# Why Your Skillset is Critical for the Energy Transition

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## What is Carbon Sequestration?

- <u>CCUS</u> <u>Carbon</u> <u>Capture</u>, <u>Use</u>, & <u>Sequestration</u>
  - Carbon CO2

- Capture gathering CO2 from industrial processes, oil and gas production, or direct air capture
- Use usage of CO2 as industrial gas, or for Enhanced Oil/Gas Recovery
- Sequestration storing and containing CO2 in geological formations
- SO MANY diverse skill sets and experiences are required for the CCUS industry to be successful. How do your skills apply?



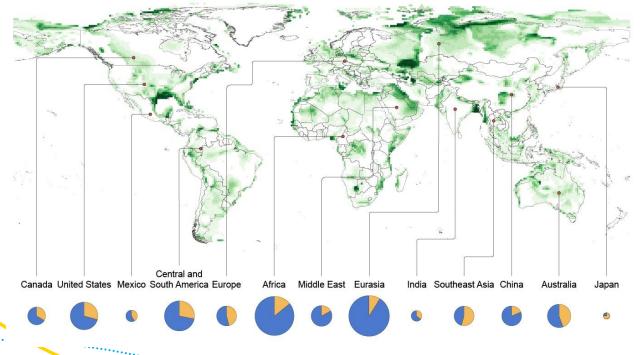
# Why CCUS?

- CCUS is an important technological option for reducing CO2 emissions in the energy sector and will be <u>essential</u> to achieving the goal of net-zero emissions
- As a country, 79% of US energy consumption is from fossil fuels<sup>1</sup>
  - If we hope to decarbonize, CCUS isn't an option, it's a requirement
- The global theoretical capacity for storing  $CO_2$  in deep geological formations far exceeds that required to reach net-zero emissions.
  - Total global storage capacity has been estimated at between 8,000 Gt and 55,000 Gt

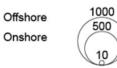
1. Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Monthly Energy Review, Table 1.3 and 10.1, April 2023, preliminary data



## Global Theoretical Geological CO2 Storage Capacity



#### Estimated capacity (Gt)



#### Sedimentary thickness (km)



https://www.iea.org/reports/ccus-in-clean-energy-transitions/ccus-technology-innovation



## Where Are We Now?

#### July 2023 Global Status of CCUS Report

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- 49 Mtpa (Million tonnes per annum) of CO2 capture capacity in operation
  - 32 Mtpa in construction, 280 Mtpa in development
- 41 facilities in operation
  - 26 in construction, 325 in development
- 198 new CCS facilities added to the project pipeline from prior year, and year-on-year growth has been >50% since 2020
- Significant policy incentives have been created that have driven growth, especially in North America and Europe
- 3 US states have gained Class VI primacy from EPA ND, WY, LA

### Despite this growth, the rate of development is not keeping pace with potential future demand, even in leading jurisdictions.

# How Do We Get There?

- Projects must be commercialized historically projects have been proof of concept and first movers
- Industries and companies must collaborate, even among competitors, to get to common solutions and standard practices
- Offshore sequestration is a must to access capacity needed
- Projects face significant regulatory hurdles

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- Fossil fuels can be harnessed to achieve very low carbon intensity products when combined with CCUS
- EIA's Net Zero case requires 50-100% scale up in workforce, especially highly skilled workers (<u>YOU!</u>)



# **Basic Steps of CCUS Projects**

- Identify a source of CO2
- Identify a sequestration reservoir
- Geological and Geophysical evaluation
- Gather well information test wells and legacy wells
- Sequestration site permitting
- Design and build pipeline
- Design and construct injection and monitor wells
- Sequester CO2 (operations phase)

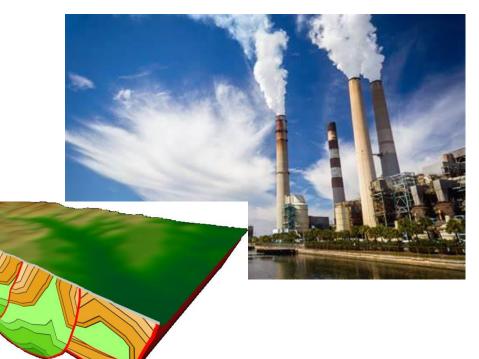
• Long-term monitoring and site closure



# **Project Feasibility Phase**

- Identification of source where is CO2 coming from?
  - Business development
- Design and engineering for capture method
  - Mechanical engineering
  - Chemical engineering
- Identification of sequestration site
  - Geology
  - Geophysics
  - Reservoir engineering
  - Land & Legal considerations

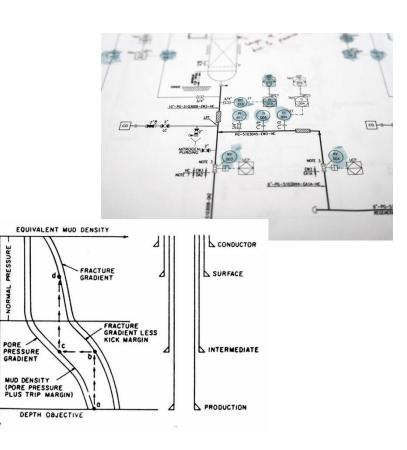
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# **Project Design Phase**

- Capture Facility
  - Construction
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Chemical Engineering
  - EH&S
- CO2 Transportation Pipelines
  - Materials/Metallurgy
  - Flow Assurance (ensure CO2 remains in desired state)
  - Facilities Engineering
  - Environmental Engineering
- Well Planning and Design
  - Geology & Geophysics
  - Drilling & Completions Engineering
  - Materials/Metallurgy





# **Project Development Phase**

- Facility and Pipeline Construction
  - Construction Management
  - EH&S
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Controls and Automation
- Well Construction
  - Drilling & Completions Engineering
  - Geology
  - EH&S
  - Data Management
  - Regulatory Management

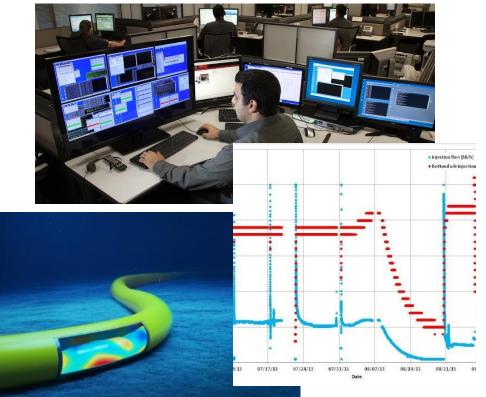
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# **Sequestration Operations**

- Well Monitoring and Injection Optimization
  - Petroleum Engineering Operations and Reservoir
  - Geology and Geophysics
  - Data Management
- Permitting and Reporting
  - Regulatory Management
  - Land and Legal Management
  - Petroleum Engineering
  - Environmental Engineering
- Interventions
  - Petroleum Engineering
  - EH&S
  - Materials and Metallurgical Engineering
  - Chemical Engineering
  - Geology and Geophysics





# Post Injection Site Care and Closure

Gas

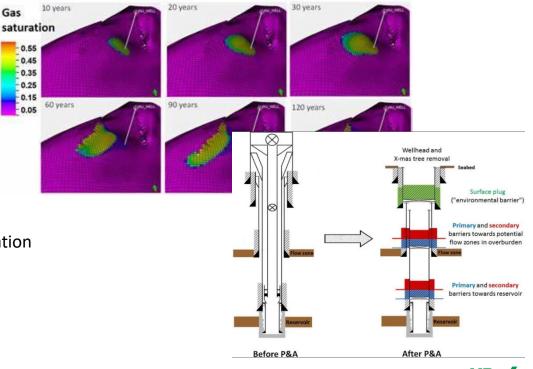
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- Long-term Monitoring (50+ years)
  - Petroleum Engineering ٠
  - Geology and Geophysics
  - Data Management ٠
  - **Environmental Engineering**
- Permitting and Reporting ٠
  - Regulatory Management •
  - Land and Legal Management ٠
  - Petroleum Engineering ٠
- Plug and Abandonment & Site Restoration ٠
  - Petroleum Engineering ٠
  - **Regulatory Management** ٠
  - Land & Legal Management ٠
  - Data Management





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# Thank you tell me more

