

# Translating US CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR learnings from onshore to offshore

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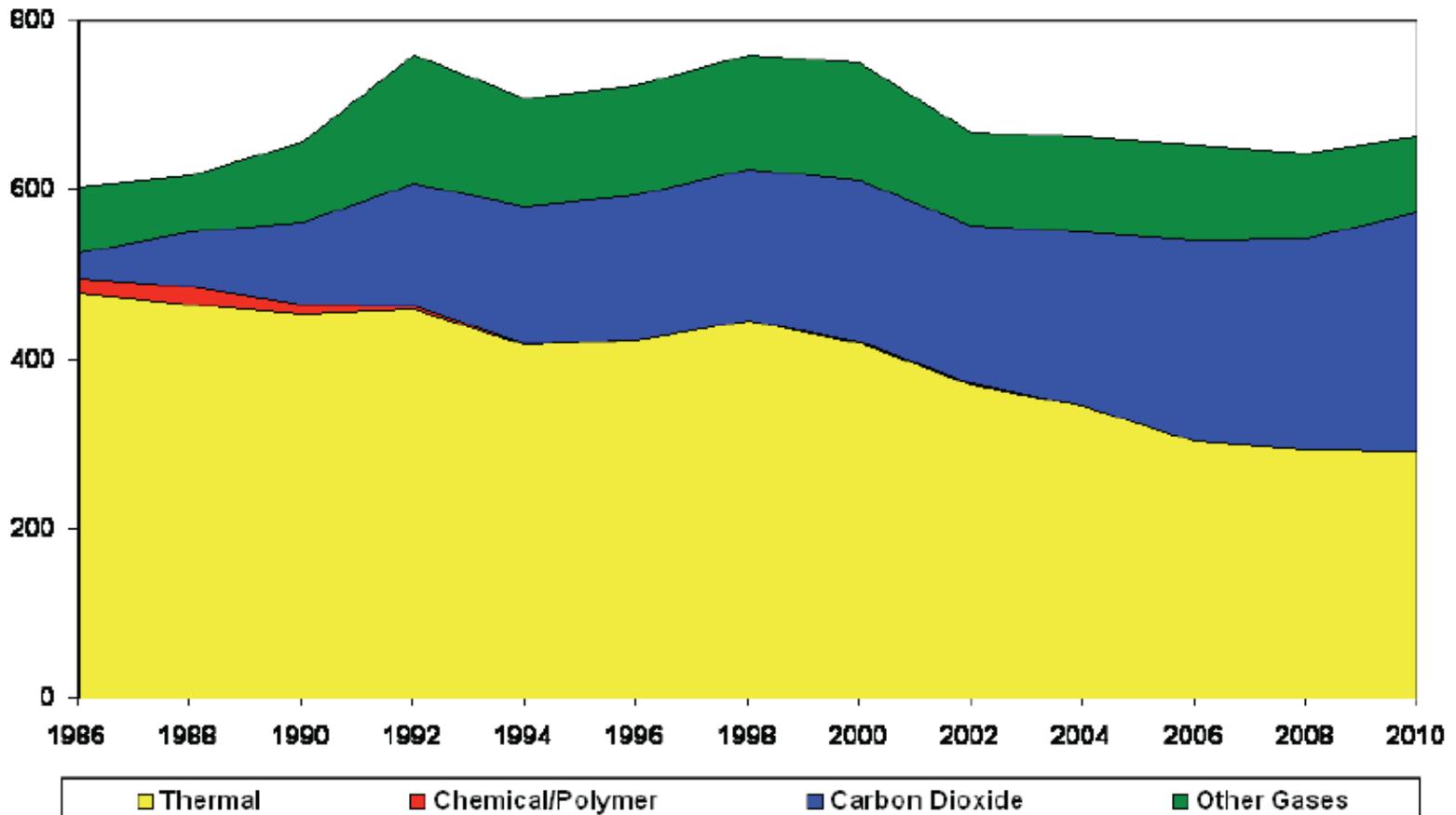
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# Talk Outline

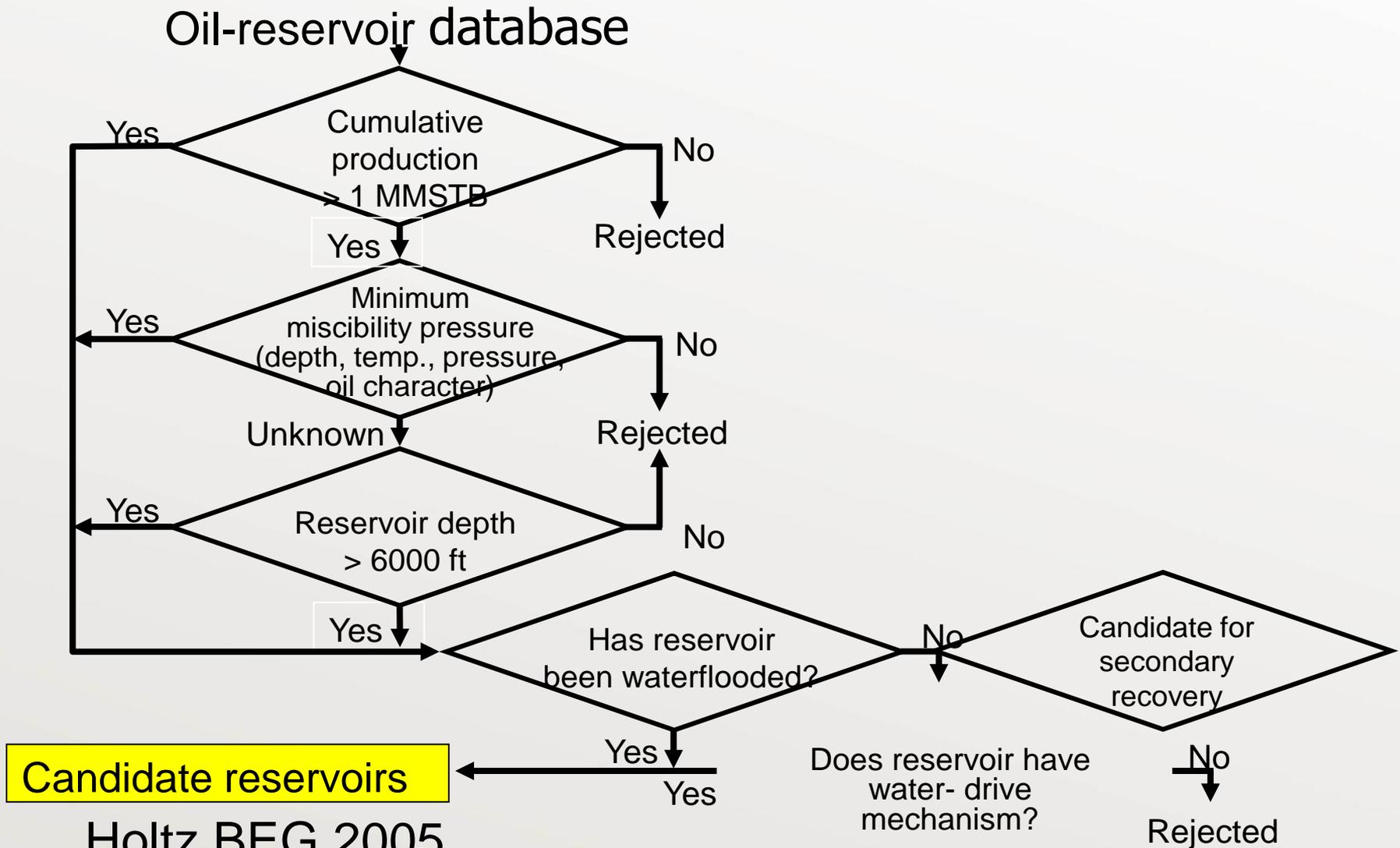
- CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced oil recovery (CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR) onshore is mature, safe, and economically viable
- What is needed to translate this to offshore?
- Monitoring storage and accounting as part of CCUS onshore – translation to offshore
- Lifecycle value of EOR as storage

### Total United States Enhanced Oil Recovery Production, 1986 - 2010 (Thousand Barrels Per Day)



Source: Oil and Gas Journal, Biennial Enhanced Oil Recovery Project Surveys

# What makes CO<sub>2</sub>- EOR succeed Screening Tree



# What makes CO<sub>2</sub>- EOR succeed

(the hidden issues that may be barriers to offshore)

- Business model – investment for a delayed but sure payout
- Competition with other similar capital-intensive projects
- Non contamination of methane resources

# Business model – investment for a delayed but sure payout

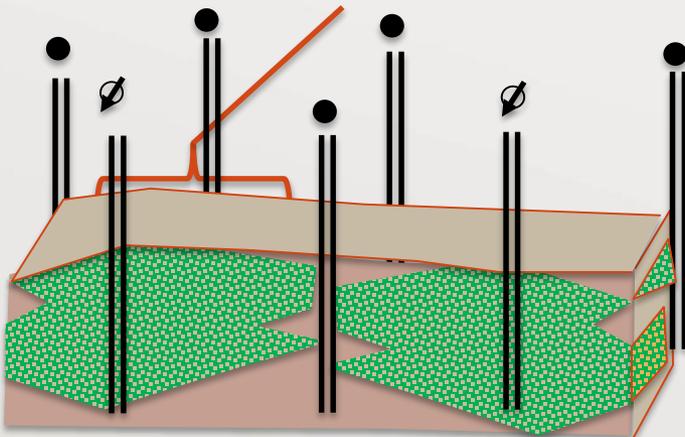
- Risk averse deployment (similar to last project)
- Fast deployment once investment decision is made
  - Fast permitting
  - Fast preparation of field and infrastructure
  - Fast processing of reservoir
- Required investment

# Fast processing of reservoir

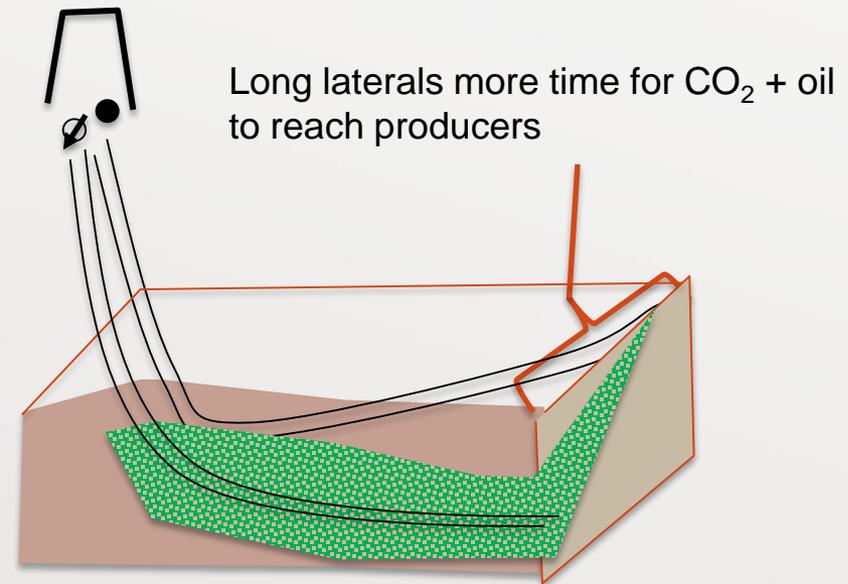
- Comparing onshore and offshore well spacing- link to rate of reservoir processing

## Typical 5-spot pattern

400 m 6- 15 months CO<sub>2</sub> + oil to producers



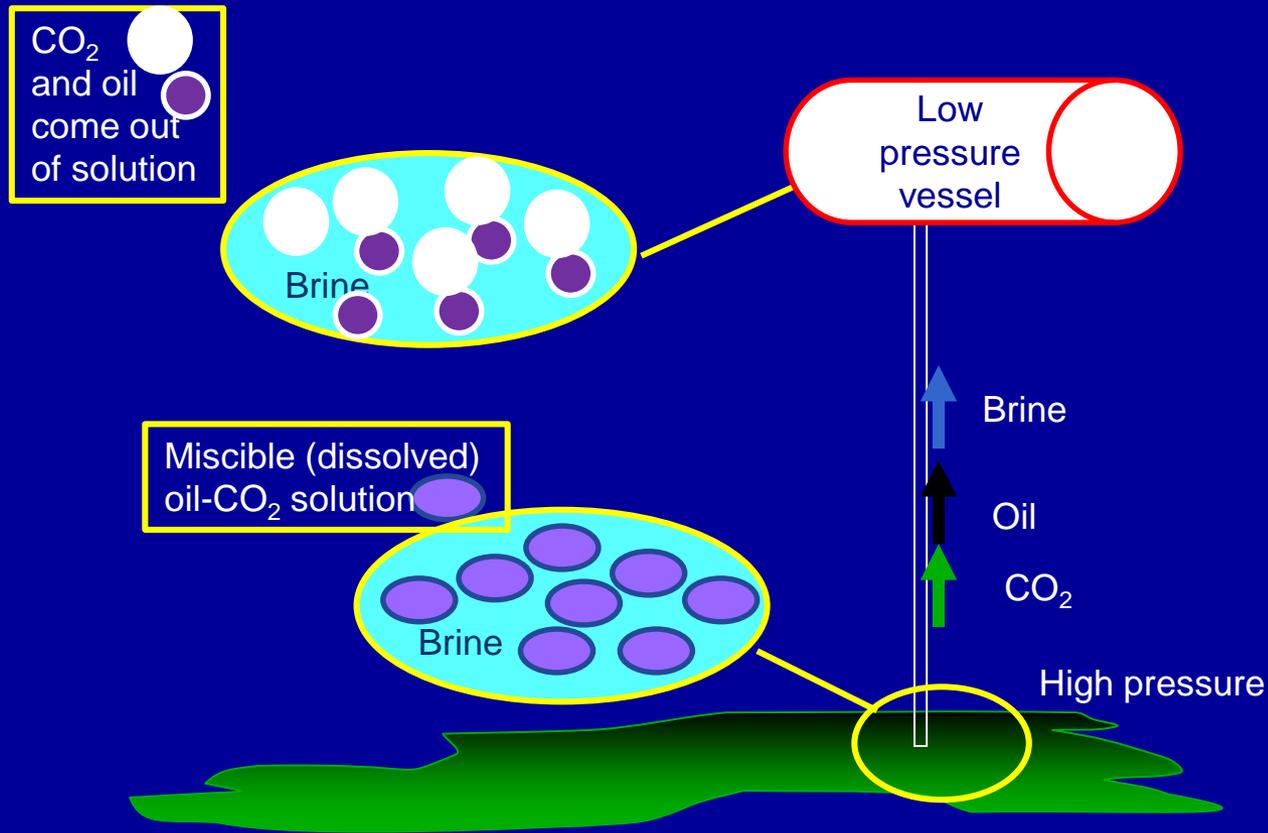
Well emplaced from a platform commonly use long laterals



# Competition with other similar capital-intensive projects

- Competition with other types of EOR
  - Methane reinjection
  - Cantarrell N<sub>2</sub> flood
- Other types of investments
- Note that this competition can be mitigated via financial market structure
  - US CO<sub>2</sub> EOR incentives for tertiary recovery

# Overview of CO<sub>2</sub> Recycle



# Recycle

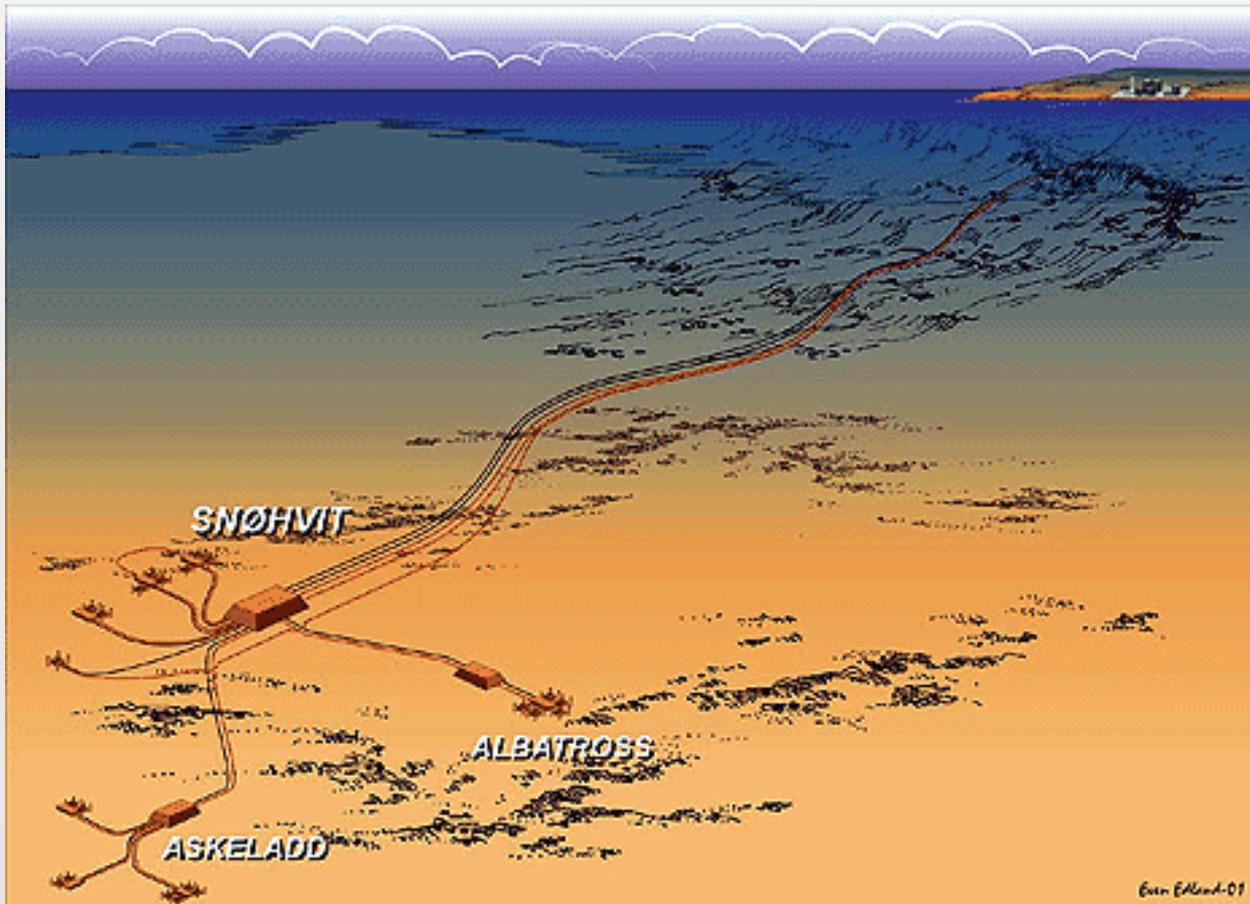
- Onshore field has space for CO<sub>2</sub>-oil- water separation and CO<sub>2</sub> recompression.
- Space and weight on platform is much more limited than onshore



Or Aker  
Solutions,  
seafloor facility

Core Energy facility, Michigan

# Snøvit solution- applied to CO<sub>2</sub> EOR?

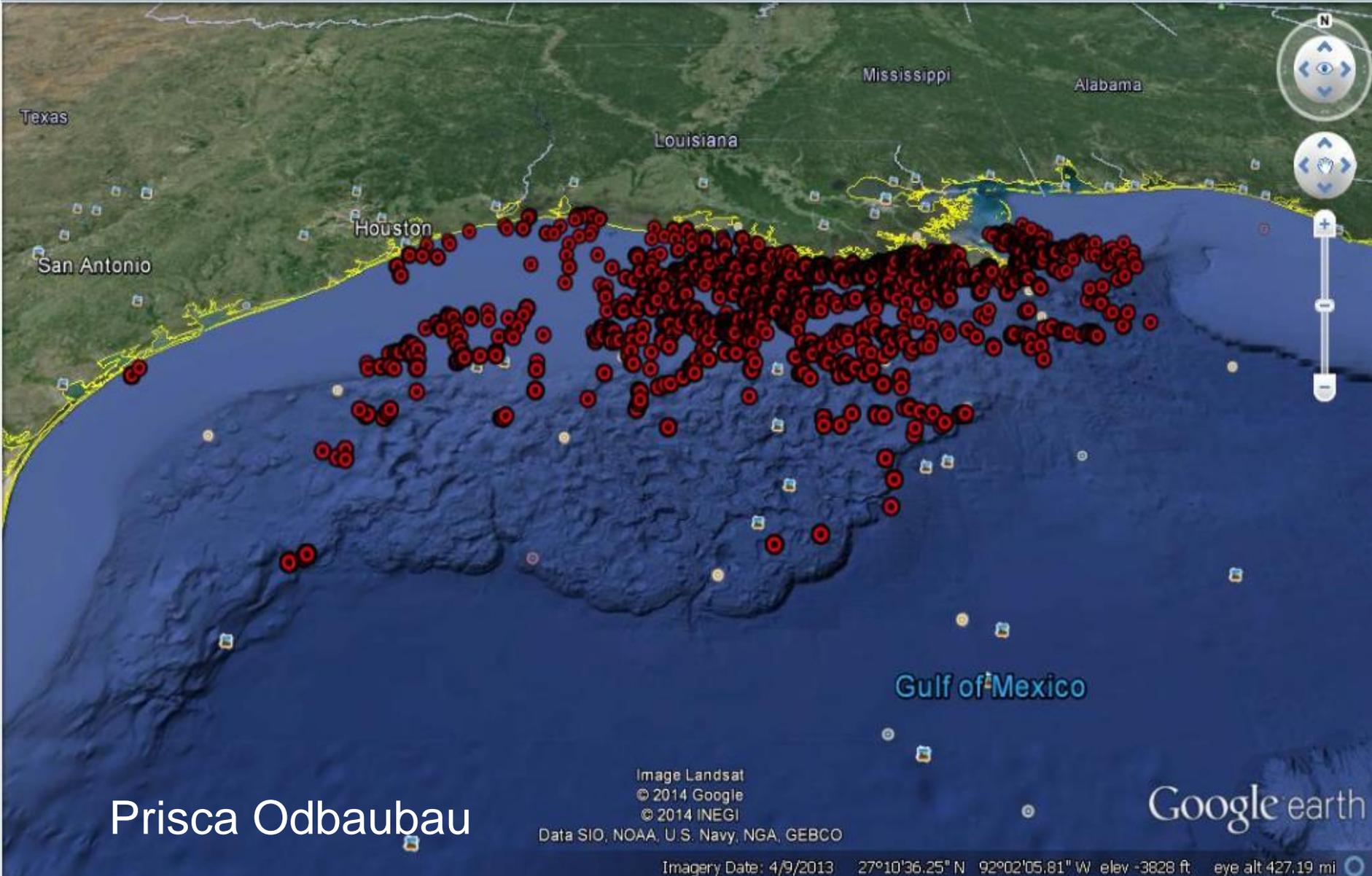


Double  
pipeline,  
processing  
done  
onshore

# Competition with Methane Resources

- Methane abundant in offshore reservoirs
- Methane stranded offshore recycled into reservoir for pressure support
- Value of methane avoid damage by contamination by CO<sub>2</sub>
- Methane damages miscibility

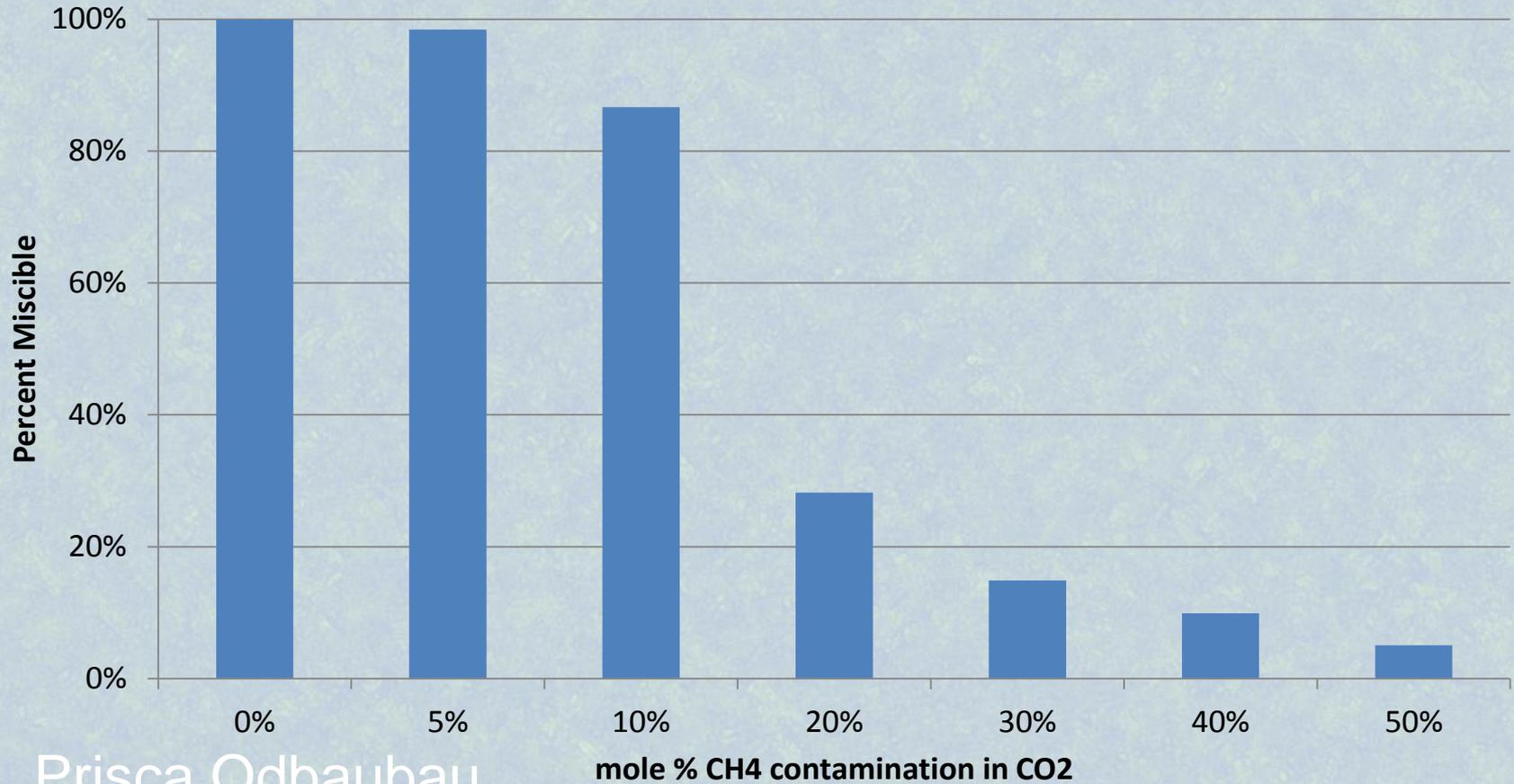
# Case study fields: Offshore Gulf of Mexico



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# Decreasing miscibility in oil sands

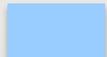
## Offshore GoM oil sands



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# Examples of Integrated CCS Projects

Capture from Storage type	Power production	Industry	Gas Separation
For disposal	SECARB- Plant Berry Alabama	ADM Ethanol, IL Tomakomai-Hokkaido Japan	Sleipner – North Sea Snøvit – Barents Sea
	AEP Mountaineer, West Virginia Aquistore, Sask.	Shell QUEST, Alberta	Otway Australia
For EOR	Boundary Dam, Saskatchewan Kemper - Alabama NRG/PetraNova-Houston TX	Air Products-Port Arthur TX Yanchang Ordos, China Coffeeville and Enid OK	Many fields in Permian Basin sourced from Val Verde Basin gas, TX Bell Creek, Lost Cabin, WY Multiple midcontinent US projects Lula Field offshore Brazil

 Offshore storage

 Completed

Extensive inventory

<https://www.globalccsinstitute.com/projects/large-scale-ccs-projects>

Uthmaniyah Saudi Arabia

# Conclusions – needs to incentivize Offshore EOR

- Detailed FEED study on infrastructure
  - Move facilities to sea floor
- Additional research on geometry optimization – sweep improvement options
- Reduce risk by support of investment



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