

# CO2CRC Otway Project

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# CO2CRC is a world leader in applied CCUS research

We do research and **commercially relevant demonstrations** in CCUS applications.

We build and operate **first of a kind plant and equipment**.

We develop **industry led** technology options to **accelerate commercial deployment**.

We own and operate the **Otway International Test Centre** in South-West Victoria, Australia.

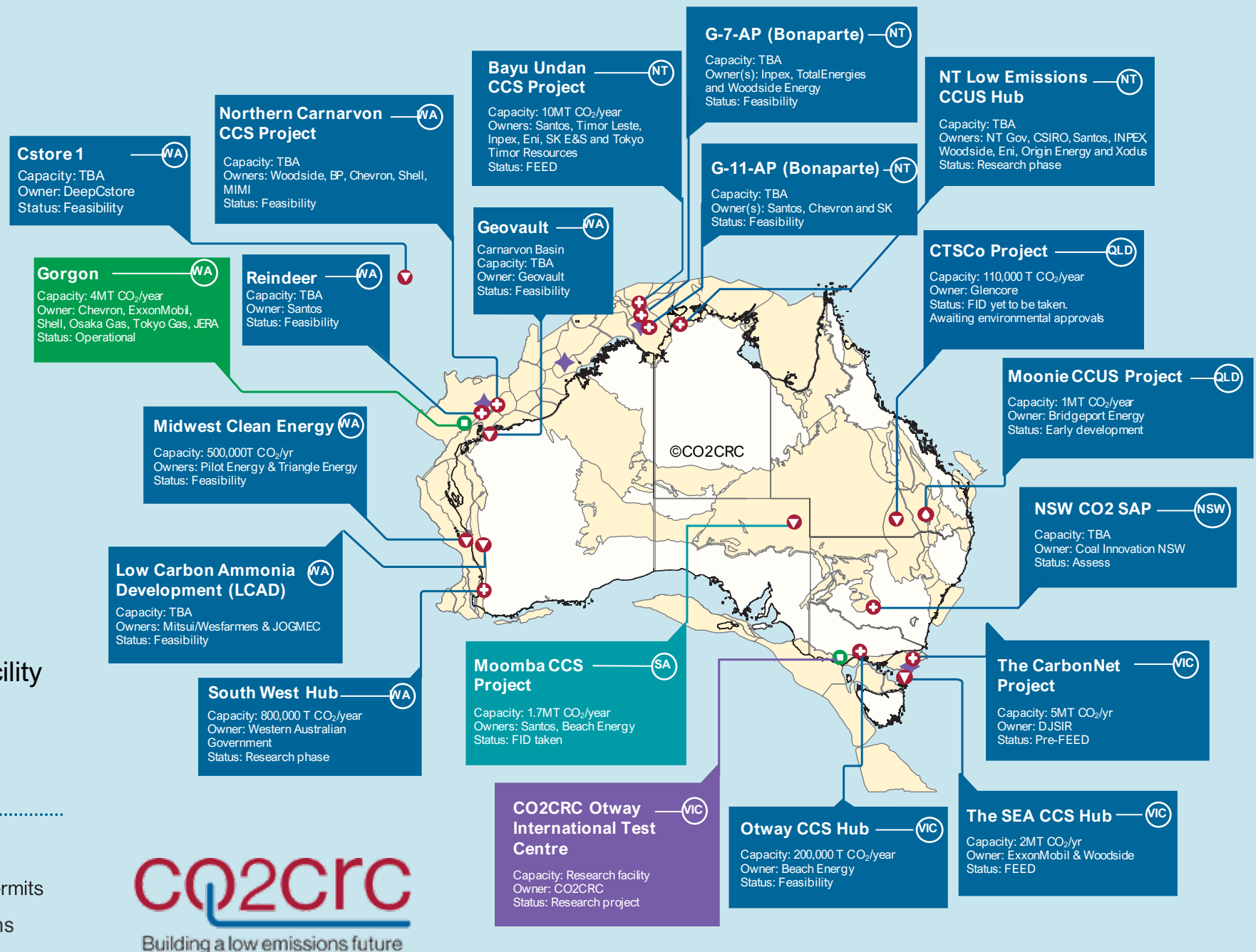


# CCUS Projects in Australia 2023

- 1 Operational project
- 1 Final investment decision taken
- 17 Projects in feasibility
- 1 Pilot and demonstration facility

## Legend

- Operational
- + Storage hub
- CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR
- ◆ Offshore CCS permits
- ▼ CCS
- Geological Basins





# Otway International Test Centre



CO2CRC's Otway International Test Centre enables field scale research and development of CCUS & H<sub>2</sub> storage technologies for commercial deployment.

# Otway International Test Centre

## Key Success Factors



**At scale investment** - Long term Government and Industry funding



Focused on **accelerating the transition to a low emissions future**



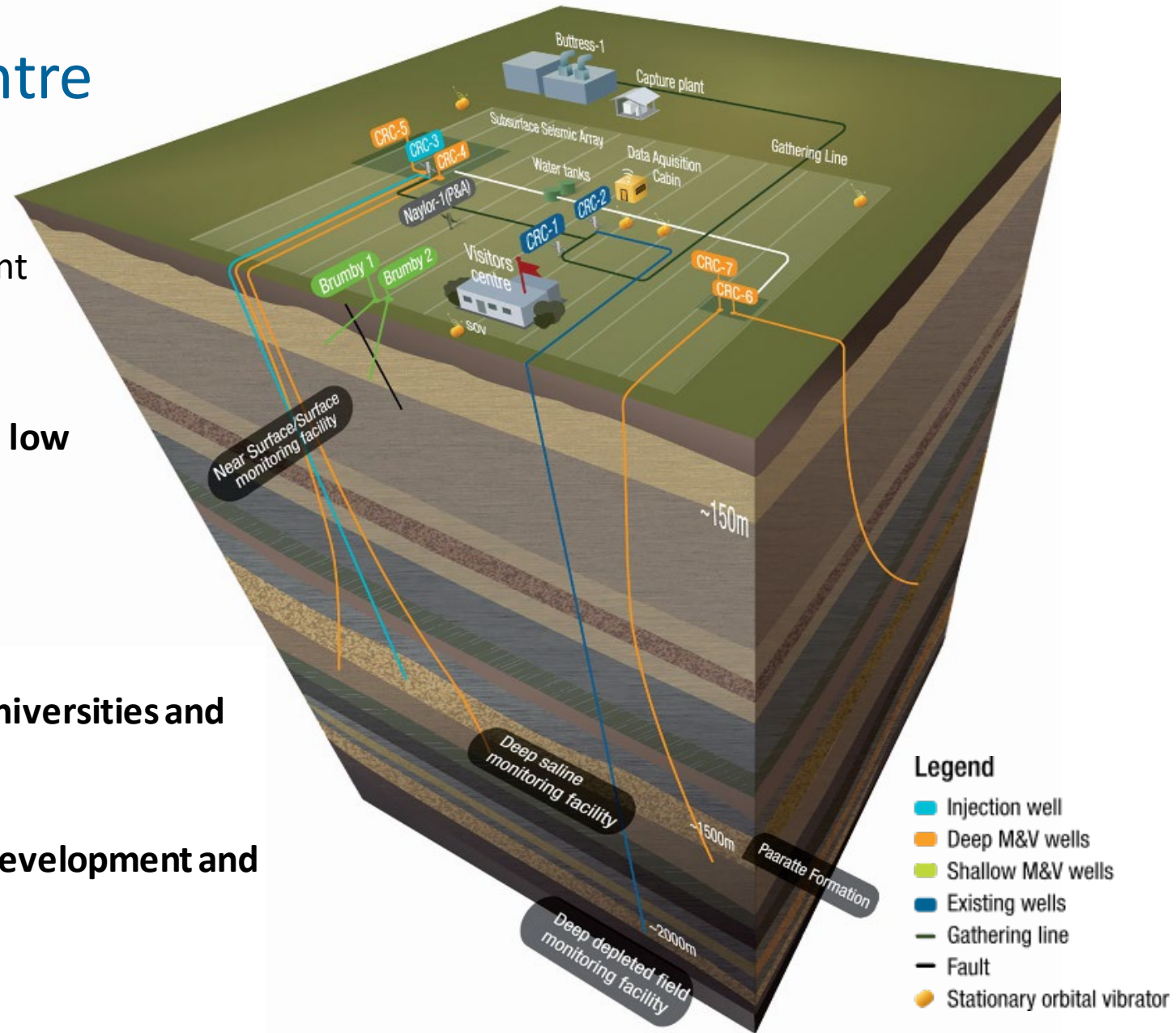
**Industry led Research**



Well-established **collaboration between universities and industry**, nationally and internationally



**Globally unique test centre to accelerate development and commercial deployment of technologies**





# Otway International Test Centre



## Otway Stage 1 (Concept): 2004 – 2009

- ✓ Demonstrated safe CO<sub>2</sub> storage into a depleted gas reservoir



## Otway Stage 2 (Risk Reduction): 2009 – 2019

- ✓ Demonstrate safe injection of CO<sub>2</sub> into a saline formation
- ✓ Stage 2B – Near well residual & solution trapping characterisation
- ✓ Stage 2C – Minimum detection, 4D M&V & Plume stabilisation



## Otway Stage 3: 2015 - 2022

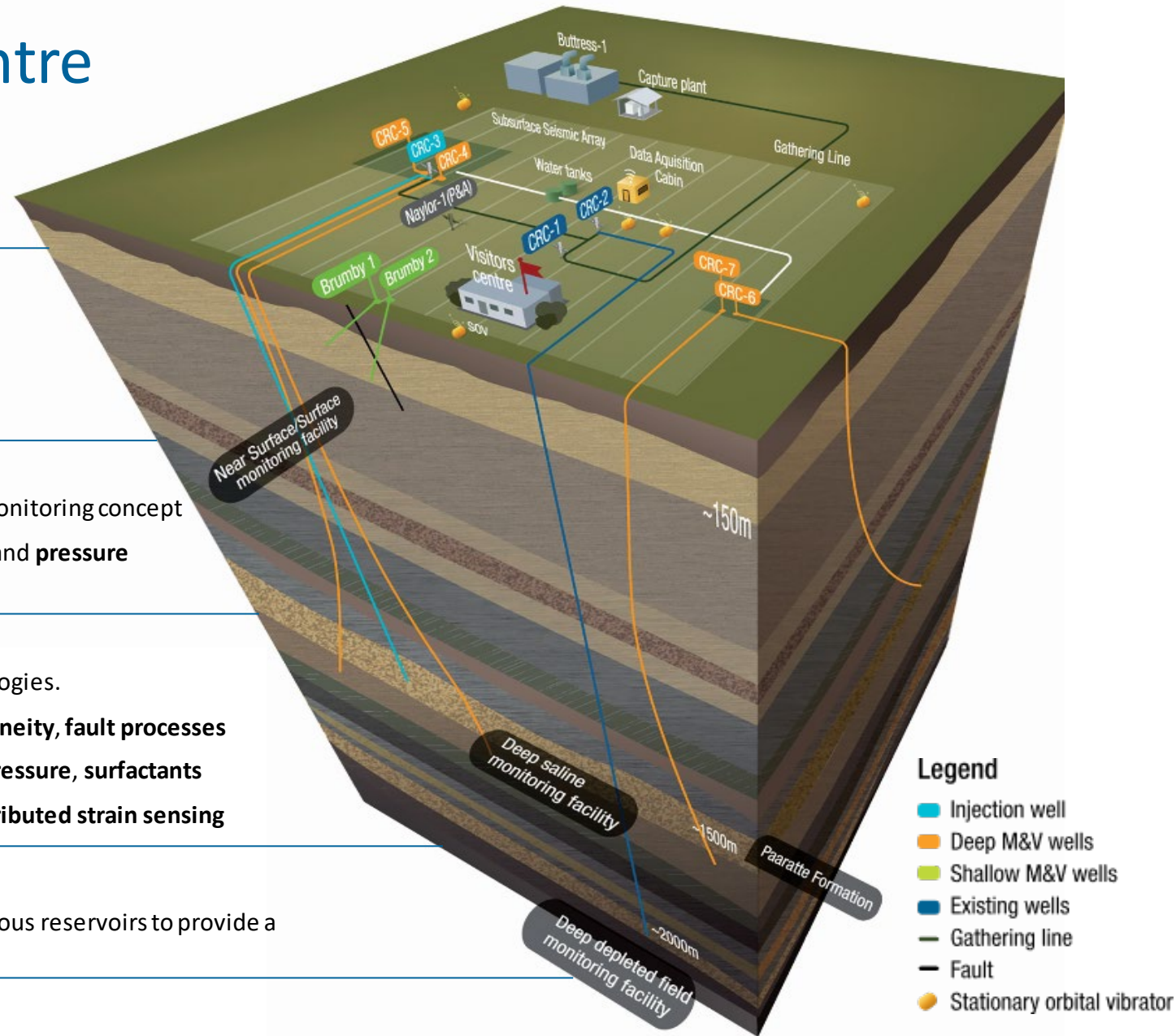
- ✓ Develop and test an “on-demand”, sub-surface and permanent monitoring concept
- ✓ Two primary technologies - **sub-surface seismic data acquisition** and **pressure tomography** (4 new monitoring wells)

## Otway Stage 4: 2019 – 2026

- Demonstrate commercially-focused **reservoir management** technologies.
  - Improved modelling workflows – Role of **fine scale heterogeneity, fault processes**
  - CO<sub>2</sub> storage optimisation – **Microbubble, pulsed injection pressure, surfactants**
  - Performance monitoring – CO<sub>2</sub> saturation from **seismic, distributed strain sensing**

## Underground Hydrogen Storage Demonstration: 2021 – 2028

- ❖ Field scale demonstration of underground hydrogen storage in porous reservoirs to provide a platform for technology development.



# Otway's Breakthrough Technologies

Seismic Monitoring Example



# In order to see, the industry needed:





# Otway's Evolving Seismic Monitoring Program



Vibroseis



Stationary Orbital Vibrators



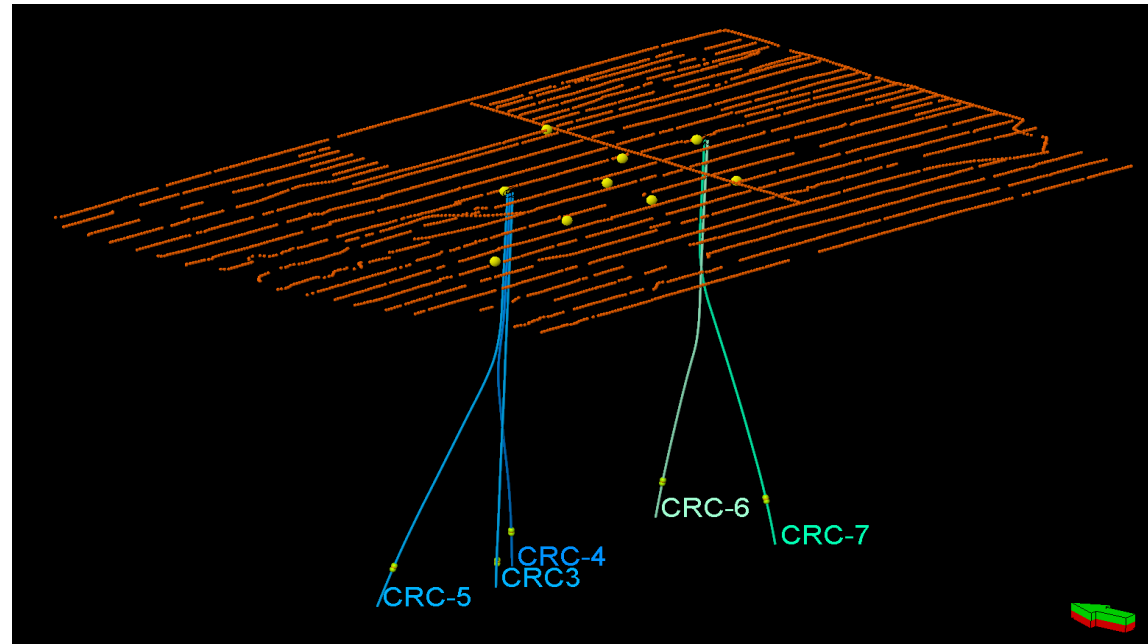
Geophones



Fibre optic cable



F/O Deployed  
in Trench



F/O Deployed  
Downhole

## DE-RISKING THE STORAGE OF CO<sub>2</sub> IN SALINE FORMATIONS

Saline formations have the greatest potential for CO<sub>2</sub> storage globally. Their utilisation will be necessary to ensure we remain within the COP21 2C target.

# 2015–2019



THROUGH THE MONITORING AND VERIFICATION OF 15,000 TONNES OF INJECTED CO<sub>2</sub> WE WILL VALIDATE SALINE ROCK FORMATIONS FOR CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE BY:



VALIDATING THE ACCURATE MODELLING OF CO<sub>2</sub> STABILISATION AND TRAPPING IN A SALINE FORMATION

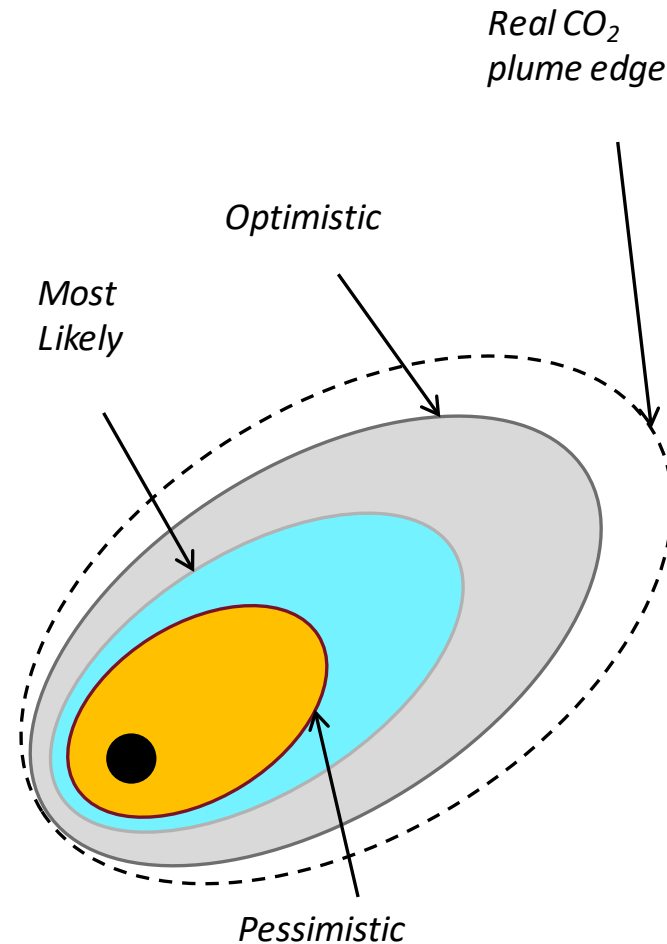


UNDERSTANDING THE SAFE STORAGE CAPACITIES OF THIS RESOURCE



DEMONSTRATING THE MINIMUM DETECTION LEVEL OF CO<sub>2</sub>

## Otway Stage 2 Objectives



Demonstrated safe saline formation storage and characterised the trapping processes' role in CO<sub>2</sub> migration and stabilisation

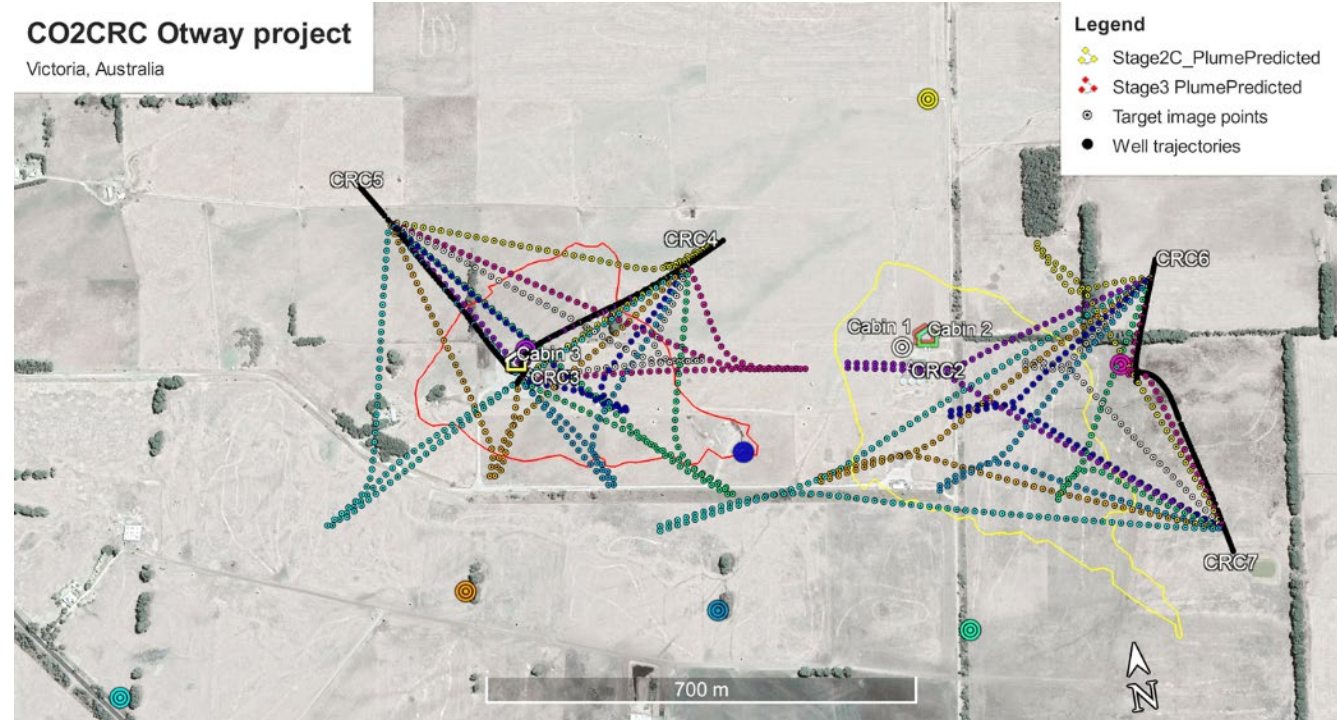
Main outcomes:

- Detected injected CO<sub>2</sub> and established a 5,000 tonne minimum detection threshold
- Observed gas plume development in time lapse
- Verified stabilisation of the injected plume

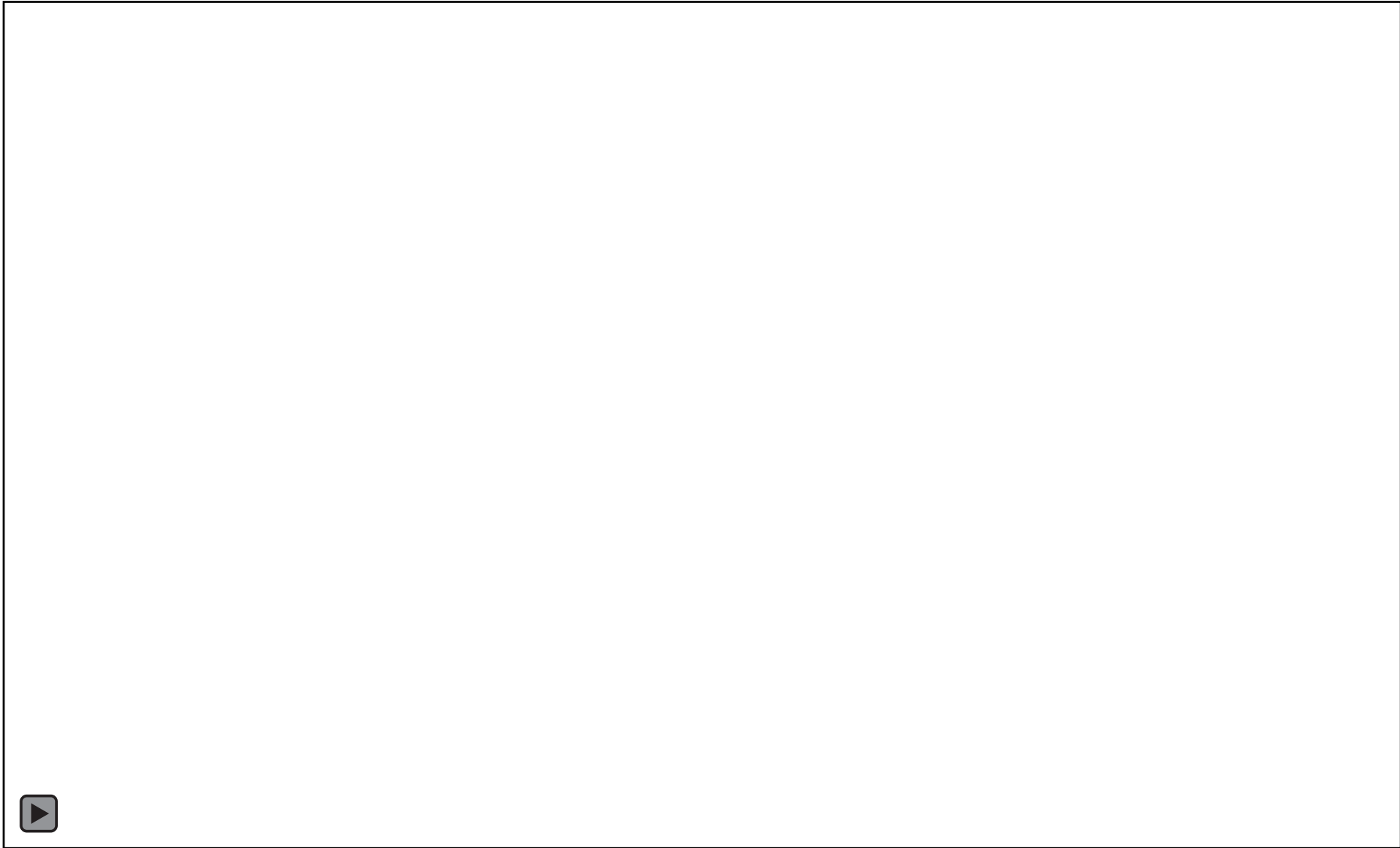


# Otway Stage 3 - Risk based M&V through downhole seismic and SOV/DAS

- Deployed permanent sources and in well fibre optics receiver system to provide multiple transects to monitor plume evolution.
- On-demand system configured to provide a new image of the site every 2 days.
- First detected the gas plume on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of injection with ~300 tonnes injected.

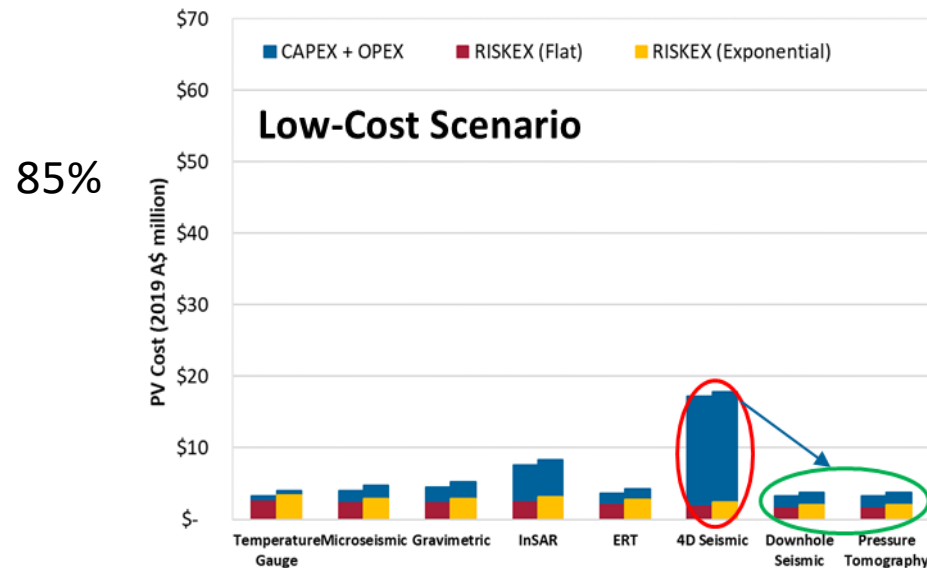




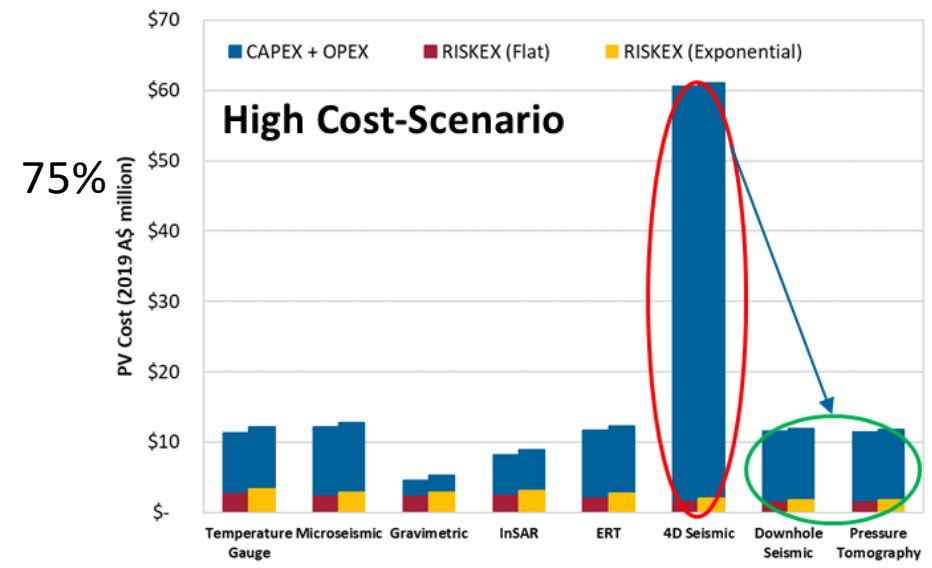


# Development of cost-effective monitoring technologies

- CO2CRC has trialled **cost effective monitoring** technologies as part of Otway Stage 3 project.
- Both probabilistic and risk-based methodologies were deployed to perform **techno economic analysis**
- The analysis shows the CO2CRC technologies can save **up to 85%** of the monitoring cost



- Using existing wells as monitoring wells
- 3D seismic is required every 5 years
- A baseline 3D seismic does already exist



- New monitoring wells are required to be drilled
- 3D seismic is required every 2 years
- A baseline 3D seismic needs to be acquired

# Next Activities at Otway: Otway Stage 4

Optimisation and Reservoir Management



# Otway Stage 4

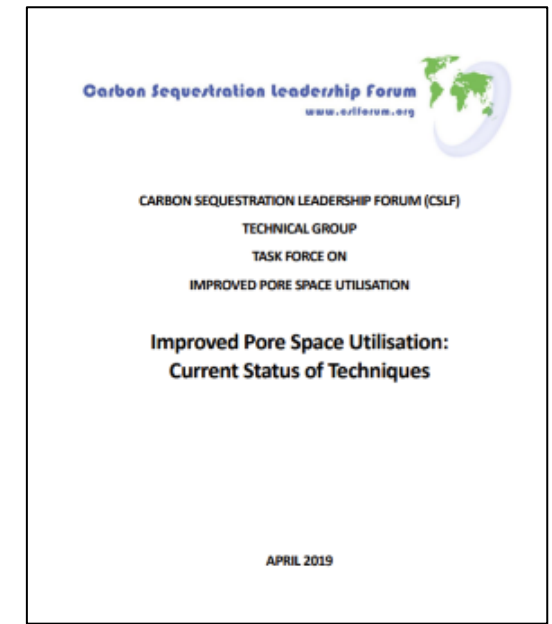
**Goal:** Demonstrate commercially-focused **reservoir management technologies** to improve **injection, storage and monitoring efficiencies**, and thereby materially **lower project costs**.

## Outcomes:

- Provide a suite of technologies and workflows that can be selected to create bespoke solutions which optimise the use of CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity while minimising capital and operating costs.
- **Optimisation**
  - Provide a minimum 20% increase in CO<sub>2</sub> storage efficiency for commercial storage.
  - Unlock poorer quality storage systems' capacity for commercial CO<sub>2</sub> storage.
- **Modelling**
  - Improve modelling workflow, with a predictive capacity to support performance-based site operation and closure decisions.
- **Monitoring**
  - Develop storage 'performance' monitoring which is fit-for-purpose and low cost.

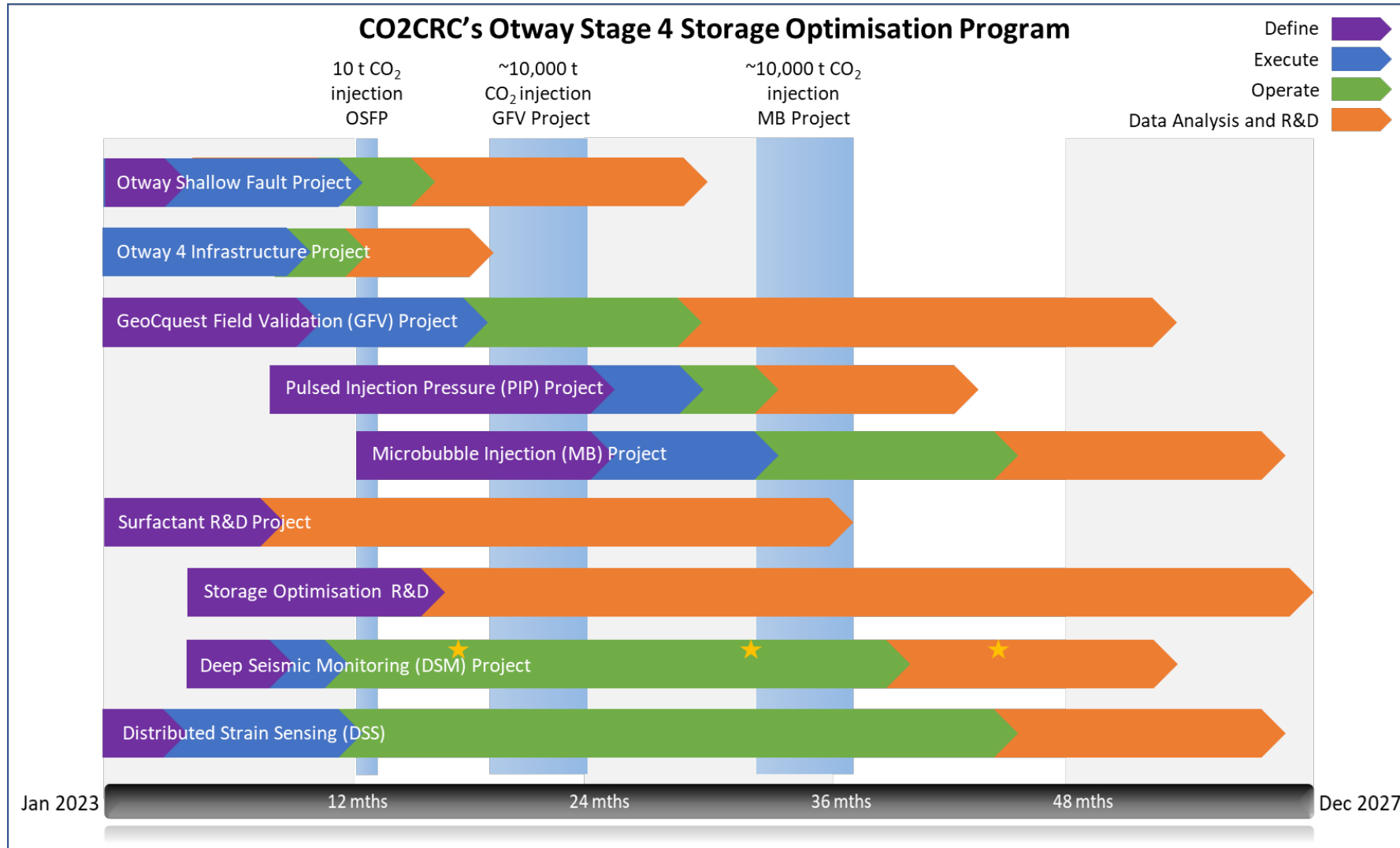
Classification	CO2 storage resource (Gt)	
	Project and no project	Project specified
Stored	0.043	0.043
Capacity	0.211	0.211
Sub-Commercial	577	66.3
Undiscovered	13377	30.0
Aggregated	13954	96.6

OGCI CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Resources Catalogue (2022)



CSLF (2019)

# The Otway Stage 4 Project Schedule



The Otway Stage 4 schedule has a sequenced project approach. Firstly, a comparative benchmark will be formed. This will then be used to assess technologies that:

- Improve injectivity, and storage efficiency
- Enable effective monitoring of storage performance,
- Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> storage cost, risk and uncertainty.
- Data and facilities can and will be used to support further R&D with member organisations.

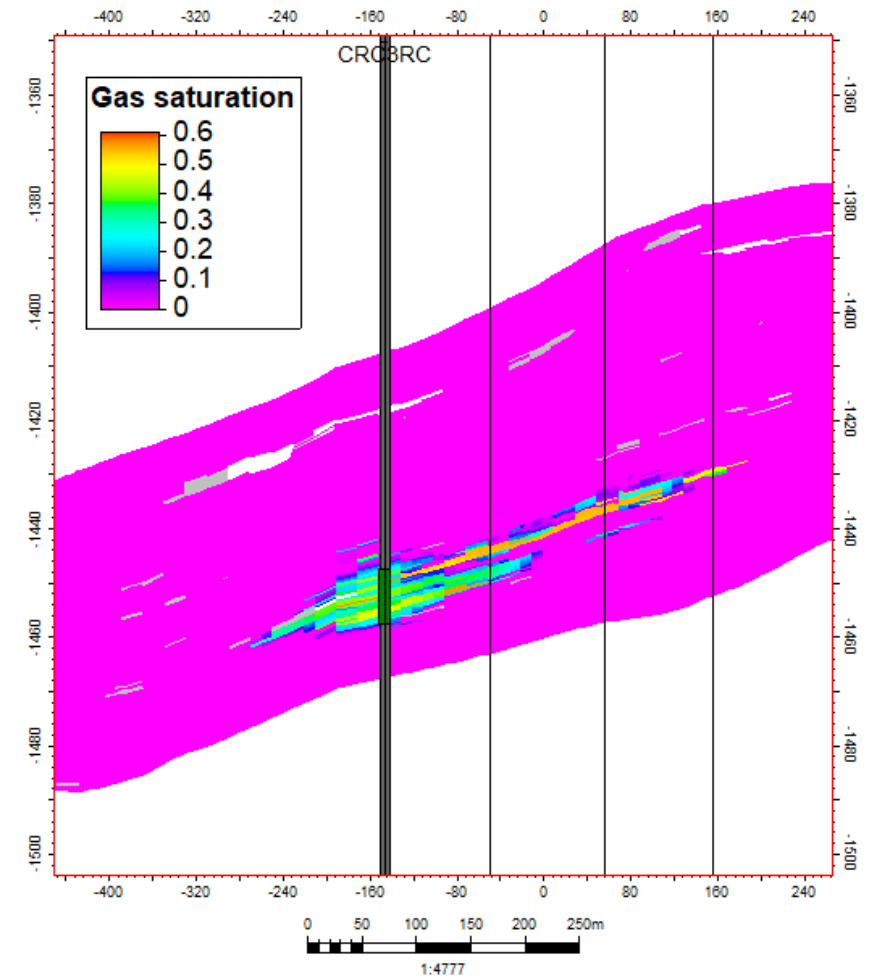
# GFV Objectives

## Goal

Obtain and utilise a unique dataset to comprehensively quantify the role of fine-scale geological heterogeneity and secondary trapping for limiting injected CO<sub>2</sub> mobility, validate an advanced characterisation and modelling workflow for reliable prediction of CO<sub>2</sub> storage, and use this knowledge to develop solutions for storage optimisation.

## Objectives

1. Acquire a 'benchmark' dataset of CO<sub>2</sub> saturation & fluid chemistry during plume migration and trapping within a saline formation.
2. Investigate the role of fine-scale heterogeneity on CO<sub>2</sub> flow dynamics and capillary & dissolution trapping.
3. Validate and refine GeoQuest's advanced reservoir characterisation and modelling workflow to predict CO<sub>2</sub> migration & trapping along the plume migration path.
4. Develop a set of performance-based protocols for defining site closure & liability transfer and solutions to best utilise geological heterogeneity and secondary trapping for project risk reduction & storage optimisation.

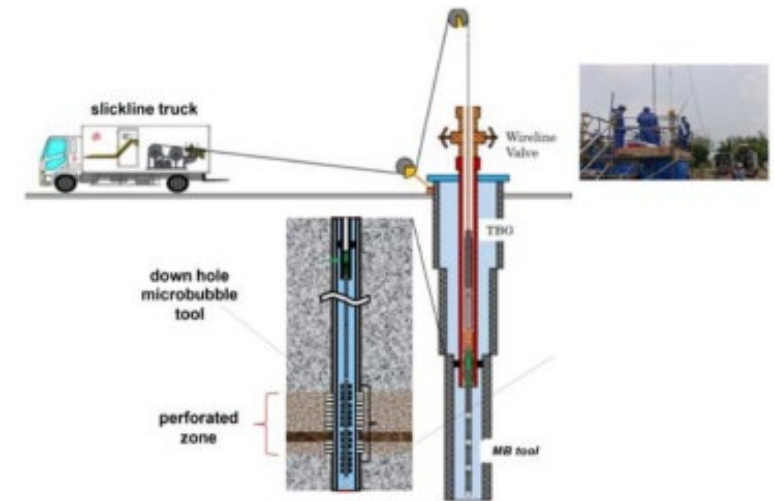
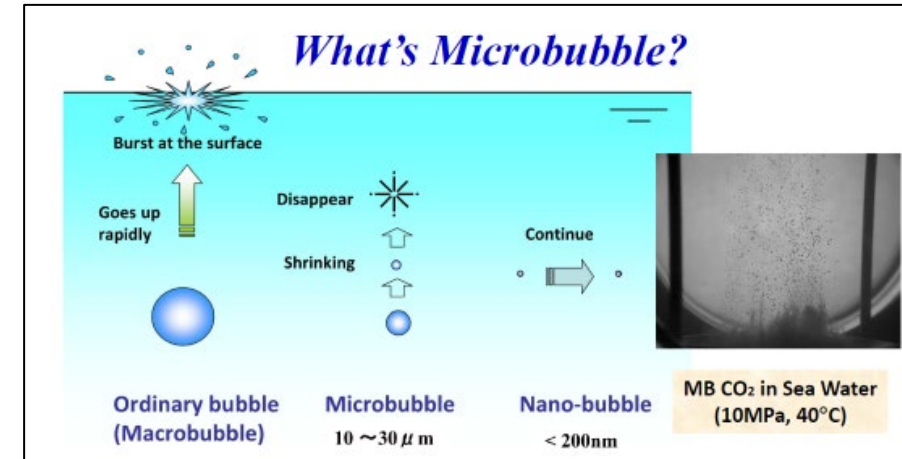


Modelled CO<sub>2</sub> saturation @ end injection



# Microbubble (MB) Injection Project

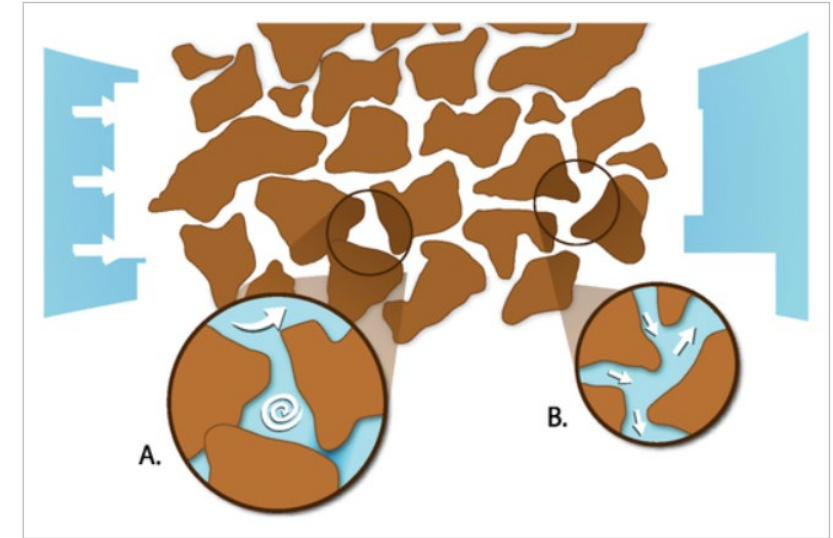
- **Background:** CO<sub>2</sub> Microbubbles (MB) injection technology, developed by RITE, has previously been tested in lab and through a small scale EOR trial, demonstrating MB value for:
  - Effective penetration into low perm layers (e.g. improved sweep), and delayed breakthrough
  - Higher dissolution, and therefore increased secondary trapping
  - Lower injection pressure (or higher injection rate)
- **Objective:** To test the effectiveness of MB as a CO<sub>2</sub> storage optimisation technique at the OITC. The injection trial will inform the feasibility of employing microbubbles for large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> storage.
- **Intent:** Utilising Otway infrastructure and GFV monitoring plan, undertake a fair comparison between normal and MB injection, measuring injection pressure, plume distribution, saturation & dissolution, both near well and far field.



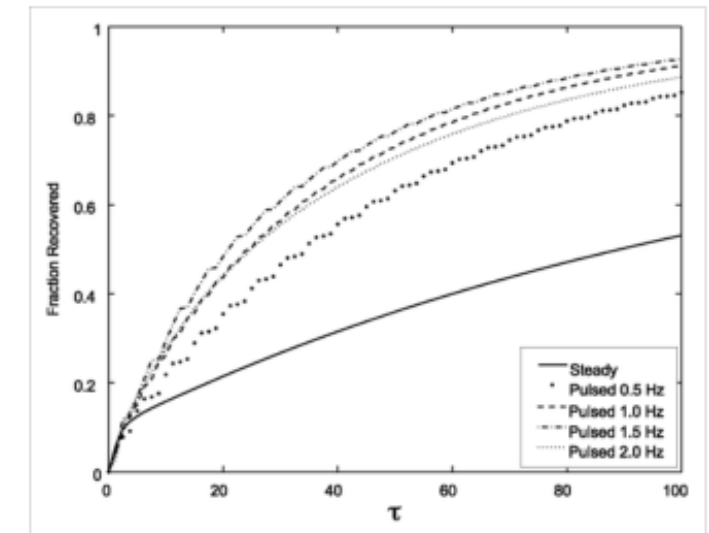
Schematic for microbubble injection (Xue et al 2021)

# Pulsed Injection Pressure (PIP) Technology (Pre-define)

- **Background:** Uneven fluid distribution can bypass or underutilise sections of the storage system. PIP, developed by Strathclyde and Edinburgh Universities, addresses this through micro-pulsing the injection pressure and improving the lateral sweep of the injected fluid ( $\text{CO}_2$  or water).
- **Objective:** Appraise the PIP technique at the OITC to serve two purposes:
  1. Testing PIP as a remediation technique and preparing the PS-2 for MB injection
  2. To assess potential for enhancing  $\text{CO}_2$  injection
- **Intent:** Utilising Otway infrastructure and GFV monitoring plan, undertake an analysis of the sweep performance using water PIP, measuring downhole pressure, seismic response, saturation & dissolution, around both CRC-3 & -8.



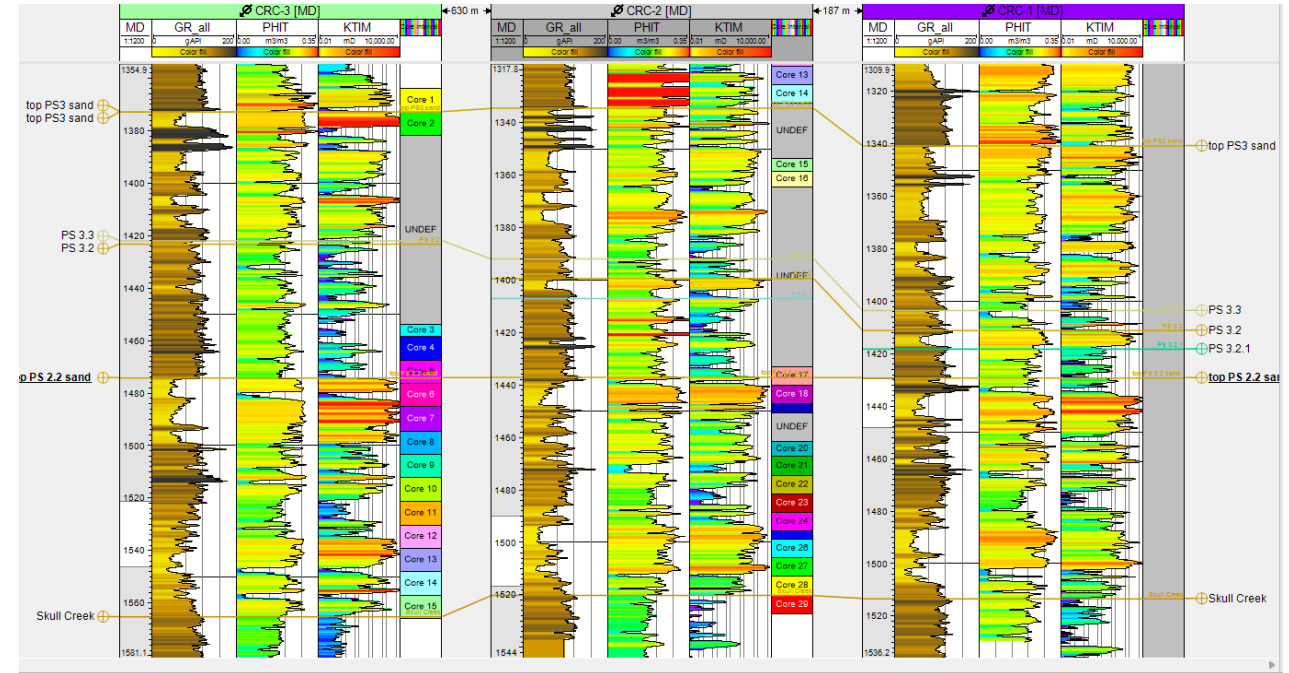
Flow through poorly connected and well-connected pores (Kahler & Kabala 2016)



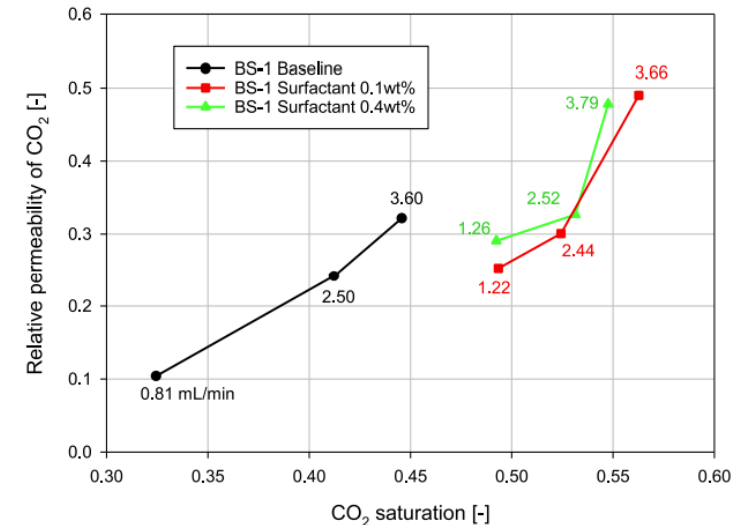
Simulated contaminant removed with pulsing (Kahler & Kabala 2016)

# Surfactant R&D Project

- **Background:** Surfactants, investigated by KIGAM, can increase usable storage capacity by changing CO<sub>2</sub> plume properties and enhancing two-phase fluid interactions through interfacial tension (IFT) reduction and wettability alteration.
- **Objective:** To develop surfactant technology and understand it's effectiveness as a CO<sub>2</sub> storage optimisation technique (bench).
- **Intent:**
  - CO2CRC to support the use of OITC 'data' for continued KIGAM-led bench scale development of surfactant. This will include existing and new core from PS-1 and PS-2 of the Paaratte Formation.
  - KIGAM will develop the application of surfactant from low to mid TRL, with a view for a future 'huff-n-puff' field trial utilising the CRC-2 well.



OITC well and cored intervals



Rel Perm curves (BS-1) for baseline and surfactant cases (Seok et al 2023)

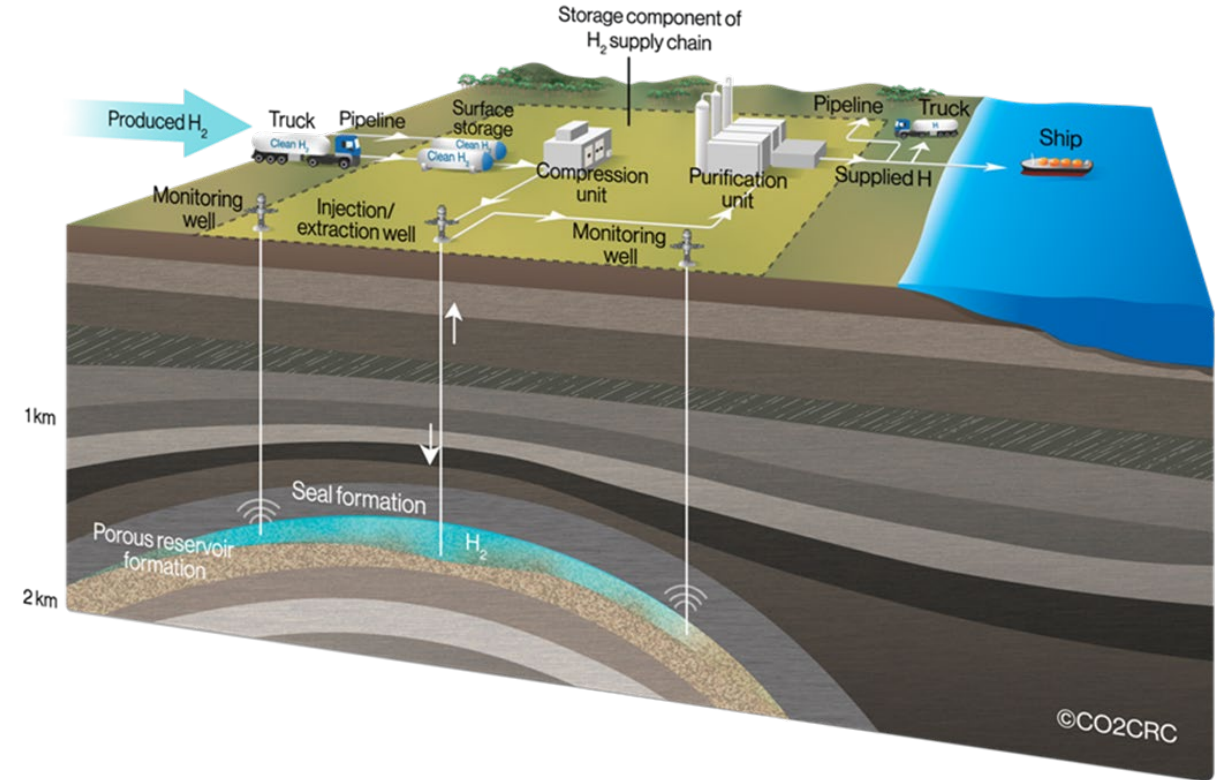
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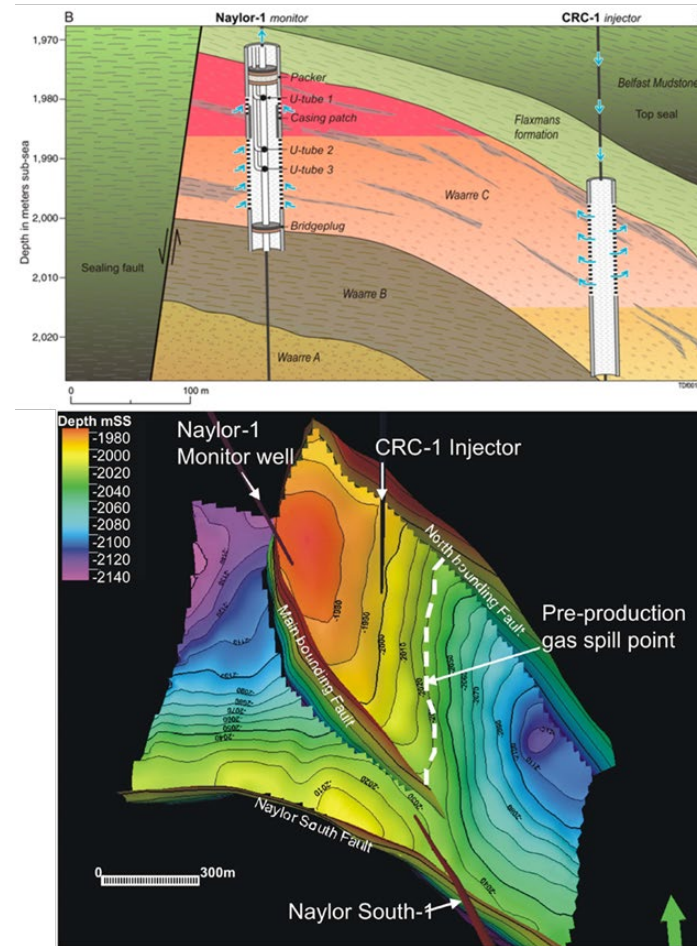
# UHS Demonstration Objectives

- Show that UHS is a safe large-scale storage solution and a vital element of effective hydrogen supply chains.
- Accelerate UHS technology development to ensure commercial readiness before 2030.
- Provide a foundation for detailed techno-economic analysis of geological storage options for hydrogen.
- Inform and frame policies, regulations and standards that ensure safe UHS operations and support community confidence.



# UHS Demonstration Planning

- Depleted gas reservoir injection target at ca. 2km depth.
- Acceptance and injection of commercially significant H<sub>2</sub> volume.
- Confirm injection performance and assess of subsurface processes.
- Withdrawal of H<sub>2</sub>, assessment of recovery; purification + offtake.
- Assess evolution of reservoired gases over multiple storage cycles



PORT CAMPBELL EMBAYMENT	TYPE SECT'S	AGSO TIMESCALE	
		Ma	STAGES
PEMBER MUDST	PEBBLE PT	57	THANETIAN
Upper PEBBLE PT. (outcrop)		57.5	
Lower PEBBLE PT.		59	SELANDIAN
		61	
MASSACRE SHALE	Belfast	63	DANIAN
		65	
Wiridjil Gravels		65.5	
		68	MAASTRICHTIAN
TIMBOON SANDSTONE	SHERBROOK GROUP	70	
		72	
PAARATTE FM		78	CAMPANIAN
Skull Ck. Mudstone		80	
Nullawarre Grnd	FLAXMAN	81.8	
		82	
		84	SANTONIAN
		85	
BELFAST MUDSTONE	WAARE	86	
		87	CONIACIAN
Banoon Mbr		89	
FLAXMAN FORMATION		89.5	TURONIAN
	OTWAY UNCONFORMITY	90	
WAARE FORMATION		91	
		91	CENO-MANIAN
		97.5	
	EUMERALLA FORMATION	99	
		100	
		101.5	ALBIAN
		104	

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