

The North Sea's CCS Opportunity

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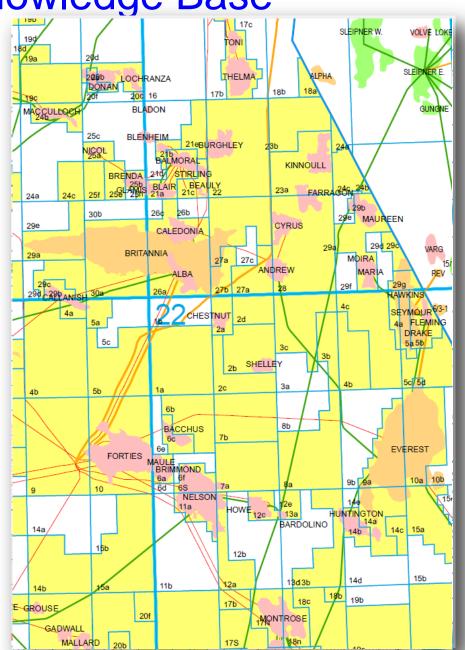
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Outline

- ▶ Capacity, injectivity & integrity
- ► CO₂-EOR a soft start for CCS

North Sea Knowledge Base

- Near complete 3D seismic coverage of licensed areas
- Extensive 2D coverage of platforms and marginal areas
- ▶ 10416 E, A & D wells to end 2010
 - Static data
- >350 fields
 - dynamic data production & injection

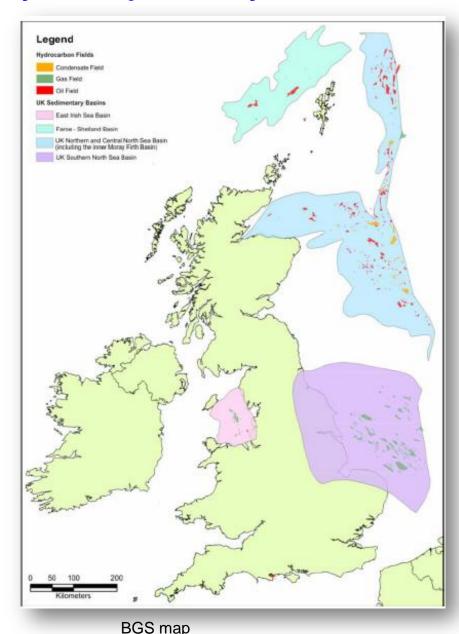


UK CCS Capacity & Injectivity

- ► ETI UK Storage Appraisal Project
 - Step change in methodologies to make a realistic assessment of practical CO₂ storage capacity
 - Overall estimate of capacity
 - GIS database of potential storage units, including risks & economics
 - Inform investment decisions for CCS roll out in the UK
 - 10 institutes & companies

Andrew Green Programme Manager CCS, 2010

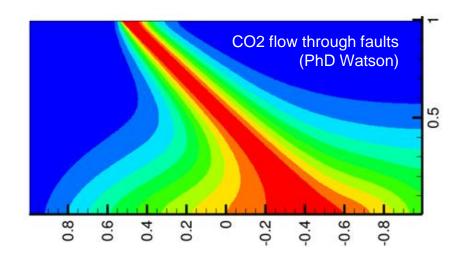
- Completion in mid 2011
 - 310 saline aquifers
 - 50 water bearing closures
 - 220 petroleum fields



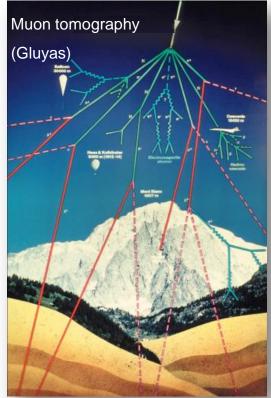
UK CCS Integrity

- Impact of injection
 - Rock mechanics
 - Fluid rock interaction

- Measuring, monitoring & verification
 - Seismic & electomag tools from the oil industry
 - Requirement for inexpensive continuous monitoring







CO₂ Capture, Transportation & Storage

An entirely new process?

or

Have we done it before?

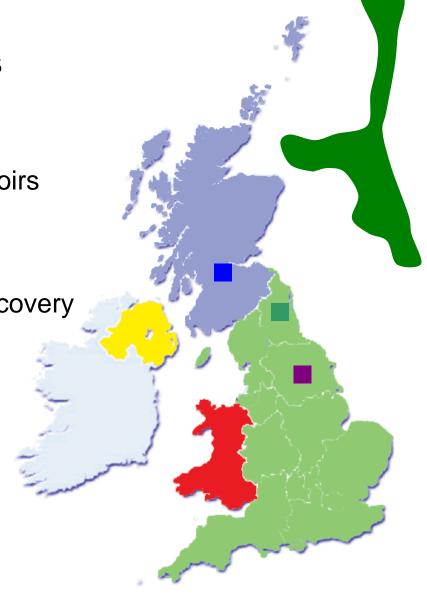


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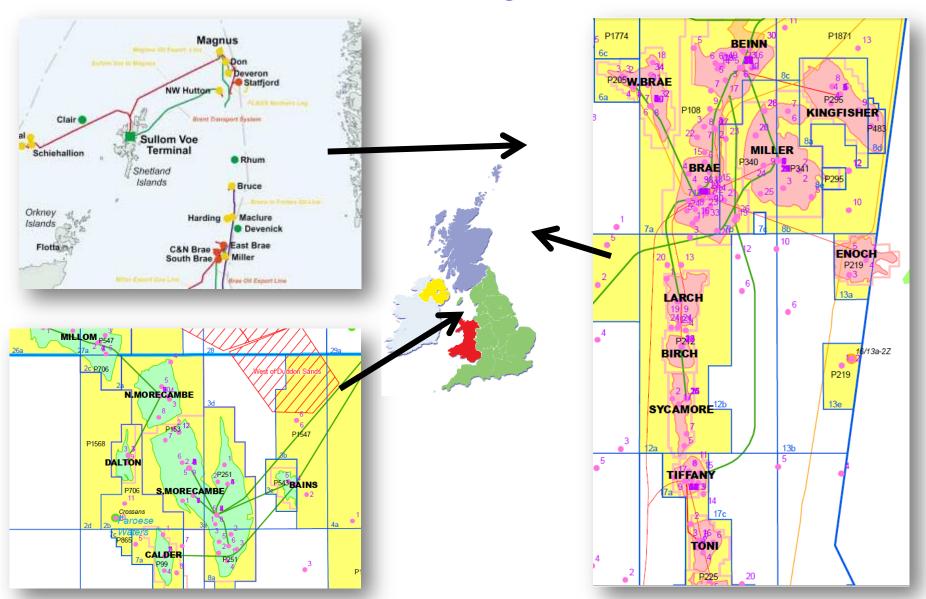


UK CO₂ – EOR Potential

- Well proven tool in West Texas
 - 4-12% of STOIIP extra recovery
 - Miscible and immiscible floods
 - Low quality, shallow (cool) reservoirs
 - 1 billion barrels recovered to date
- Untested in UK
 - Projected prize ~5% additional recovery
 - Largely miscible flood
 - High quality deep reservoirs
 - ~ 3 billion barrels
 - Matched by CO₂ production

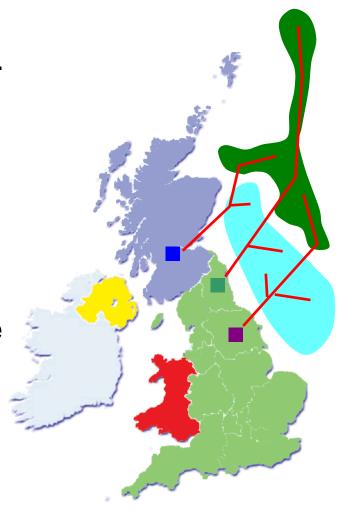


Capture, Transportation, Injection & Facilities Morecambe, Magnus & Miller



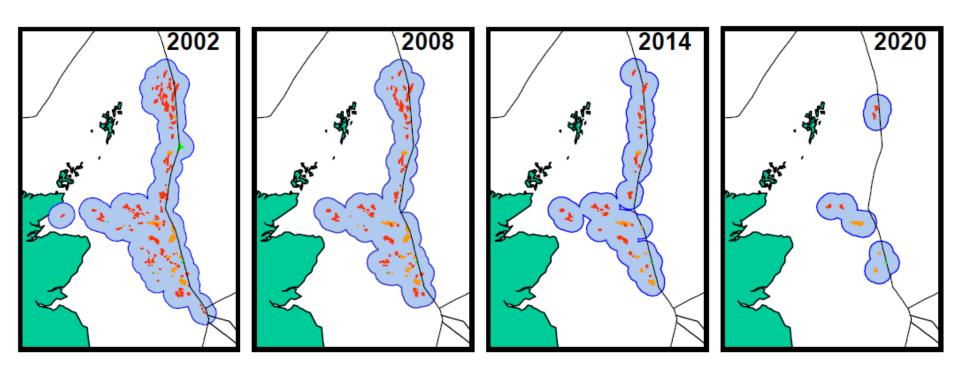
CO₂-EOR Heritage

- ► The CO₂ production from eastern UK could 'power' CO₂-EOR in the North Sea for 10-15 years per project, over ~30 year period
- ▶ It could deliver:
 - Improved security of oil supply
 - Infrastructure usable for carbon capture, transportation & storage
 - Increased tax revenues over current projections
 - Understanding of how storage sites behave
 - New & tested methodologies for MMV



Deep aquifer storage area

Do it now!



UKCS Shrinking Infrastructure

Jayasekera & Goodyear SPE 75171