

The National Centre For Carbon Capture and Storage

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The National Centre for Carbon Capture and Storage (NCCCS) - a joint venture between the University of Nottingham and the British Geological Survey. The Centre brings together researchers across many area to carry out cross disciplinary research in CCS.



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CCS in the UK

- In the UK a legal commitment was made to cut emissions by over 50% by 2027.
- The Government will release a UKCCS roadmap in November.
- Commitment to four UK full size demos – the first of which will be finalised in November.
- 7 UK CCS projects were submitted to NER 300 - European Emissions Trading Scheme for subsidising installations of renewables and CCS.

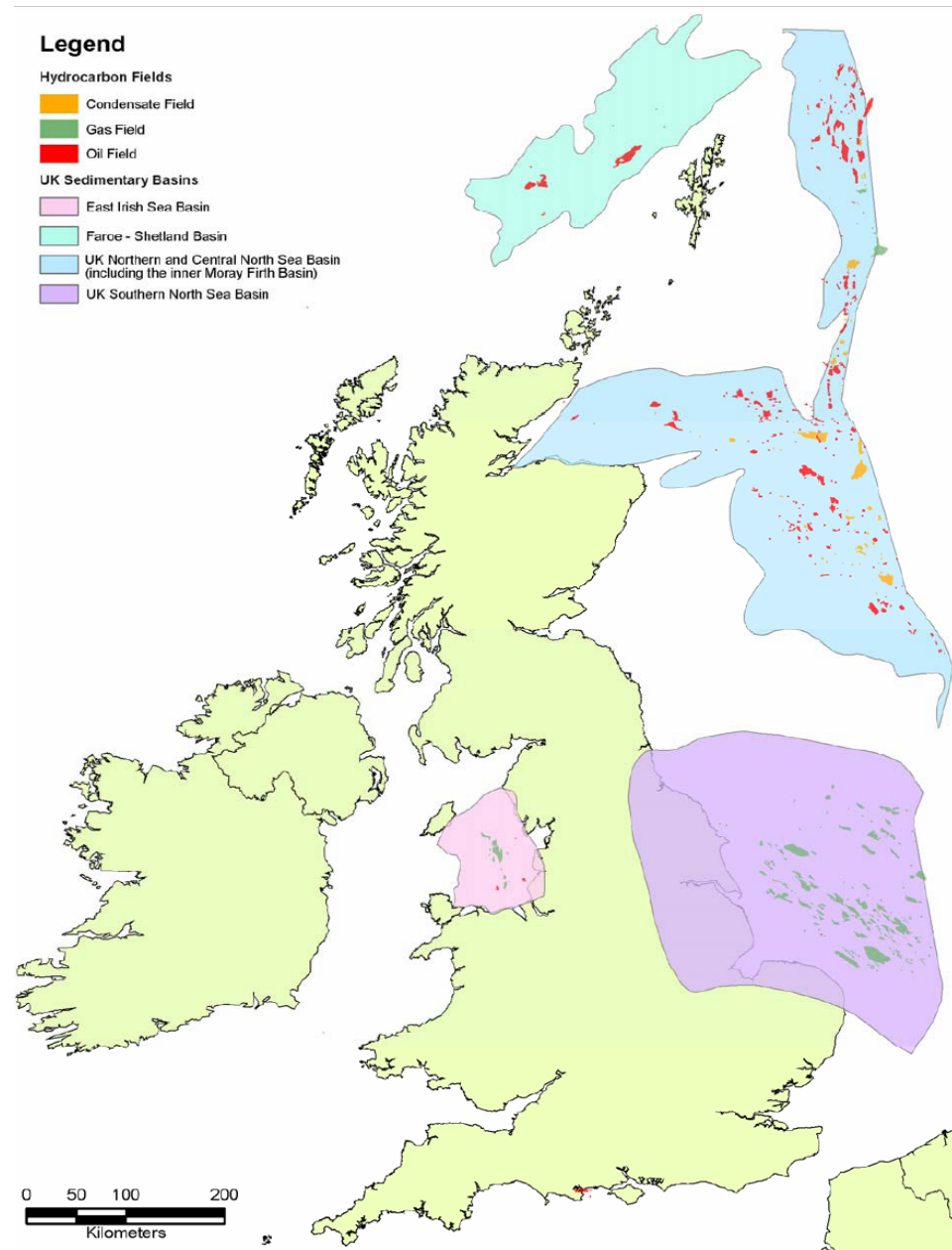


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Good Storage Potential in the UK



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Storage Capacity in the UK

Category	Location	Estimated CO ₂ storage capacity (million tonnes)
Oil fields	Offshore	1175
Gas fields	Offshore	5140
Gas/condensate fields	Offshore	1200
Saline aquifers	Southern North Sea Basin	Up to 14250
	East Irish Sea Basin	Up to 630
	Northern and Central North Sea Basin and other offshore basins	Not quantified but potentially large
	Onshore	Not quantified but potential small
TOTAL QUANTIFIED CO₂ STORAGE CAPACITY		Up to 22395




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The Launch of the Centre







Keeping the Engine-Room Clean: CCS in China

Zep Pavilion, Shanghai Expo


October 11th 2010






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NCCCS
The National Centre for Carbon Capture and Storage

What is CCS?

"Carbon capture and storage could play a vital role in protecting the planet from the threat of global warming." – Professor Mike Stephenson, Director, NCCCS

What is CCS?

National Centre for Carbon Capture and Storage

The National Centre for Carbon Capture and Storage is an independent, collaborative institution co-founded by two of the UK's acknowledged pioneers in the fight against climate change: the British Geological Survey and the University of Nottingham.

The science of carbon capture and storage (CCS) could play a crucial part in reducing climate change, as well as opening up valuable commercial opportunities.

Speaking in 2009, Yvo de Boer, then Executive Secretary of the UN's Framework Convention on Climate Change, said the solutions to global warming would "vitalise economies, stabilise environments and build secure, fairer, more innovative societies".

The National Centre for Carbon Capture and Storage puts the UK at the vanguard of the race to address the threat of climate change before it is too late.

Professor Mike Stephenson, Director

Professor Mercedes Maroto-Valer, Chief Scientific Officer

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Economic impact

NCCCS Events

October 2010						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Research

- Critical mass of expertise, approximately 50 researchers.
- Total value of current research ~£2,700,000.
- Research is cross-disciplinary, bringing together engineers, mathematicians, chemists, bioscientists, geographers, geologists and social scientists.



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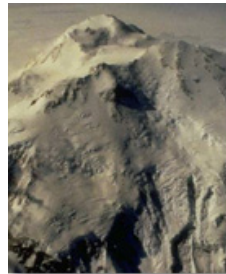
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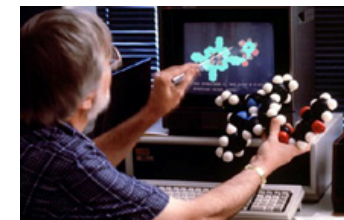
Research Programmes



Mature Processes



Innovative Processes



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Key Storage Issues for CCS

- Ultimate storage capacity.
- Site performance.
- Monitoring and verification.
- Regulatory Framework.

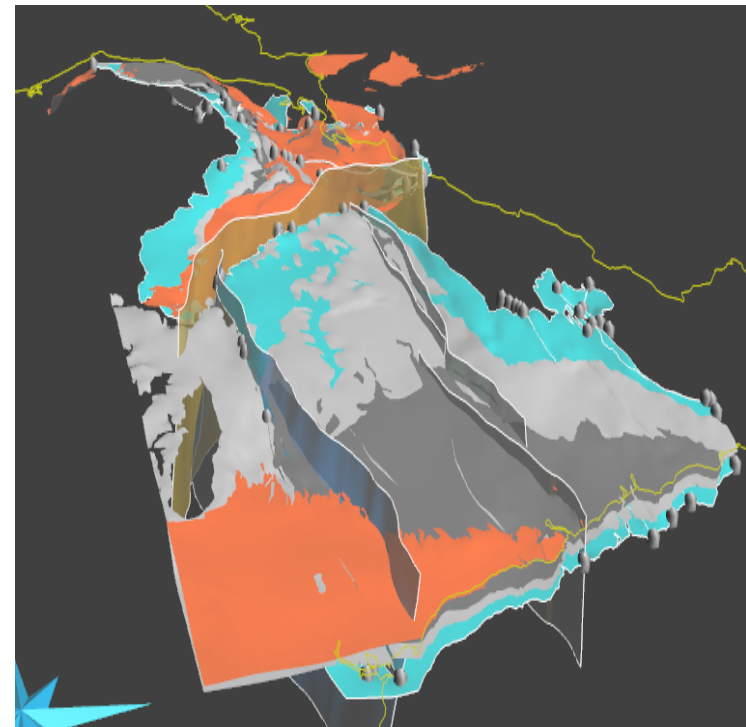
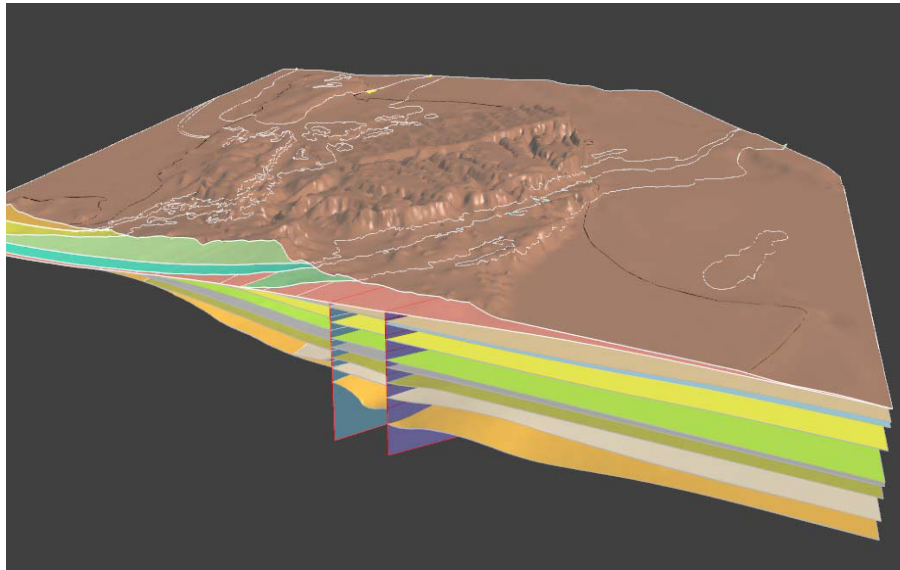
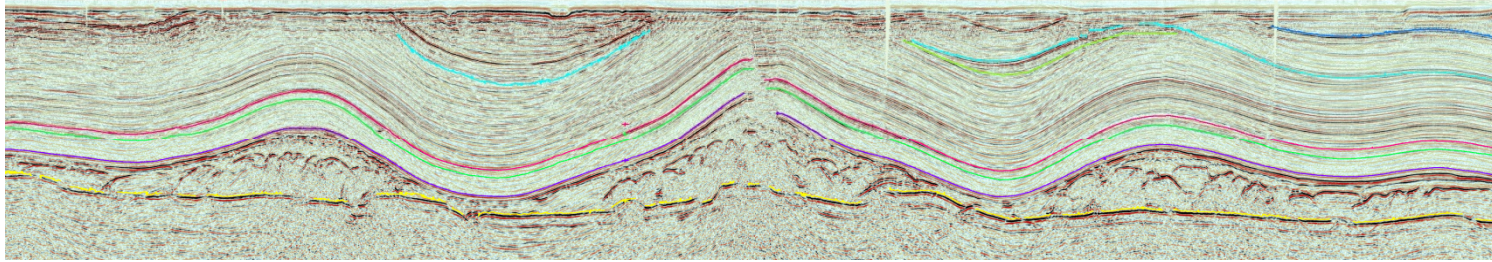


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UK Storage Capacity Static and Dynamic Modelling



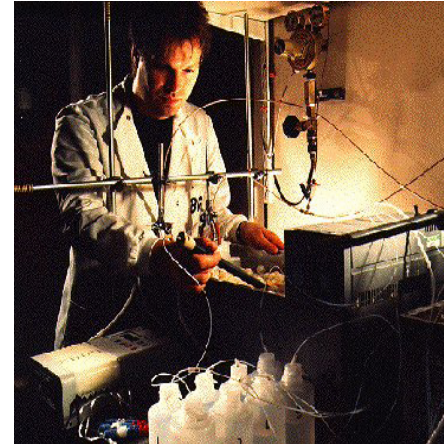
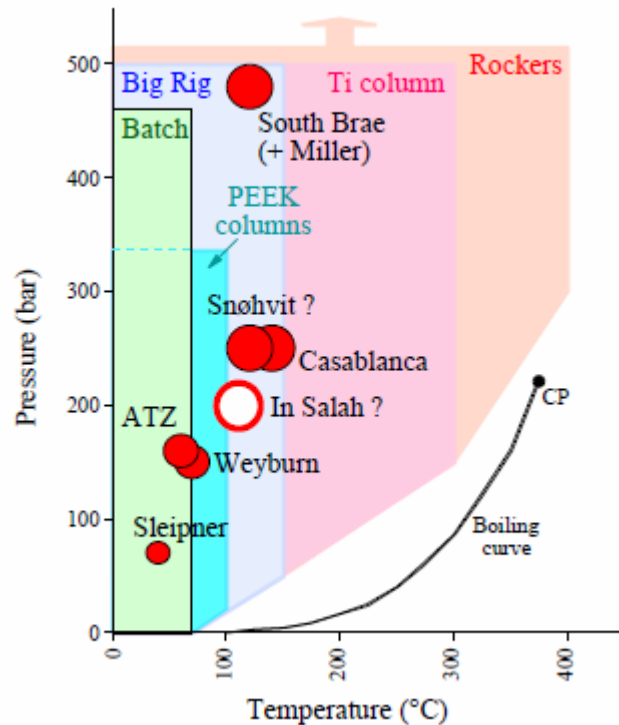
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Long-term Performance Geochemical Stability



CO₂ sequestration cement/alkaline fluid reactions
Gas hydrates radioactive waste disposal
Geothermal systems mineral dissolution kinetics

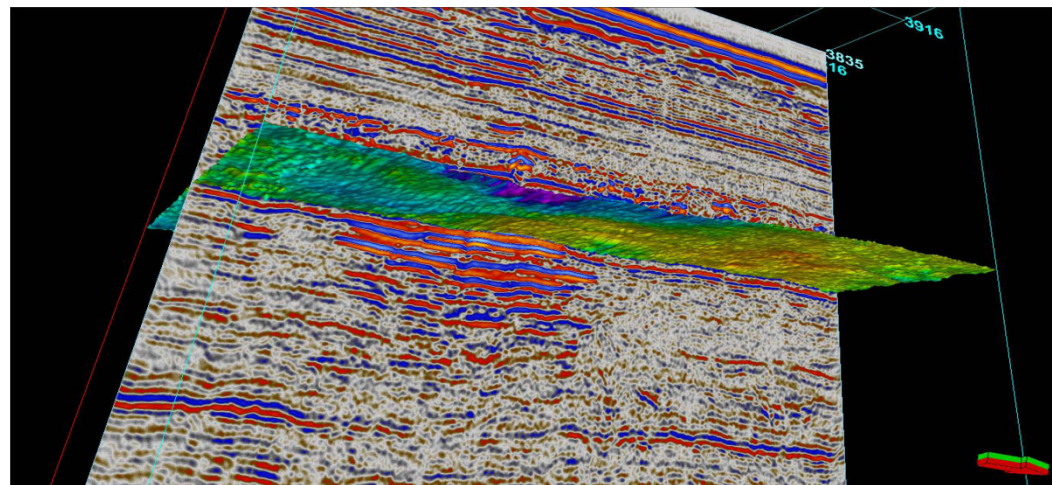
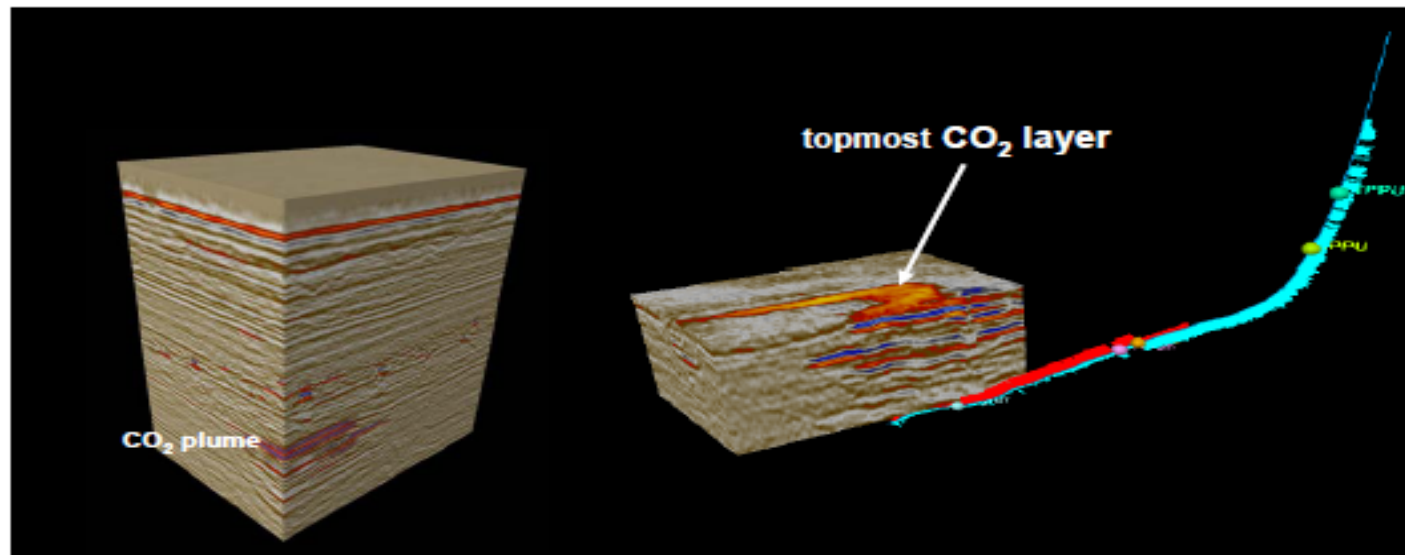


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Monitoring Research



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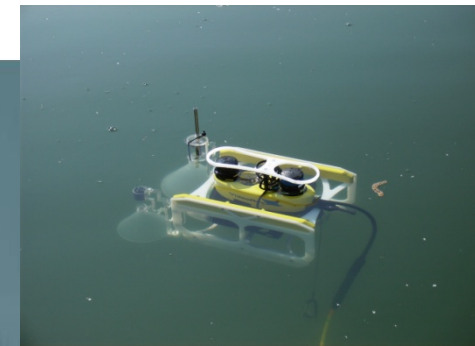
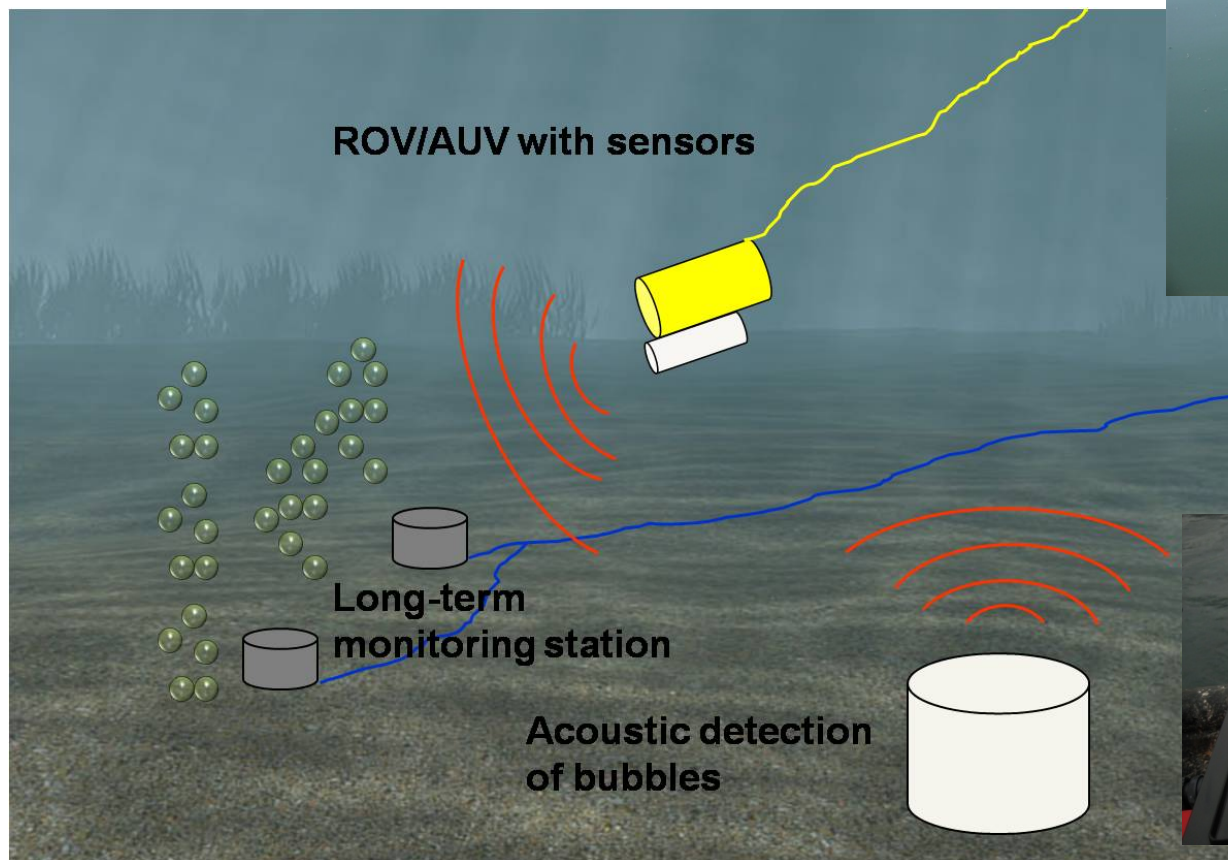
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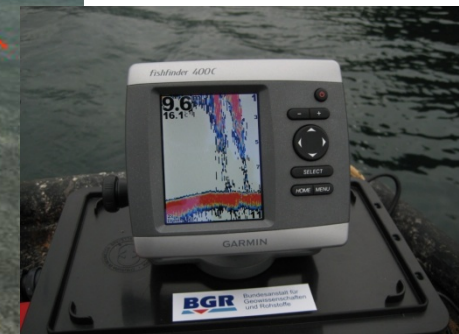
Dr Giorgio Caramanna, CICCS



Development and Testing of Monitoring Techniques



Courtesy of BGR



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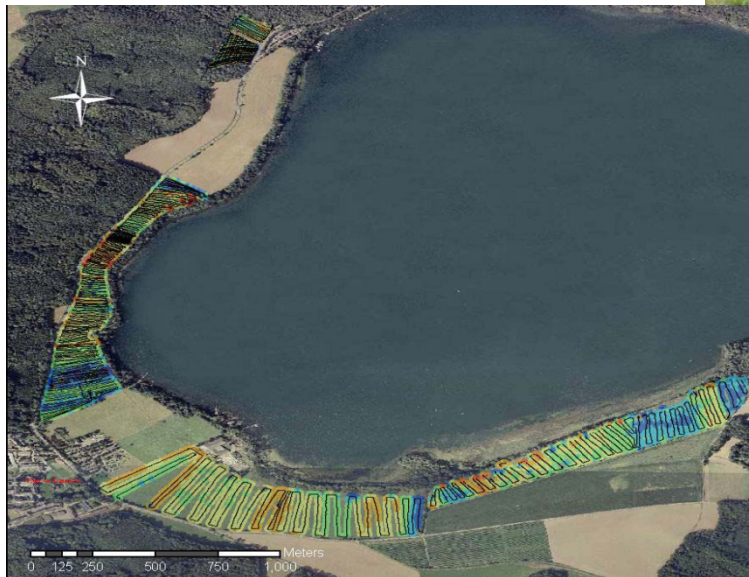


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Monitoring Tool Development Areal Atmospheric Measurement



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Deployed at In Salah
New tools at Norwegian field laboratory

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Environmental Consequences of Potential Leaks of Impure CO₂



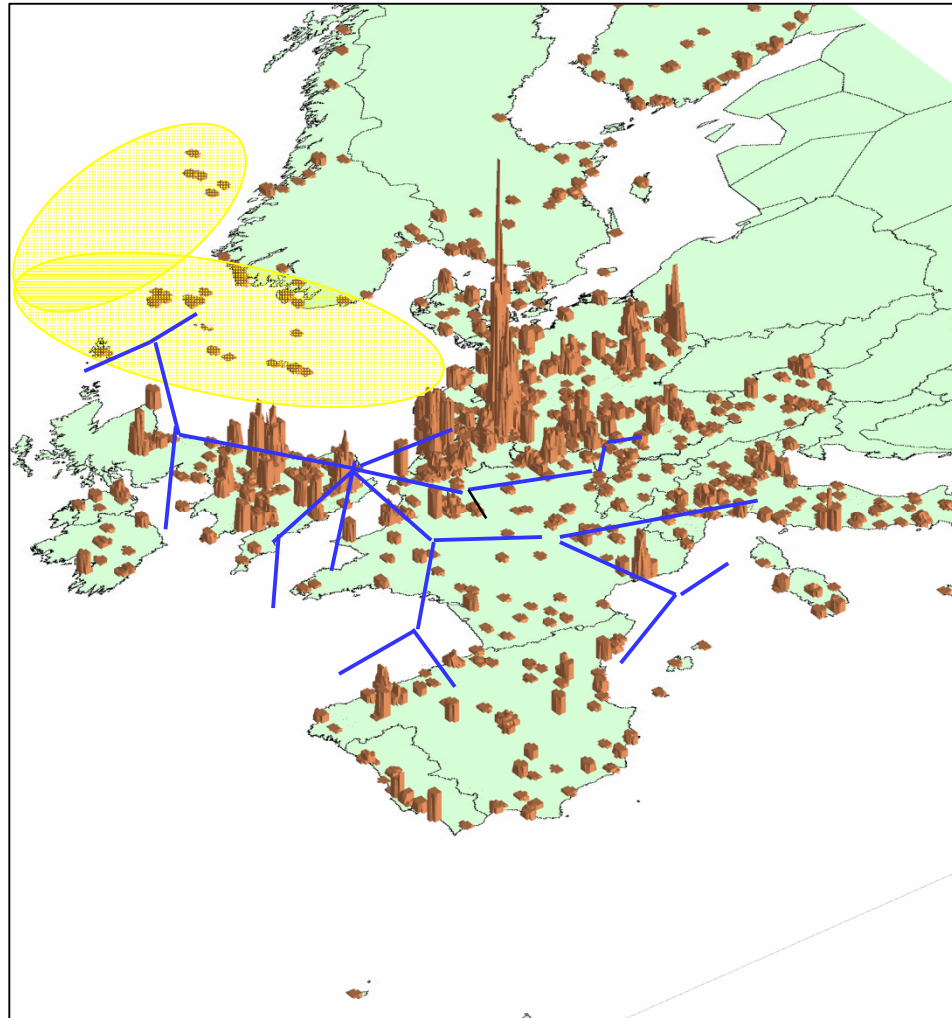
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Transport in Europe



Issues:

- Substantial pipeline system required
~ 150,000 km.
- High cost element.
- Who will pay?
- Develop piece-meal or in a structured development?

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CCS Pipeline and Storage

– Capabilities

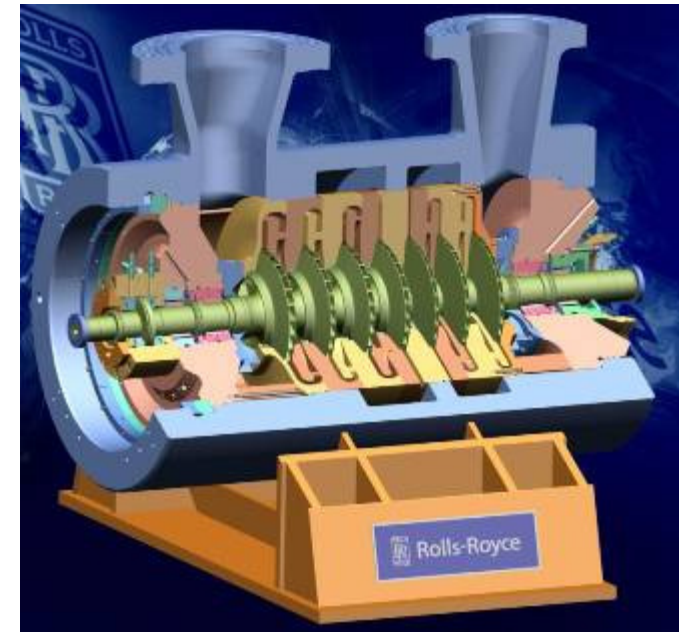
- Mechanical testing and modelling for damage assessment.
- Materials behaviour - analysis of chemical attack.
- Pipeline breach – risk/impact.
- Gas release/plume.
- Pipe to storage – gas flows/thermodynamics.



Optimised Compressors EPSRC/TSB/RollsRoyce/EON



- Innovative CO₂ compression system technologies for commercial utility scale CCS, improving on weaknesses in current CO₂ compression approaches.
- The outcomes of the project will reduce power consumption.
- We also look at the effects of impurities during compression.



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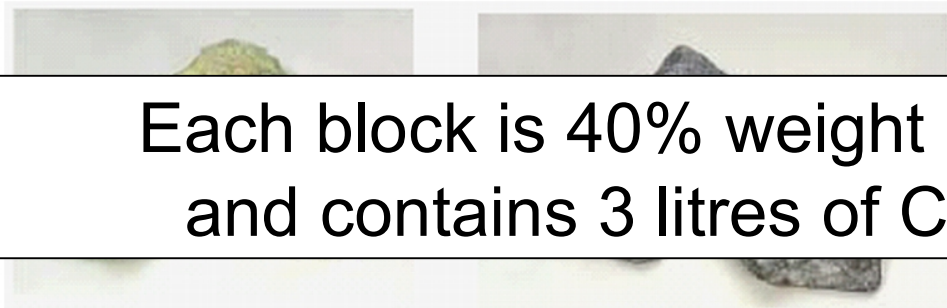


Mineral Carbonation: Lock it in Rock



Mineral Carbonation – the chemical fixation of CO₂ in minerals to form geologically stable mineral carbonates.

Each block is 40% weight CO₂
and contains 3 litres of CO₂

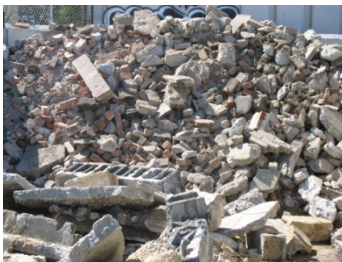


Olivine

Serpentine



Mineral carbonates



Waste concrete



Slag

Industrial by-products may make process more sustainable

- ☐ Construction products
- ☐ Aggregates
- ☐ Mine void filler



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Mineralisation-UK Towards Large Scale



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- Distribution of suitable materials together with an estimate of how much of these could practically be used → economics of CO₂ capture by mineralisation.

- Technologies that could be developed to meet the UK requirements
→ viability of mineralisation compared to traditional CCS approaches.



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Harnessing Solar Light Energy to Convert CO₂ into Fuels



- Inspired by nature – Artificial Photosynthesis.
- Photochemical reduction of CO₂ with water using UV/visible light.

Royal Society Grant & IDTC Integrative Biology Studentship

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Public Perceptions of CCS for Climate Change Mitigation



- We have taken a qualitative approach based on semi-structured interviews which were recorded and transcribed verbatim.
- Respondents were chosen from two areas which have different relationships to the fossil-fuel industry: Mansfield and West Bridgford.
- Understandings of the causes and consequences of climate change appeared to affect the way CCS was viewed.



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Other NCCCS Activities Training

Short courses- Following our experience in delivering short courses (3-4 days) in CCS both in UK and China.

MSc/MRes qualification in CCS technologies for full-time and part-time study. Flexible delivery mechanisms.



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Conclusion

- NCCCS encourages international co-operation between industry, academia, policy advisors and government organisations.
- NCCCS has the ability to cover full chain CCS research.
- NCCCS has the ability to provide capacity building in CCS.
- Provide the innovation needed for the wider deployment of CCS.

