

# Carbon Capture Utilisation & Storage

## Reservoir Engineering Perspectives

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## Energy Transition

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Abatement Solutions  
& Strategies  
Financial Incentives  
& Support  
Market, Policy  
& Regulation

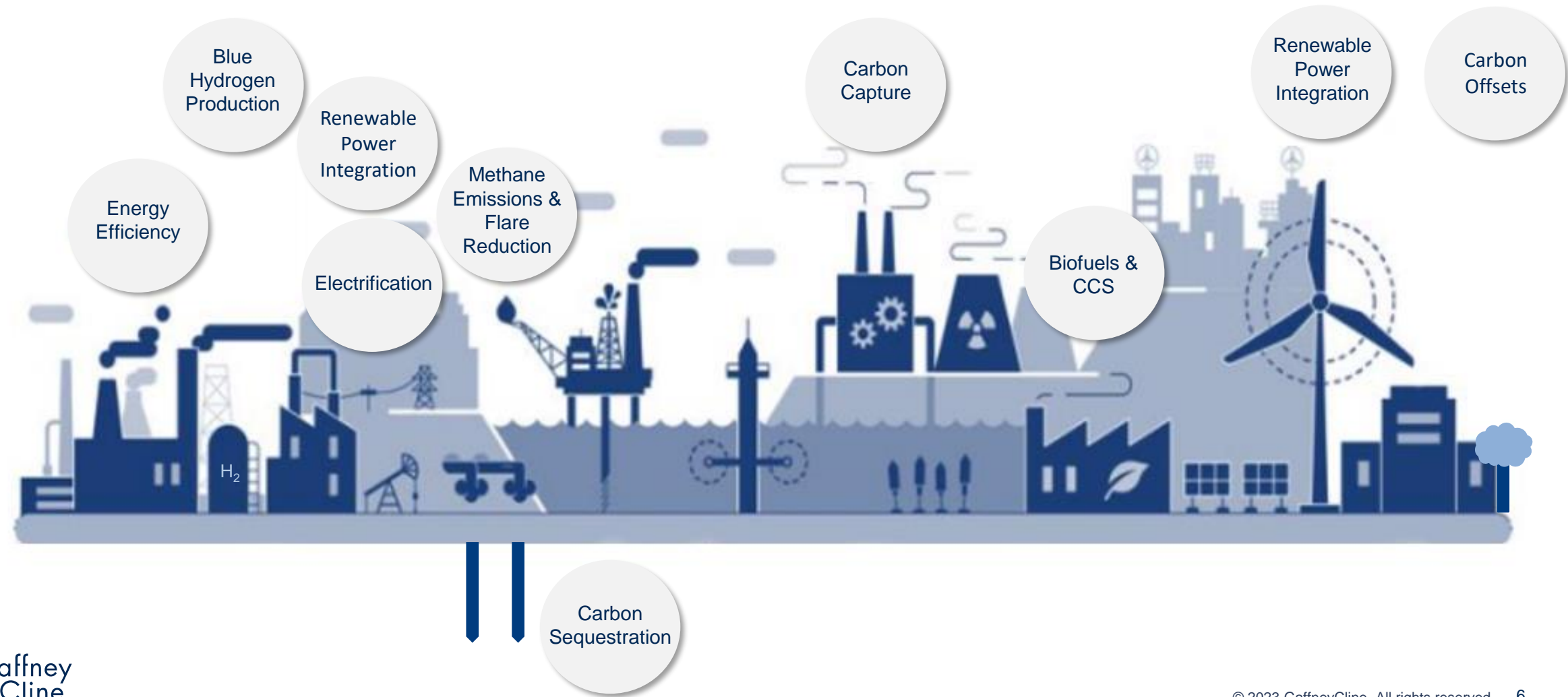


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Carbon Management

# CCS is an Essential Climate Technology to Reach Net Zero

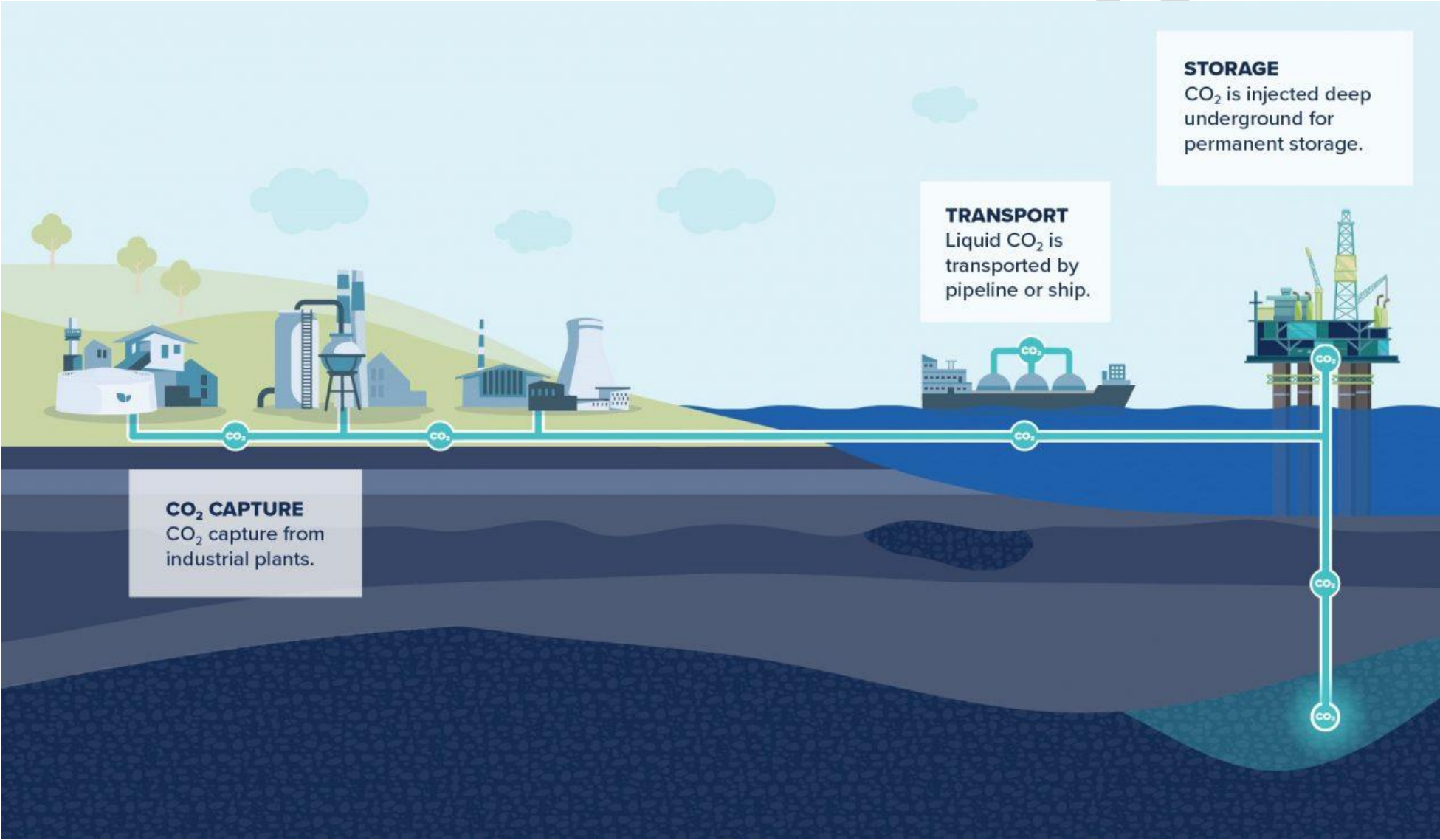
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## Overview

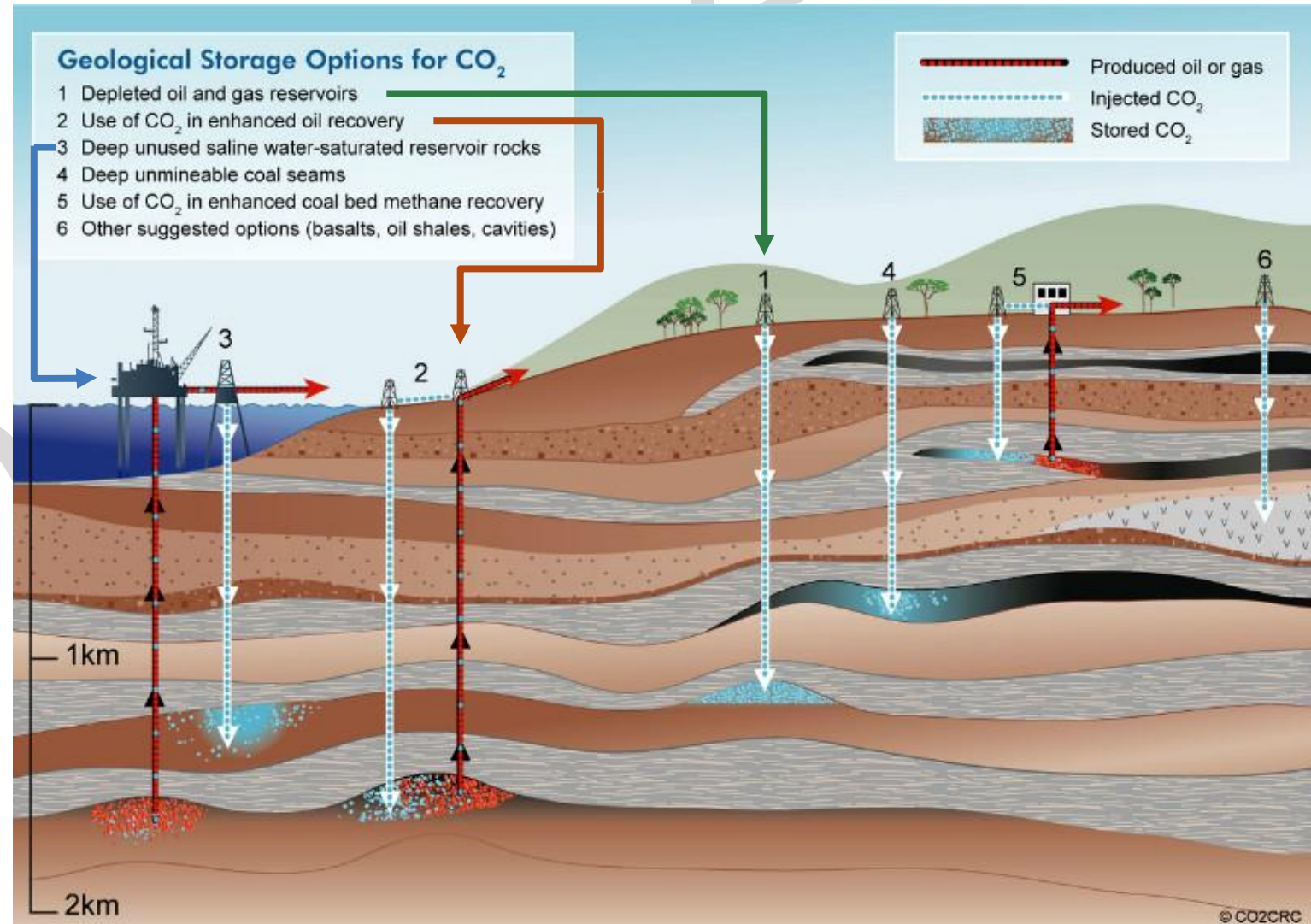
# Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)





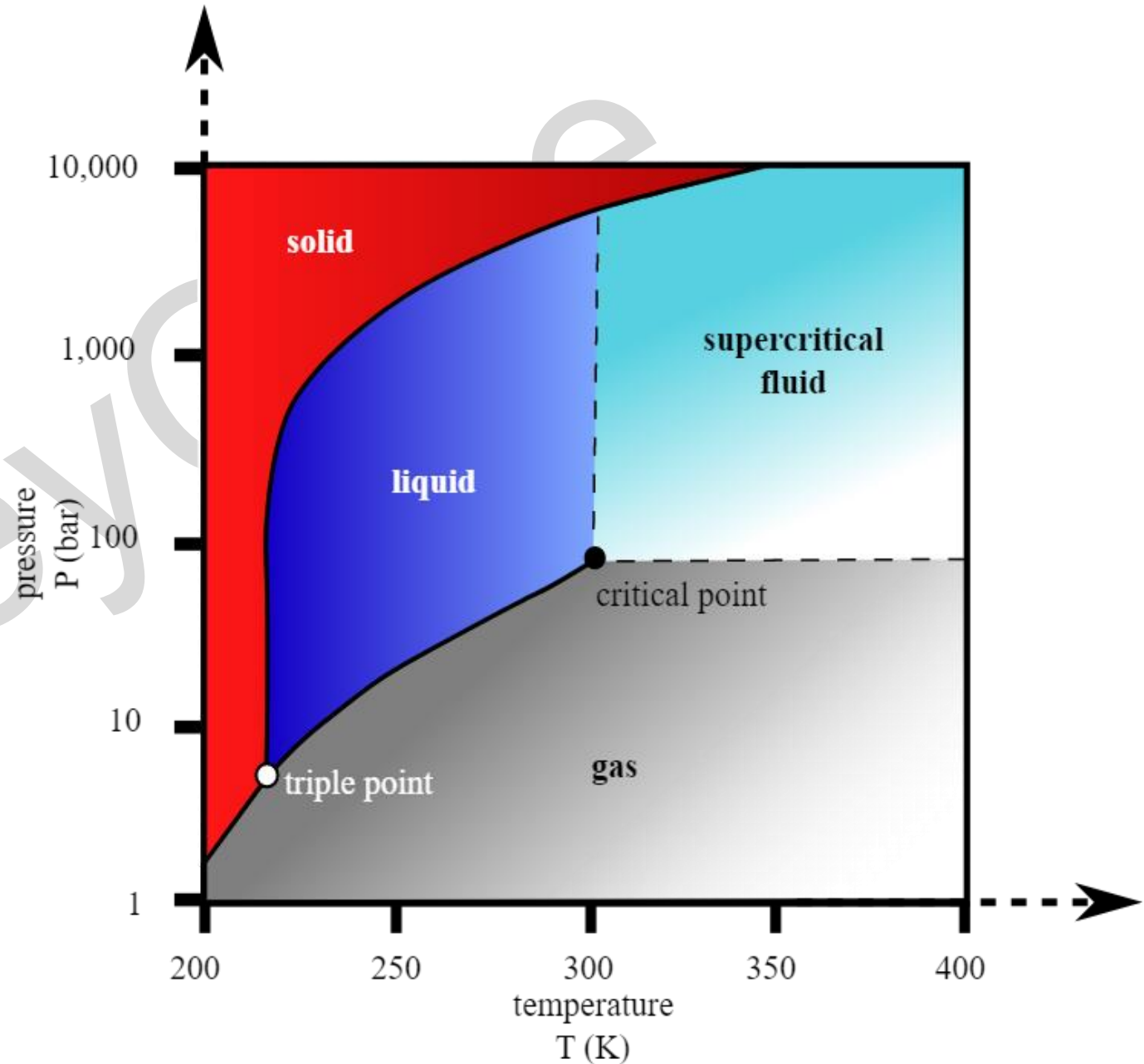
# Geological CO<sub>2</sub> Storage

- Main options
  - Deep saline aquifers
  - Depleted oil/gas reservoirs
- Differences in:
  - Storage mechanisms
  - Operational challenges
  - Data availability
  - Infrastructure
  - Timing
  - Risk



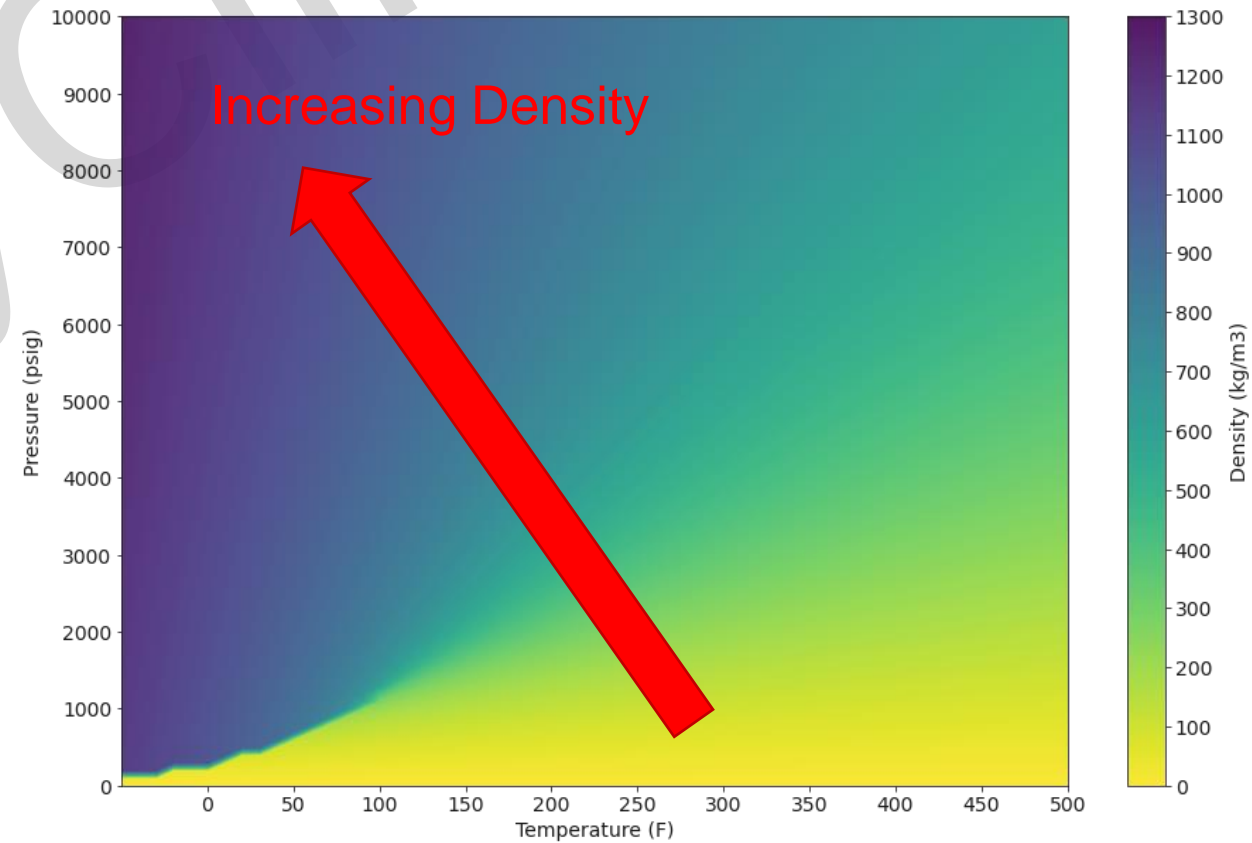
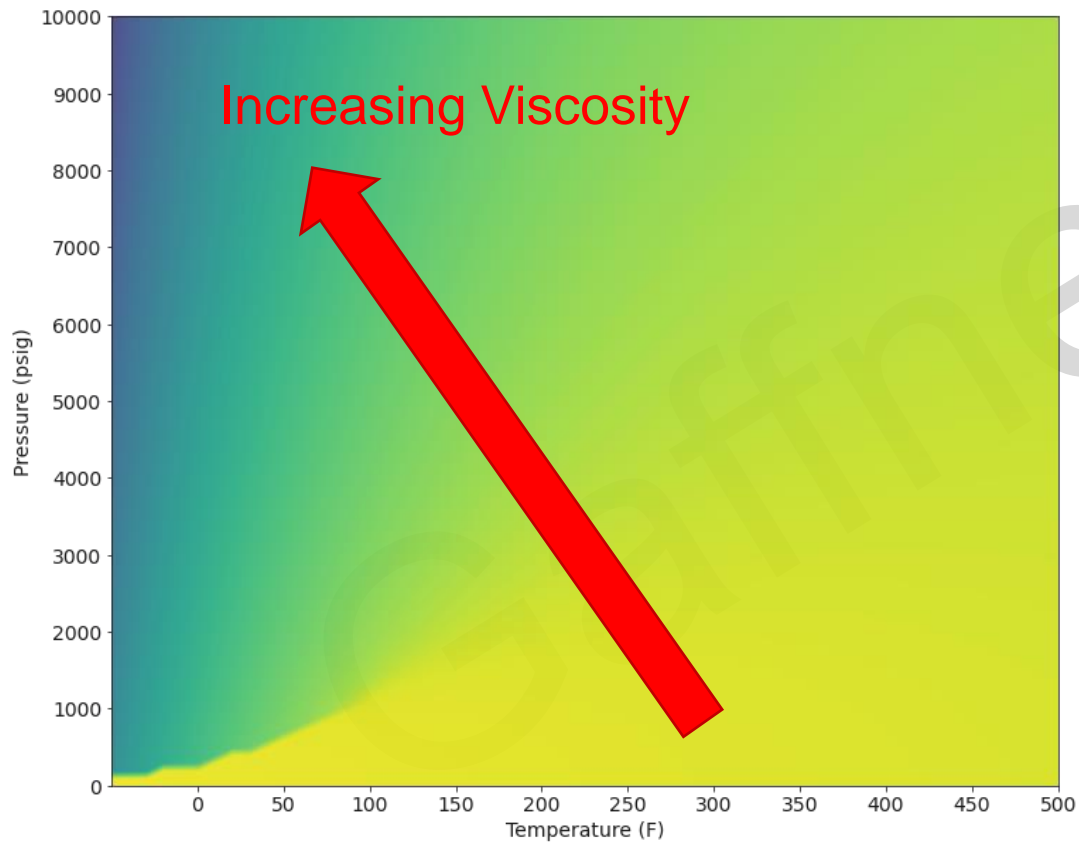
# CO<sub>2</sub> Phases

- Most literature emphasizes importance of supercritical state
  - Dense like liquid
  - Flows like gas
- Common screening criterion
  - 800 m rule



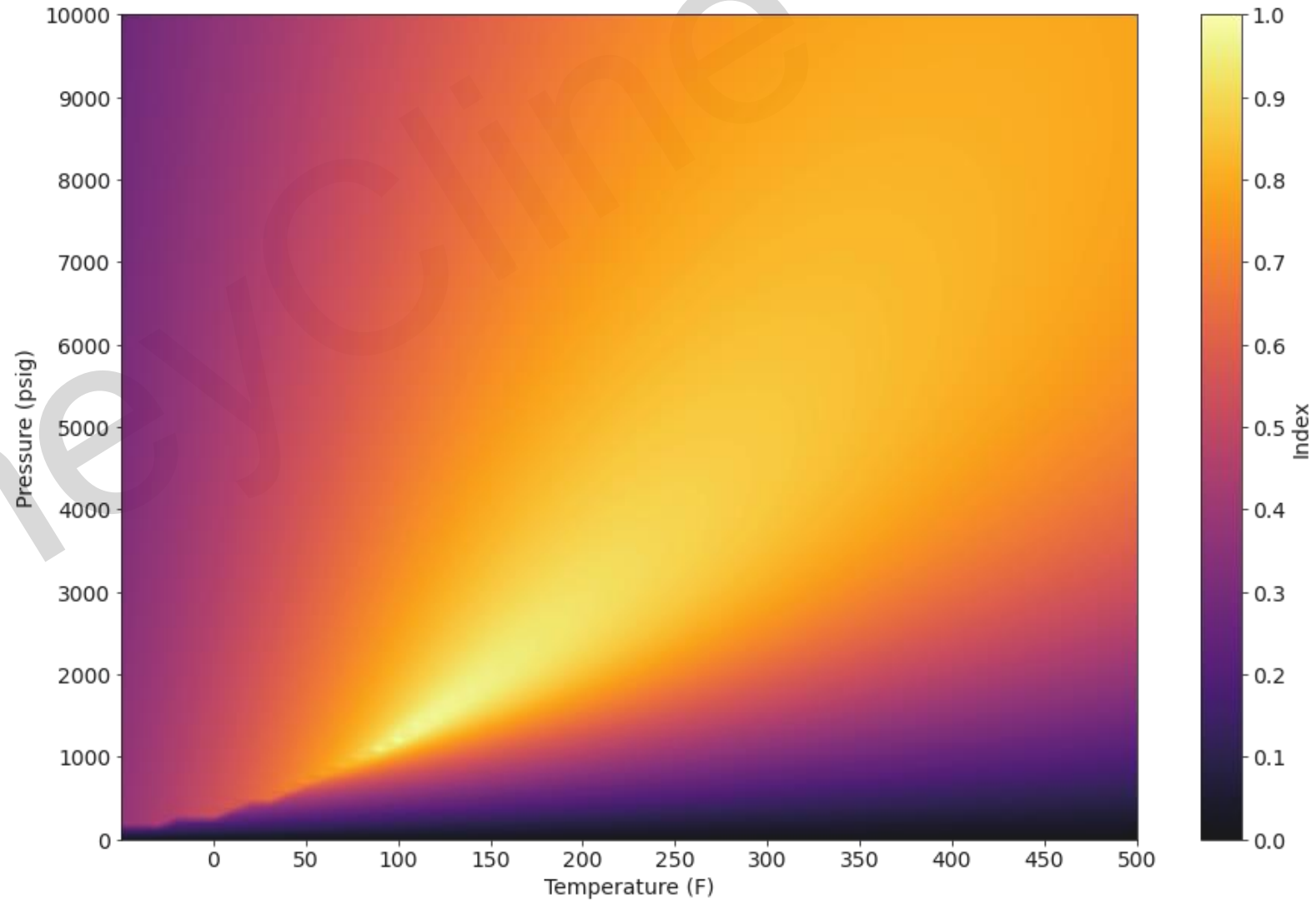
# CO<sub>2</sub> Density & Viscosity

- Conflicting trends

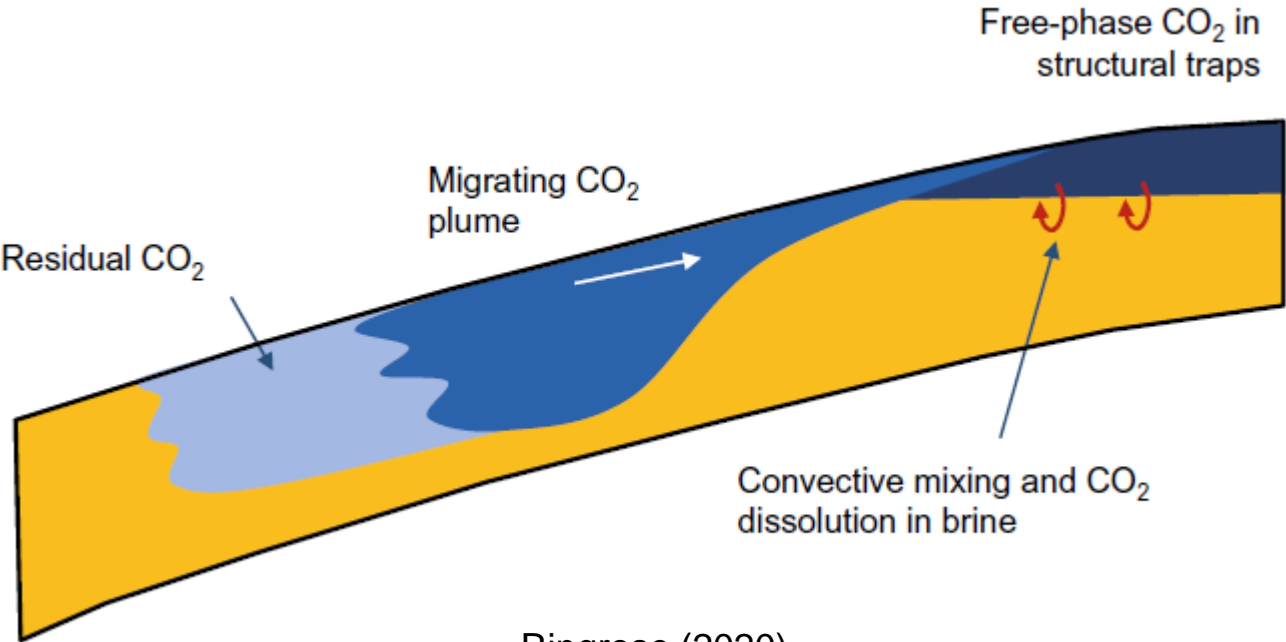


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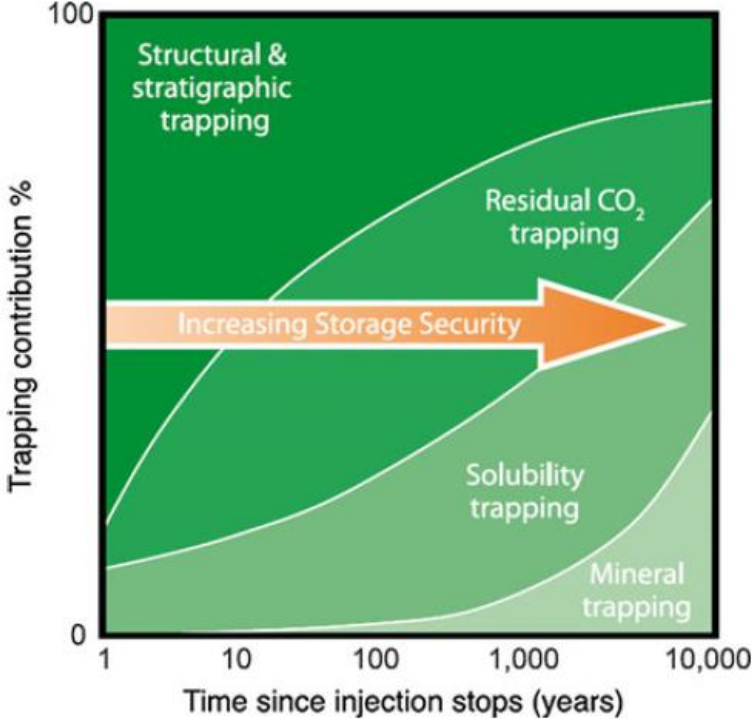
- Best balance when CO<sub>2</sub> is supercritical



# Storage Mechanisms



Ringrose (2020)



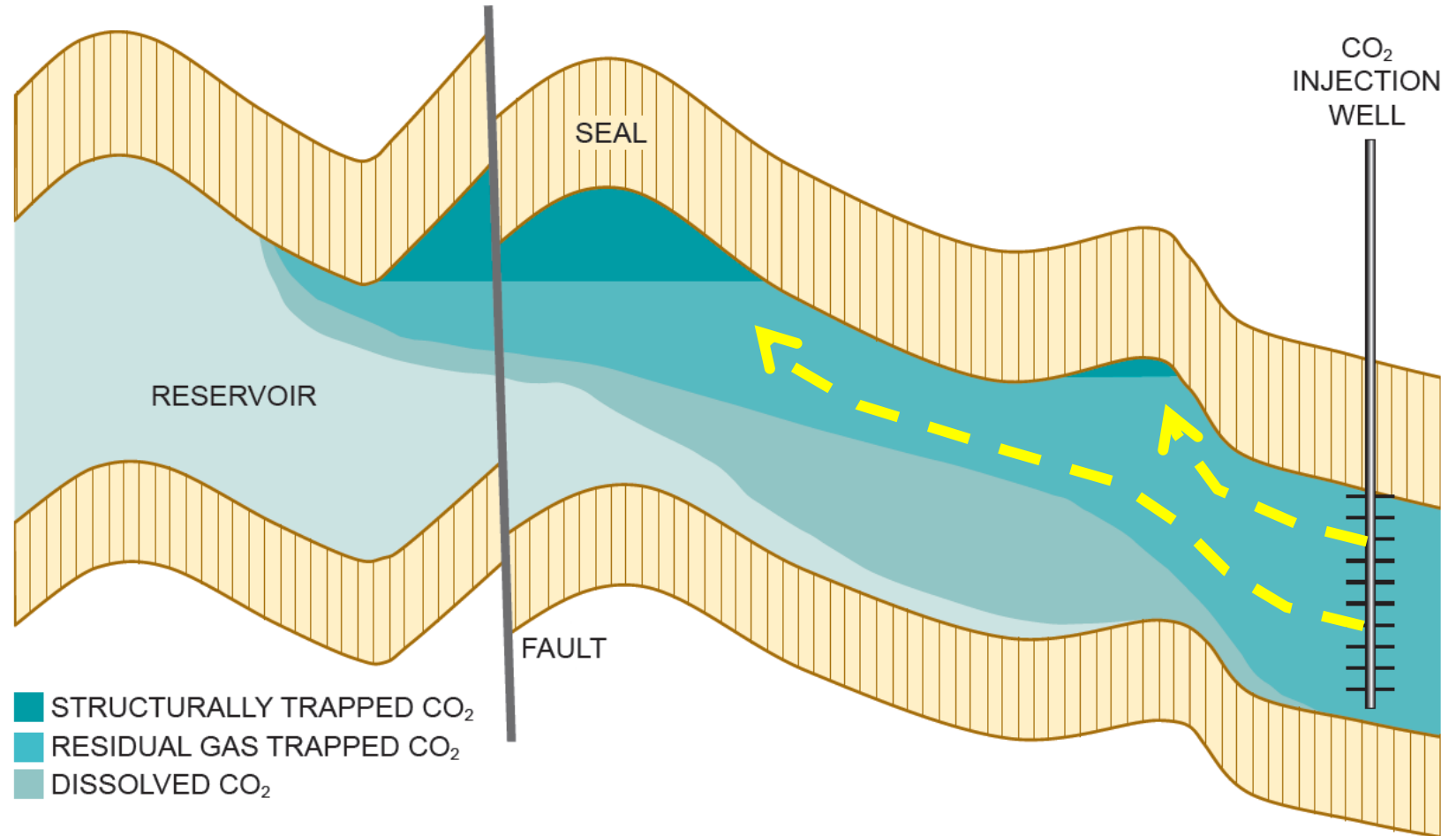
Benson et al. (2005)

# Deep Saline Aquifers



# Basic Idea

- Advantages
  - Large
  - Unpenetrated
- Disadvantages
  - Data availability
- Popular examples
  - Sleipner
  - Gorgon



After National Petroleum Council, 2019. Meeting the dual challenge. A roadmap to at-scale deployment of carbon capture, use and storage.

# Storage Site Archetypes

$$EF = (1 - S_{wir}) \text{ (max)}$$

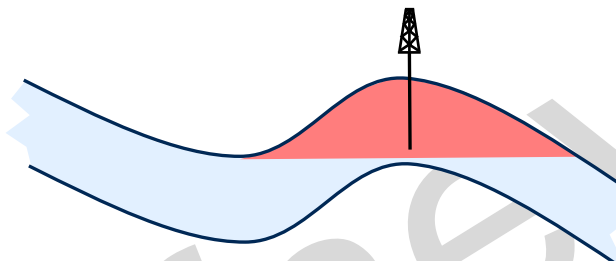
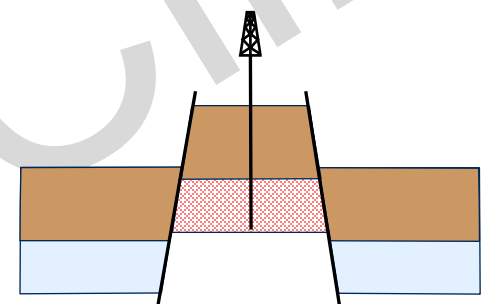
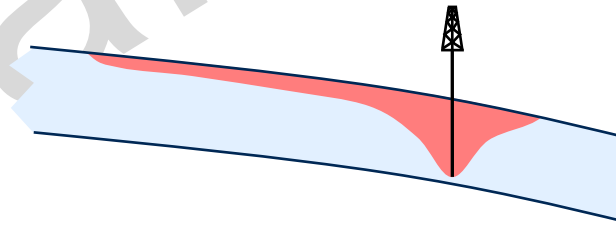
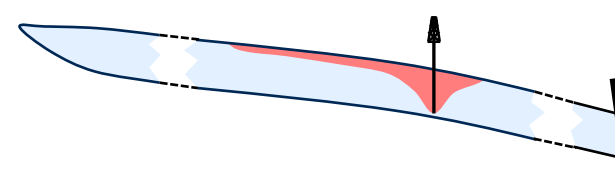
Expect EF ~ **30 to 40%**  
of structure PV

Increase by spilling out

No simple expression  
for EF

Reported EF ranges  
typically **0.5% to 7%,  
(or more)**

Definition of container  
determined by  
development plan

	Open Aquifer	Confined Aquifer	
Structural trapping	<p>CO<sub>2</sub> displaces water out of trap. Pressure dissipates</p> 	<p>CO<sub>2</sub> forms a gas cap. Pressure increases in confined space</p> 	Structural trapping
Solubility & residual	<p>CO<sub>2</sub> forms a plume, becoming immobilised. Pressure dissipates</p> 	<p>CO<sub>2</sub> forms a plume, becoming immobilised. Pressure increases</p> 	Solubility & residual
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$$EF = C_t * \Delta P$$

Expect EF ~ **0.5%**

Increase with dissolution

Increase with brine  
extraction

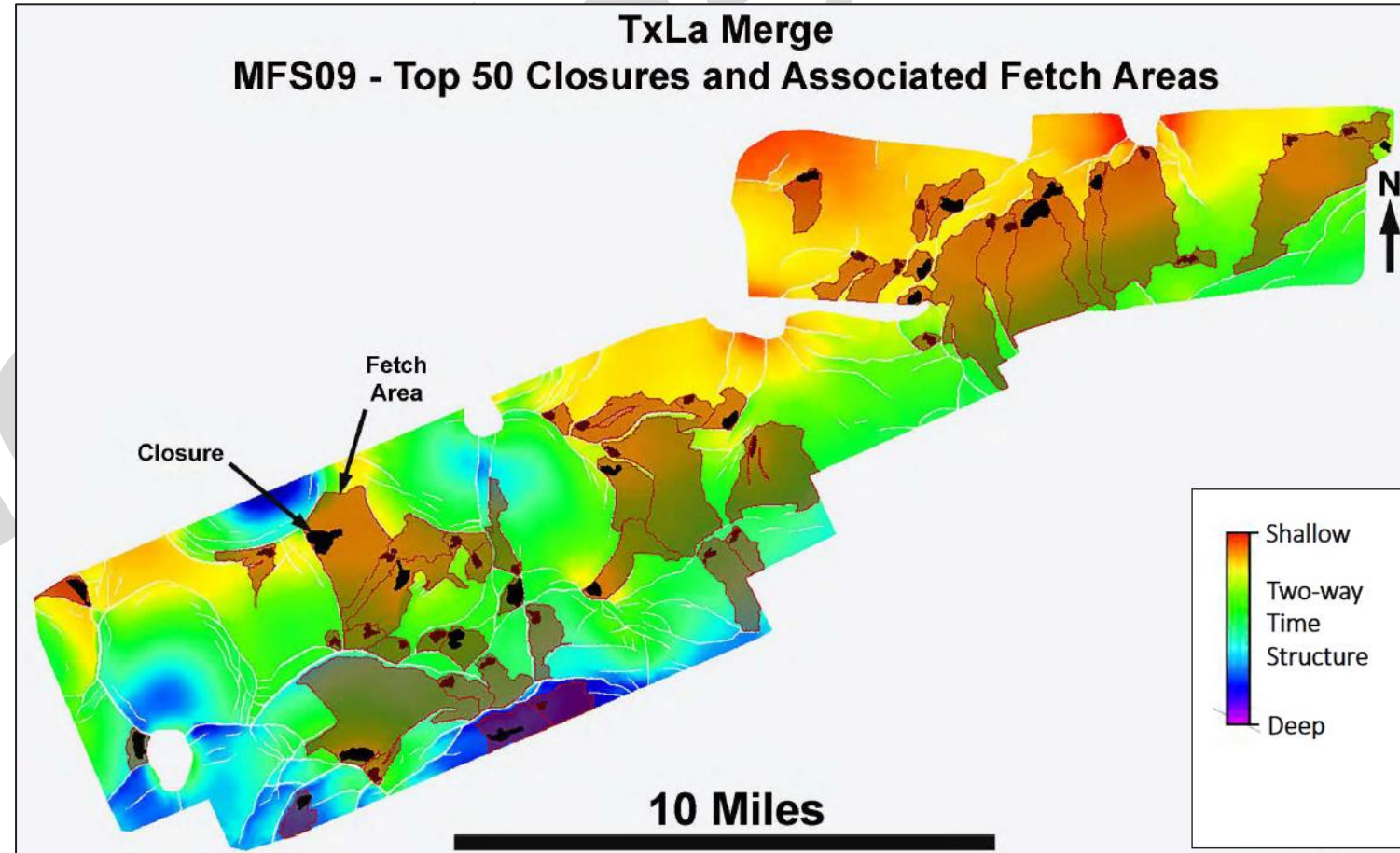
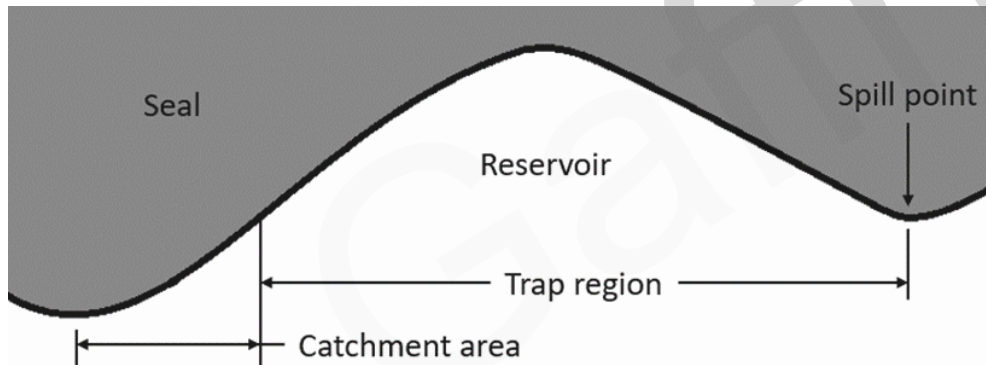
Combination of adjacent  
two cases

- Adapted from SRMS Application Guidelines Draft 2020



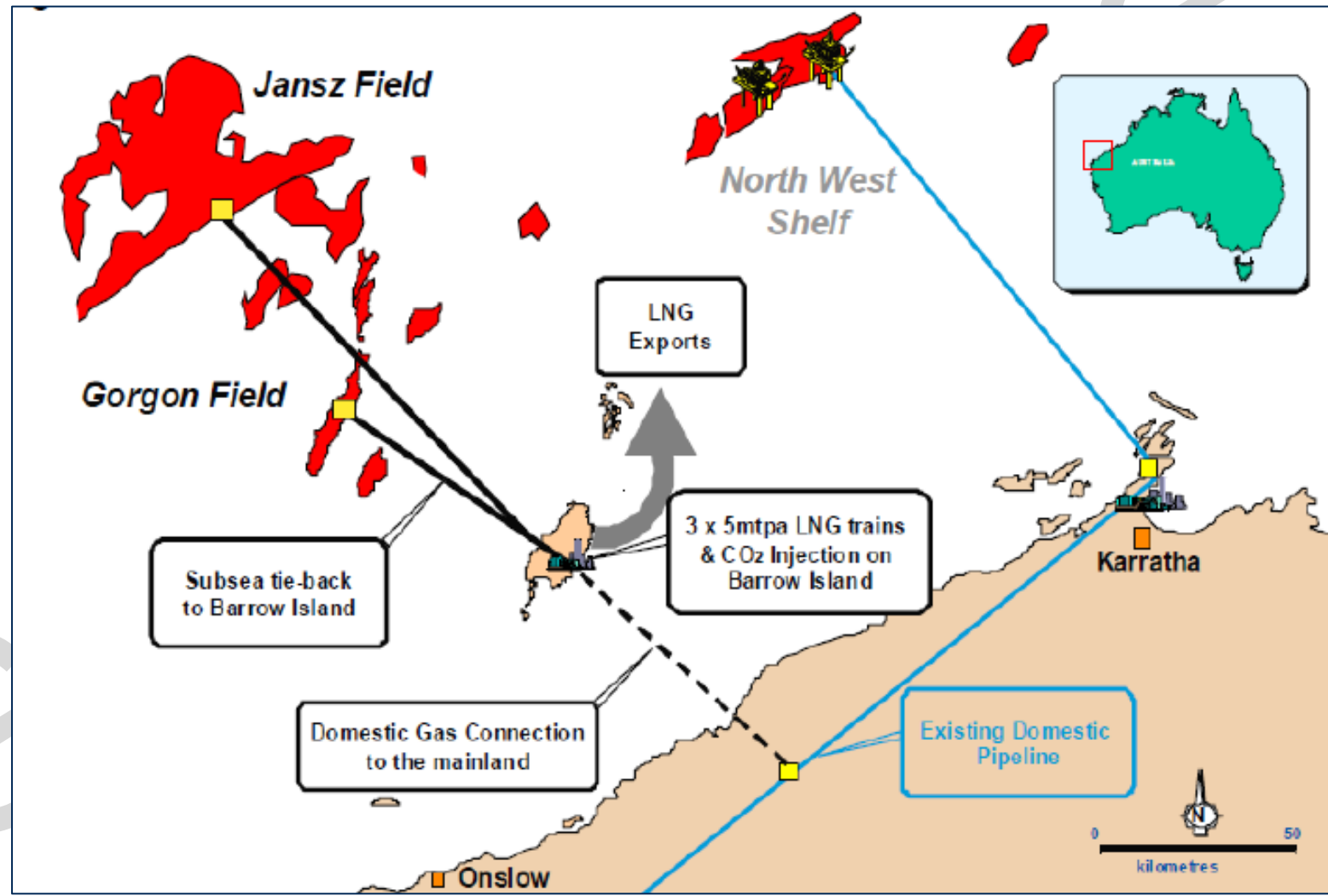
# Concept of Catchment

- Storable quantity depends on:
  - Topology
  - Injector location



DeAngelo et al. (2020)

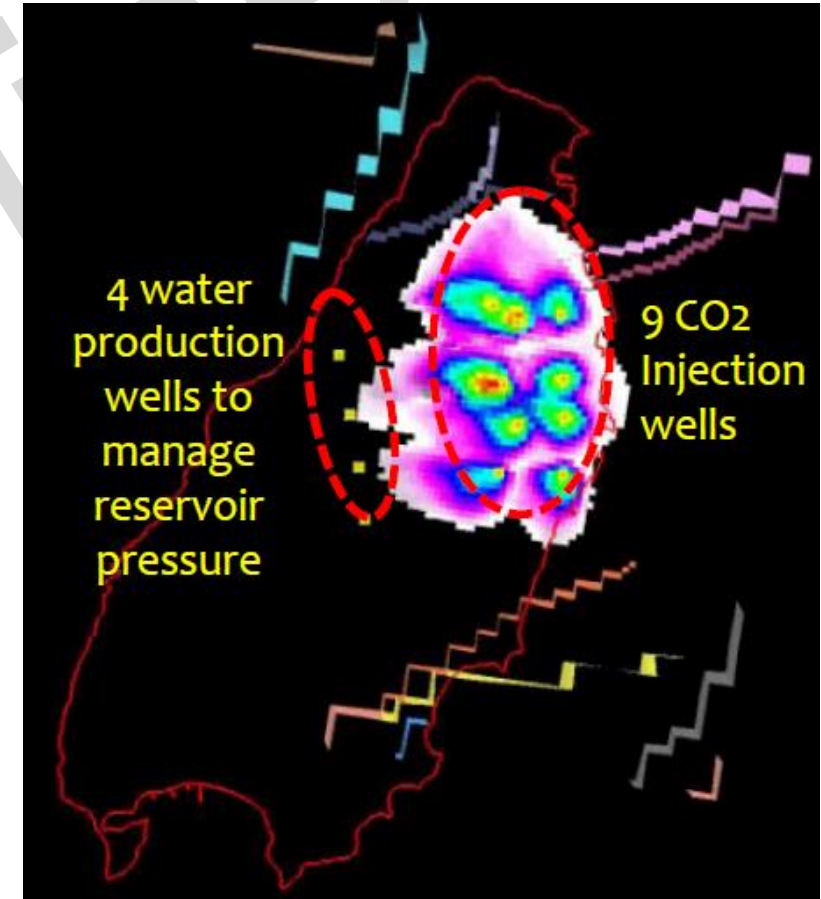
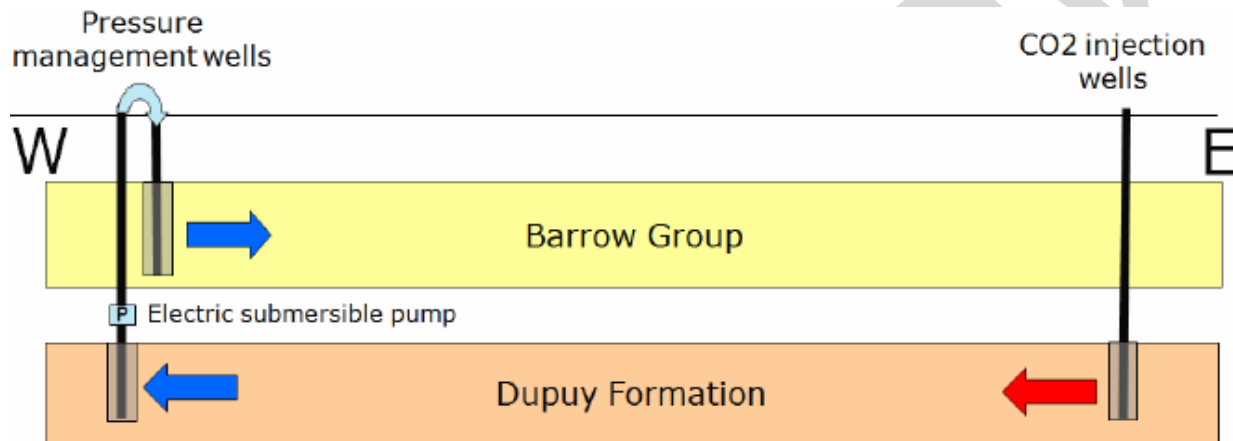
# Gorgon CCS Project



Source: Greg Leamon, Site Selection – Gorgon Carbon Dioxide Injection Project

# Gorgon CCS Project: Injectivity Woes

- Project has stored >7 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> as of Nov 2022
  - Much lower than planned, over many years
  - Buying offsets to make up for shortfall (~7 Mt)



Sources:

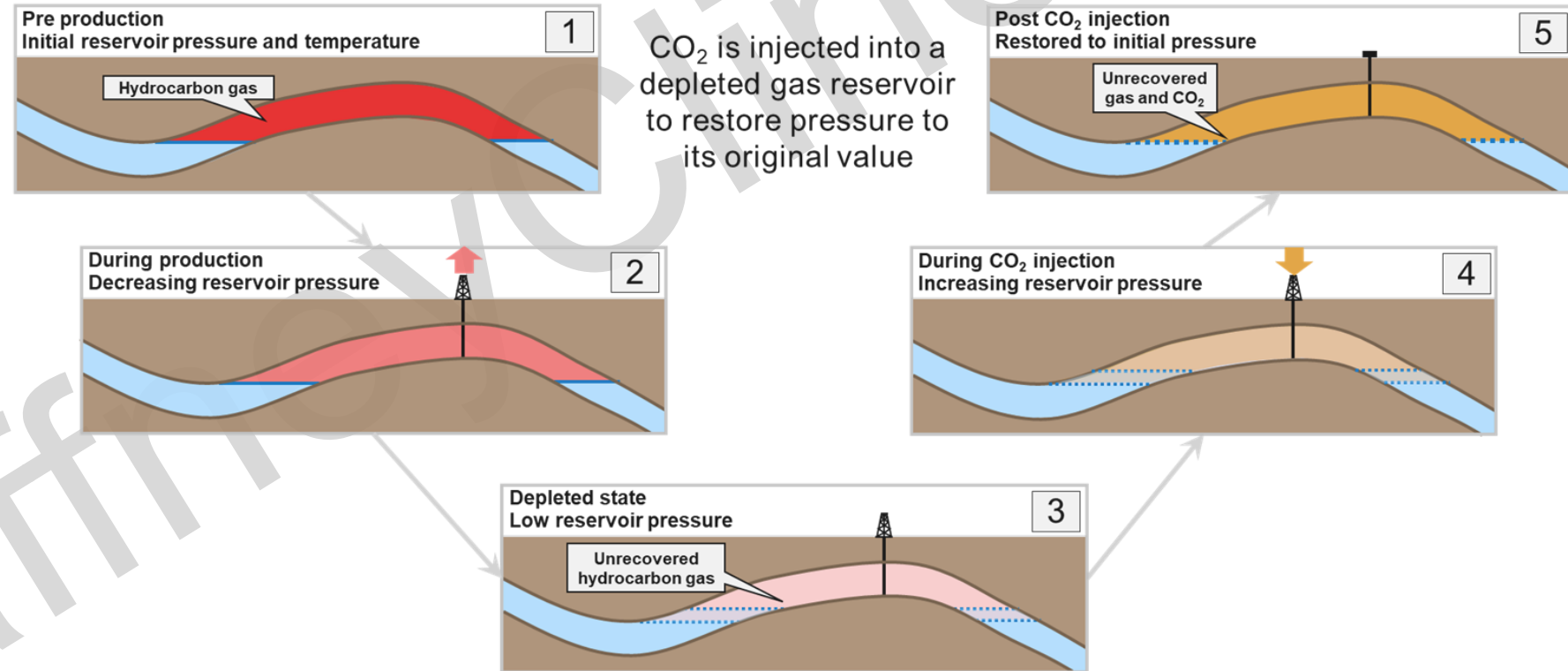
Greg Leamon, Site Selection – Gorgon Carbon Dioxide Injection Project, Upstream Online Feb 2022

Amanda Battersby, Water problems plague world's largest CCS project, Upstream Online Nov 2022

# Depleted Reservoirs

# Basic Idea

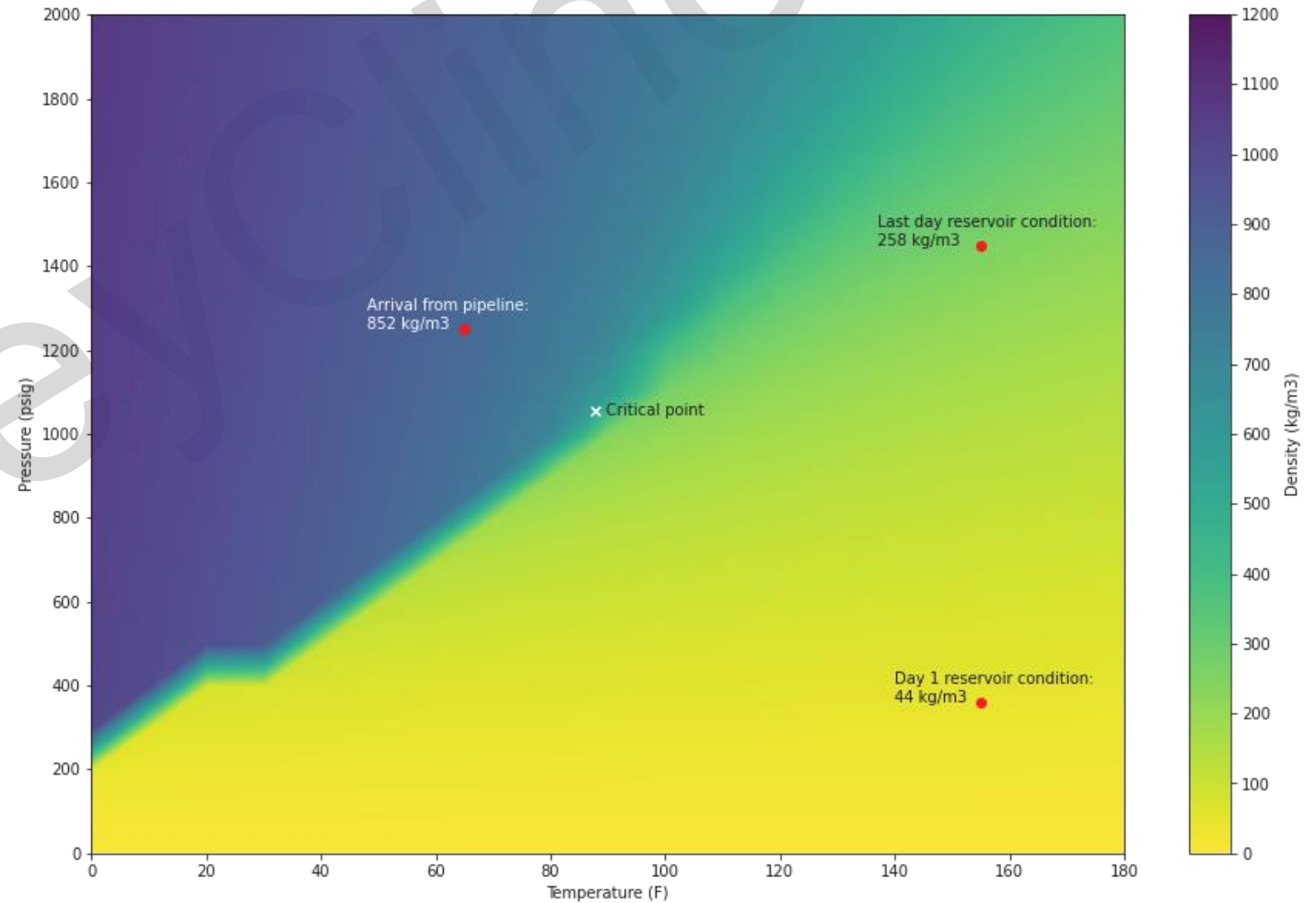
- Advantages
  - Proven seal
  - Infrastructure
  - Data availability
- Disadvantages
  - Legacy wells
  - Usually smaller
- Examples
  - Moomba
  - Kasawari



Peacock (2023)

# Big Pressure Transitions

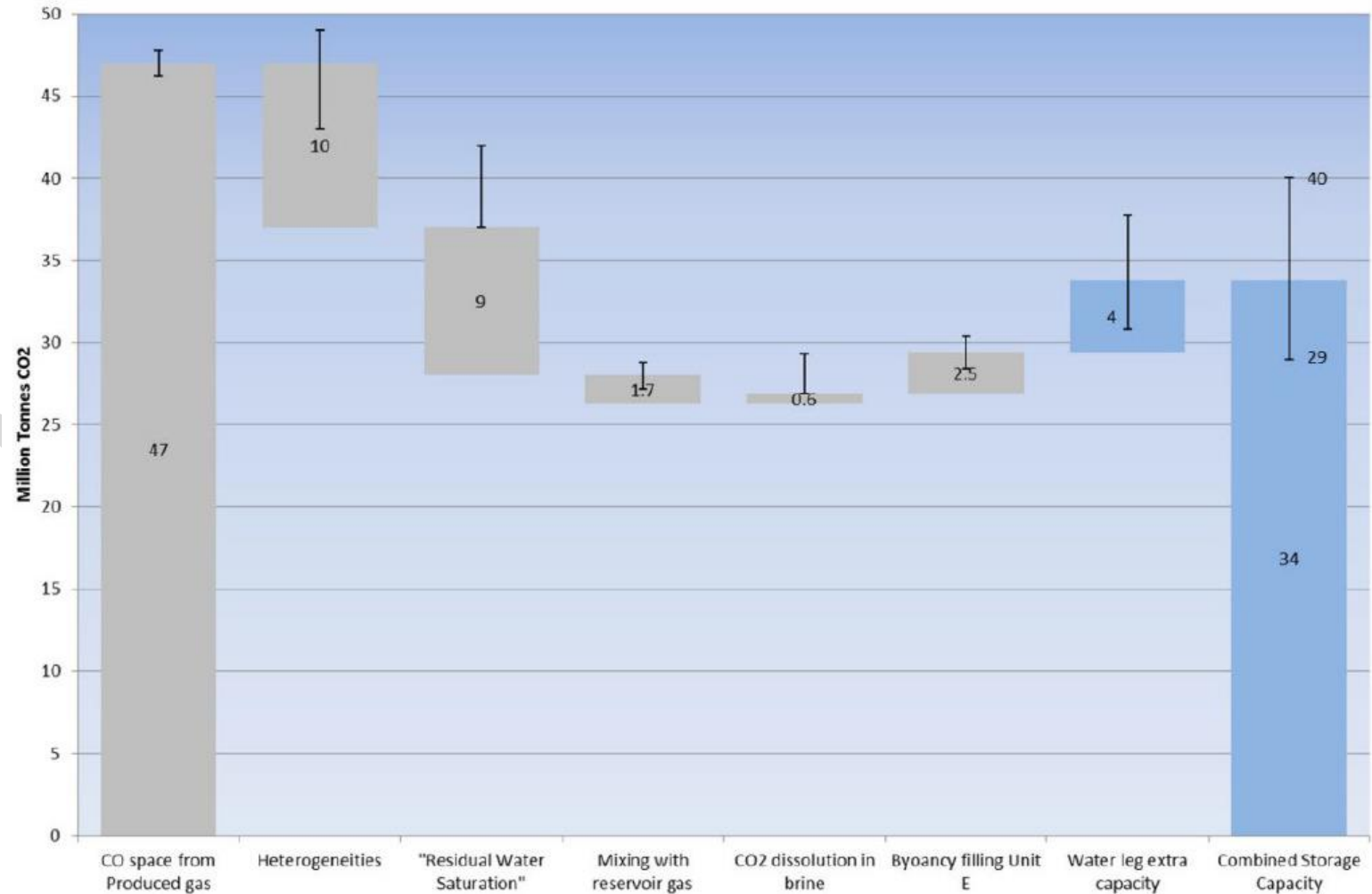
- Two injection approaches
  - Liquid/supercritical injection
    - Higher well rates
    - Hydrate formation
    - Thermal fracturing
  - Gas injection
    - Lower well rates
    - Costly surface equipment
    - Lower risk of reservoir damage





# Factors affecting Storable Quantity

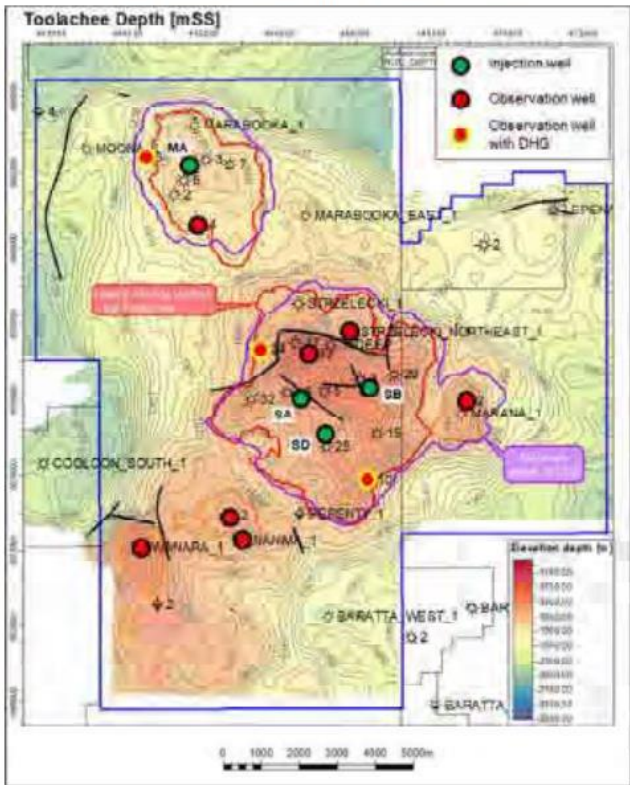
- Cumulative production is the dominant factor
- Storable quantity estimated from voidage replacement calculation is an ideal case



Shell (2014); from SPE SRMS guidelines (2022)

# Moomba CCS Project

Figure 5.56: Top Structure Map of Toolachee Formation



The Santos plan is to utilize the depleted gas reservoir in the Toolachee sandstone formation (Figure 5.55) of the Strzelecki and Marabooka anticlinal structures during Phase 1a. These structures have the combined capacity to store between 13 and 14 Mt of CO<sub>2</sub> (gross), at an injection rate of approximately 1.7 Mtpa over eight years. Santos plans to drill three new storage wells on the Strzelecki structure and one well in Marabooka and has made provision for two contingency wells in Strzelecki and one in Marabooka.

Source: ITSR for OilSearch and Santos Merger (Part of merger scheme booklet)

## Santos announces booking of CO2 storage capacity

Santos today announced a booking of 100 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> storage resource in the Cooper Basin in South Australia.

This represents a subset of the total prospective storage resource in the Cooper Basin and follows the final investment decision on the 1.7 million tonne per annum Moomba carbon capture and storage (CCS) project in November 2021.

Santos believes this is the first booking in the world in accordance with the CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Resource Management System (SRMS) sponsored by the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

Source: Santos, 8 Feb 2022

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## Australia to issue credits for carbon capture

By Sonali Paul

Source: REUTERS



# CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Resources Management System

# CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Resource Management System (SRMS)

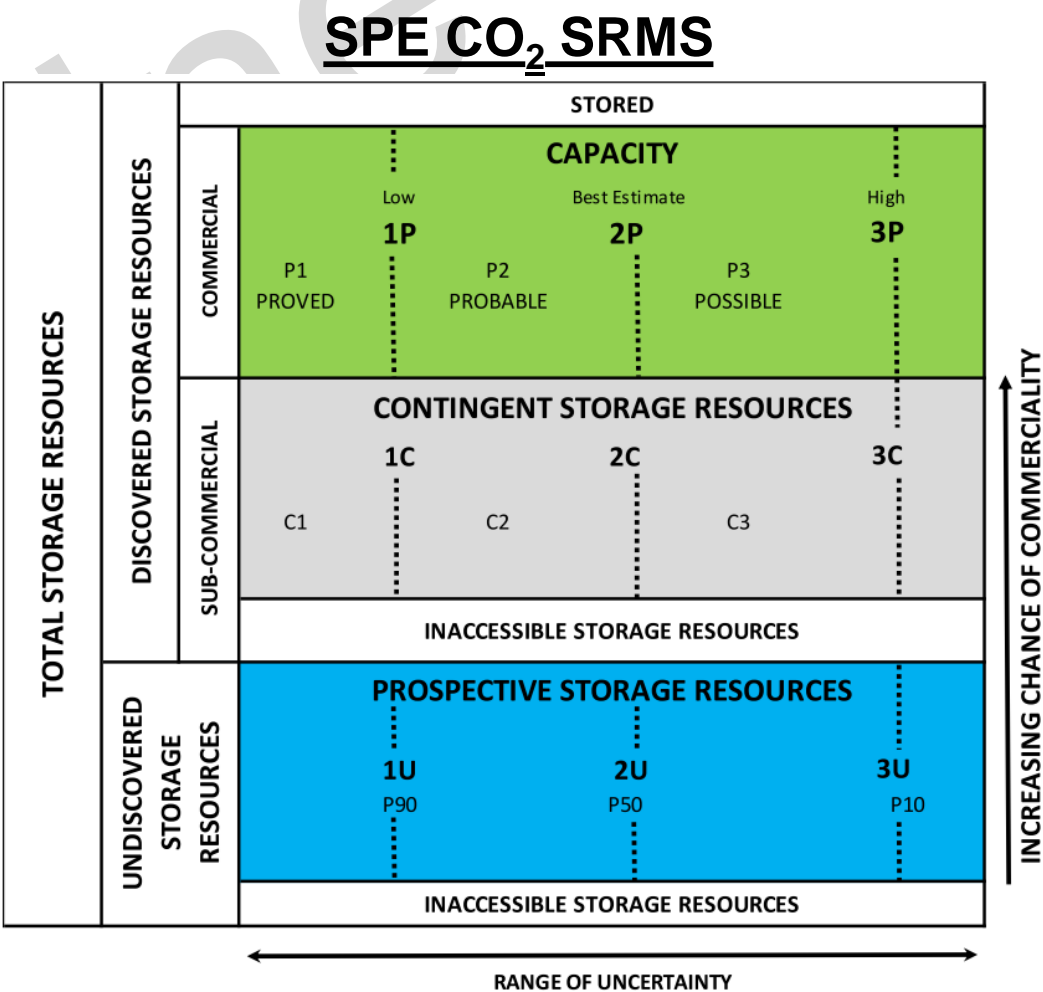
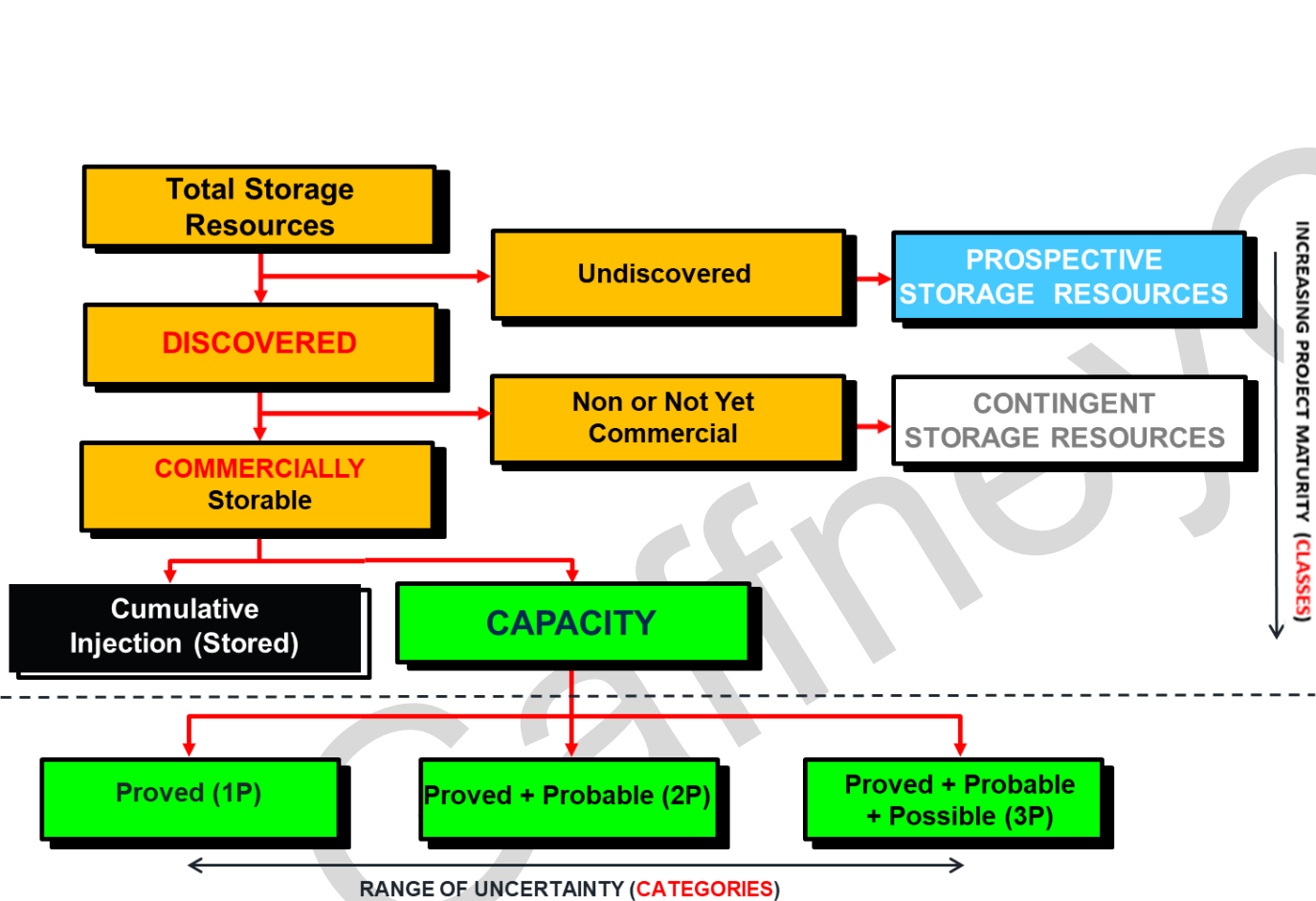


Fig. 1.1 – Resources Classification Framework

# Summary

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- CO<sub>2</sub> storage in saline aquifers or depleted reservoirs
  - Pros and cons in each
- Storage in dense phase is preferred
- Four main storage mechanisms: structural, residual, dissolution, mineralization
- Saline aquifers or depleted reservoirs have unique technical challenges
- SRMS provides common language for reporting storable quantities

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