



# ***The Water, Energy and Carbon Sequestration Simulation Model (WECSsim<sup>©</sup>)***

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# Water, Energy and CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration (WECS) Model:

**(4) H<sub>2</sub>O Treatment & Use**



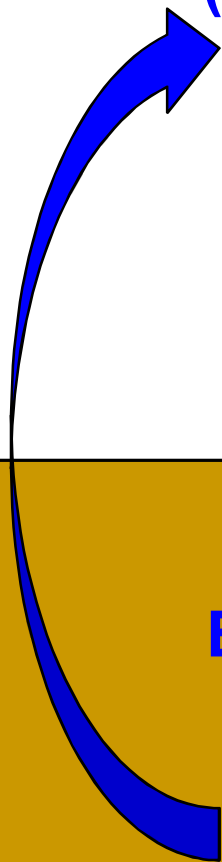
**(1) CO<sub>2</sub> Capture**



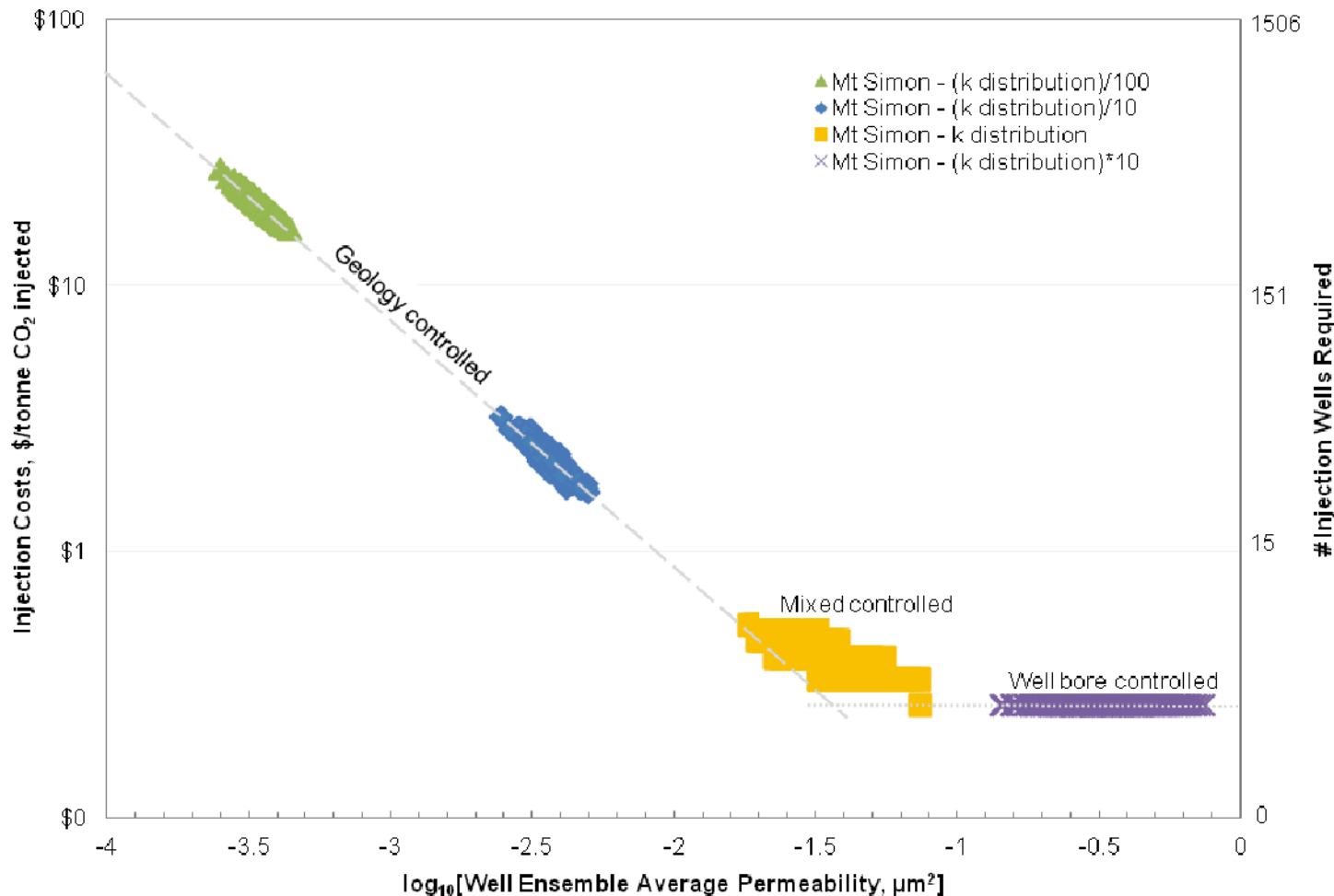
**(3) H<sub>2</sub>O Extraction**

**(2) Formation Assessment & CO<sub>2</sub> Storage**

Geologic Saline Formation



# Permeability & Engineered Constraints Drive Well Costs



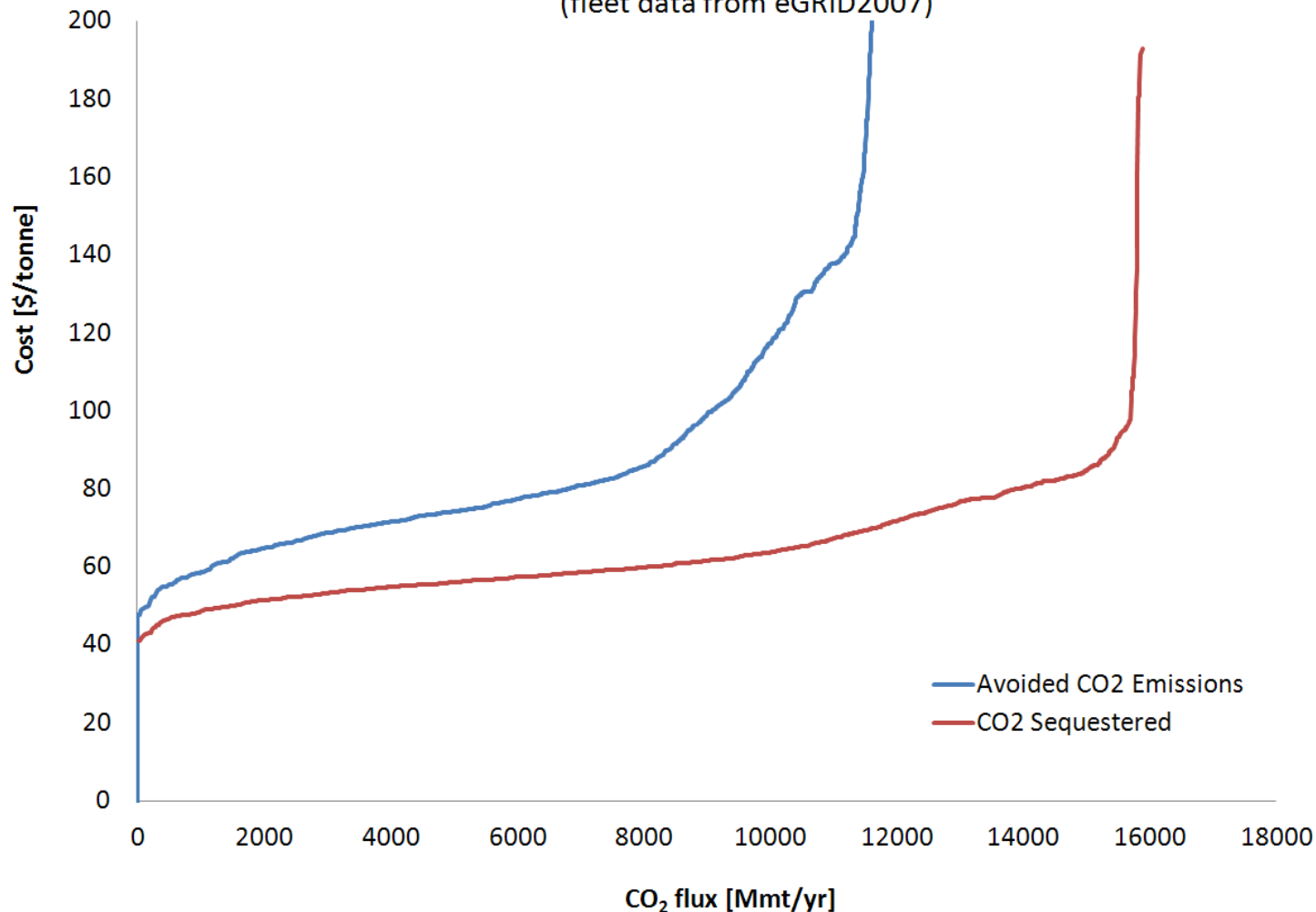
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# Working Results:

## *Developing a National, Dynamic CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Supply Curve*


CO<sub>2</sub> Capture & Storage Potential for 2005 U.S. Coal & Gas Fleet  
(fleet data from eGRID2007)



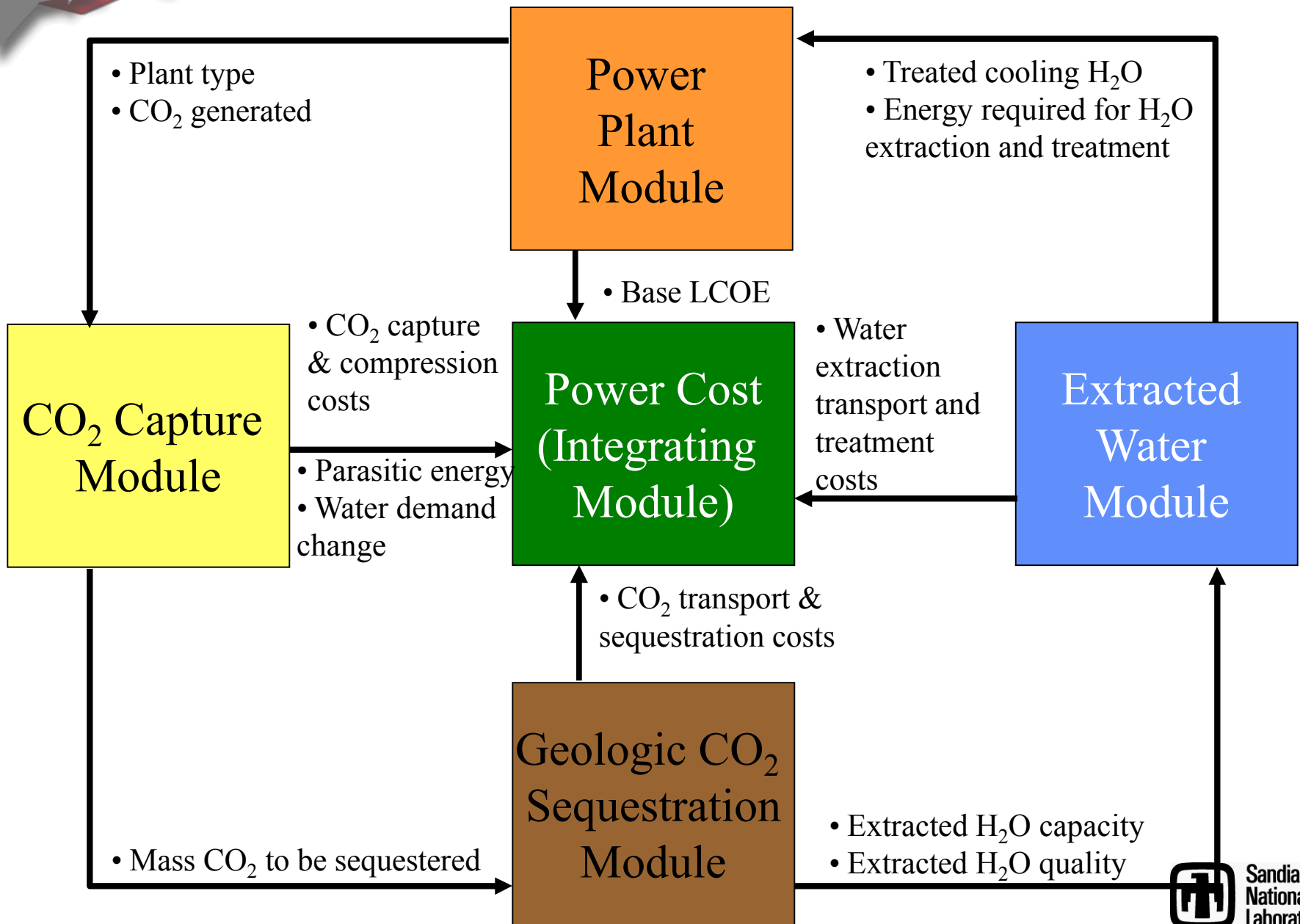


# Project Timeline & Goals

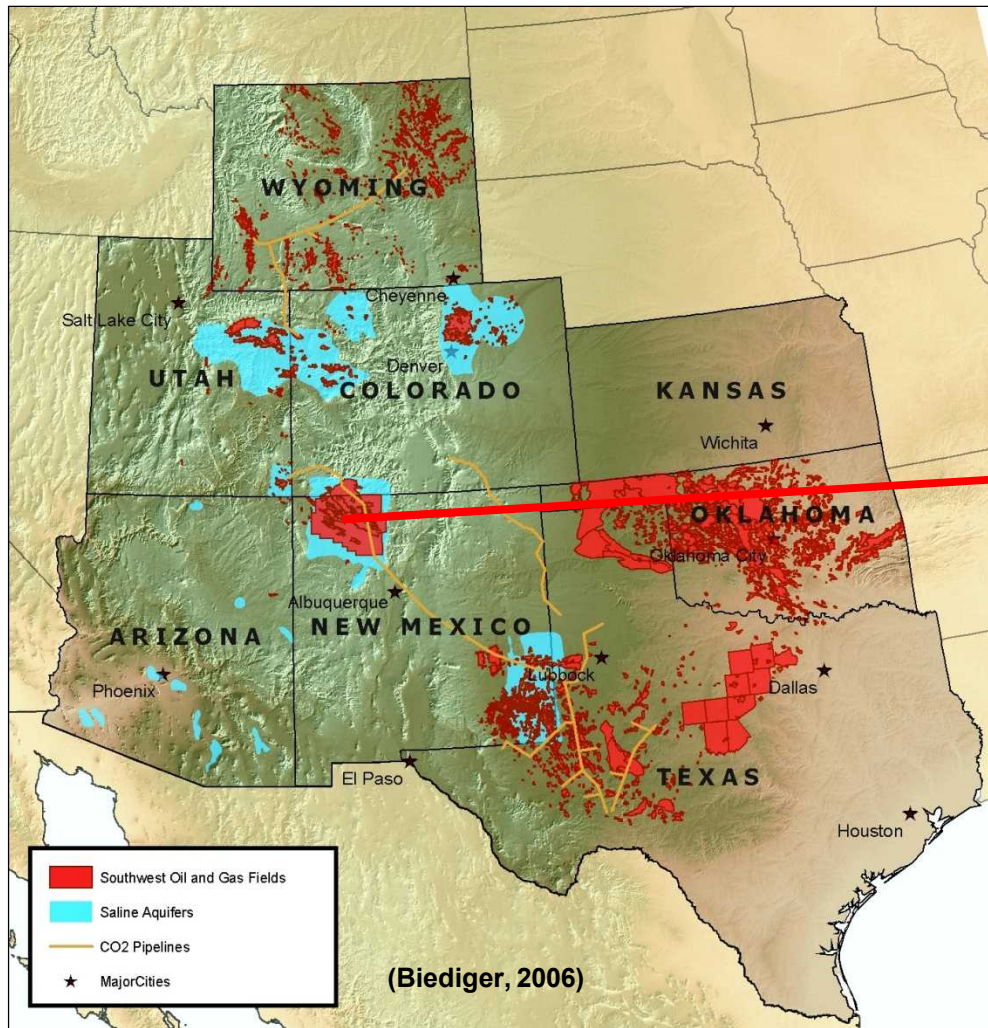
## Timeline

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- 2007
    - Developed a Test Case Model (WECS)
  - 2008
    - Additional TOUGH2 Analysis
  - 2009
    - Developed a single power plant to any saline formation sink in the U.S. systems calculator
  - 2010
    - Expanding the role of uncertainty in the model
      - Several order of magnitude variation in key geologic parameter (permeability)
      - Incorporating uncertainties into costs
  - 2011
  - 2012
    - Refining permeability, porosity representation in WECSsim
      - Finalizing WECSsim Interface
      - Develop WECSsim User's manual

# WECSsim Modular Structure

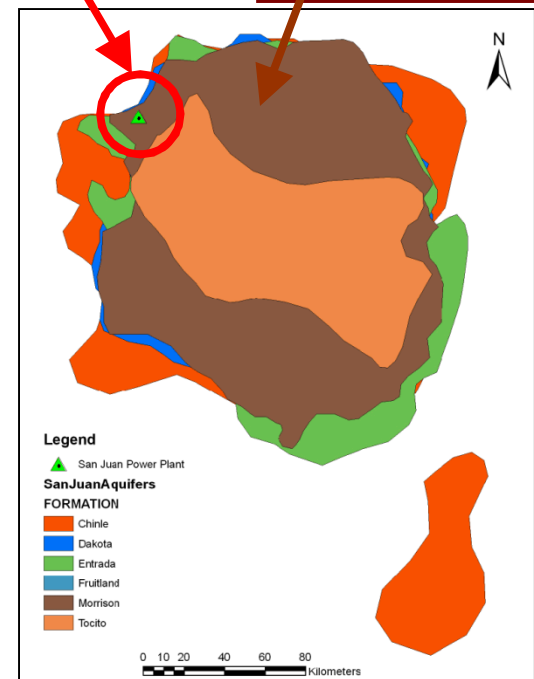


# The San Juan Power Plant and Morrison Formation



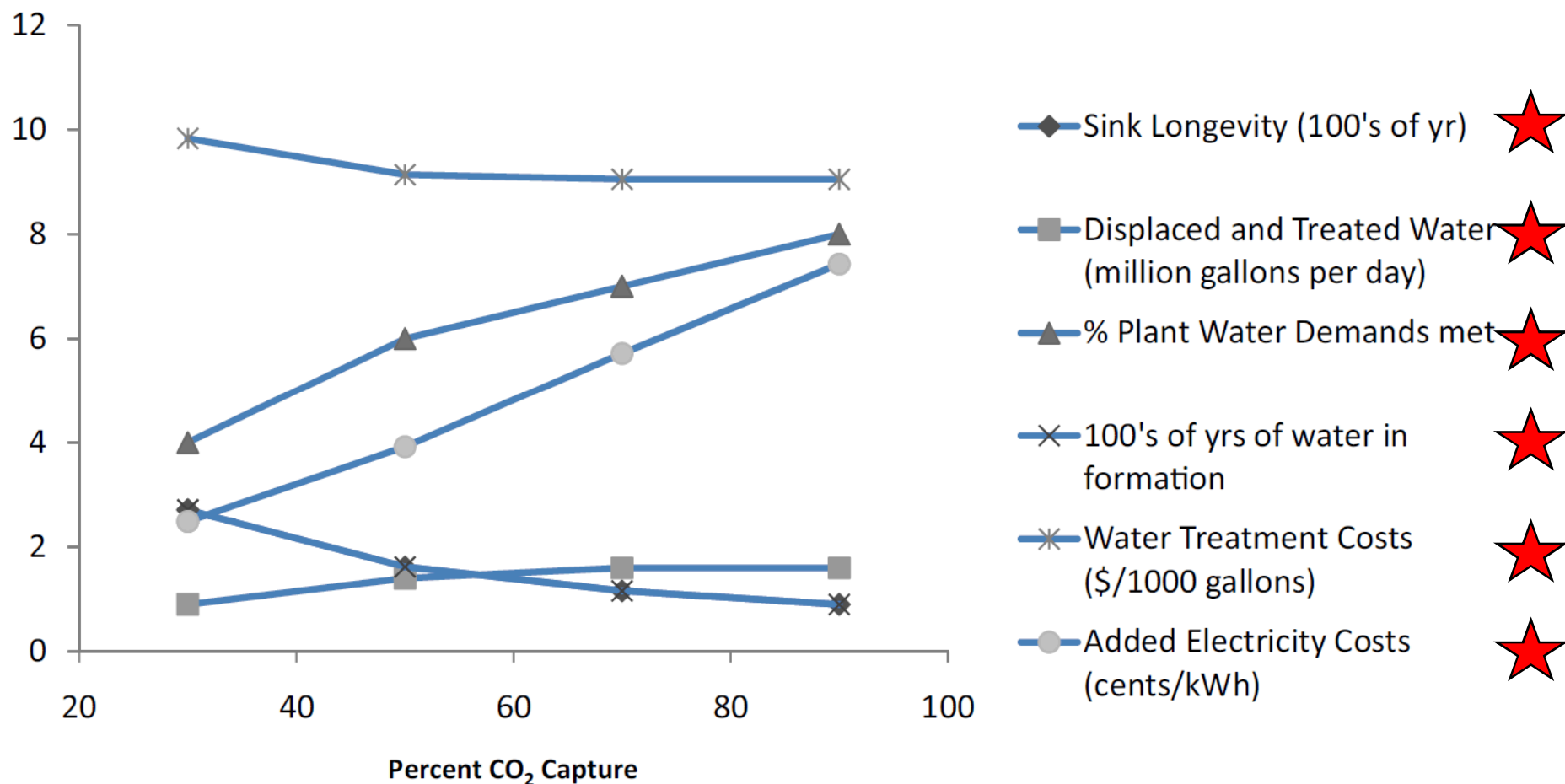
San Juan Power Plant

Morrison Formation





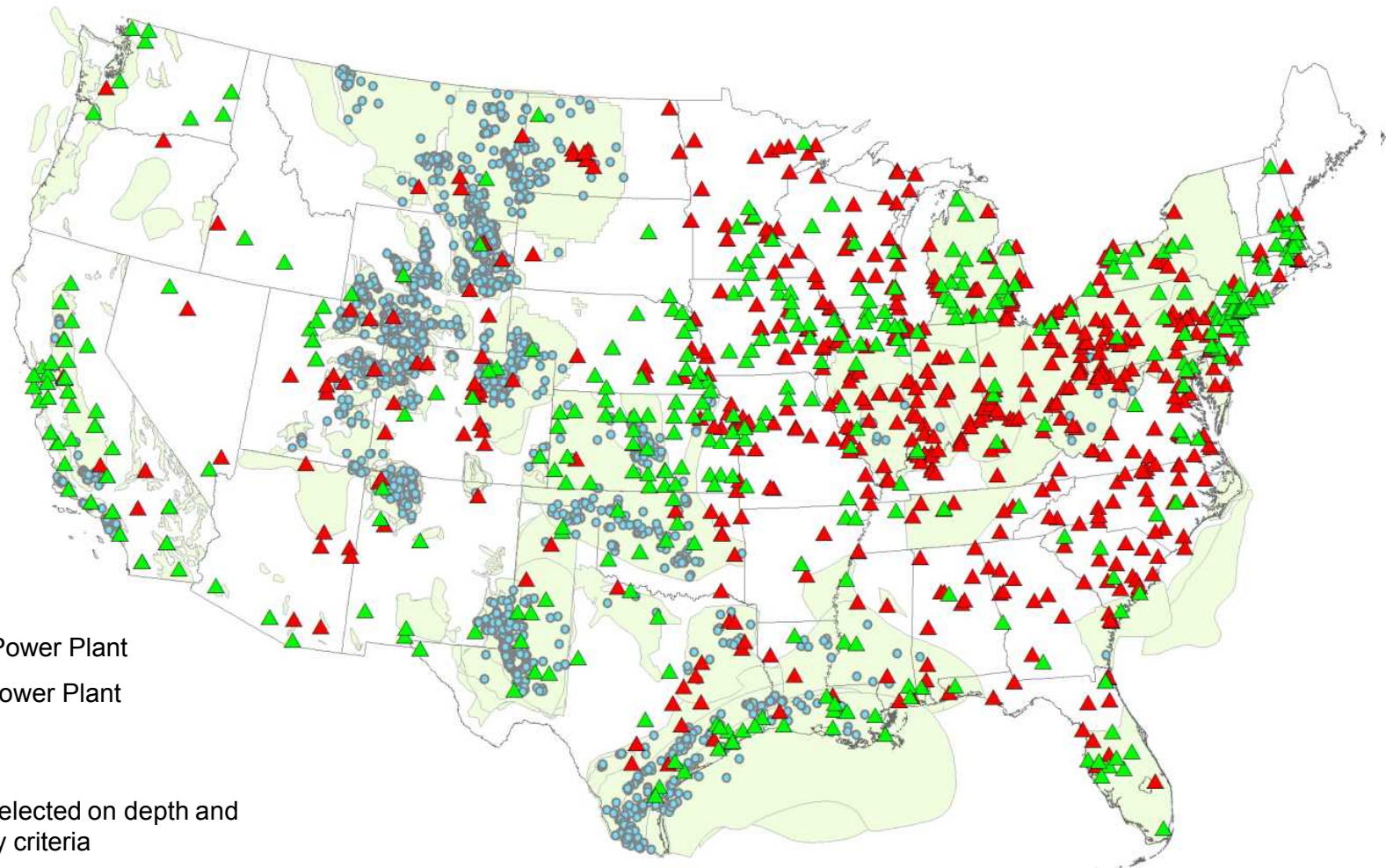
# Single Power Plant to Single Geologic Storage Site



Source: Kobos et al., 2011, *International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control*, 5, 899-910.



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



Coal Power Plant



Gas Power Plant



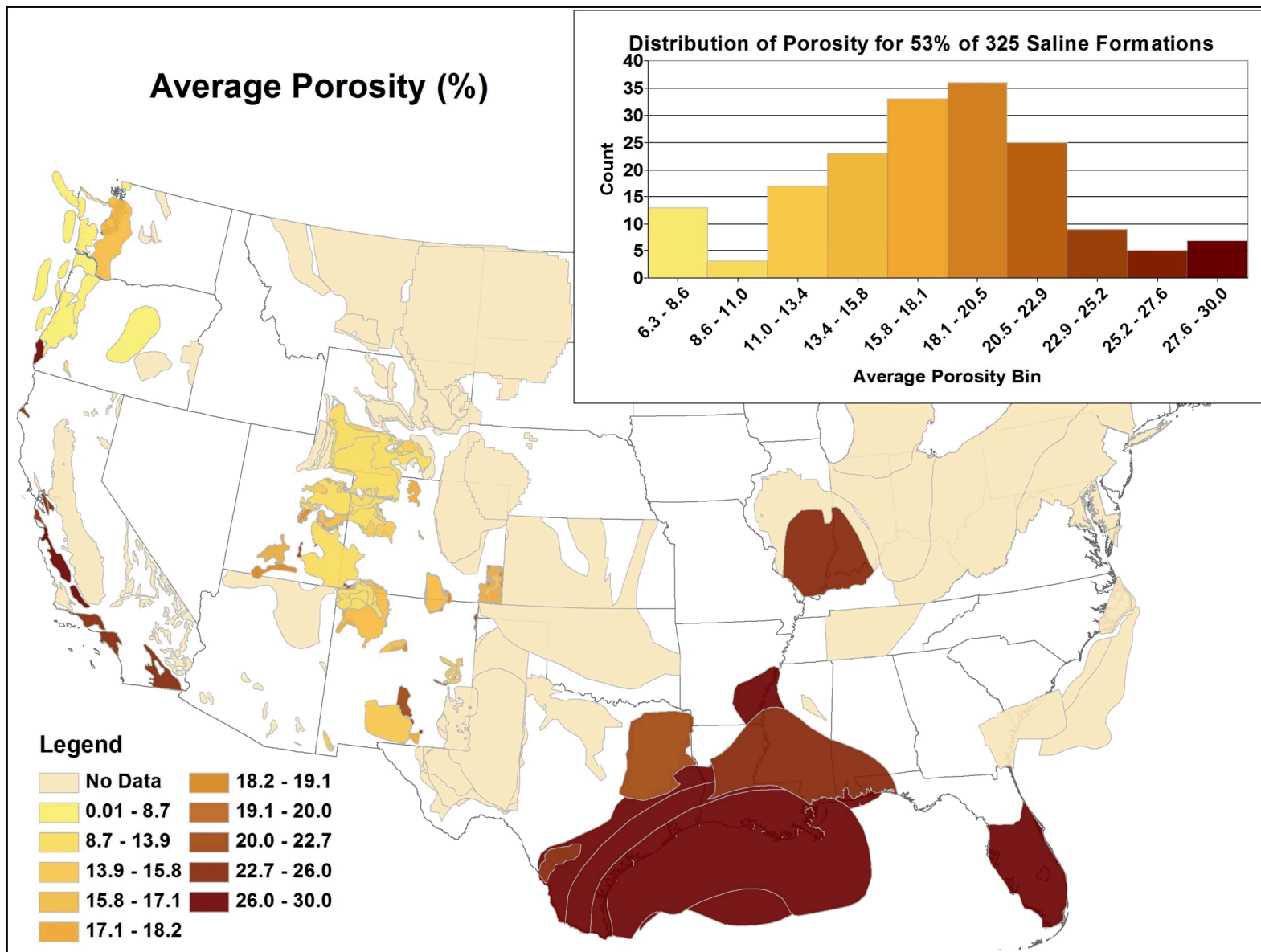
Well



Well selected on depth and  
salinity criteria

325 down selected regions  
original NatCarb Atlas data

# Distribution of *Porosity*, & other characteristics



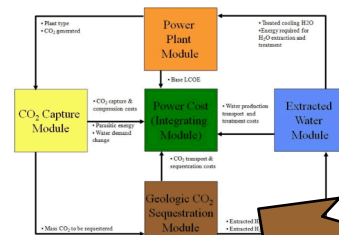
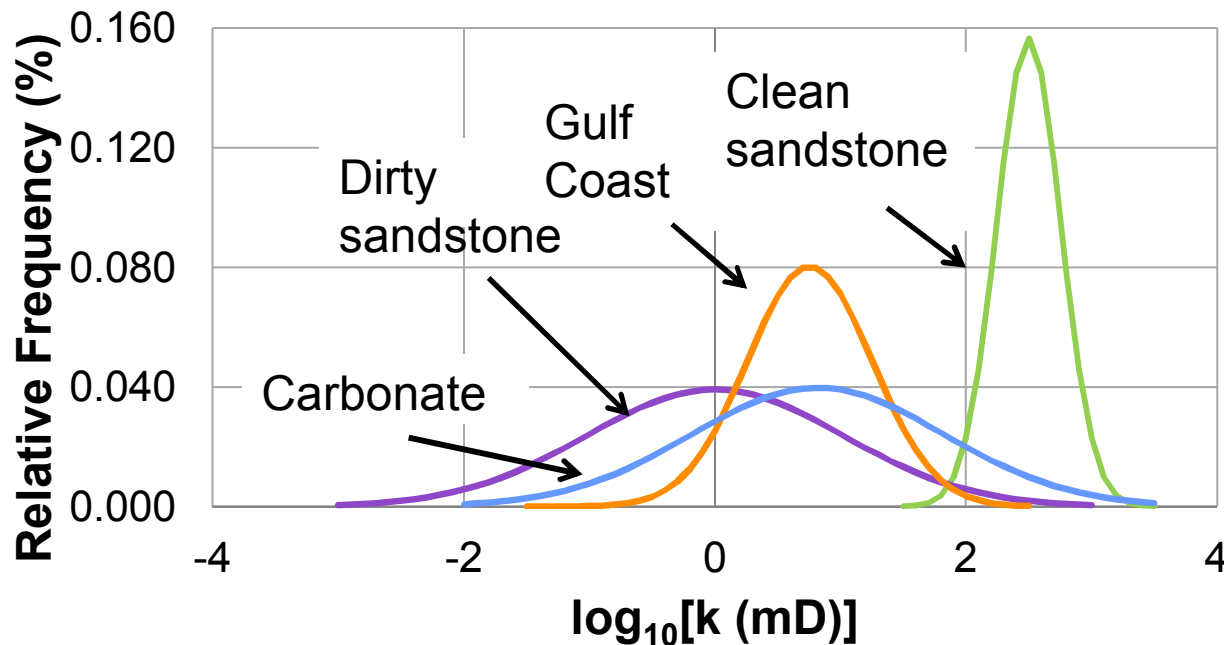


# Data Challenge in the Context of Cost

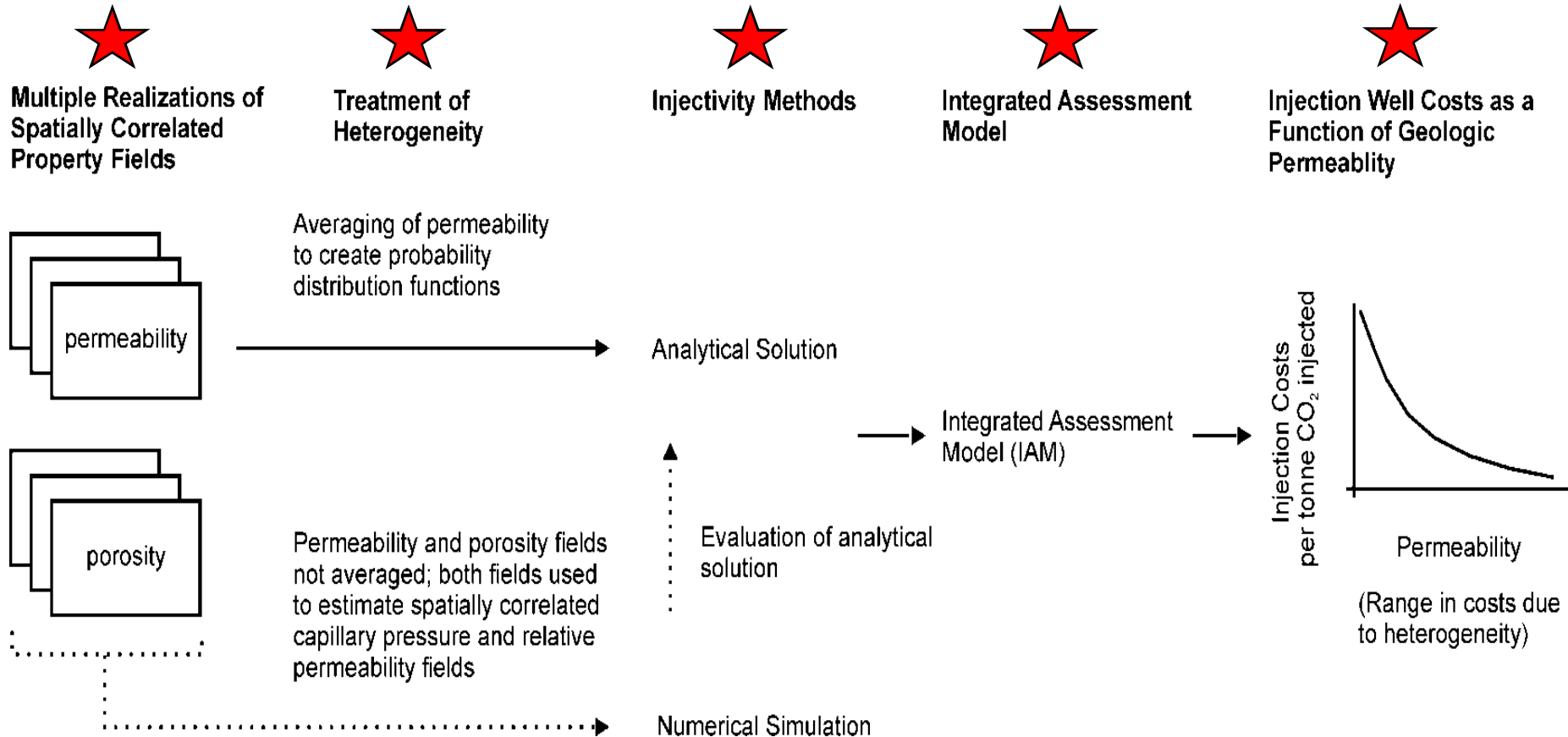
	Data Challenge	Required to Calculate	Result
★	Formation Permeability	→	Injection Rates per Well
★	Injection Rates Per Well	→	Number of Wells per Power Plant & CO <sub>2</sub> Sink Combo.
★	Number of Wells	→	Cost of Infrastructure & Well Spacing
★	Costs & Well Spacing	→	Manage Communication between Wells
★	Communication Between Wells	→	Calculate the Levelized Lifetime Cost (and years) for the CO <sub>2</sub> Sink & H <sub>2</sub> O resource

# Expanding the 'Geology Controlled' (Permeability) factor to Cost Relationship across all Sinks

Injectivity equation: permeability sampled from 4 Rock Types

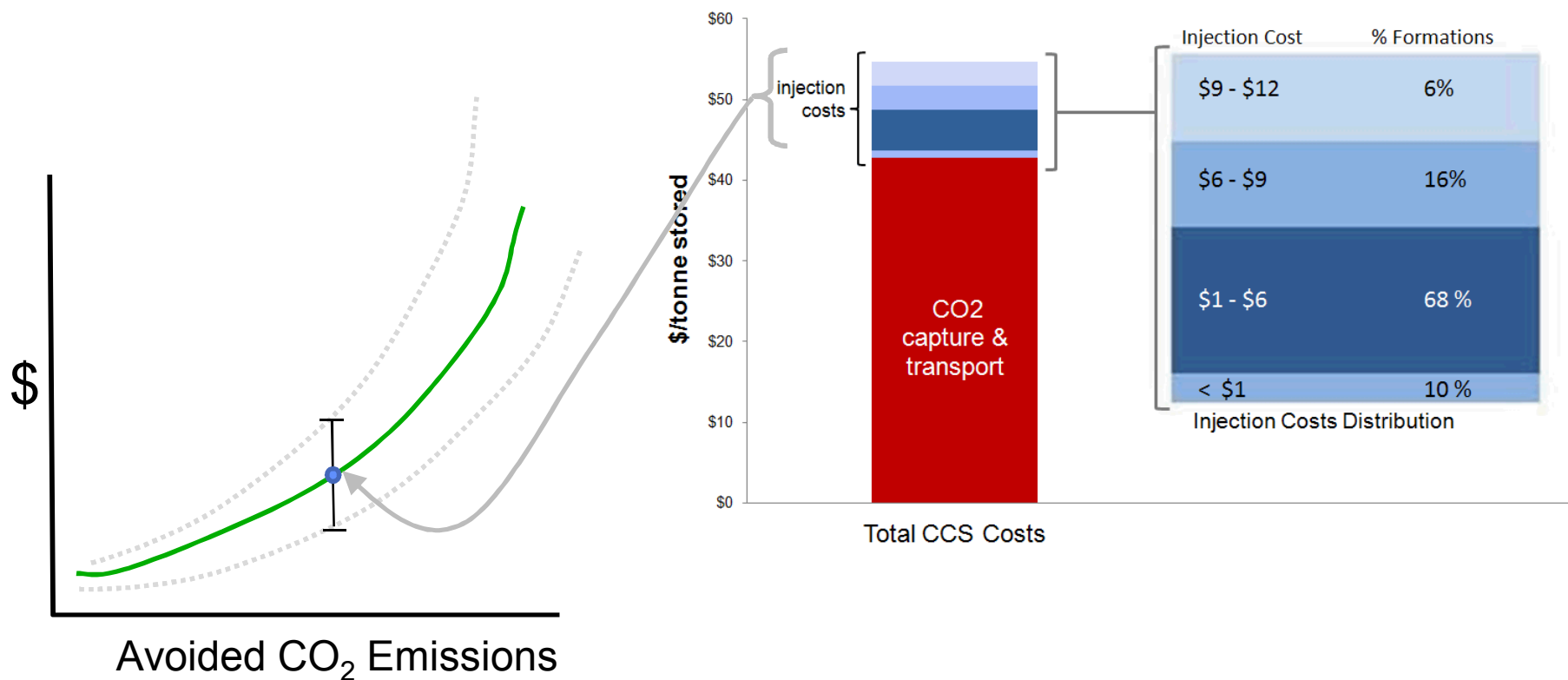


# Methods behind the Permeability-to-Cost Analysis



# WECSsim Results:

## *Similar Full Economic Analysis Underway*

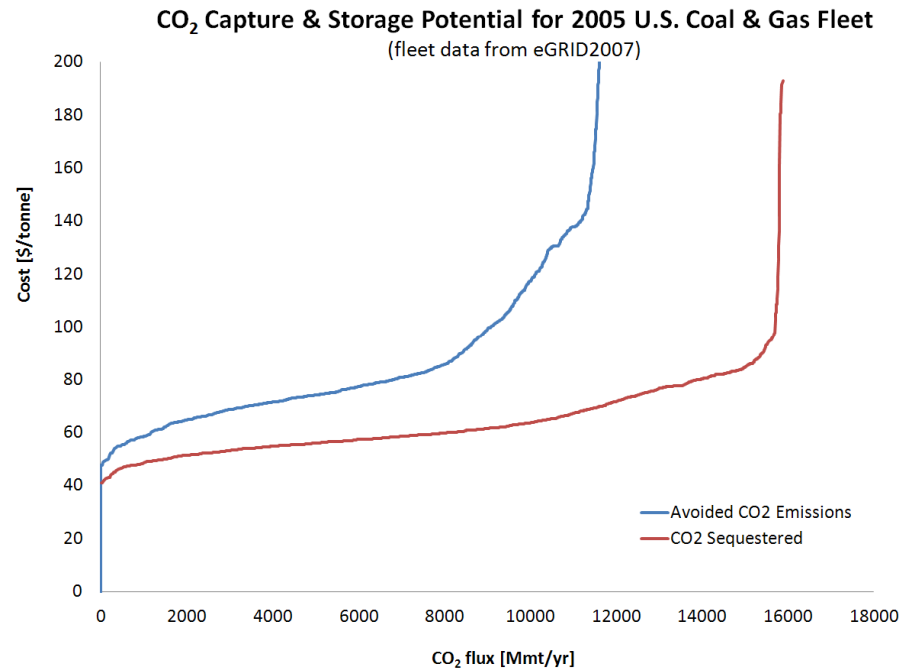
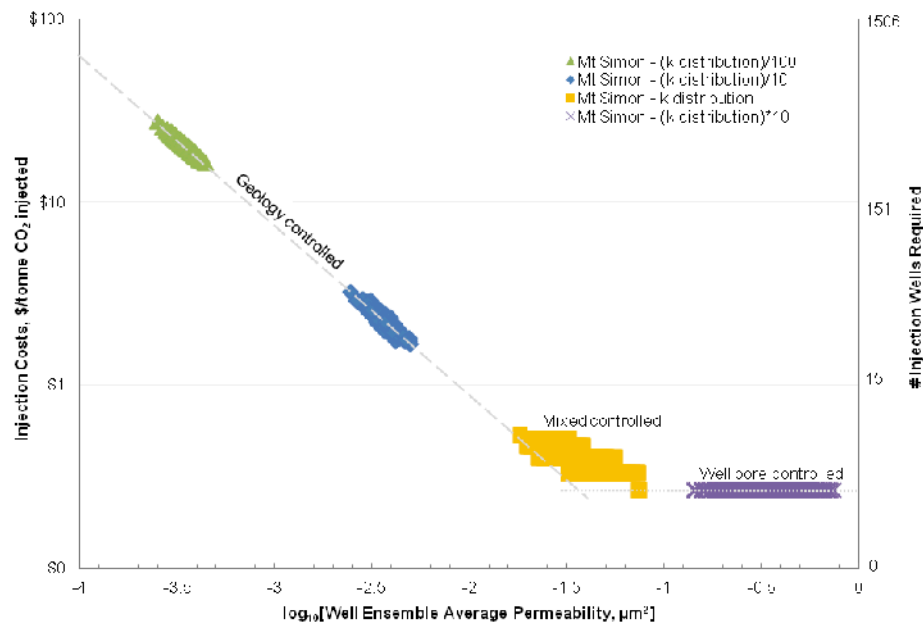


**Note: Illustrative Example at this time**



# Summary:

## Identifying costs, capacity, and siting criteria







# Key Messages

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## Framework for National Level Assessment

- Cost of CCS from any U.S. fossil fuel power plant to any deep saline formation
- Site-specific nature of geologic data challenge

## Impact of Geologic Uncertainty on Costs

- Low injectivity requires more injection wells and therefore higher costs
- High permeability reservoirs with low injection costs (< \$1/tonne) represent < ~10% of the 325 formations
- Scale-up challenge



## For Further Information:

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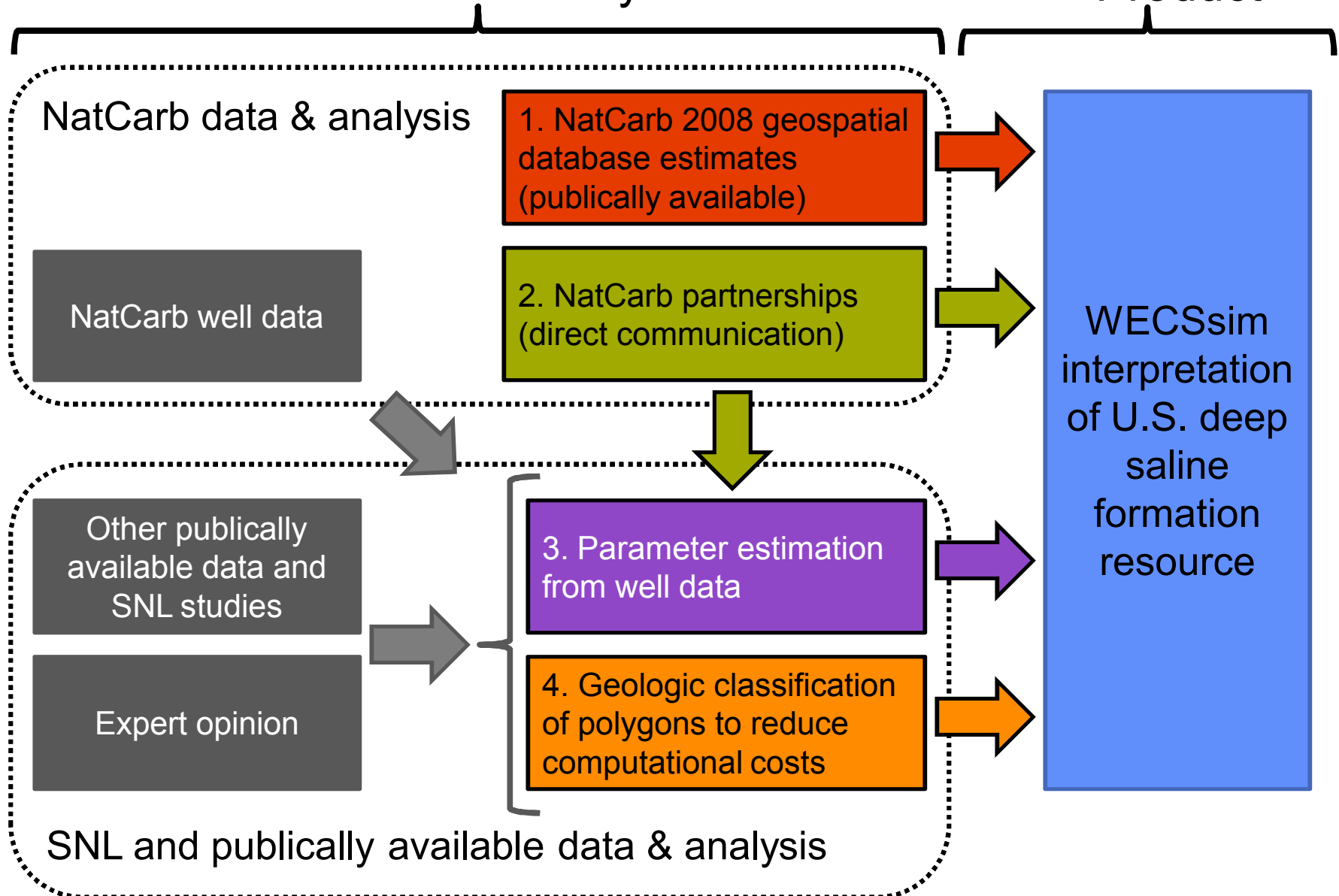
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# Assessing U.S. deep saline formations

Data and Analysis

Product



# Limited Saline Formation Data

Data availability by source for 325 polygons derived from NatCarb 2008

Data Source	CO <sub>2</sub> storage capacity	Area	Depth	Thickness	Porosity	Perm	TDS	Temp	Pressure
NatCarb 2008	42%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Partnerships	42%	100%	62%	64%	55%	0%	18%	44%	45%
Well records	NA	NA	70% <sup>1</sup>	70% <sup>1</sup>	0%	0%	70% <sup>1</sup>	100% <sup>2</sup>	NA
Geologic class	NA	NA	NA	NA	100%	100%	0%	NA	NA
No estimate	16% (52)	0% (0)	14% <sup>3</sup> (47)	14% <sup>3</sup> (47)	0 % (0 )	0 % (0 )	14% <sup>3</sup> (47)	14% <sup>3</sup> (47)	14% <sup>3</sup> (47)

Notes:

1. 30% of polygons (97 of 325) have no potentially intersecting wells associated with them from well databases used here.
2. Temperature calculated from depth and geothermal gradient. Geothermal gradient was developed spatially from publically available well records.
3. 14% of polygons (47 of 325) have no depth, thickness, or salinity information and no potentially intersecting wells.

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Summary

Power  
Plant

CO<sub>2</sub>  
Capture

Carbon  
Sequestration

Extracted  
Water

Power  
Costs



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powerplant

Evaluate 2005 U.S.  
powerplant fleet

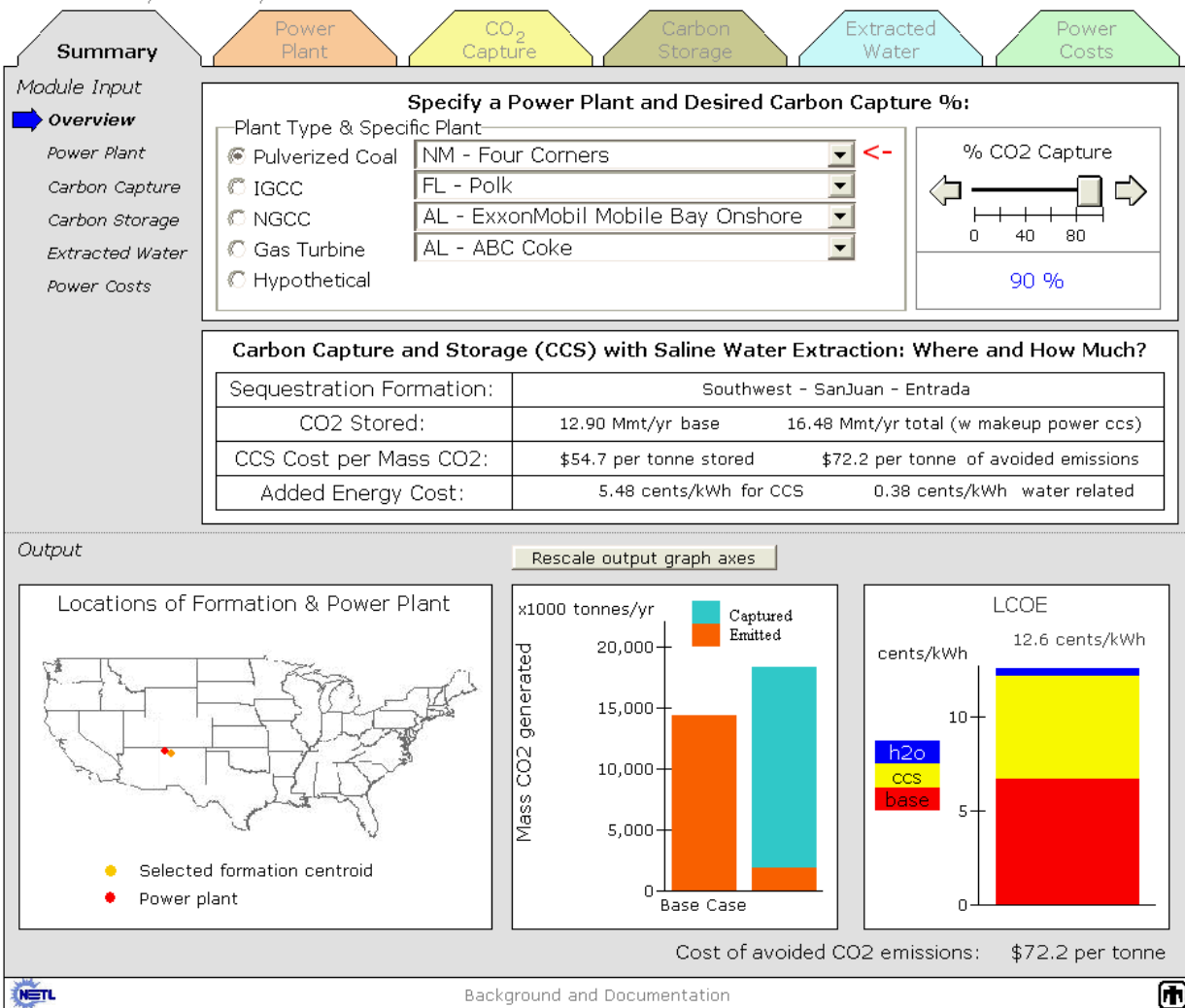
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Summary
**Power Plant**
CO<sub>2</sub> Capture
Carbon Storage
Extracted Water
Power Costs

*Module Input*

**Summary**

*Plant location*

*Plant type & size*

*Water use*

*LCOE*

### Specify a Power Plant (Existing or Hypothetical):

Plant Type & Specific Plant:

☒ Pulverized Coal  
☐ IGCC  
☐ NGCC  
☐ Gas Turbine  
☐ Hypothetical

NM - Four Corners

FL - Polk

AL - ExxonMobil Mobile Bay Onshore

AL - ABC Coke

The radio-buttons and dropdowns set the default power plant parameters to values for any eGRID 2007 plant (first four radio-button options) or an entirely user specified ("Custom") plant. In either case, resulting model defaults can be changed individually as well.


Plant type	PC-Subcritical		
Capacity & Capacity Factor	2,270 MW		0.7854
CO <sub>2</sub> Generation Rate	2,051 lbs/MWh		
Latitude - Longitude	Lat	36°41'24"	Long -108°28'53"

*Output*

#### Key Information from Power Plant Module

Plant type	PC-Subcritical
Base electricity generation	15,403.9 GWh/yr
Base CO <sub>2</sub> generation	15,797,847.7 tons/yr
Cooling type	Cooling tower
Base water withdrawals	643.1 MGD
Base water consumption	1.6 MGD


#### Power Plant Location



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12.6 cents/kWh

cents/kWh

H<sub>2</sub>O  
 CCS  
 Base



Scale



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Module Input

➔ **Summary**

Parasitic Energy

Make-up Power

Direct Water Use

### Carbon Capture Module Inputs Summary

Plant Type	Pulverized coal subcritical
% Base CO <sub>2</sub> Captured (CC)	90 %
Water withdrawal demand specific to CC & compression	298 gal/tonne CC
Make-up Power (MUP) Plant Type	PC-Subcritical
MUP CO <sub>2</sub> Production Rate	1,900 lbs/MWh
% MUP CO <sub>2</sub> Captured	90 %
MUP LCOE	13.1 cents/kWh
MUP Plant Cooling Type	Cooling tower
MUP water withdrawal rate	22.2 MGD

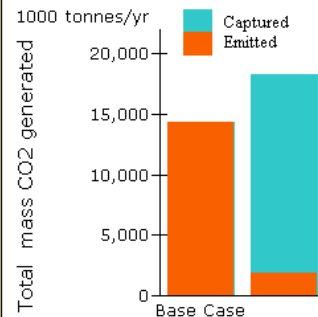
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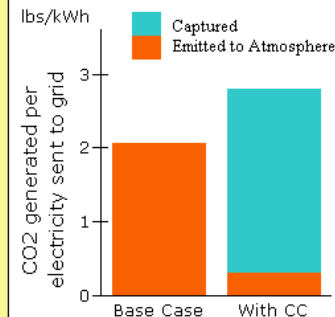
#### CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Summary Values

Base plant type	PC-Subcritical
% CO <sub>2</sub> Captured (CC)	90 %
Parasitic Energy Loss	30 %
=	534,857 kW
Make-up plant type	PC-Subcritical
Make-up plant cooling type	Cooling tower
Added water withdrawal demand	3 %
=	22 MGD
Total CC	16.5 Mmt/yr
LCOE of CC	5.4 cents/kWh

#### Total CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions & Fate



#### CO<sub>2</sub> produced per kWh to grid



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Summary
Power Plant
CO<sub>2</sub> Capture
**Carbon Storage**
Extracted Water
Power Costs

**Module Input**

➔ **Summary**

*Sink ID & Location*

*Sink Area*

*Sink Depth & Thickness*

*Sink TP CO2 D*

*Sink Porosity*

*Sink Permeability*

*Injection Wells*

*Sink Storage Resource*

### Carbon Storage Target (NatCarb Partnership - Basin - Formation)


Southwest - SanJuan - Entrada

Formation Centroid	36°24'35" N    -107°42'43" W
Formation footprint area	29,181.6 km <sup>2</sup>
Formation depth	5,887 ft
Formation thickness	420 ft
Formation average porosity	0.168
Formation geometric mean permeability	396.9 mD
Formation temperature	59°C
Formation pressure	175.8 bar

**Output**

Carbon Storage Target	
Southwest - SanJuan - Entrada	
Sink life for this CO2 only	550 yr
Sequestration depth	5,887 ft
Initial temp. at seq. depth	59°C
Initial pressure at seq. depth	176 bar
Resulting initial CO2 density	727 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
CO2 to be sequestered	16.5 Mmt/yr
Power Plant to sink distance	0 mi
# injection wells required	10
LCOE CO2 transport & seq.	0.05 cents/kWh

#### Locations of Formation & Power Plant



- Selected formation centroid location  
( 36°24'35" N -107°42'43" W )
- Power plant location (set on Power Plant Tab)  
( 36°41'24" N -108°28'53" W )



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Module Input

➔ **Summary**

Quantity & Quality

Extraction Wells

Water Treatment

Brine Disposal

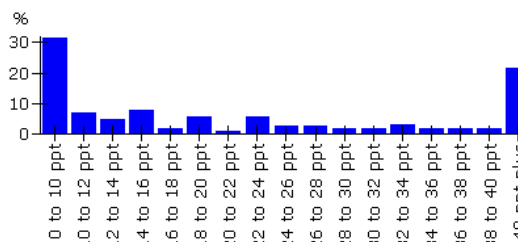
### Extracted Water Module Inputs Summary

Saline formation targeted	Southwest - SanJuan - Entrada
Deep saline water extraction rate	25.25 MGD
Number of extraction wells	10
Extraction depth	2500 to 5000 ft
Minimum salinity threshold	10 ppt
Maximum salinity threshold	30 ppt
Average salinity of extracted water	19 ppt
Treated water stream	16.64 MGD
% new (CCS) H2O demands met	75 %
Brine disposal method	injection

Output

Extraction formation:	
Southwest - SanJuan - Entrada	
Holes drilled per extraction well:	2.6
Number of extraction wells:	10
Average TDS of extracted water:	19 ppt
RO treatment plant efficiency:	66 %
Brine concentrate (bc) disposal:	injection
Treated water stream:	16.6 MGD
% new (CCS) H2O demands met:	75 %
Cost of extraction and transport:	\$4.66 per 1000 gal
Cost of treatment and bc disposal:	\$5.10 per 1000 gal
Total treated water cost:	\$9.76 per 1000 gal

Distribution of water quality in target formation at depths of: 2500 to 5000 ft



Rescale

Salinity Intervals

Caution: Distribution is from potentially intersecting well records and thus only an estimate of tds in the formation



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