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# FECM Carbon Storage Program

## New Directions

August 4, 2021



Legend:

- Light Rare Earth Elements
- Heavy Rare Earth Elements
- Critical Rare Earth Elements
- Critical Minerals



# FECM Priorities

*Point source carbon capture and reliable storage (CCS), as well as CO<sub>2</sub> removal to address our hardest to decarbonize sectors, are essential to meeting our climate goals.*

## Combating the Climate Crisis

There is no greater challenge facing our nation and our planet than the climate crisis.

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## Creating Clean Energy Union Jobs

Revitalize the U.S. energy and manufacturing sectors and create millions of good-paying union jobs.

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## Promoting Energy Justice

The clean energy revolution must make sure those who have suffered the most are the first to benefit.

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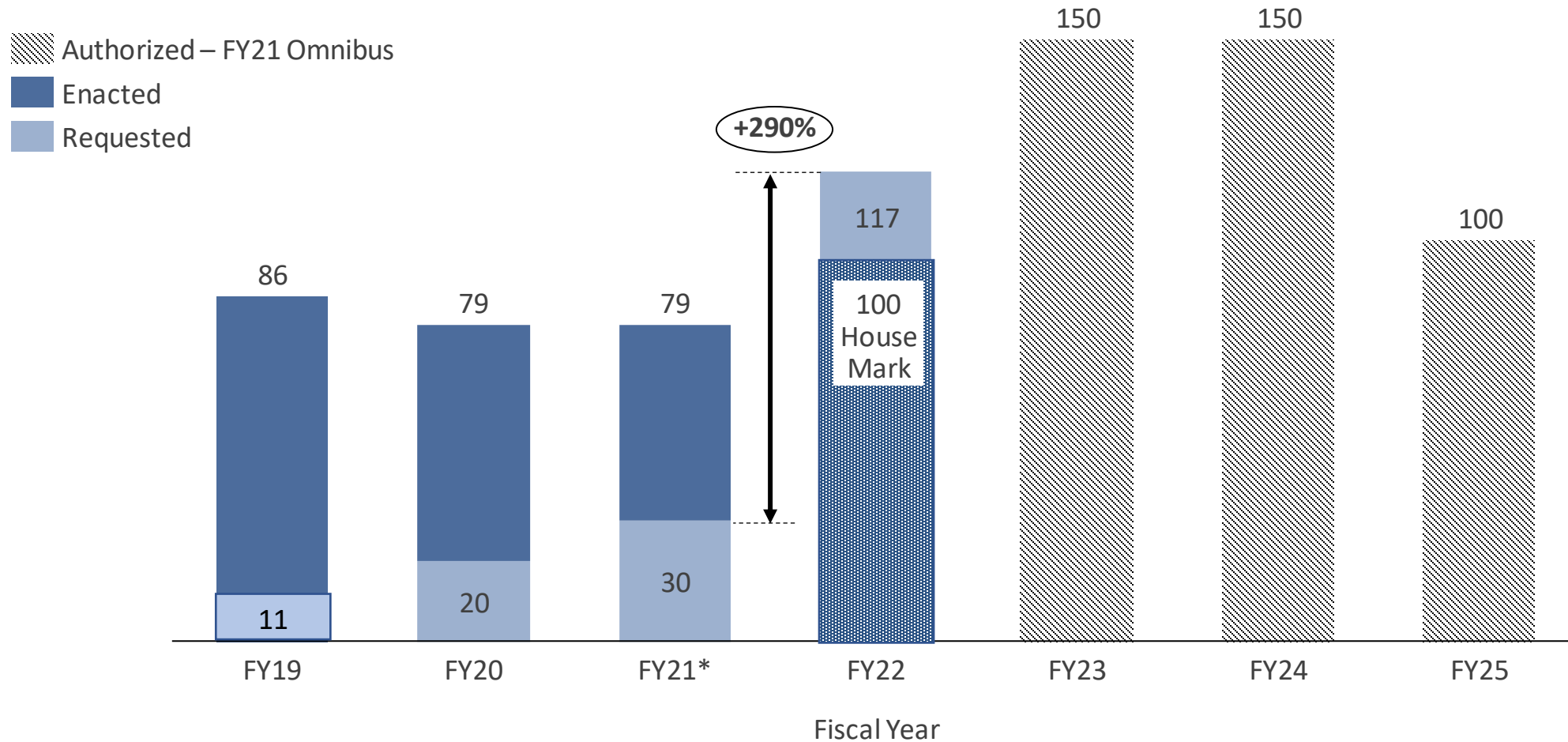


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# Carbon Storage Program Appropriation (\$ in MM)



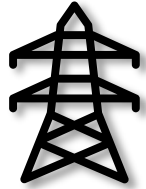
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\*Carbon utilization funding separated from carbon storage in FY21.



# Iterative Process towards Deployment

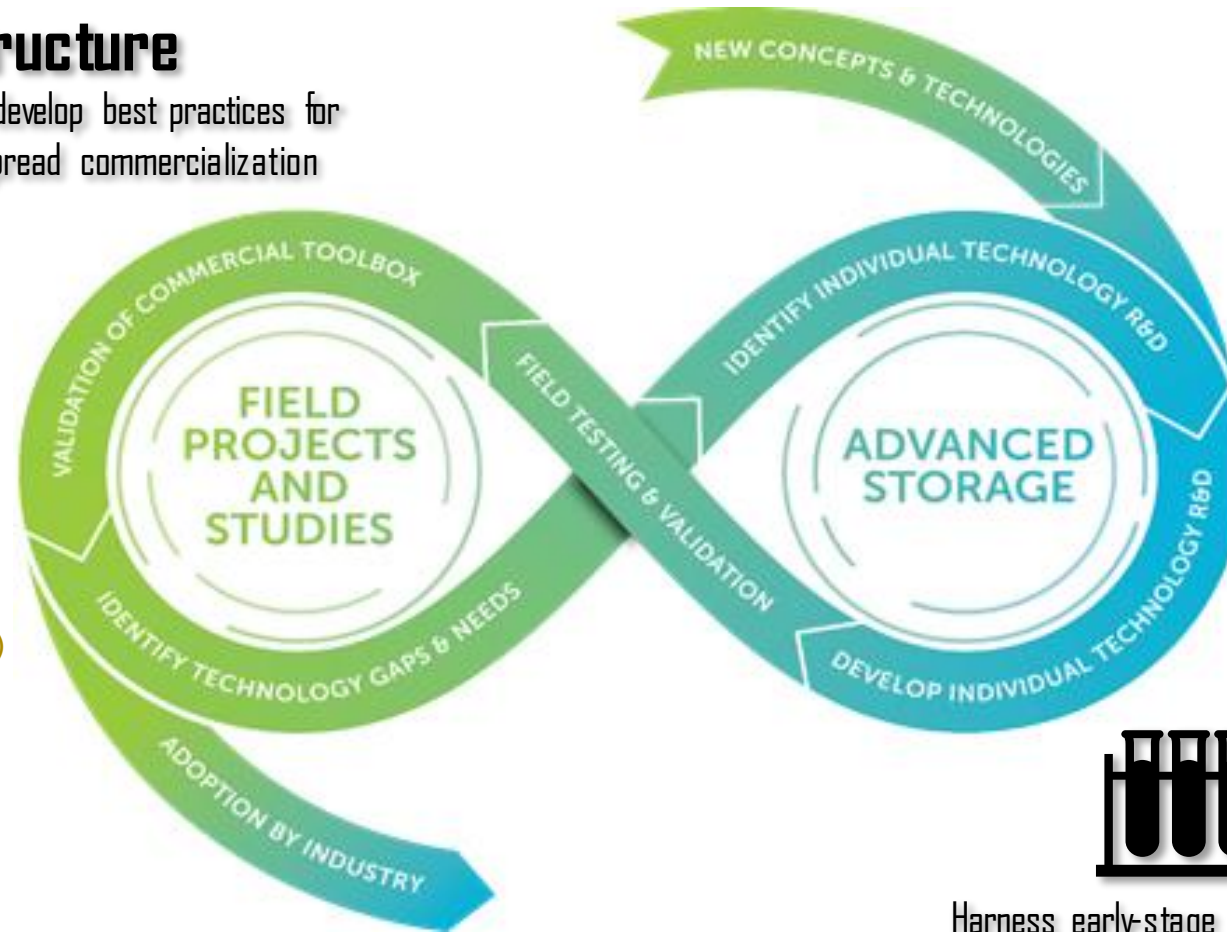


## Storage Infrastructure

Large-scale field projects to develop best practices for industry and facilitate wide-spread commercialization

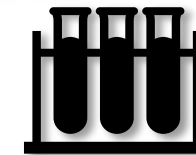
### Storage Infrastructure Focus

- CarbonSAFE
- Regional Initiatives
- Offshore Storage
- Brine Extraction Strategy Test (BEST)
- Associated Storage (CO<sub>2</sub> EOR)



### Advanced Storage Focus

- Well Integrity and mitigation
- Monitoring, verification, and accounting
- Storage complex efficiency and security
- SMART: **S**cience-Informed **M**achine Learning for **A**ccelerating **R**eal Time Decisions
- NRAP: National Risk Assessment Partnership



## Advanced Storage

Harness early-stage storage concepts to technology demonstration

# Carbon Storage Field Activity Progression

**Setting the stage for deployment but many more projects needed to meet emission reduction targets**

## **Supporting field projects**

- Pressure and Water Management (BEST)
- CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and associated storage – leveraging existing infrastructure for dedicated storage; net negative oil.
- Offshore Storage

Regional Initiative  
Projects 2019 to  
present

CarbonSAFE  
2016 to present  
(50,000,000+ tons)

RCSP Phase 3  
(1,000,000s tons)  
(2008-2021)

RCSP Phase 2  
(100s-100,000s tons)  
(2006-2014)

RCSP Phase I  
(characterization) (2003-2005)



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# Vision of the Carbon Storage Program to Accelerate Storage Technologies and Deployment



Characterization Phase



Operating Phase



Post-Injection Phase

## Higher Performance

Ability to understand subsurface behavior prior to injection delivers *higher performance* from Day 1:

- Enable lifecycle and permitting through strong site selection
- **Identify state of stress and fault identification early in project life** to deliver higher performance

## Better Decisions

Ability to react proactively during operations allows for *better decisions*:

- Conduct history matching with ongoing injection and models
- Process **data real-time** to ensure operations remain in nominal status
- **Structure and automate processing of data** into learning models

## Greater Confidence

Ability to accurately predict, monitor, and de-risk post injection phase demonstrates *greater confidence*:

- Develop technologies to improve **plume detection and post-injection monitoring**
- Define fit-for-purpose permitting requirements as plume monitoring and confidence matures to improve business case



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# Storage Program Priority R&D

## **Subsurface stress**

- improved capability to forecast risk of induced seismicity & compromise of seal integrity

## **Wellbore integrity**

- Find & assess legacy wells and novel materials/techniques for remediation

## **Secure storage**

- Improve AZMI tools

## **Plume detection and storage efficiency**

- Locate plume margins & pressure increase; improve use of pore space)

## **Site characterization**

- Map reservoir & seal heterogeneities and deep faults

## **Regional resource estimates**

- filling the data gaps & realistic basin-scale storage estimates)

## **Transformational sensing**

- Micro/nano and optical fiber sensing capabilities; wireless power/telemetry systems; edge computing to enable intelligent monitoring systems



# FOA2401 - Emerging CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Technologies: Optimizing Performance Through Minimization of Seismicity Risks and Monitoring Caprock Integrity

## AOI 1: Fault Detection, Characterization, and Hazard Assessment

Focused on developing new characterization methods for providing high-fidelity data on faults, fault slip or potential fault slip, assessment of faults during active injection, criteria for cost-effective methods for assessing and choosing a site, and other related research

## AOI 2: Monitoring for CO<sub>2</sub> and Native Fluid Migration Through and Above Main Caprock Layers

Focused on the development of tools and/or methods that improve the detection and quantification of CO<sub>2</sub> and/or native fluids flow through the first main seal in the deep subsurface.

- **University of Houston** (Houston, Texas) – developing and testing cost-effective seismic data processing technologies including a system to automatically detect faults on 3D seismic migration images.
- **The New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology** (Socorro, New Mexico) – deploying a novel geochemical technology that uses drill cuttings and cores to locate faults and evaluate their effects on subsurface fluids system.
- **Battelle Memorial Institute** (Columbus, Ohio) – developing an acoustic emissions (AE)-based technique to predict the location and movement of CO<sub>2</sub> through a confining layer in a geologic carbon storage (GCS) system.
- **William Marsh Rice University** (Houston, Texas) – developing a new strategy for monitoring seal integrity which has the potential to provide a powerful platform for identifying CO<sub>2</sub> leakage through reactivated faults or fracture zones.



# National Labs Advancing Key Storage Technologies

## SNL

- Developing a wireless downhole power supply based on a thermopile concept

## PNNL

- Advancing a new class of acoustically responsive injectable contrast monitoring agents
- Developing an autonomous electrical resistivity tomography (ERT)-seismic inversion.
- Developing a regional geologic model of the basalts in northwestern US.

## LBL

- Permanent seismic imaging using surface orbital vibrators and distributed acoustic sensing (SOV-DAS)
- Developing high-sensitivity vector-optical sensors (HS-VOS) for deep reservoir monitoring
- Advancing joint electromagnetic (EM)-Seismic methods
- Evaluating the mechanical effects of CO<sub>2</sub> injection on a fault zone affecting a reservoir caprock (Mont Terri, Switzerland)

## LLNL

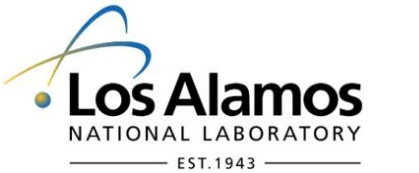
- Quantifying chemical alteration impacts on CO<sub>2</sub> injection and storage capacity in arkosic sandstone reservoirs.

## LANL

- Novel methods to detect small leaks over large areas
- Monitoring for faults at a critical state of stress



# National Risk Assessment Partnership

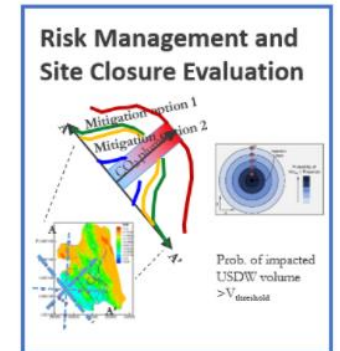
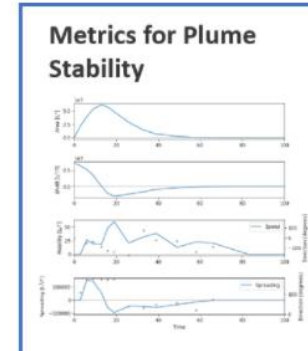
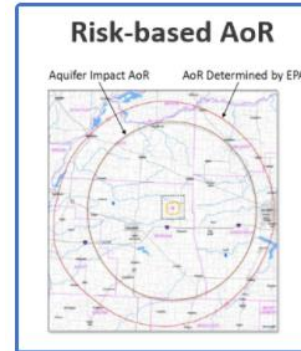


## NRAP Tools

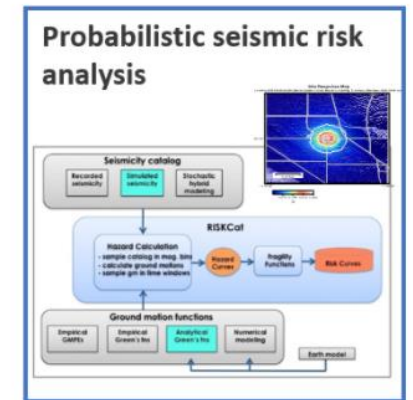
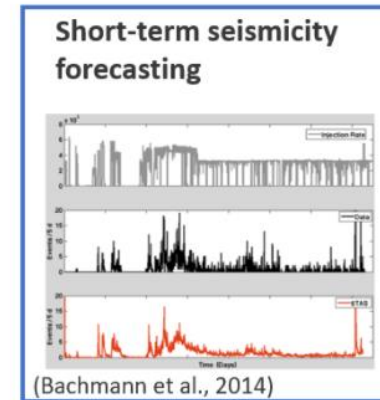
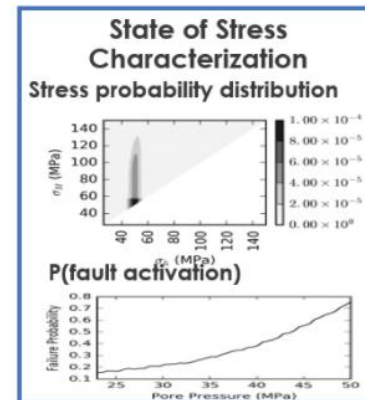
- Open-IAM
- DREAM 2.0
- PSMT
- SOSAT
- STSF
- RiskCat

NRAP is establishing workflows for:

Containment effectiveness and leakage risk



Induced Seismicity Risk



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# Science-informed Machine learning to Accelerate Real-Time decisions for carbon storage (SMART-CS)

*Transforming our understanding of the subsurface through...*



**Real-Time Visualization**  
"CT" for the Subsurface

Real-Time Visualization of key subsurface features and flows



**Rapid Prediction**  
Virtual Learning

Virtual Learning for rapid prediction of reservoir behavior



**Real-Time Forecasting**  
"Advanced Control Room"

Real-Time Forecasting of actively managed carbon storage systems

## Phase 1 Winners in SMART Visualization Platform Prize Challenge announced


- Red Volta Visualization Platform
- Subsurface XR
- GeoDeck
- RocVision

# Energy Data Exchange



Virtual library and data laboratory built to find, connect, curate, use and re-use data to advance fossil energy and environmental R&D


**Geocube** is a customizable web mapping application that connects users to data collections and resources spanning the subsurface to the surface via EDX



### Carbon Storage

The Carbon Storage Open Database is a collection of spatial data obtained from publicly available sources published by several NATCARB Partnerships and other organizations


Keywords: [ccs](#) [co2](#) [carbon storage](#) [coal](#) [gas natcarb](#) [oil](#) [saline](#) [sequestration](#) [sources](#)



### Global Oil and Gas Infrastructure

Geodatabase containing 4.8 million records demonstrating the global footprint of oil and natural gas infrastructure. Datasets were acquired from 700+ authoritative, open-access data resources and refined into a unified inventory of oil and gas data. Data is represented from all 193 United Nations Member States and their respective exclusive economic zones. Oil and gas infrastructure from Antarctica is included as well. This information was collected to build a data framework to more accurately estimate methane emissions from oil and gas infrastructure. Report summarizing methodology and preliminary findings available here: <https://edx.netl.doe.gov/dataset/development-of-an-open-global-oil-and-gas-infrastructure-inventory-and-geodatabase> Geodatabase available for download from the link below.


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### NATCARB Viewer 2.0

The National Carbon Sequestration Database (NATCARB) is an online collection of data layers describing carbon capture, use and storage (CCUS) potential across the United States. The NATCARB collection is a product of DOE Fossil Energy.

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### Offshore Gulf of Mexico

Spatial data acquired from credible sources and created using analytical methods for the Gulf of Mexico. This data contains information on public and industrial infrastructure, environment, and socio-economic factors. Much of this data was originally collected to measure the potential impacts of oil spills and has continued to build into a robust and wide-ranging geodatabase, available here (point to EDX).

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### Rare Earth Elements & Coal Open Database

The REE and Coal Open Database is an online collection of subsurface contextual data from publicly available geological, geochemical, and geospatial resources. These data align to and support execution of NETL's REE coal assessment method. The database includes basin- and national-level spatial datasets, in addition to other non-spatial data that support the assessment approach. Data in this collection are sourced from a range of authoritative, public sources, including NETL, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Energy Information Administration (EIA), and state geological surveys.

#### Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS), Illinois Basin - Decatur Project (IB...

Three geological models in Petrel (Mark of Schlumberger) and data output from shallow groundwater modeling using TOUGH Codes from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, included...

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#### Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS), Illinois Basin - Decatur Project (IB...

Data, analyses, and documentation from near-surface and subsurface monitoring at the IBDP site, including: downhole distributed temperature sensor monitoring from the CCS1...

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#### Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS), Illinois Basin - Decatur Project (IB...

During the Illinois Basin - Decatur Project (IBDP), there were three deep wells drilled: CCS1 (API 1211523415); VW1 (API 1211523460); and GM1 (API 1211523438). Well summary...

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#### Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS), Illinois Basin - Decatur Project (IB...

These data are intended to provide a GIS-based portrayal and spatial archival of the IBDP project wells and the distribution of near-surface monitoring and sampling...

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#### Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS), Illinois Basin - Decatur Project (IB...

Selected photos taken during the Illinois Basin - Decatur Project (IBDP).

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# International Collaborations - ACT

- ACT is an international initiative to facilitate RD&D and innovation within CCUS
- 16 countries, regions, and provinces are working together
- Members include funding agencies from: Alberta Province (Canada), Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Nordic Energy, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, and United States
- Second funding call in November 2019: 7 of 12 projects selected have U.S. involvement and funding
  - FE announced \$4 million in federal funding for national laboratories to collaborate with international partners on these seven projects
- Third funding call announced on June 2, 2020. In March 2021 36 proposals were received. 12 projects were notified of their selection. Expect to announce awards in October 2021.



[www.act-ccs.eu](http://www.act-ccs.eu)





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# Questions?



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\* Gas: Lanthanum, Cerium, Praseodymium, Neodymium, Europium, Gadolinium, Terbium, Dysprosium, Ytterbium, Lutetium. \*\* Excluded with rare earth elements.

