



CCS Initiatives from Malaysia's perspective: A Pioneering Offshore Carbon Sequestration-Kasawari

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Why CCS?

- The global warming is a global challenge that needs global thinking but local action.
- Malaysia is one of the signatories of the Paris Agreement.
- We have gas fields that contained big percentage of CO₂.
- The geographic location of the country is optimum for the purpose.
- The country has visioned to be CCS-hub of the region.
- There are several maturing fields.
- Recently there is a huge consortium of companies to work on CCS (PETRONAS, Storegga, and ADNOC).
- Contributing to the solution of the global challenge.

Discovery of the Kasawari

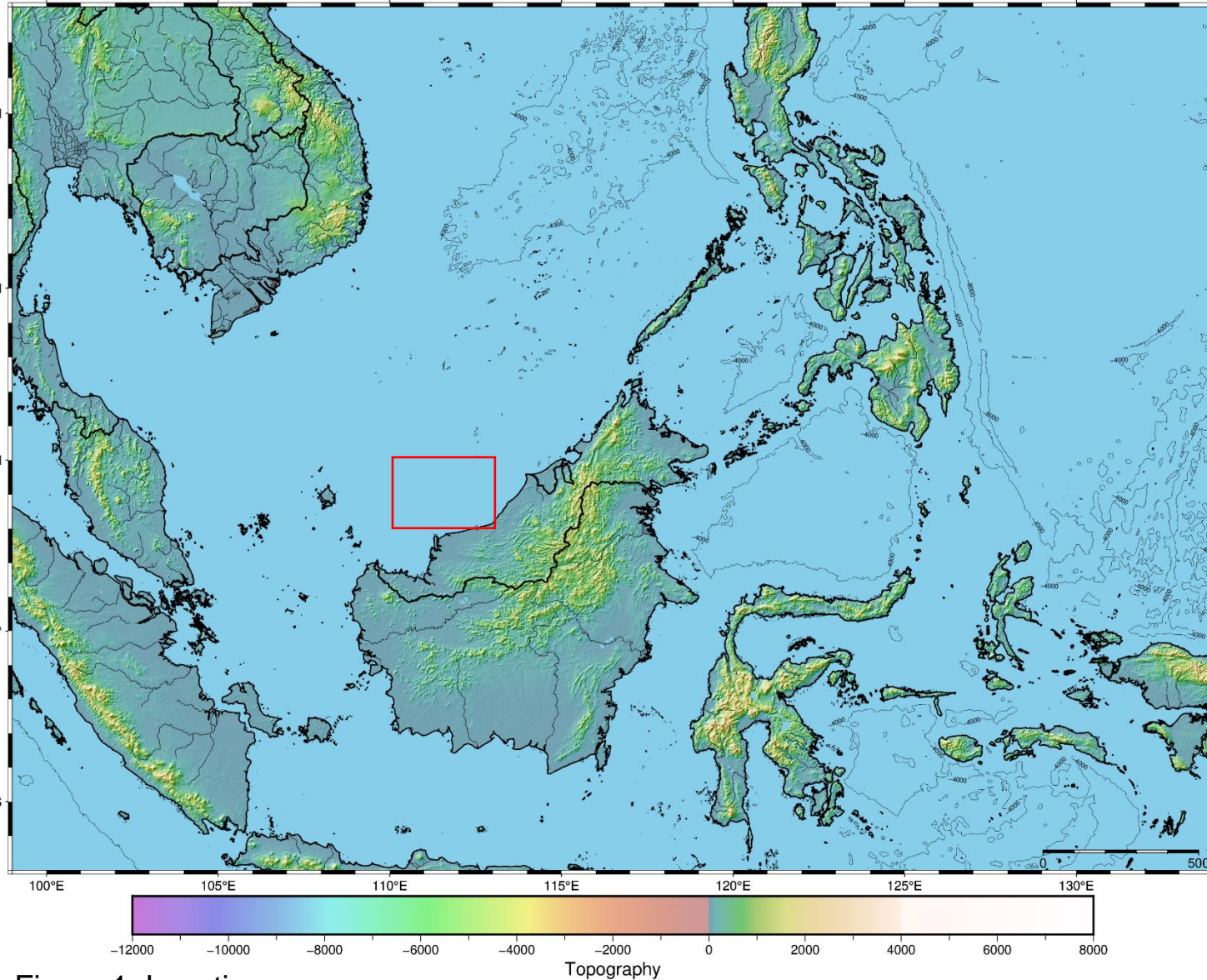


Figure 1. Location map

- The Kasawari gas field was discovered by PSCB in Nov 2011.
- It is in the Cycle IV/V Late Miocene carbonate build-ups.
- The field has a four-way dip conical closure.
- Kasawari field is estimated to contain approximately 10(TSCF) of recoverable gas resources.
- CO₂ ~22% and it has also H₂S.

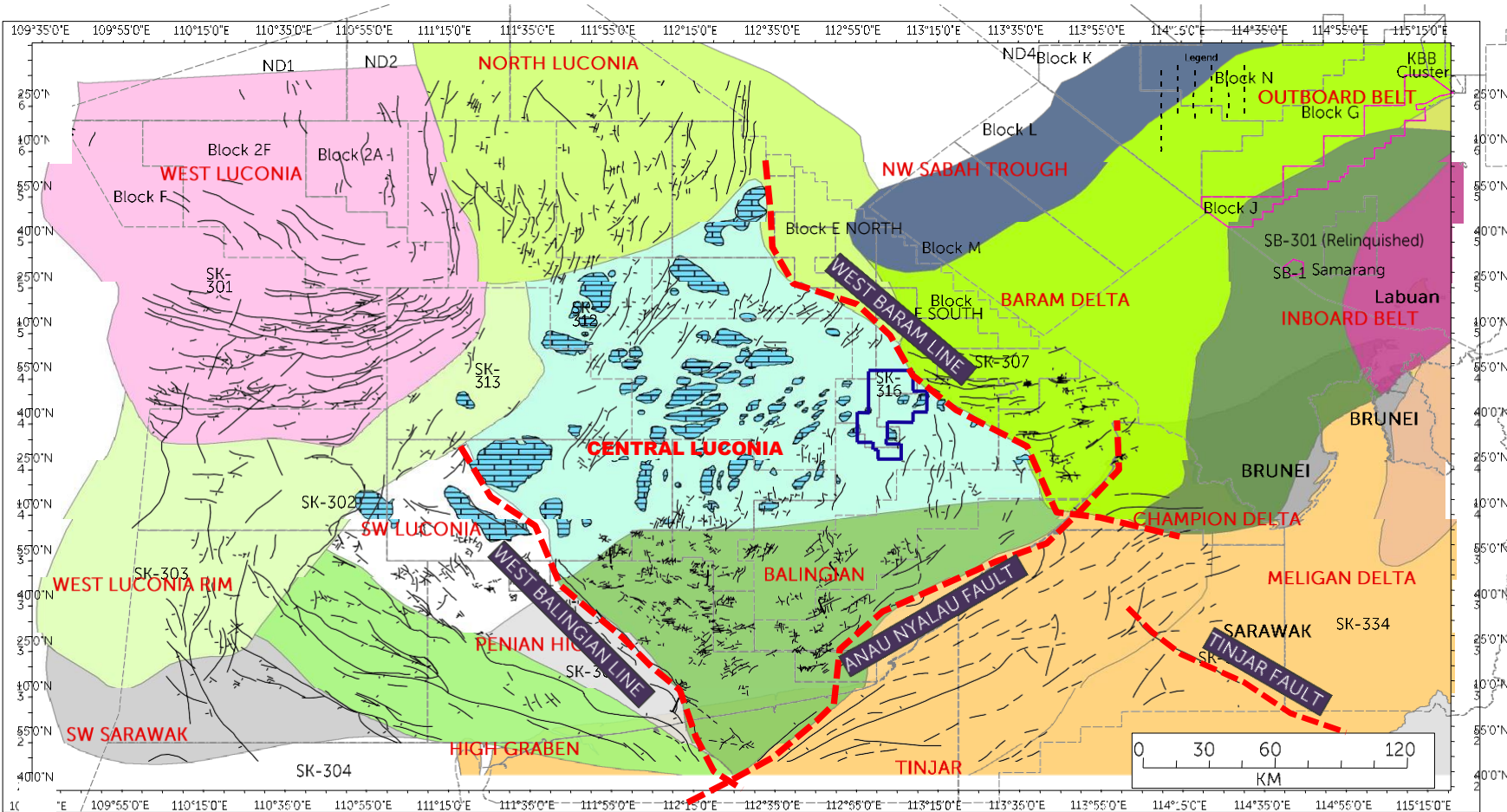
The Central Luconia – Gas Fields



Figure 2. The Kasawari Gas Field Project, offshore Sarawak, Malaysia (NS ENERGY, 2022).

- The Central Luconia Province has natural gas reserve of about 65 TSCF, of which 27.32 tscf is CO₂ (Md Shah et al., 2018).
- Kasawari Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) project is positioned as the world's largest offshore CCS up on its commencement by 2025.
- It is developed as the first CCS project by PETRONAS.
- The scale is significant as it represents 9% of global CCS operation (2021) and anchors PETRONAS' pathway for Net Zero Carbon Emission (NZCE) by 2050.

Regional Geology



- Located in SK316 block in the Central Luconia
- The Central Luconia is characterized by broad and stable continental shelf
- It hosts about 200 mapped carbonate build-ups.
- Extensional forces in the north and compressional forces in the south produces a series of hosts and gardens that served as anchor points for the Miocene.

Figure 3. regional geology of the Sarawak Basin. Source: Petroleum Geology and Resource of Malaysia

Stratigraphy of the Central Luconia

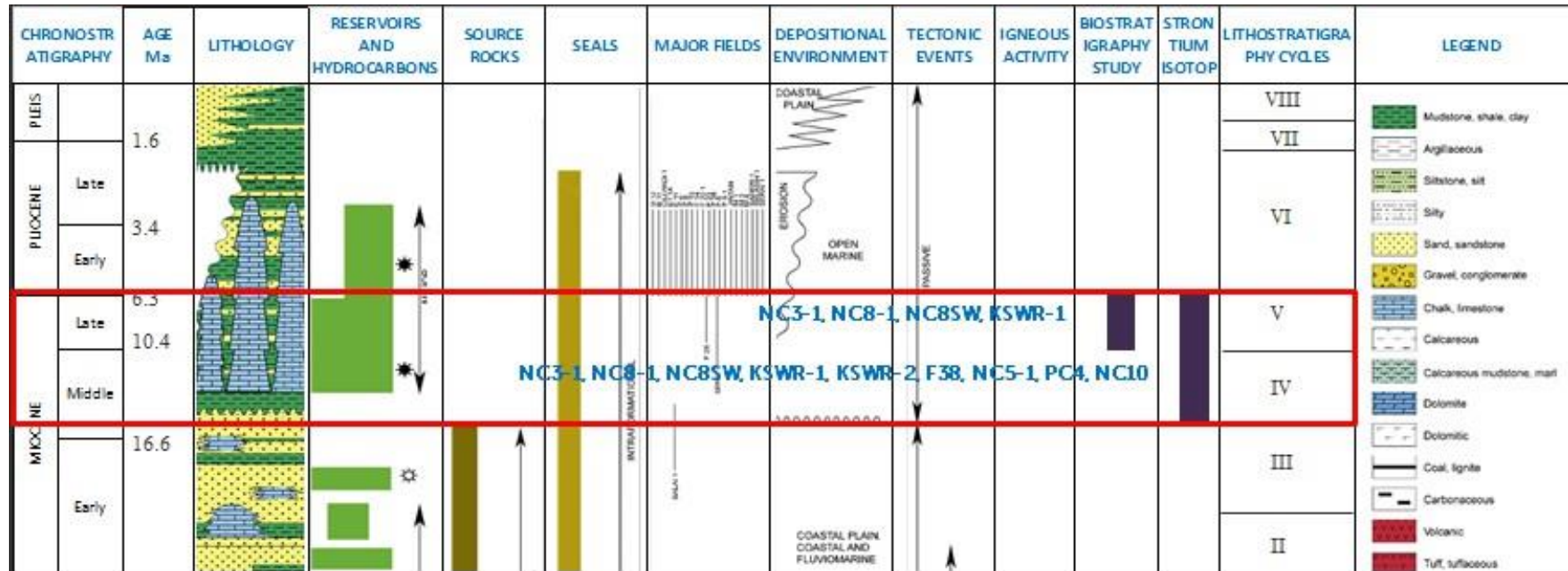
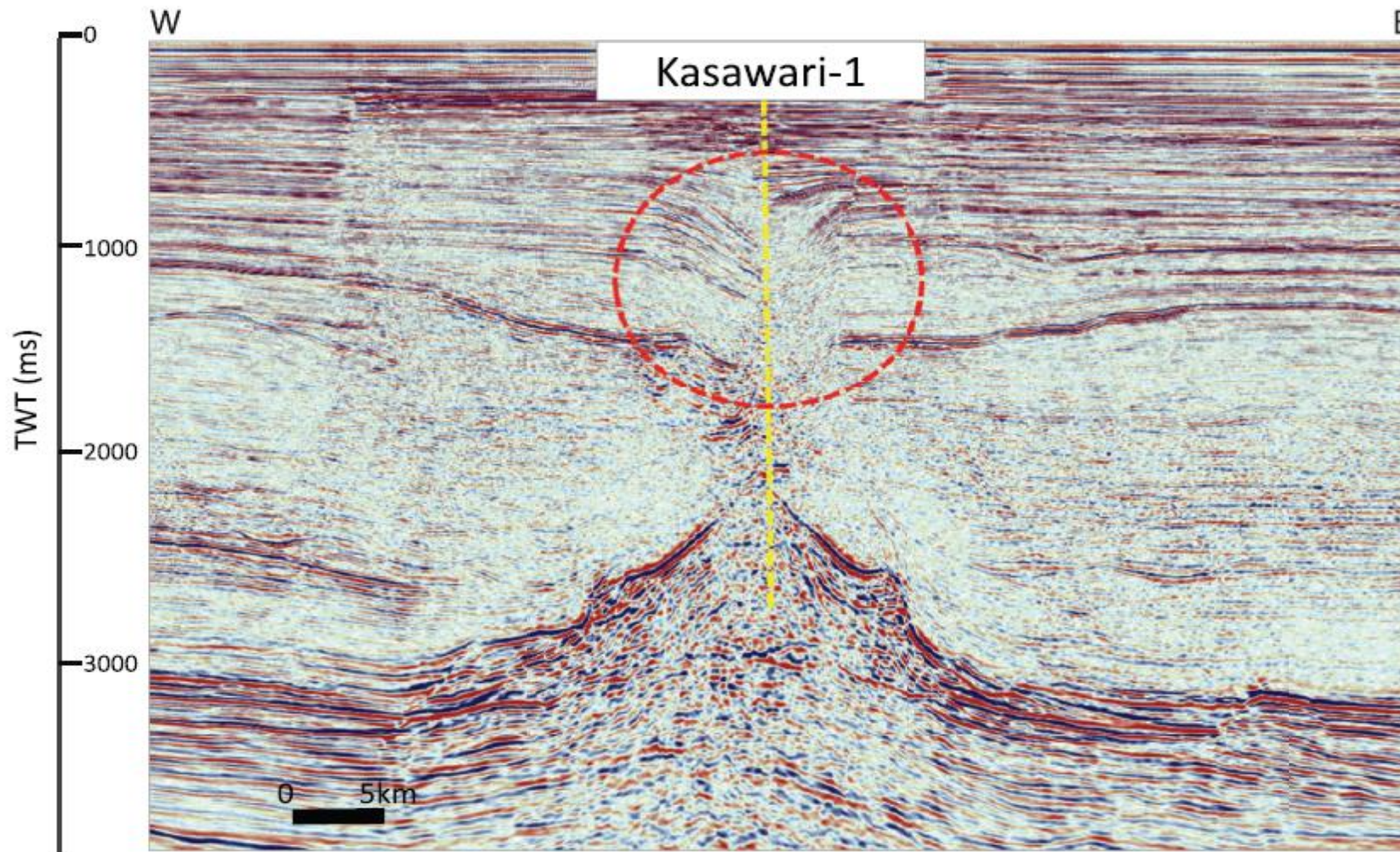


Figure 4. Regional Stratigraphy of Central Luconia (from Madon, modified after Hazebroek)

- Most of the carbonate build-ups are in Cycle IV/V.
- Dated to Middle to Late Miocene based on biostratigraphy and radiometric data.

SEISMIC SECTION OF KASAWARI FIELD

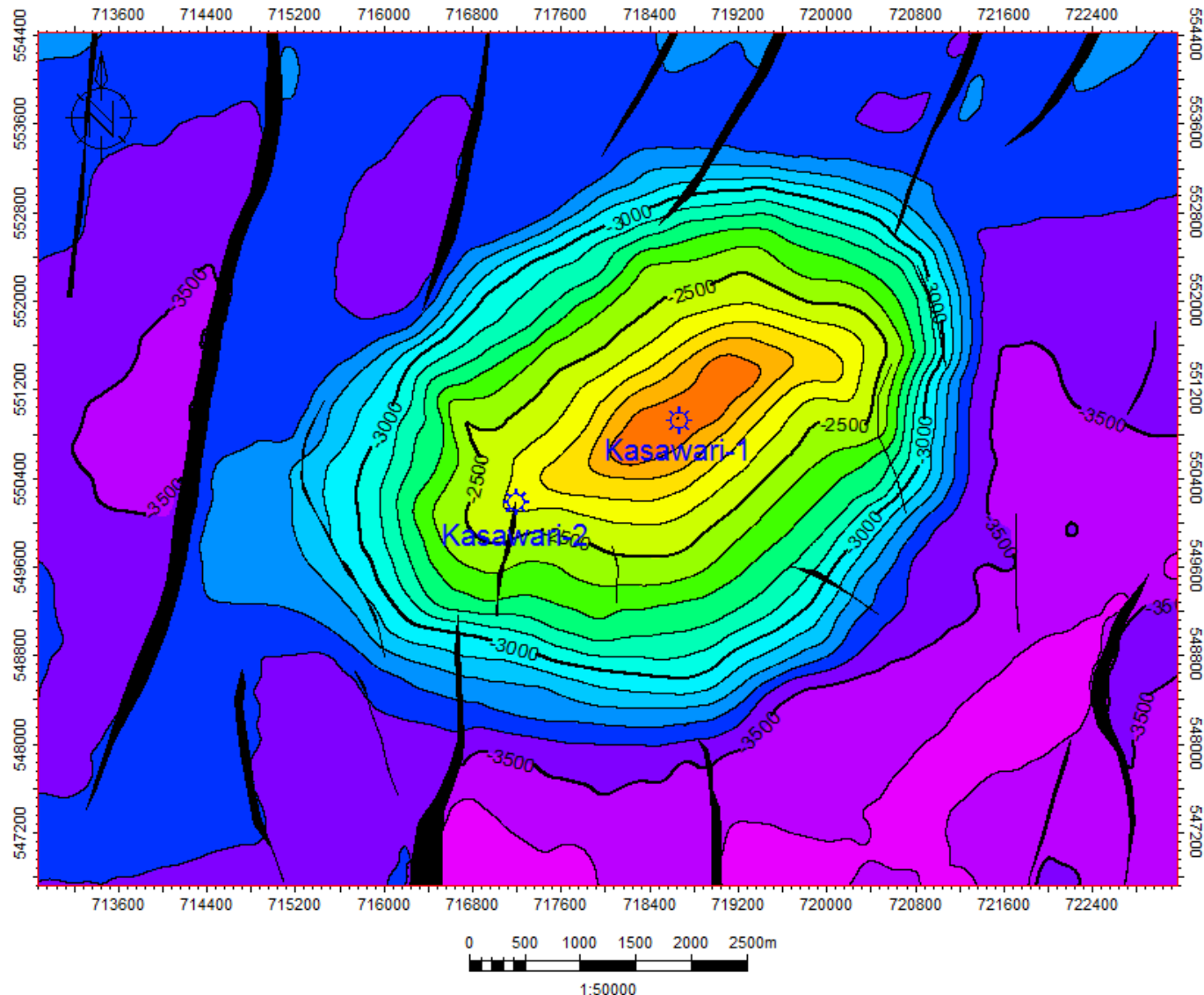


- Concept of blown-trap had halted the exploration activity in the Central Luconia.
- However, the discovery of Kasawari, disproved the barrier and encourage others to look for the pinnacles.

Fig. 5. Kasawari found 5 TCF gas with >1 km of gas column, one of the 2011 giant discoveries.

The “blown trap” feature can be seen in the seismic section, circled in red. (Adapted from Emeliana Rice-Oxley and Azli Abu-Bakar, 2022)

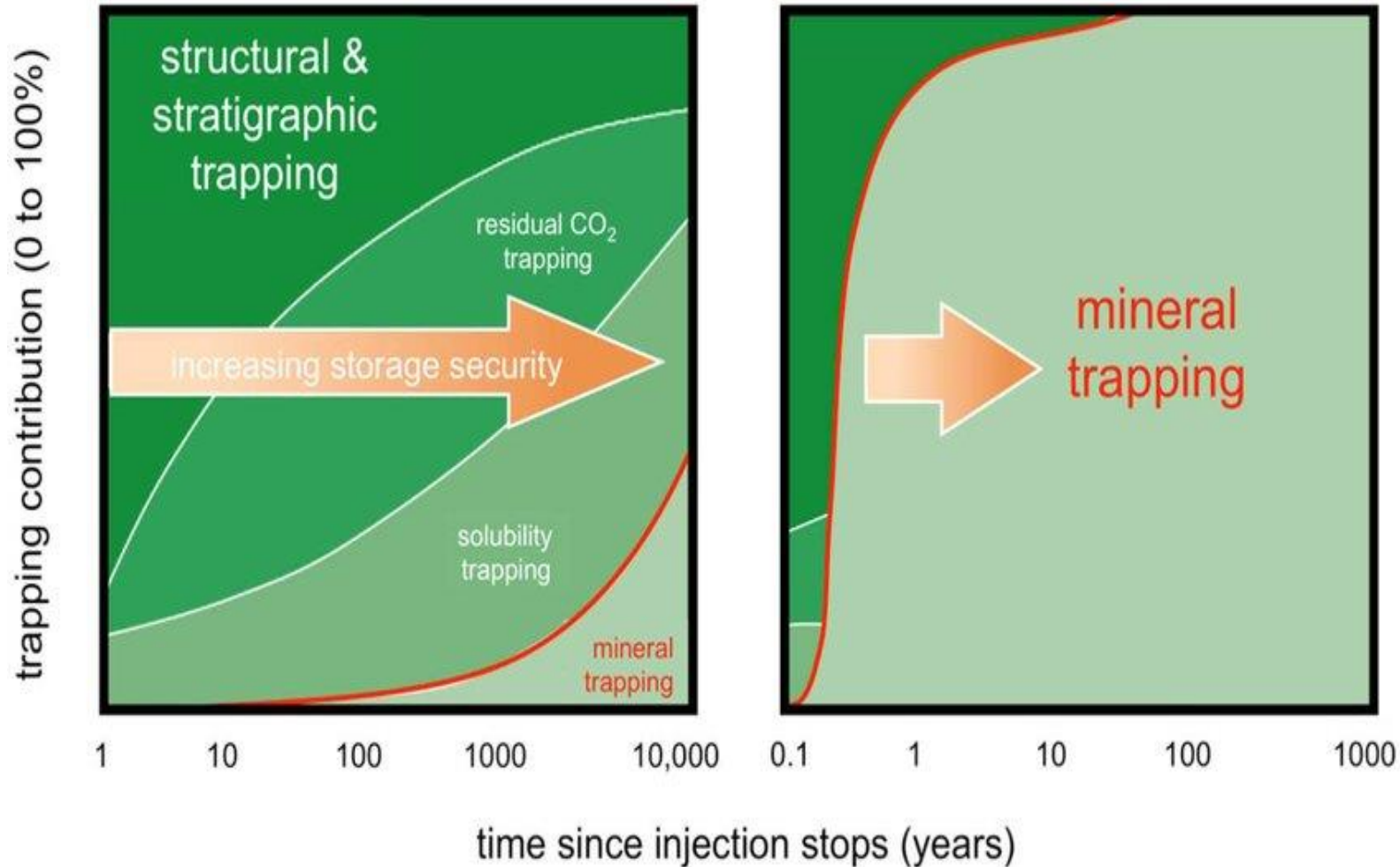
Subsurface structure & storage capacity



- The field has a Four-way dip conical closure.
- Petrophysical properties:
 - Primary Porosity
 - Secondary Porosity
- Determines the volume of CO₂ that can be stored.
- The storage of the CO₂ will be in a nearby depleted HC field (M1).
- It targets to inject up to 4MTPA CO₂e for about 30 years of injection.

Figure 6. Depth structural map of the Kasawari field (Source: PETRONAS internal document)

MECHANISM FOR CO₂ TRAPPING



- Trapping mechanism
 - Structural
 - Residual
 - Solubility
 - Mineral

Fig.7 Shows the contributions of the various CO₂ trapping mechanisms (Song and Wang, 2021).

1. Advanced CO₂ Capture Technologies
 - PN-1™ Technology: PETRONAS developed this membrane technology to process and remove a wide range of CO₂ from natural gas.
2. Compression Solutions
 - State-of-the-art compression technology supplied by Baker Hughes for Malaysia's first CCS project
3. Emerging Technologies
 - Use of AI and advanced technologies to optimize storage capacity
4. Collaborative Efforts
 - Partnerships: PETRONAS has partnered with ADNOC, Storegga, and other international entities to develop CCS facilities and establish a regional CCS hub.
5. Research and Development
 - Ongoing studies and future prospects.
6. Storage Solutions
 - Exploration of saline aquifers for CO₂ storage, leveraging on existing geophysical and geomechanical models and reservoir simulations
7. Carbon Management Division (CMD) Integrated Approach
 - PETRONAS' CMD focuses on physical decarbonization and CCS across its operations, including upstream, downstream, and gas businesses.

Benefits

1. Environmental benefits
 - Take away 3.7MTPA
2. Energy Security
 - EOR
 - Clean production
3. Many depleted fields

Challenges

1. Technical Barriers
 - Complexity of CCS Technology
 - Infrastructure
2. Economic Constraints
 - High Costs
 - Funding and incentives
3. Regulatory and Policy Issues

Take away message

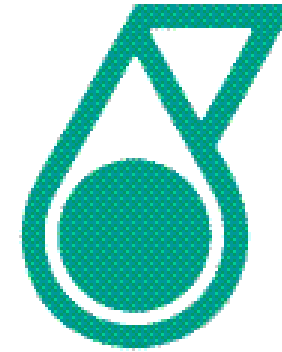


- Best practices from existing CCS projects will make future projects effective and efficient in terms of cost and time.
- The Kasawari CCS project is the largest CCS offshore platform in terms of injection rate and storage volume.
- It will significantly contribute to reduction of CO₂ emission into the atmosphere (represents 9% of global CCS as of 2011).
- It also helps in capacity building and Energy security.

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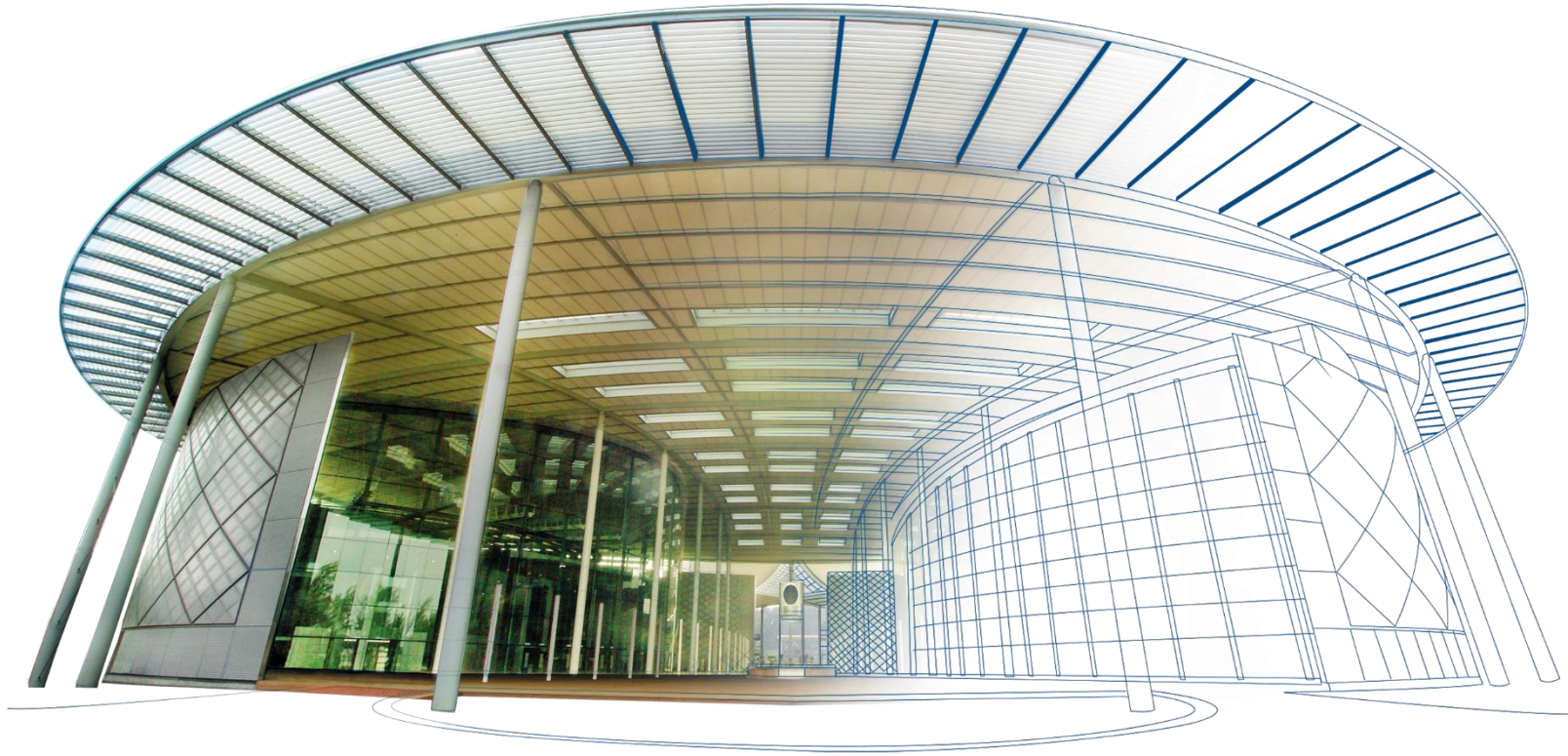


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