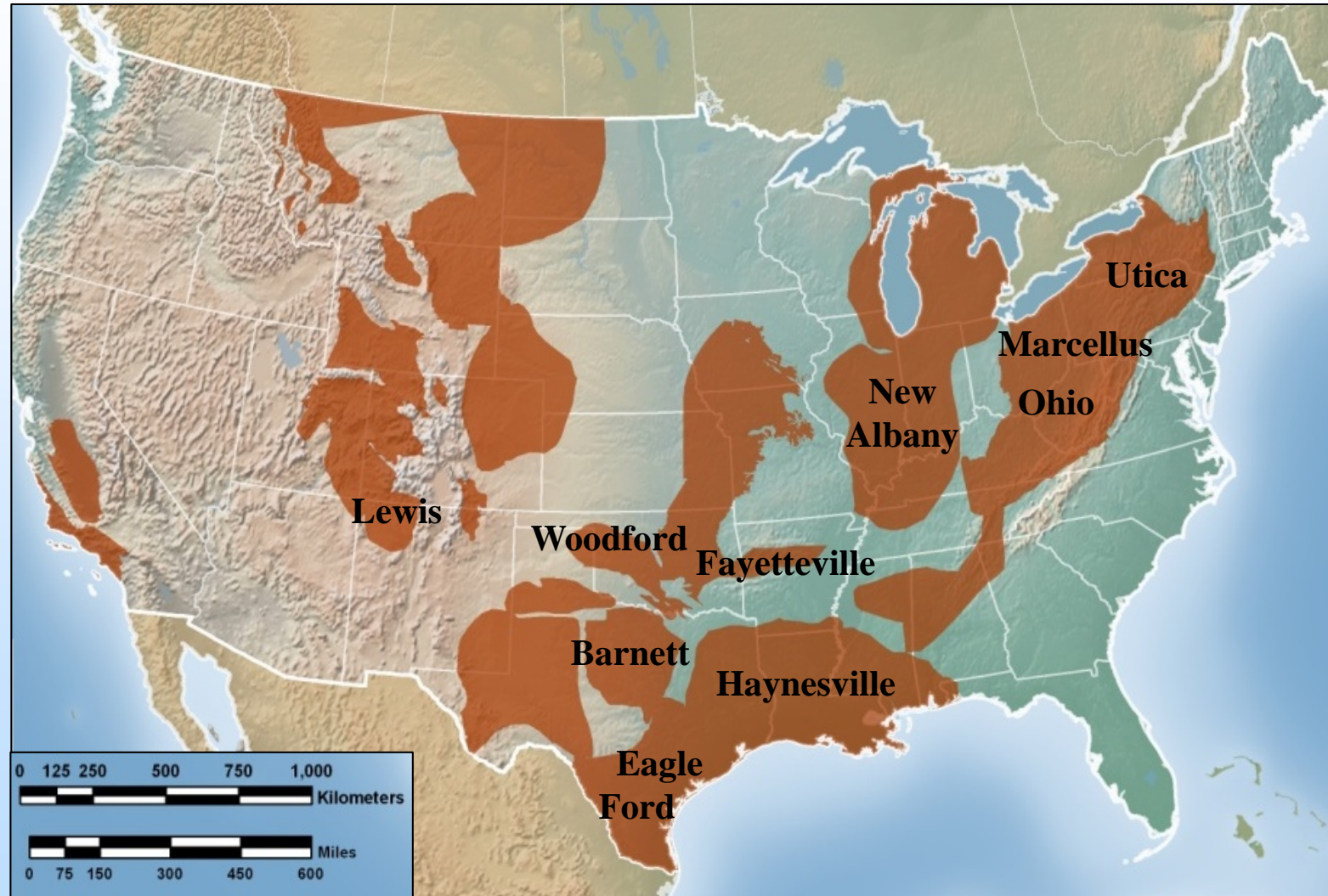
$$E_{free} = E_{An/At} E_{hn/hg} E_{\phi_e/\phi_t} E_v E_d$$

$$E_{sorbed} = E_{An/At} E_{hn/hg} E_{Ce/Ct} E_v E_d$$

Accounts for technical storage limitations, *e.g.* unconstrained **geologic** & **displacement** variables, that may prevent CO₂ from accessing 100% of the theoretical storage volume (*e.g.* Goodman *et al.*, 2011)

Application of Methodology for Estimating the CO₂ Storage Resource of Organic-rich Shales

10 Major Formations Included in Calculation



Map after NETL-NATCARB (2013)

U.S. Organic-rich Shale Formation Data Incorporated in CO₂ Storage Resource Equation

$$G_{\text{CO}_2} = A_t h_g [\phi_{\text{tot}} \rho_{\text{CO}_2r} E_{\text{free}} + (1 - \phi_{\text{tot}}) C_s \rho_{\text{CO}_2s} E_{\text{sorbed}}]$$

Formation	Total Area (km ²)	Gross Thickness (m)	Total Porosity	TOC (%)	Shale Density (g/cm ³)	Langmuir Volume (m ³ /kg)
Marcellus	246,049	103	0.07	7.3	2.48	0.00852
Barnett	23,310	139	0.05	5.6	2.54	0.00709
Ohio	85,470	135	0.08	3.4	2.60	0.00179
Woodford	28,490	108	0.07	8.3	2.54	0.00933
Haynesville	23,310	70	0.08	2.8	2.60	0.00468
Fayetteville	23,310	52	0.06	6.5	2.54	0.00777
Utica	73,815	133	0.03	2.9	2.69	0.00476
New Albany	22,015	73	0.12	16.0	2.40	0.01592
Lewis	7,122	269	0.04	2.3	2.54	0.00420
Eagle Ford	19,425	65	0.10	4.4	2.60	0.00601

Data Sources: Hill and Nelson, 2000; Curtis, 2002; Nuttall et al., 2005; Braithwaite, 2009; DOE-NETL, 2010; Roth, 2010; Strapoc et al., 2010; Bruner and Smosna, 2011; EIA, 2011; Kulkarni, 2011; Lahann et al., 2011; NY-DEC, 2011; Walls and Sinclair, 2011; Chalmers et al., 2012; Curtis et al., 2012; Jarvie, 2012; Clarkson et al., 2013b; Gasparik et al., 2013; Liu et al., 2013; Ruppert et al., 2013; Yu and Sepehrnoori, 2014

Gross thickness, Total Porosity, TOC-content, and Shale Density values are averages based on 3-7 values reported in peer-reviewed literature.



Estimating CO₂ Storage Efficiency of Organic-rich Shales

Probability (p) values: fractions representing the percentage of each parameter that will be utilized for CO₂ storage

P-values must account for several different storage scenarios

P-ranges are calculated stochastically to produce E_{free} and E_{sorbed} values

High and Low P-values Assigned to Efficiency Parameters

Parameter	Symbol	P ₁₀ (low)	P ₉₀ (high)
Geologic	$E_{\text{An/At}}$	<i>hydraulically stimulated vs unstimulated shale volumes</i>	
	$E_{\text{hn/hg}}$		
	$E_{\text{φe/φt}}$	<i>gas porosimetry, SANS/USANS*</i>	
	$E_{\text{Ce/Ct}}$	<i>Langmuir_{res} / Langmuir_{max}</i>	
Displacement	E_{V}	<i>injection-well scenarios / infrastructure</i>	
	E_{d}		

GoldSim v. 11 (GoldSim Technology Group, 2013), Monte Carlo simulation (10,000) & Log-Odds distribution

Shale Storage Efficiency Preliminary Results

Percentile:	P ₁₀ (low)	P ₅₀ (mid)	P ₉₀ (high)
E_{free}	<i>In progress</i>		
E_{sorbed}			

Values assigned based on professional expertise, experimental data, & model simulations (in-house & external):

Curtis, 2002; DOE-ICMI, 2012; Clarkson et al., 2012; Jarvie, 2012; Ruppert et al., 2013

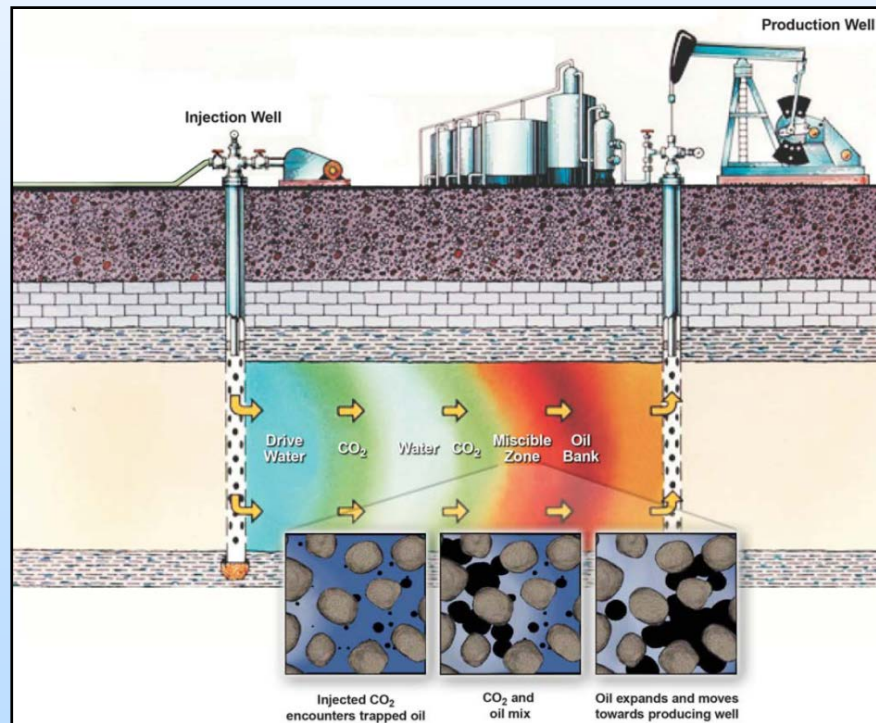


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- *CO₂ Storage Method Development for Oil and Gas Systems*

- *Team Members: Russell Johns, Nick Azzolina, Dave Nakles, Liwei Li, Saeid Khorsandi, Angela Goodman*



Refined Methodology

- Production-Based Equation

$$G_{CO2-production} = \frac{A_n \cdot h_n \cdot \phi_e (1 - S_{wi}) \rho_{CO2-standard\ conditions} \cdot E_{oil/gas}}{B_{oil}}$$

- Volumetric Equation

$$G_{CO2-reservoir\ volume\ displacement} = A_n \cdot h_n \cdot \phi_e [E_v \cdot E_d] \cdot \rho_{CO2-reservoir\ conditions}$$

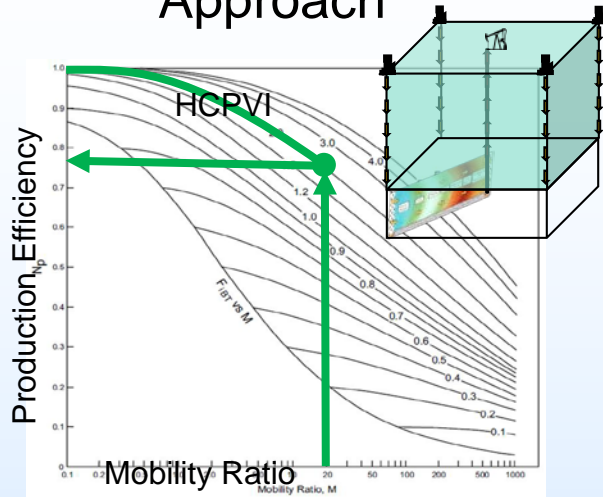
Approaches to Characterize $E_v \times E_d$

Three Approaches

1. Analytical modeling of continuous miscible CO₂ flood
2. Reservoir simulation and reduced order modeling of a next-generation CO₂-EOR scheme with high flood efficiency
3. Performance from a set of industry data with regression of those data to predict reservoir performance at higher HCPV CO₂ injection

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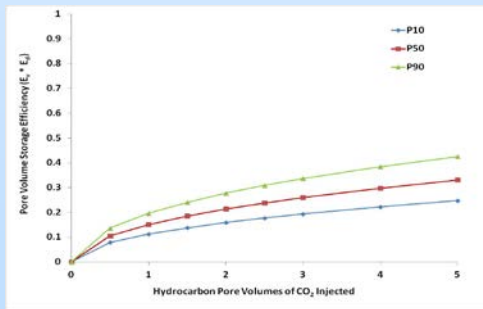
Koval/Claridge Approach



Monte Carlo Simulations varying:

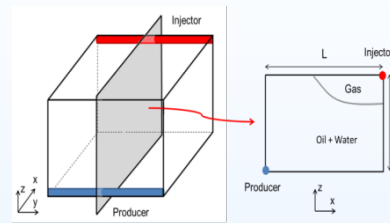
- Oil API Gravity
- Associated gas specific gravity
- Initial Oil Saturation
- Vertical Permeability
- Dykstra-Parsons Coefficient

CO₂ HPVI up to 5

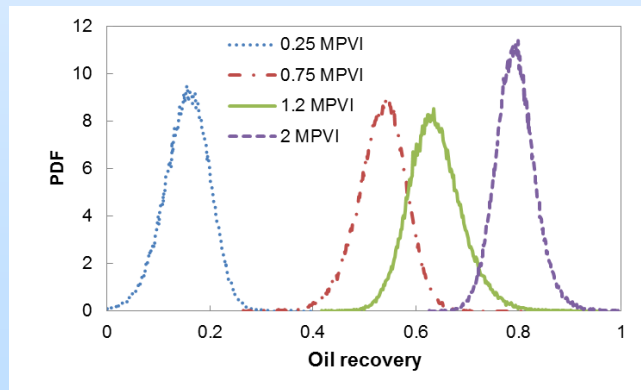


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Simulation of Gravity-Assisted Flood

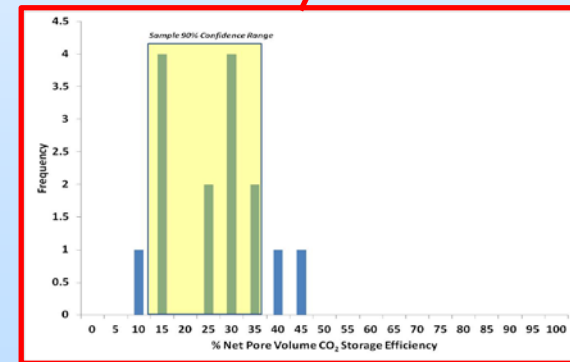
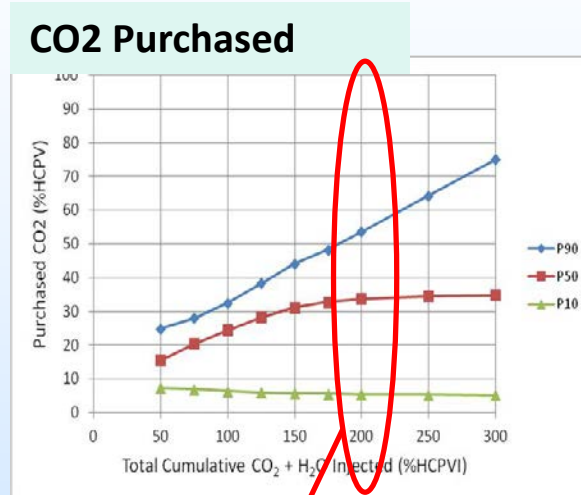


a reduced-order model (ROM) for continuous CO₂ flooding in heterogeneous oil reservoirs



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Projection from Production History in Real Fields



SOURCES: Claridge, E.L. Prediction of Recovery in Unstable Miscible Flooding. SPE Journal, 1972. 12(2): p. 143-155.; Shaw, J., Bachu, S. (2002) Screening, Evaluation, and Ranking of Oil Reserves Suitable for CO₂-Flood EOR and Carbon Dioxide Sequestration. J. Can. Pet. Technol., 41(9), 51-61. **Source:** Azzolina, N.A.; Nakles, D.V.; Gorecki, C.D.; Peck, W.D.; Pu, H.; Ayash, S.C.; Melzer, S. (2014) "Statistical Analysis of CO₂ EOR Production and Injection Data to Examine On-Going and Ultimate CO₂ EOR Incidental Storage." Manuscript submitted for publication. **SOURCE:** Li, Liwei , Khorsandi, Saied Johns, Russell T. Dilmore, R. **Reduced-Order Model for CO₂ Enhanced Oil Recovery and Storage Using a Gravity-Enhanced Process.** SPE-ATCE,

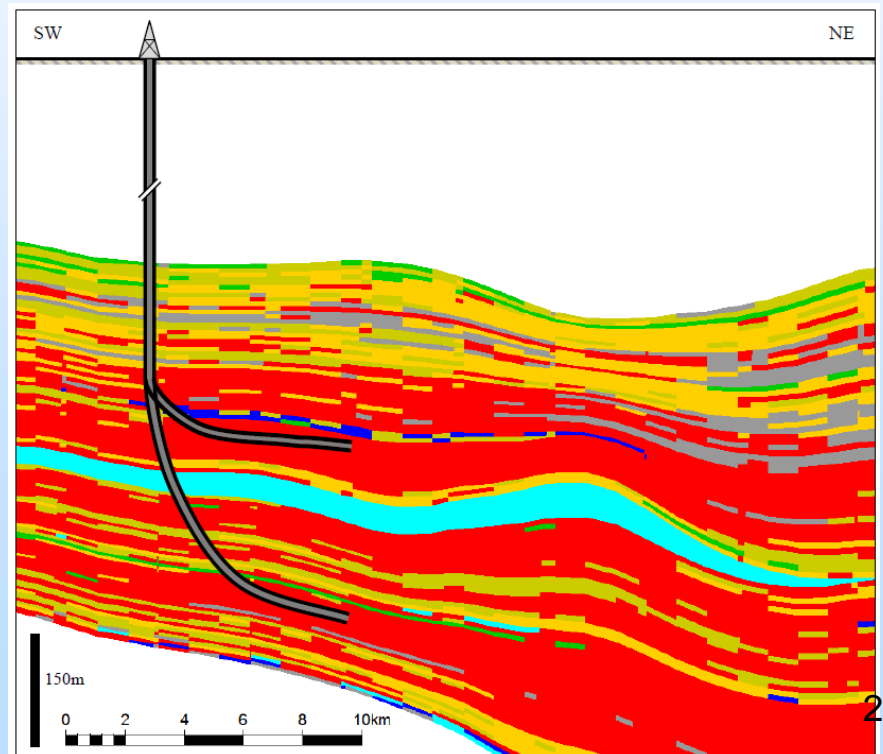


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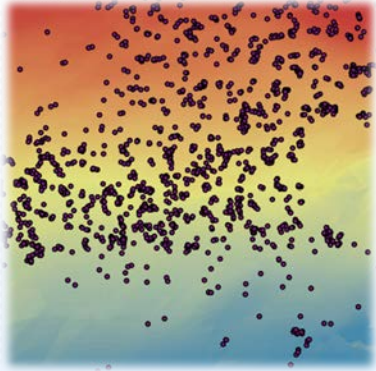
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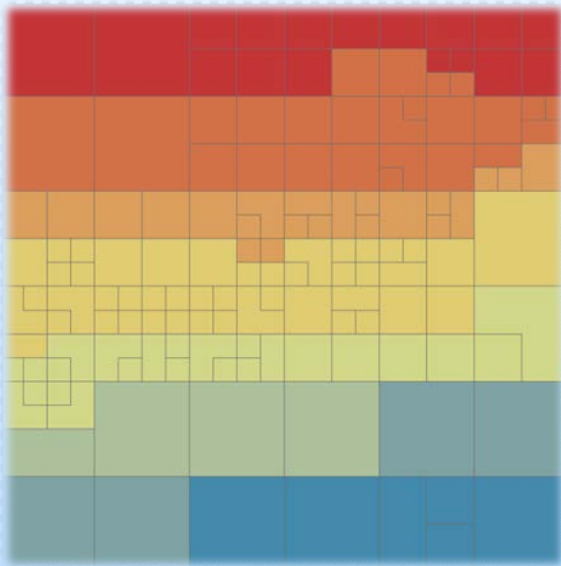


NETL's Variable Grid Method (VGM)

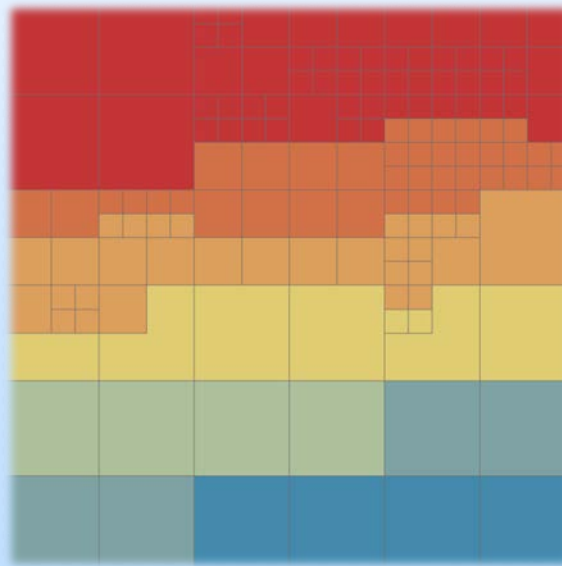


The VGM is a *flexible method* that allows for the communication of different data and uncertainty types, while still preserving the *overall spatial trends and patterns*

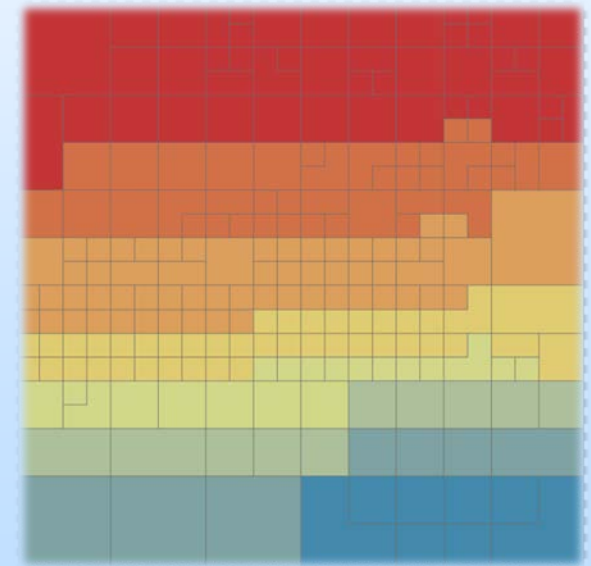
Point Density



Sample Variance



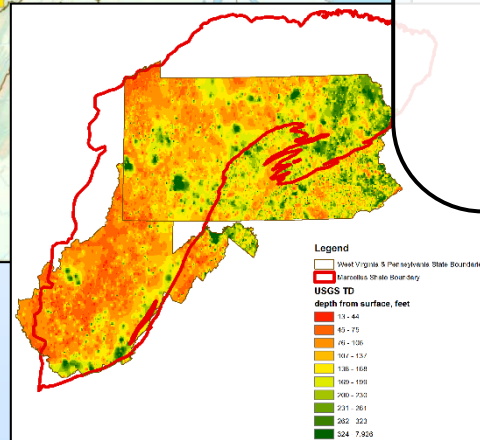
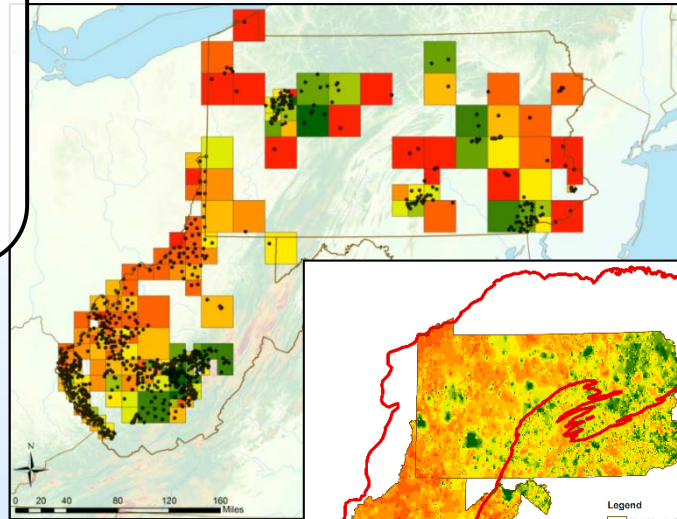
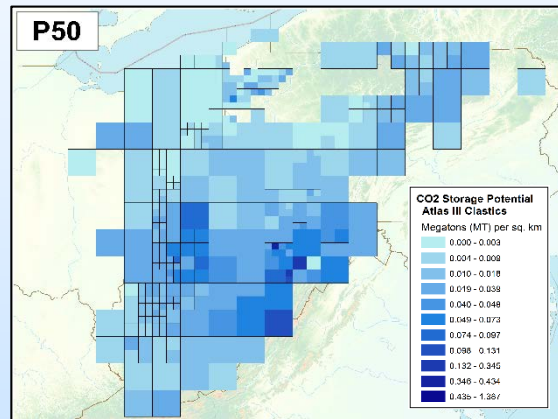
Kriging Standard Error



Applications of the VGM at NETL

CO₂ Storage Assessment *Oriskany Formation*

New approach for defining spatial uncertainty & trends for CO₂ Storage estimates



Unconventional Resource Risk Assessments

Estimating the depth to the base of groundwater to evaluate risks of groundwater contamination

NETL VGM approach can be used to address questions such as:

- Resources evaluation
- Impact assessments
- Identifying Knowledge Gaps
- Understanding trends in the data
- Calculating Project Feasibility



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Useful Links:

VGM Technology Sheet:

<http://www.netl.doe.gov/File%20Library/Business/patents/PON-14-016-variable-grid-method.pdf>

VGM Technology Video:

<http://youtu.be/9vLa1HM1IKY>

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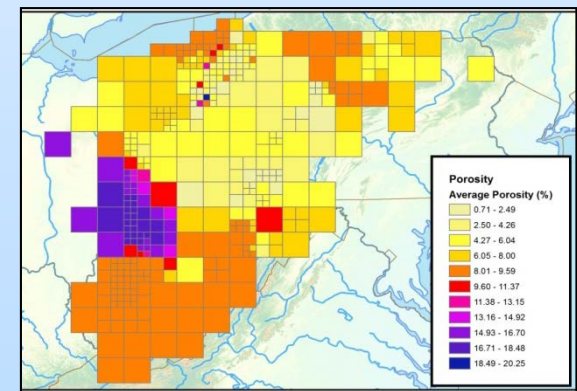
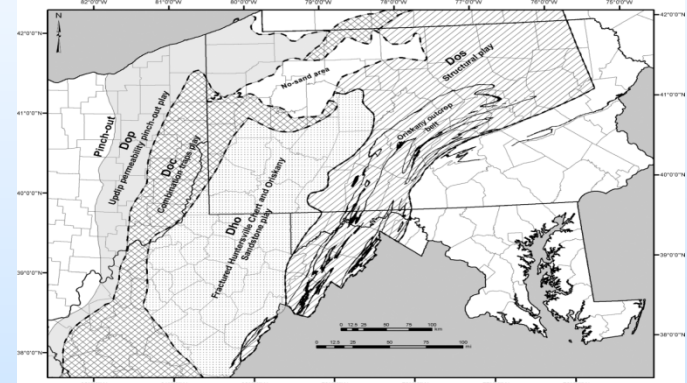
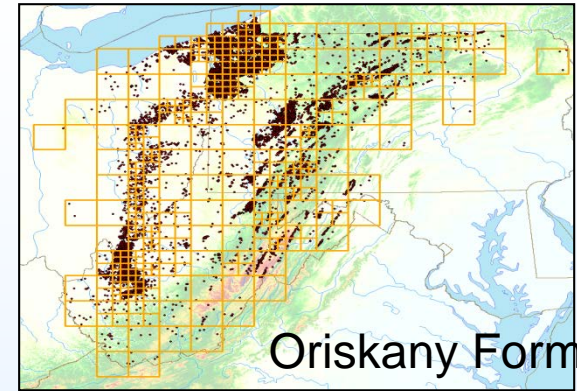
Notes

A U.S. provisional patent application was filed February 12, 2014 (61/938,862)

New Geospatial Approach for CO₂ Storage Assessment

Developing new geospatial analysis approach to characterize, interpret, and display subsurface geologic characteristics to provide detailed inputs needed for assessing **Prospective CO₂ Resource Storage Estimates**.

					Clastics		
					P10	P50	P90
Ea/a	Eh/h	Ephi/phi	EV	Ed	0.5%	2.0%	5.4%
	Eh/h	Ephi/phi	EV	Ed	1.6%	4.4%	9.5%
		Ephi/phi	EV	Ed	5.2%	9.9%	17.2%
			EV	Ed	7.4%	14.1%	24.1%
					Dolomite		
					P10	P50	P90
Ea/a	Eh/h	Ephi/phi	EV	Ed	0.7%	2.2%	5.4%
	Eh/h	Ephi/phi	EV	Ed	2.0%	5.0%	9.1%
		Ephi/phi	EV	Ed	9.3%	12.7%	16.9%
			EV	Ed	15.7%	20.6%	26.3%
					Limestone		
					P10	P50	P90
Ea/a	Eh/h	Ephi/phi	EV	Ed	0.4%	1.5%	4.0%
	Eh/h	Ephi/phi	EV	Ed	1.3%	3.4%	6.9%
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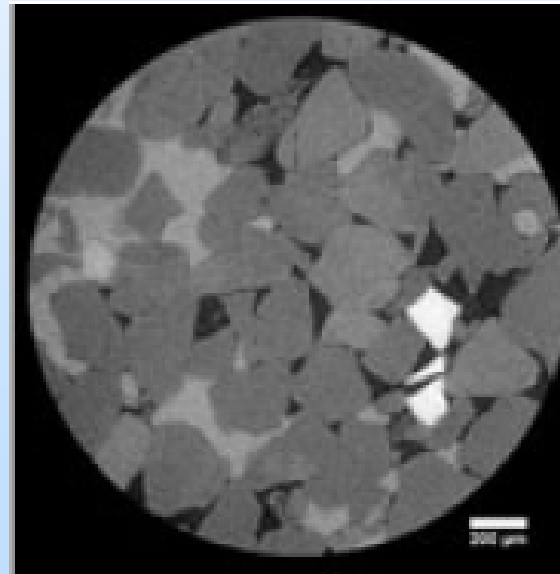
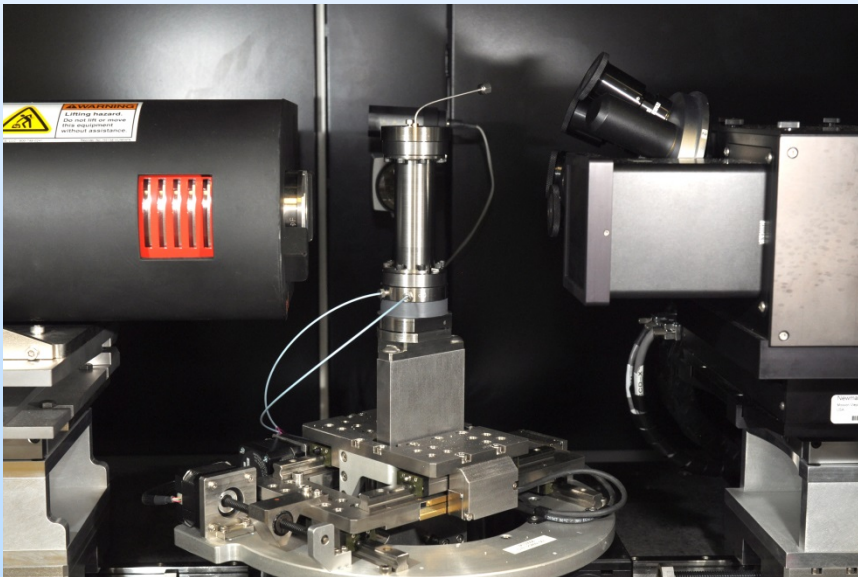


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 - *Team Members: Dustin McIntyre and Angela Goodman*

High Resolution CT Imaging

- Image resolution <5 micron
- Custom X-ray scannable Hassler style core holder
- Pressure and temperature control of confining pressure
- Injection fluid pressure and temperature control
- Micro-displacement efficiency measurement
- Vary brine composition
- Initial saturation composition (Oil/brine/mixed)



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- **Geospatial Data Management**
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 - *Geodatabase Development in Support of Geologic Storage Research (EDX)*

Atlas Development and NATCARB

How-to use www.NatcarbViewer.org

The screenshot shows the NatCarb website interface with several callouts pointing to specific features:

- Application Themes**: Points to the top navigation bar containing 'RCSP', 'ATLAS', 'Field Projects', 'WCCUS', 'Brine', and 'USGS'.
- Search EDX Documents**: Points to the 'EDX Document Search' input field.
- Upload & Download Data**: Points to the icons for data upload and download.
- Basemaps**: Points to the 'Basemaps' dropdown menu.
- Navigation**: Points to the map navigation controls (home, zoom in, zoom out, etc.).
- Log & 3D Viewers**: Points to the 'Log' and '3D' icons in the top right.
- Layers & Query Results**: Points to the 'Layers' and 'Query Results' panels on the right side of the map.

At the bottom of the map area, there is a numbered list of application themes:

- 1 RCSP
- 2 ATLAS
- 3 Field Projects
- 4 WCCUS
- 5 Brine
- 6 USGS

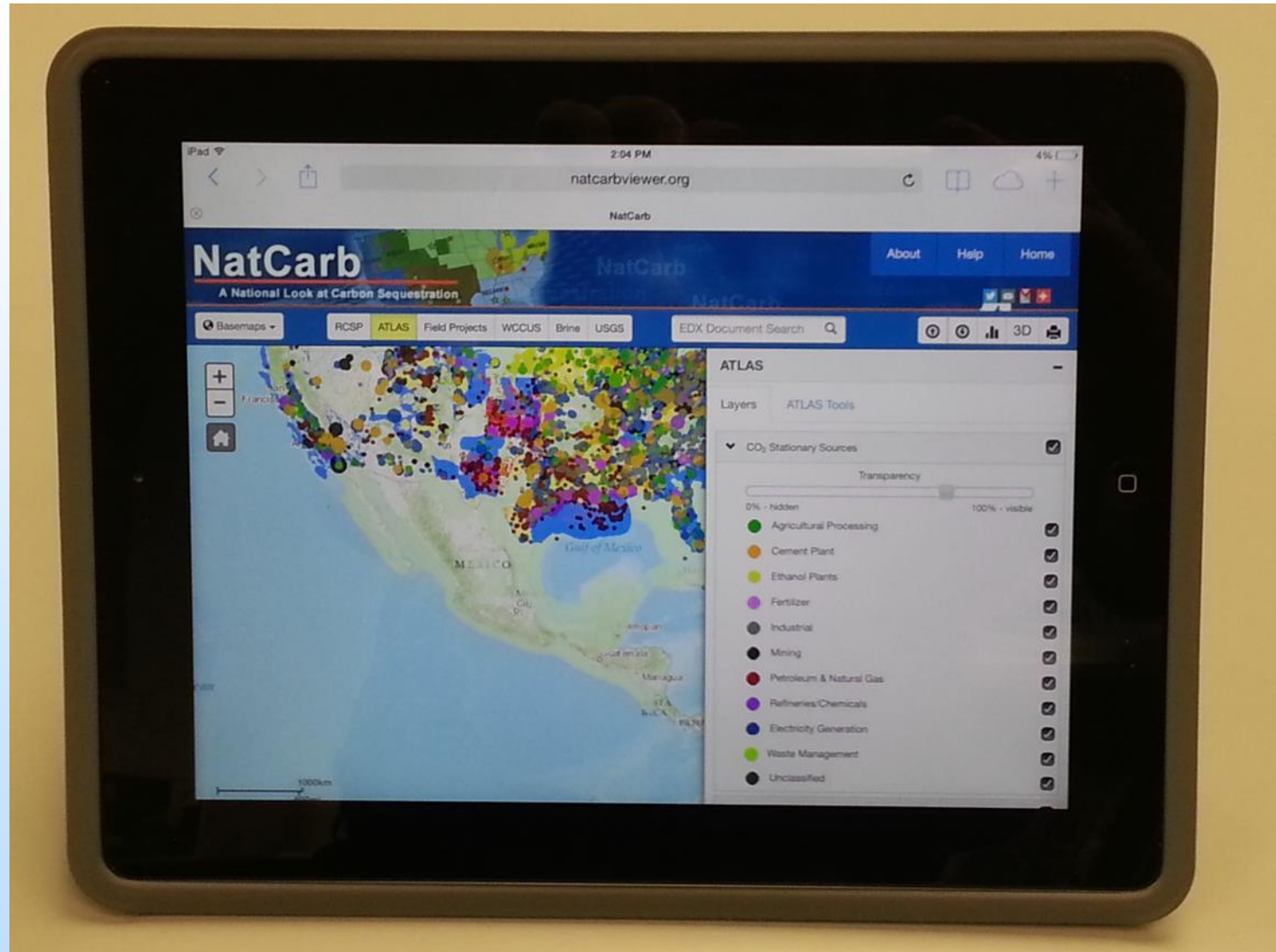
Below the list, it says: "See back cover for summary of NatCarb application themes".

Highlighted Features

The highlighted features are presented in three panels:

- Brine Database**: Includes a map titled "Brine database overview" and a "Box Plot" chart. The text says "Visualize Brine Plots".
- Log Viewer**: Shows a "Sample Log" with multiple vertical data plots. The text says "Visualize las well log files".
- 3D Viewer**: Shows a 3D visualization of carbon sequestration potential and CO₂ emission. The text says "3D view of carbon sequestration potential and CO₂ emission".

Atlas Development and NATCARB





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LATEST DATASETS

[Mixture Propane-Decane Density Data at HTTP](#)

Experimental binary mixture density data for propane (C3) with decane (C10) are reported at temperatures from 320 to 525 K and pressures to 265 MPa. These data extend the literature density database for C3-C10 binary mixtures ...

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- **Online** tool to **disseminate** data, information, and results from **DOE's Fossil Energy** intramural **research** portfolios

<https://edx.netl.doe.gov/>

Accomplishments to Date

- Draft of new methodology for accessing storage potential in organic-rich shale
- Draft of new methodology for accessing storage potential in conventional oil reservoirs
- Development of the VGM flexible method that allows for the communication of different data and uncertainty types, while still preserving the overall spatial trends and patterns
- DEVELOP A NEW VIEWER FOR NATCARB
- EDX DEVELOPMENT- COORDINATION AND COLLOBORATION TOOL --- Online tool to disseminate data, information, and results from DOE's Fossil Energy intramural research portfolios

Summary

- Key Findings
- Resource Assessments
 - Develop a Defensible DOE Methodology for Regional Assessments
- Geospatial Data Management (EDX and NATCARB)
 - Develop and maintain geospatial platforms that support research and assessment and that facilitate preservation and transfer of data (EDX and NATCARB)
- Future Plans
 - Develop Defensible DOE Methodology for Regional Assessments
 - Expand to Include Stochastic Approach for Key Parameters
 - Expand Methodology to Include Geospatially Variable Key Parameters
 - EDX and NATCARB : Develop and maintain geospatial platforms that support research and assessment and that facilitate preservation and transfer of data

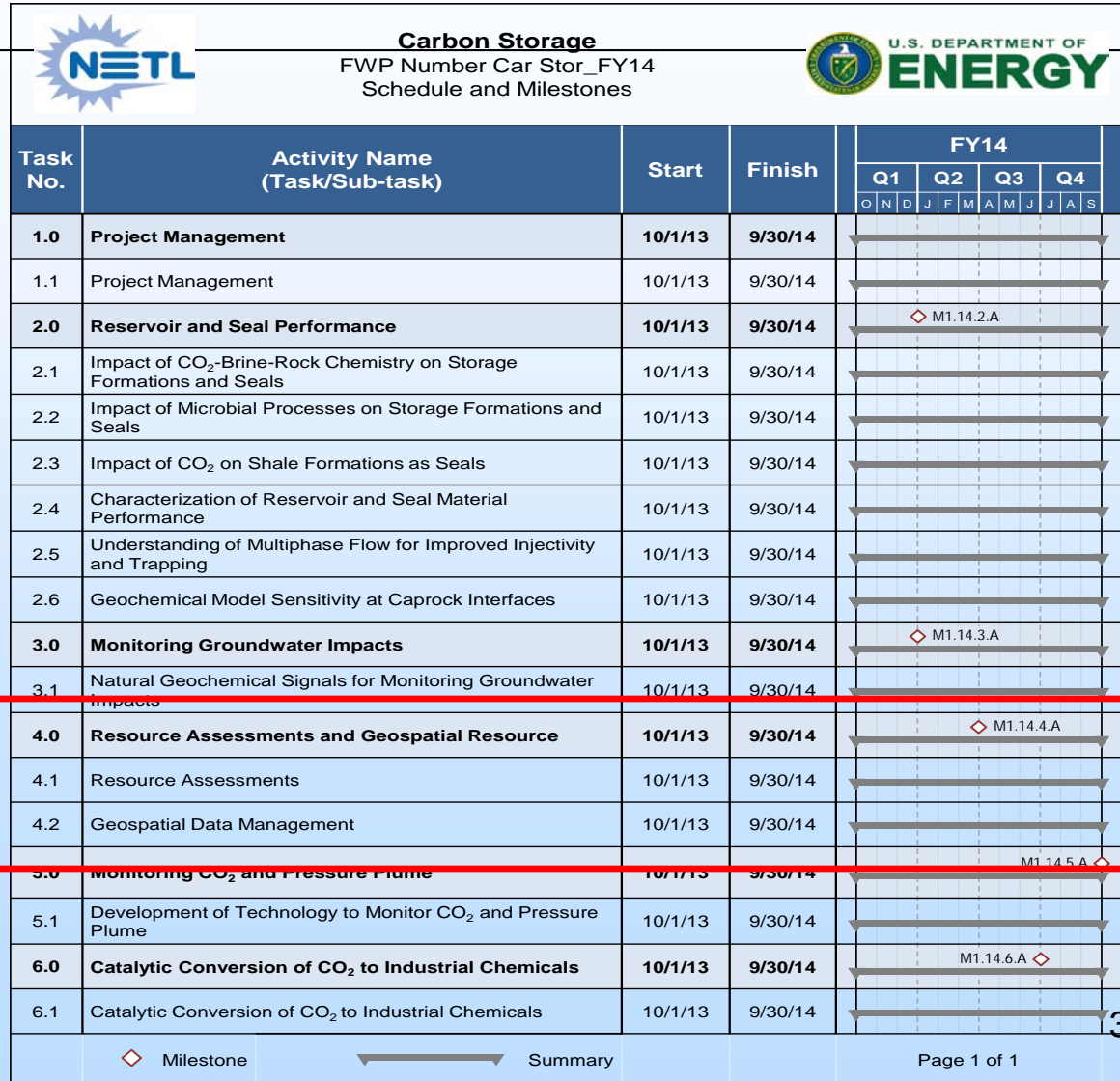
Appendix

Organization Chart

- **Task 4.0 Resource Assessments and Geospatial Resources**
 - Subtask 4.1 Resource Assessments (TTC: Goodman)
 - *Sub-subtask 4.1.1 Methodology for Assessment of Unconventional Systems (Goodman, NETL)*
 - *Sub-subtask 4.1.2 Methodology for Assessment of Oil and Gas Systems (Dilmore, NETL; Johns, PSU)*
 - *Sub-subtask 4.1.3 Methodology for Assessment of Saline Systems (Goodman & Rose, NETL)*
 - *Sub-subtask 4.1.4 Experimental Measurement of Microscopic Displacement Efficiency in Geologic System (McIntyre & Goodman, NETL)*
- **Subtask 4.2 Geospatial Data Management (TTC: Soeder 4.2.1/Rose 4.2.2)**
 - *Sub-subtask 4.2.1 Atlas Development and NATCARB (TTC: Soeder)*
 - Sub-sub-subtask 4.2.1.1 NATCARB Database and Viewer Development (Carr, WVU)
 - Sub-sub-subtask 4.2.1.2 Update the Carbon Storage Atlas of the United States and the North American Carbon Atlas (Soeder, NETL)
 - *Sub-subtask 4.2.2 Geodatabase Development in Support of Geologic Storage Research (Rose, NETL)*
 - Sub-sub-subtask 4.2.2.2 Evaluation and if Appropriate Development of an ORD CO₂ Storage Program EDX Portfolio
 - Sub-sub-subtask 4.2.2.3 EDX operations support for collaborative workspace development for CO₂ Storage intramural and extramural projects as requested. To create a collaborative workspace the administrator of the space is required to have a contr.netl.doe.gov or .netl.doe.gov email address however members approved by the workspace administrator with valid EDX accounts can be from outside entities. Thus, EDXsupport@netl.doe.gov will be on hand to support the development, maintenance and improvement of these spaces in support of CO₂ Storage R&D in FY14.
 - Sub-sub-subtask 4.2.2.4 Additional support by the EDX Team for key development and potential integration with outside partners (e.g., PNNL GS3 system) will be supported in FY14 but will be limited by the amount of funding available versus the level of support and development required on a request-by-request basis.

Milestone Identifier	Title	Planned Date	Verification Method
Task 4.0 Resource Assessments and Geospatial Resources			
M1.14.4.A	Provide draft methodology products for oil and gas formations.	03/30/14	Draft report

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