



# Business Case for CCUS – Business Models

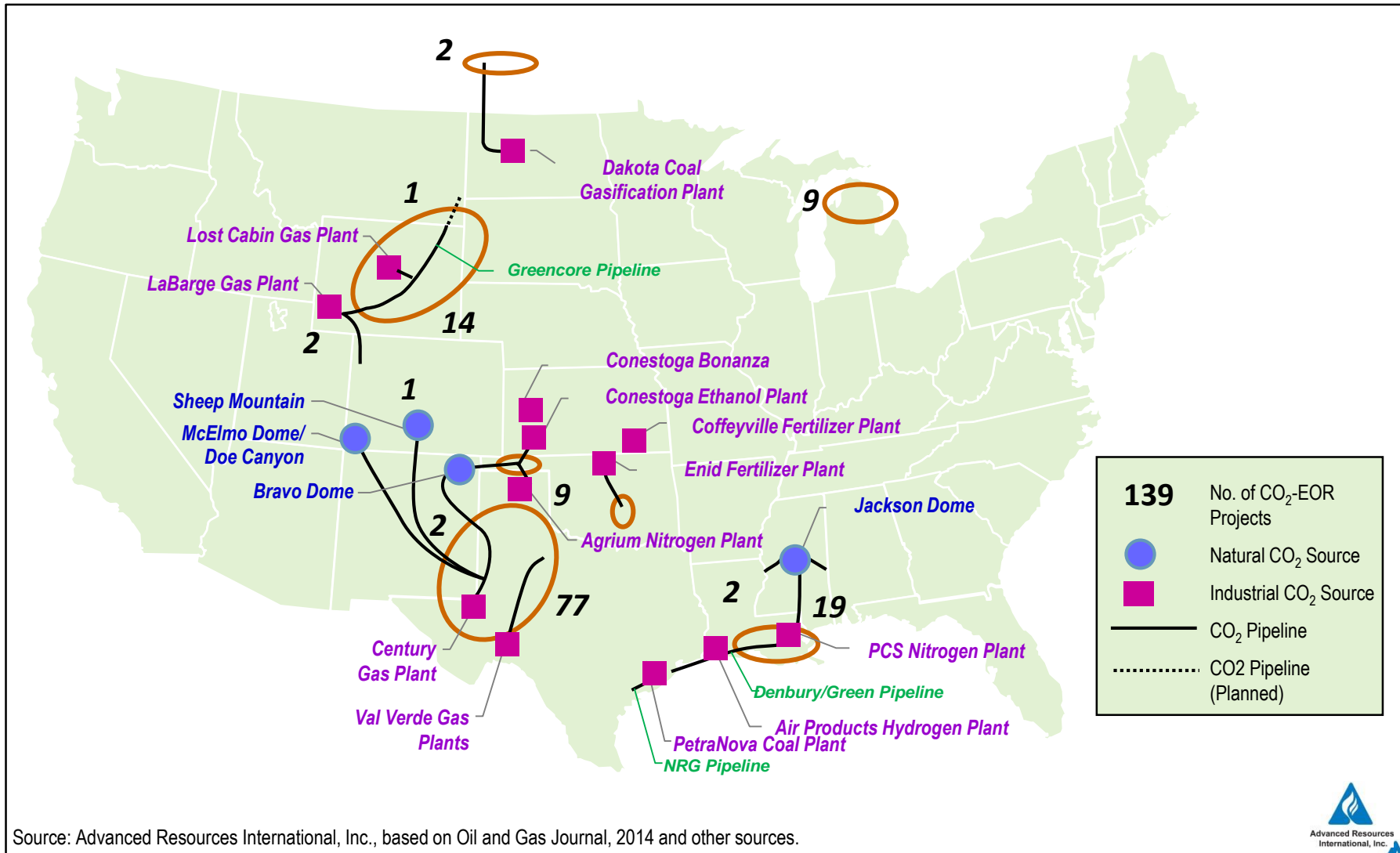
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# Overview of CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR in N. America



# Historical Business Models

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- Natural sources. The earliest projects leveraged their proximity to large, natural sources of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Industrial capture. Commoditization of products at industrialized centers have recognized the value of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Government subsidized. Government subsidized in order to achieve commercial viability.
- Infrastructure development. Field operators link to major pipeline sources of CO<sub>2</sub>.

**New business models are likely to evolve as 45Q incentives spur new deployment.**

# CO<sub>2</sub> Supply from Natural Sources

- The large natural sources effective in providing high-volume, low cost CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Because of the volcanic nature of these deposits, most pipelines are “downhill,” resulting in additional cost savings.
- Today, more than 75% of the CO<sub>2</sub> in the U.S. comes from natural sources.



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# CO<sub>2</sub> from Industrial Capture

- Processes to produce natural gas, hydrogen, ammonia, and fertilizer have generated relatively pure sources of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Because of its purity, this CO<sub>2</sub> is able to compete with the pricing for natural sources.
- In the case of gas processing, this has been very significant for EOR.



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# Government Subsidized CO<sub>2</sub> Supply

- To encourage first-of-a-kind applications, the US government has subsidized pilot and large-scale initiatives.
  - A syn-gas plant that generates, among other saleable products, significant volumes of CO<sub>2</sub> for the Weyburn and Midale EOR projects.
  - A capture facility at NRG's Parrish Power Plant that generates 4,300 tpd of CO<sub>2</sub> for West Ranch oil field.
- These are relatively unique first applications that required timely government aid.



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# Boundary Dam and Alberta Carbon Trunk Line

Since 2014, SaskPower's Boundary Dam Power Station has captured and sold to the EOR industry 2 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>.



Source: SaskPower, 2018

By end of 2019, the 240 km Alberta Carbon Trunk Line (ACTL) will transport 1.5 million mt of CO<sub>2</sub> per year captured from the Redwater Fertilizer plant and NW Redwater's Sturgeon Refinery for use and storage with EOR.

At full capacity, the ACTL will provide access to reservoirs capable of storing 14.6 million metric tons per year.

# PetraNova: “Poster Child” of Carbon Utilization

**PetraNova has installed post combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture on a 240 MW coal-fired unit at the WA Parish power plant near Houston, Texas.**

The 80 MMcfd of captured CO<sub>2</sub> is transported and used for EOR at Hilcorp’s West Ranch oil field with an oil production goal of 15,000 B/D.

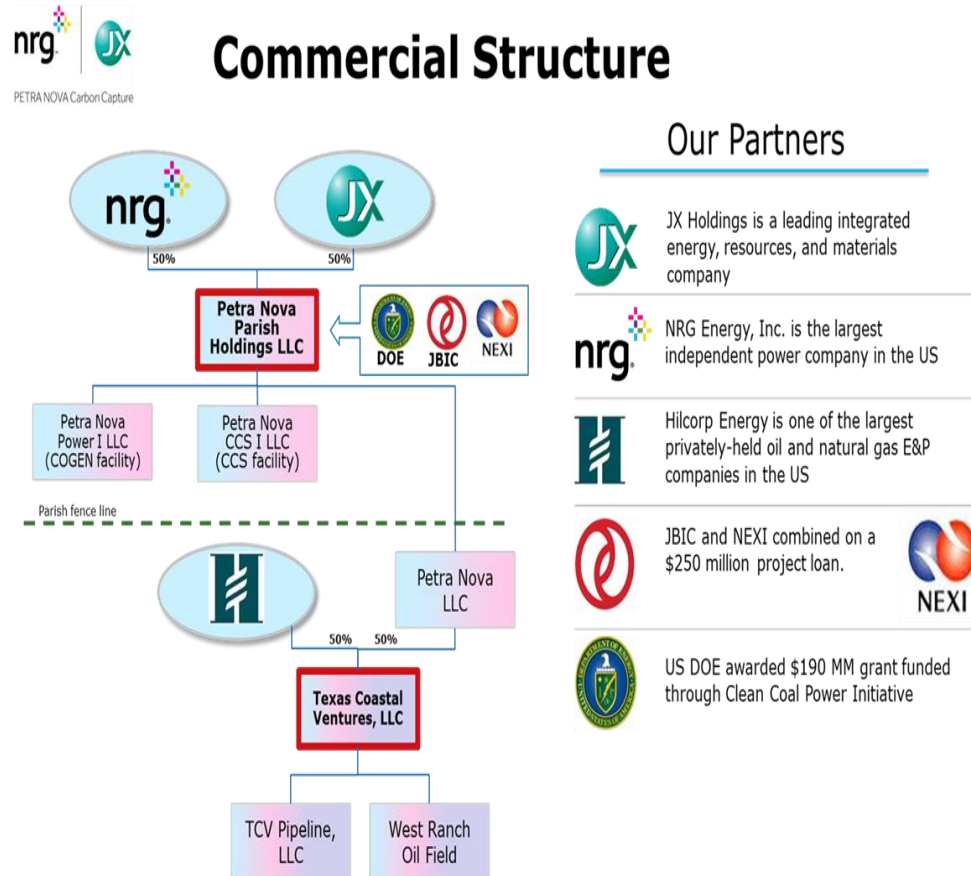


Source: NRG, 2017



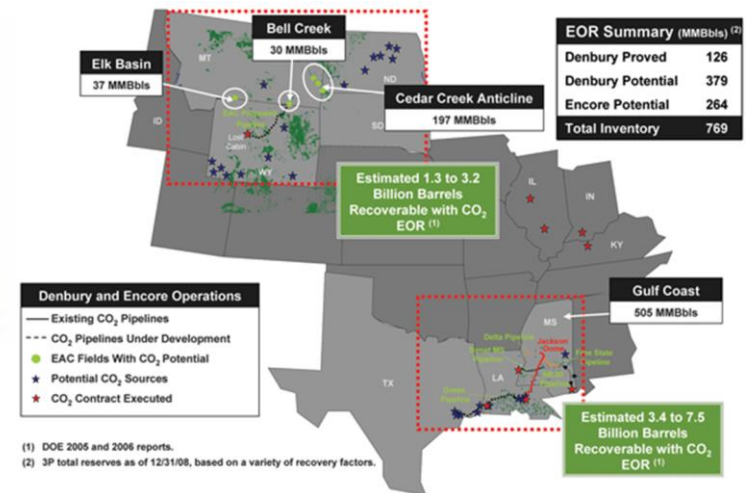
# Petra Nova Carbon Capture Project: a Closer Look

- \$1 billion project 50-50 JV between NRG Energy's Carbon 360 unit and JX Nippon Oil & Gas Exploration.
- Financing Petra Nova required creative combination of partners.
  - US DOE awarded a \$167 million grant as part of a competitive solicitation under the DOE's Clean Coal Power Initiative.
  - NRG decided to build/own the CO<sub>2</sub> delivery pipeline and take a 50% equity stake in the West Ranch oil field.
  - JX Nippon eventually matched NRG's \$300 million equity stake.
  - \$250 million in loans from Japanese banks.



# Building off Existing Pipeline Infrastructure

- In each of the previous business models, low-cost CO<sub>2</sub> was the driver to develop the oil field cluster.
- An oil field and CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline operator has developed an additional 320 mile pipeline in the Gulf Coast to link their low-cost natural source of CO<sub>2</sub> to a new cluster of oil fields.
- At a cost of US\$660 million, this pipeline crosses a multitude of CO<sub>2</sub> sources across the chemical corridor of the Gulf Coast, US.

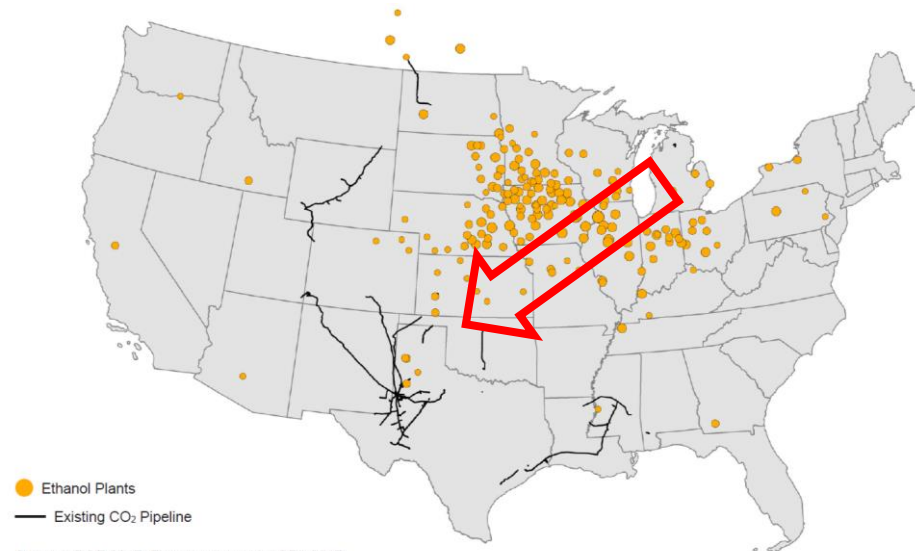


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# Aggregating Capture from High Purity, Low Volume Sources

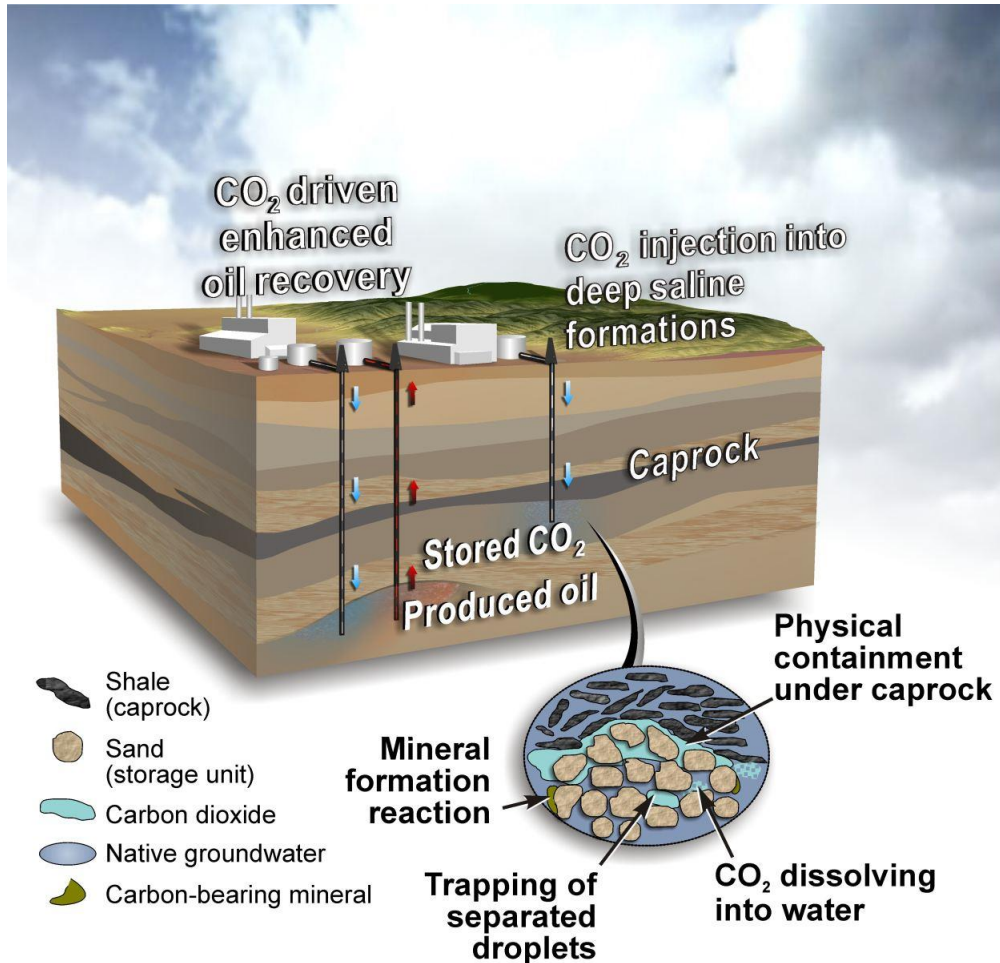
Each of these high purity sources emits CO<sub>2</sub> at near atmospheric pressure, requiring significant compression to reach pipeline pressure. Further, these sources, such as ethanol plants, require pipeline infrastructure to get the CO<sub>2</sub> to market. However, these sources are located in places (generally) without existing infrastructure.

It would not take much to develop CO<sub>2</sub> delivery lines across the U.S. plains in order to tie into existing pipelines and oil fields.



Source: DOE 2017. Figure authored by GPI, 2017.

# “Stacked” Storage/Combined CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR plus Storage

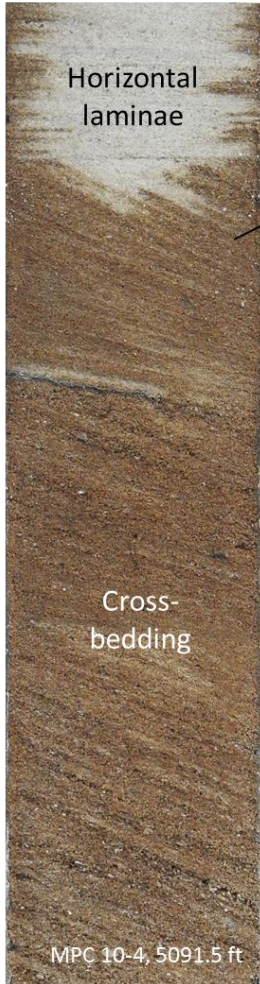


<https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sequestration/seq.htm>

- Associated storage with CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR may not achieve emissions reduction targets.
- In association with the EOR project, “pure” storage may be conducted in a high permeability saline formation above or below the oil reservoir.
- This could require regulatory mandates or incentives to push forward.

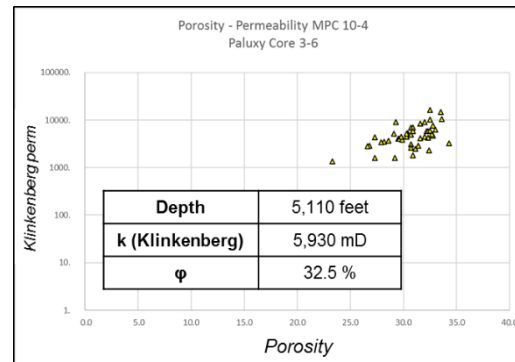
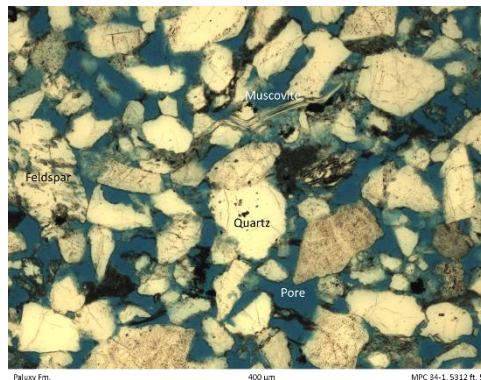
# Saline Storage Hubs -- Project ECO<sub>2</sub>S

## Paluxy sandstone

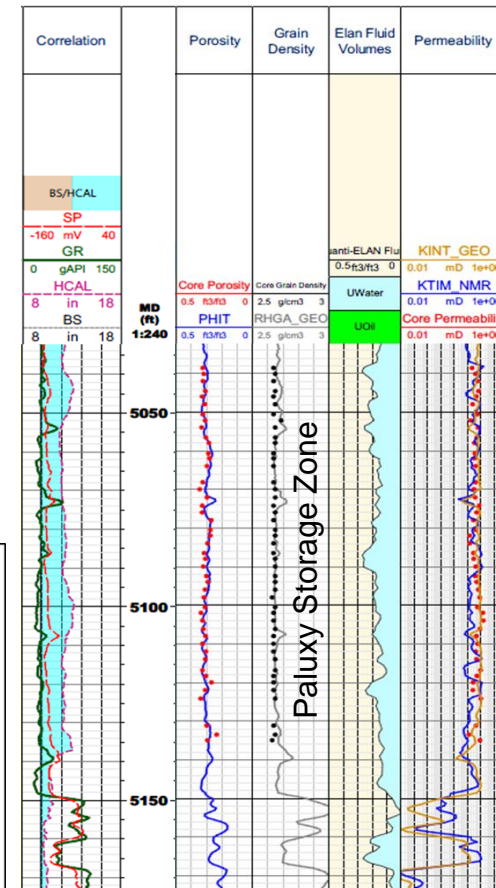


- **Goal: Demonstrate the subsurface at Kemper can safely/permanently store commercial volumes of CO<sub>2</sub>**
- Abundant stacked saline sandstone bodies in Paluxy, Wash-Fred, and lower Tuscaloosa.
- 350 meters of net sand. Logs and core show sandstone average porosity of 30%(!!)
- Core analysis indicates all sandstones water-saturated
- Darcy-class permeability common (up to 16 Darcies)

## High-porosity sandstone in Paluxy Formation



## Elemental Log Analysis (ELAN\*) interpretation



\*ELAN is a mark of Schlumberger

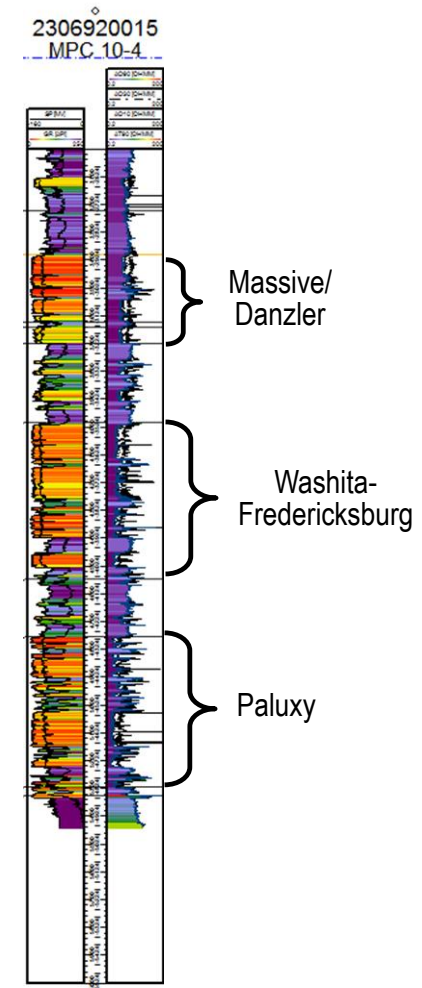
# Storage Complex Capacity

- Each of the three potential storage zones have commercial capacity
- Together the three storage zones result in a gigatonne capacity storage complex that has the potential to act as a regional hub

CO <sub>2</sub> Storage Reservoir	P <sub>10</sub> Capacity (MMmt)	P <sub>50</sub> Capacity (MMmt)	P <sub>90</sub> Capacity (MMmt)
Massive/Dantzler	60	120	200
Wash.-Fred.	280	540	920
Paluxy	160	310	530

DOE methodology for site-specific saline storage efficiency calculation based on fluid displacement factors for clastic reservoirs where net pay, net thickness and net porosity are known of 7.4% (P<sub>10</sub>), 14% (P<sub>50</sub>) and 24% (P<sub>90</sub>) (Goodman et al., 2011)

- Low-cost storage options occur beneath the energy facility -- \$2.00 - \$4.00 USD per metric ton depending on volume of CO<sub>2</sub> captured (*after DOE investment*)
- Drives the value proposition where existing infrastructure could be utilized for CO<sub>2</sub> capture, compression, transportation and storage





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