# Carbon Sequestration: Novel Concepts



#### **Carbon Sequestration Program Structure**

#### Core R&D

Concepts

Capture of CO<sub>2</sub>

Measurement, Monitoring & Verification

Non-CO.



#### Sequestration

- Direct CO<sub>2</sub> storage
- Enhanced natural sinks

Breakthrough

#### Integration

#### Power / Sequestration Complex

- First-of-kind integrated project
- Verify large-scale operation
- Highlight best technology options
- Verify performance & permanence
- Develop accurate cost/ performance data
- International showcase

Pending FY 2004
Funding

#### Infrastructure

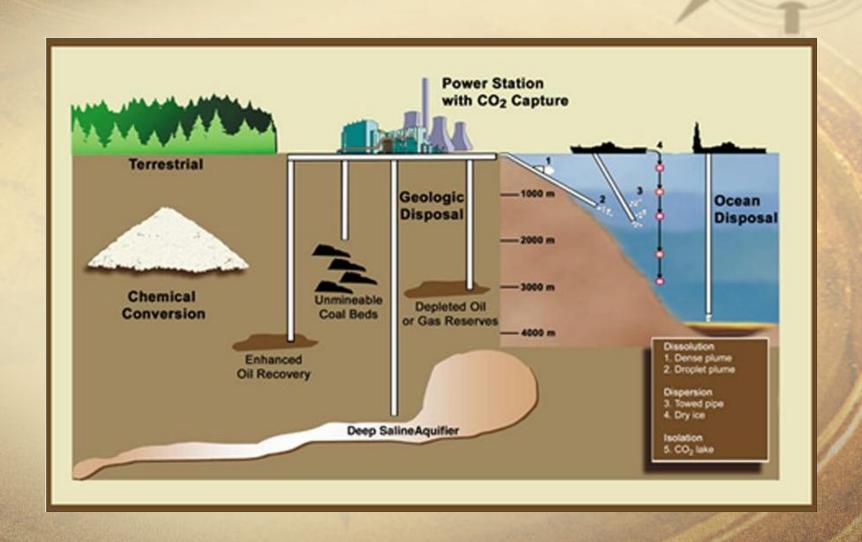
#### 4-10 Regional Partnerships

- Engage regional, state, local governments
- Determine regional sequestration benefits
- Baseline region for sources and sinks
- Establish monitoring and verification protocols
- Address regulatory, environmental, & outreach issues
- Test sequestration technology at small scale

Initiated FY 2003



### **Current Sequestration Methods**



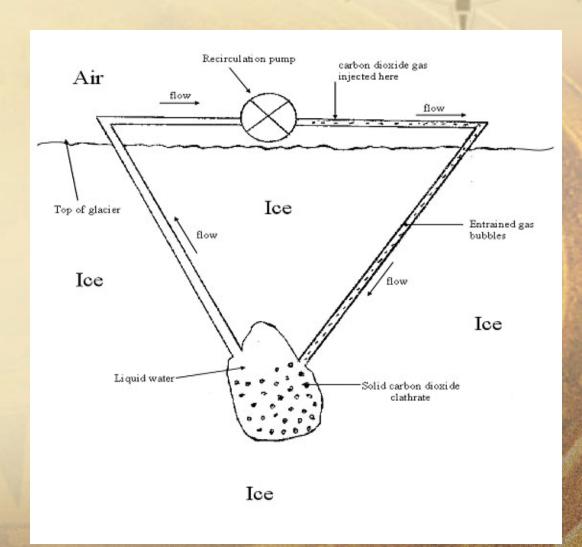
## **Novel Concepts**

- Glacial Storage
- Biogenic Methane
- Mineralization
- Waste Streams / Recycling
- Calcium Carbonate Hydrates

# Glacial Storage

David Sevier, Aqueous Logic

- Uses solid CO2 Clathrates
- •Stores Clathrates in columns of water inside glaciers, which are then refrozen
- Storage in glaciers or Arctic/Antarctic ice sheets
- Shares traits with geologic and oceanic storage
- •Issues with remoteness of areas



### Biogenic Methane

**Energetics, Incorporated** 

- Inject CO2 into depleted coal seam
- Use biological / geochemical processes to convert CO2 into Methane
- Closed Loop Fuel System
- CO2 recycling
- Knowledge is sketchy at best; Mostly a proposed concept.

#### Mineralization

- Create bicarbonate ion in water
- Combine with minerals from various sources to create stable carbonate compounds
- Permanent geologic storage (already occur naturally)
- Research being done in reaction rates
- Efforts to create continuous flow reactor

# **Enzymatic Catalysis**

**Electric Power Research Institute** 

- Uses enzyme carbonic anhydrase
- Biological catalyst for CO2 bicarbonate process
- Uses CaO (lime) or calcium in sea water
- Still in early stages

#### Serpentinization Albany Research Center

- Uses Olivine or Serpentine
- Creates Magnesite
- All occur naturally, extremely stable
- Abundant resources
- Slow reaction
- Serpentine requires heat treatment to remove chemically bound water

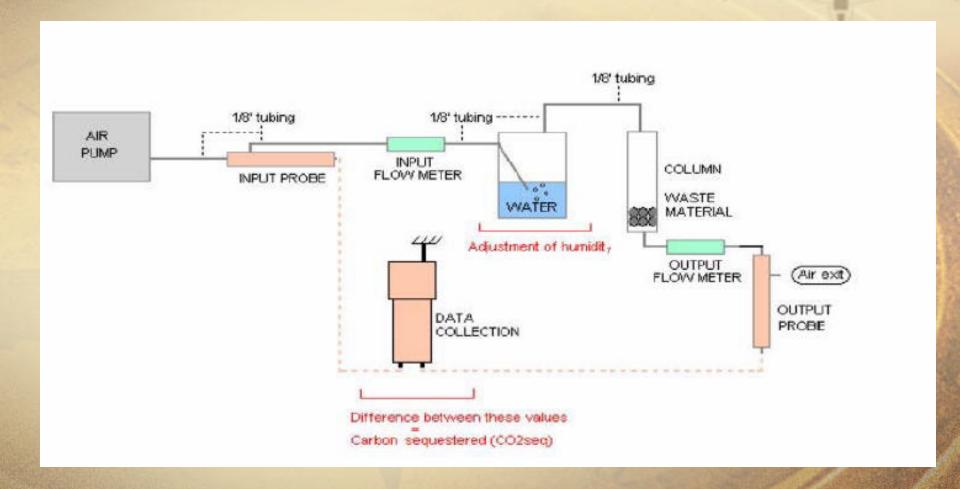
# Serpentinization



## Recycled Materials

- Similar to mineralization
- Combine CO2 with CaO- or MgO- rich materials
- Crushed concrete, steel slag, coal fly ash, and Cement kiln dust
- Does not scale well materials availability
- Can fulfill niche applications

# Recycled materials (cont.)



# Calcium Carbonate Hydrates

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

- Form of Deep Ocean sequestration
- Hydrates being tested
- CO2 molecules surrounded by calcium carbonate
- Sink at shallower depths
- Stable mineral compounds
- Carries same problems as Oceanic Sequestration

### Ultimate Sequestration Goals

- Create a portfolio of Sequestration technologies
- Niche applications, large scale applications
- Affordable solution to Greenhouse Gas emission reduction

Questions?