

2ND ANNUAL **ENERGY & INNOVATION** CONFERENCE

Track 1A: Oil & Gas Production and Utilization—Overview

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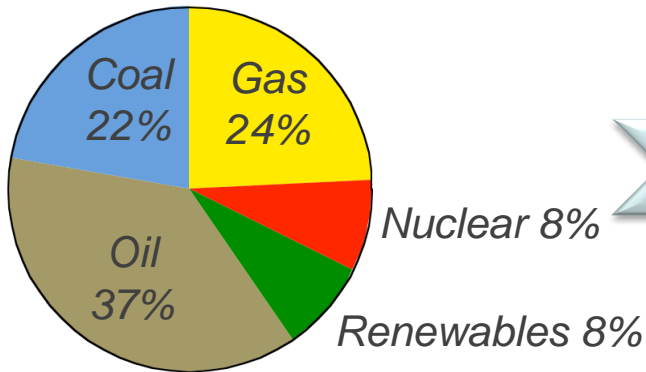
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The Need:

Energy portfolio is projected to remain anchored by fossil.

Energy Demand 2008

84% Fossil Energy

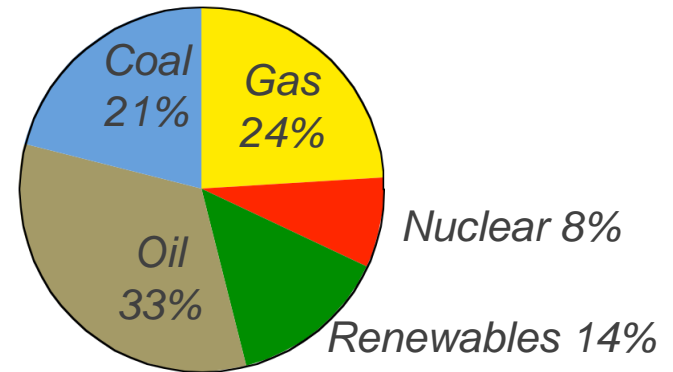


+ 14%

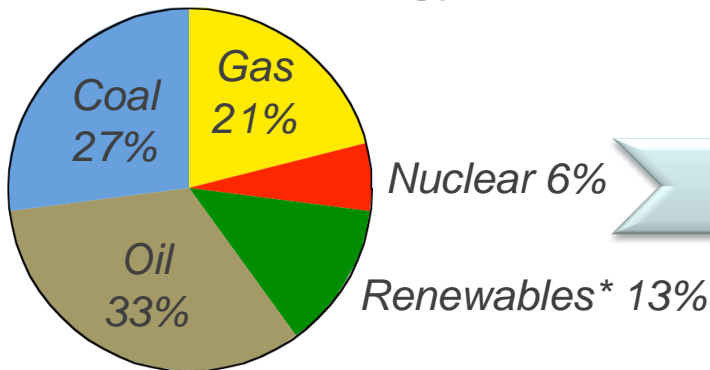
United States

Energy Demand 2035

78% Fossil Energy



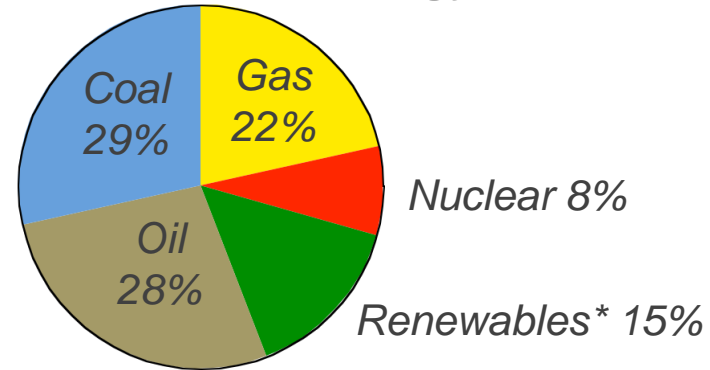
81% Fossil Energy



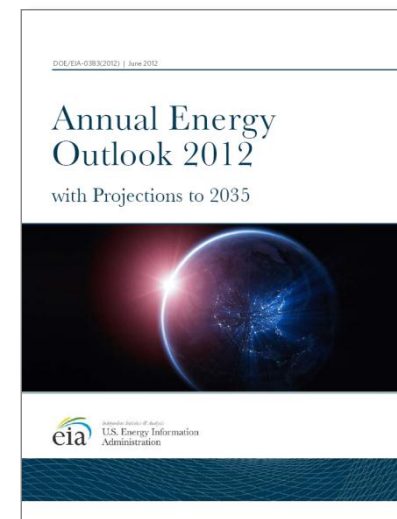
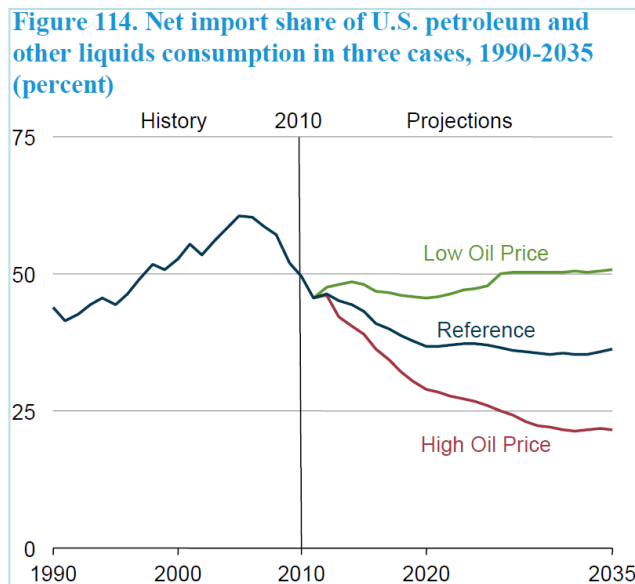
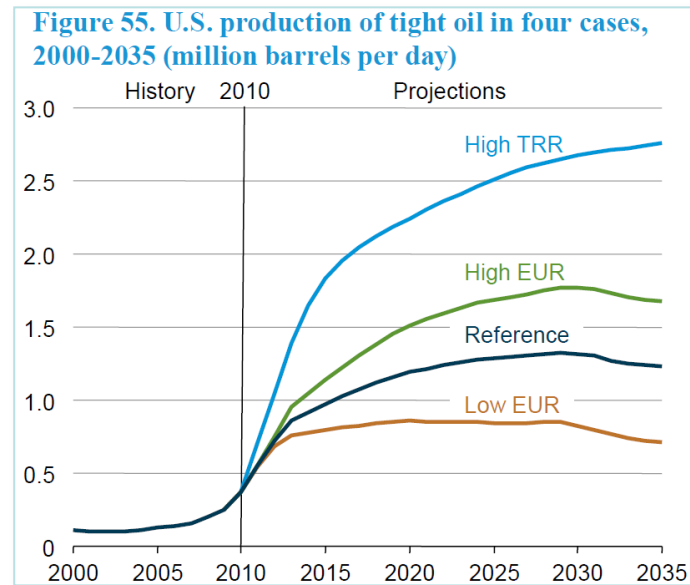
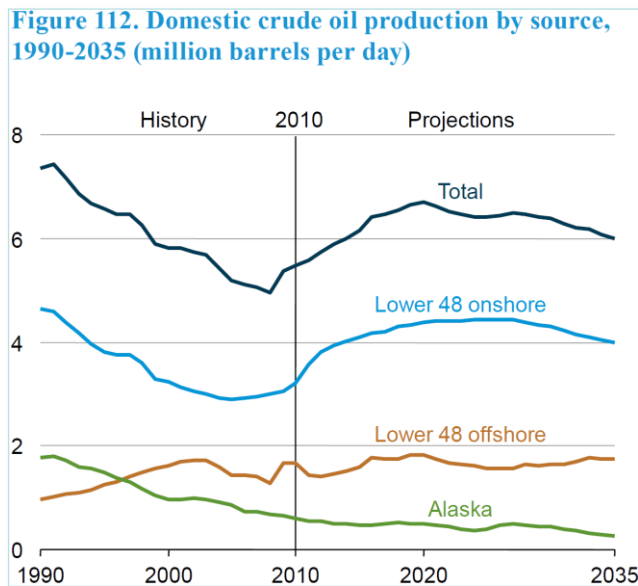
+ 47%

World

79% Fossil Energy



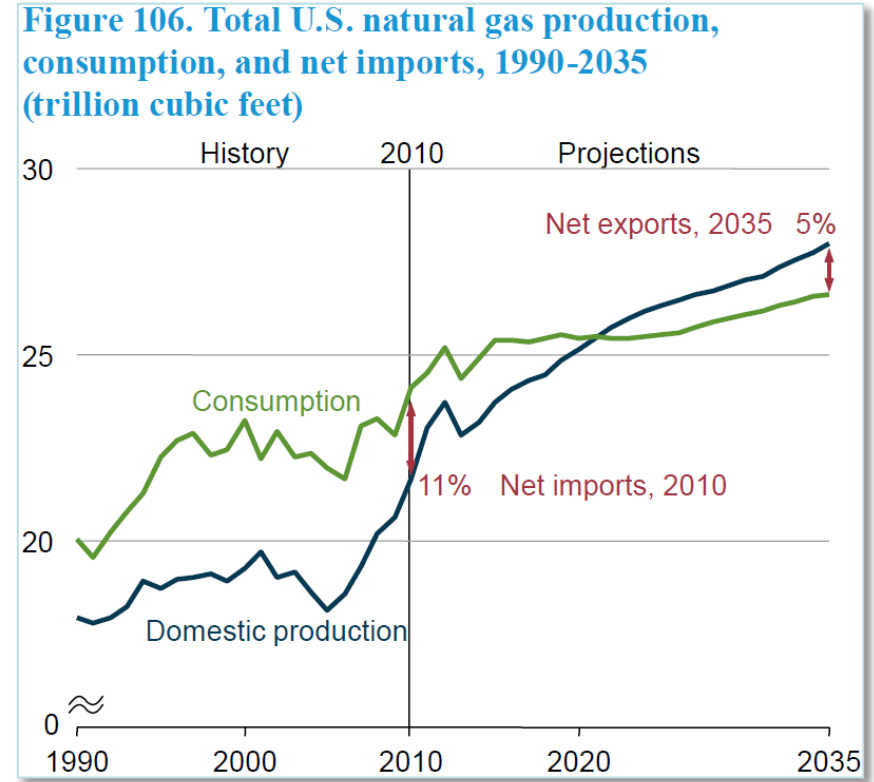
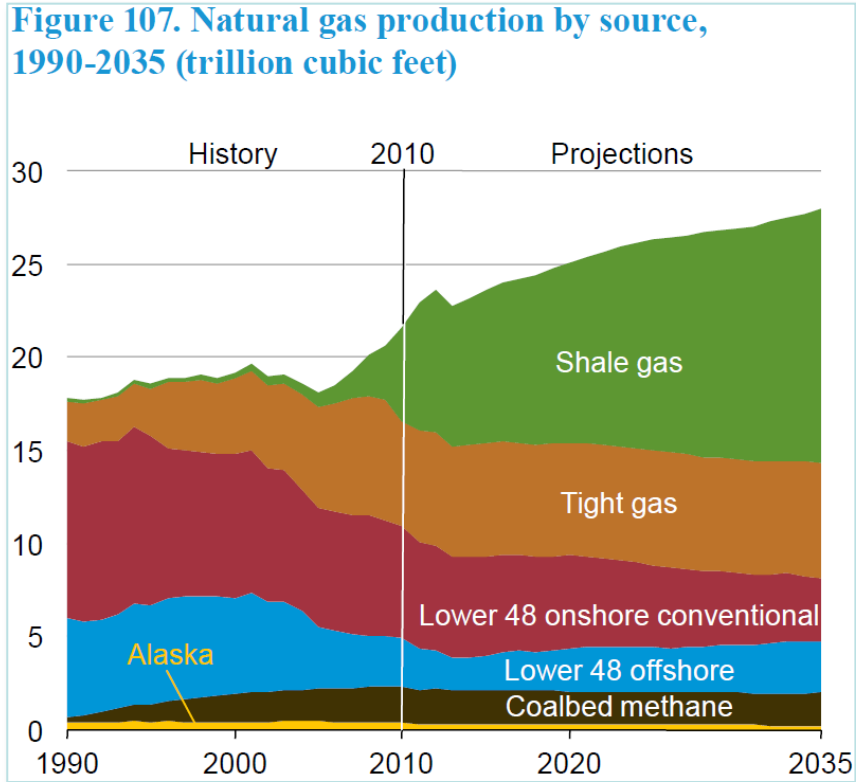
AEO2012: U.S. crude oil production increases; U.S. net imports fall (in reference case)



Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2012



AEO2012: Shale gas provides largest source of growth in U.S. natural gas supply; U.S. become a net exporter



Unconventional U.S. Fossil Resources

- shale gas and other tight gas
- tight oil
- ultradeepwater hydrocarbons
- next generation CO₂-EOR; residual oil zone
- next generation enhanced gas recovery
- heavy oil; tar sands
- oil shale
- methane hydrate

Common Technical Challenges

- Efficient engineering of the subsurface
 - **Result:** fewer wells; lower impact
 - **Key technical issues:** predictable fracture propagation; lower usage of potable water; efficient drilling; improved recovery—improved reservoir modeling; improved monitoring; improved mobility control (CO₂)
- Effective isolation of reservoir
 - **Result:** confidence in environmental stewardship
 - **Key technical issues:** wellbore integrity; predictable fracture propagation; high-resolution subsurface imaging
- Environmental monitoring
 - **Result:** confidence in environmental stewardship
 - **Key technical issues:** abandoned wellbores; limited publically available data; protection of groundwater and air quality; interpretation of complex background signals—need for baseline data; methods to fingerprint signals

Four Decades of Shale-Gas R&D

Generating the information necessary to unlock the “next” key domestic natural gas resources by characterization, technology development, & environmental monitoring.

Current R&D is ensuring **environmentally sustainable development** of domestic natural gas resources through:



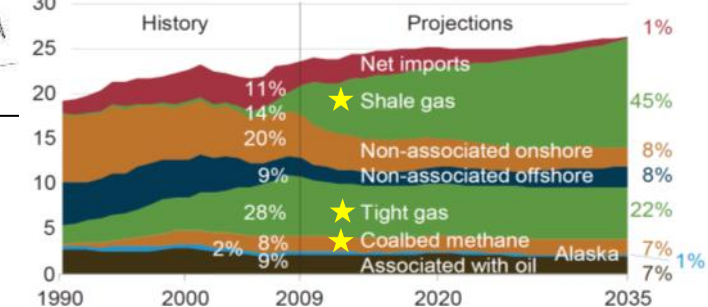
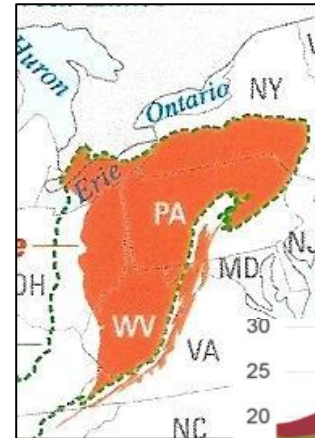
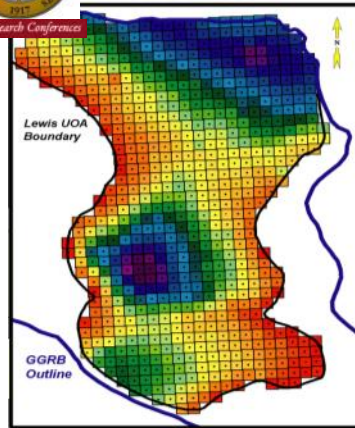
- Field studies on environmental baselines
- Leading multi-institutional & multi-organizational research teams at sites

R&D in the early 2000's developed **environmental technology & refined assessments** for:

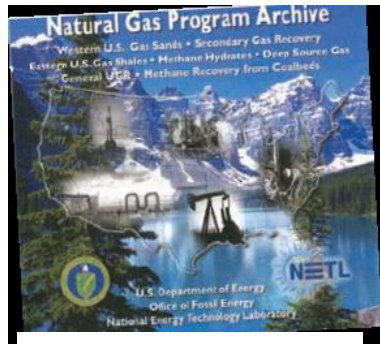
- Shale gas
- Tight gas
- Coal-bed methane



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U.S. dry gas production (trillion cubic feet per year)



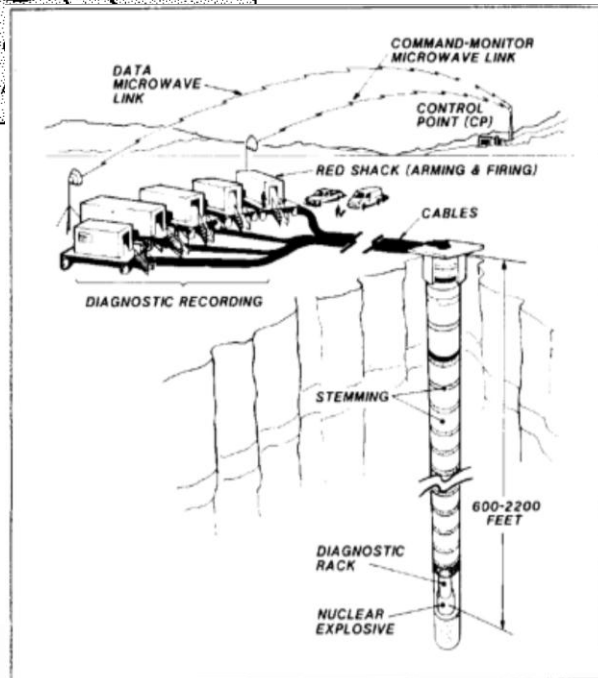
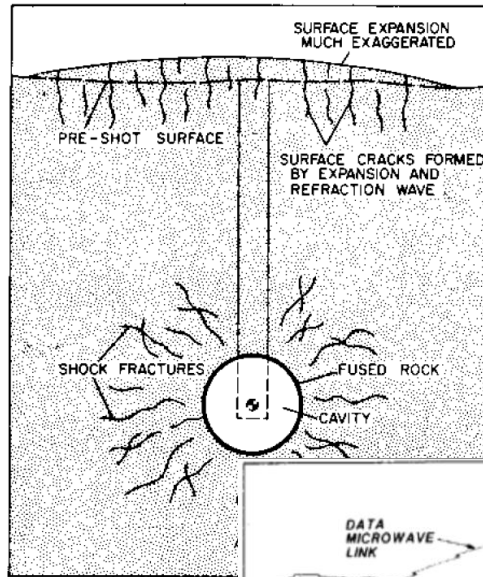
DOE Eastern/Western Gas Shale Program

R&D in the '70s-'90s provided the **technology base** to unlock new gas resources :

- Advanced drilling & completion (e.g., directional drilling, fracturing, stimulation)
- Resource potential and key properties

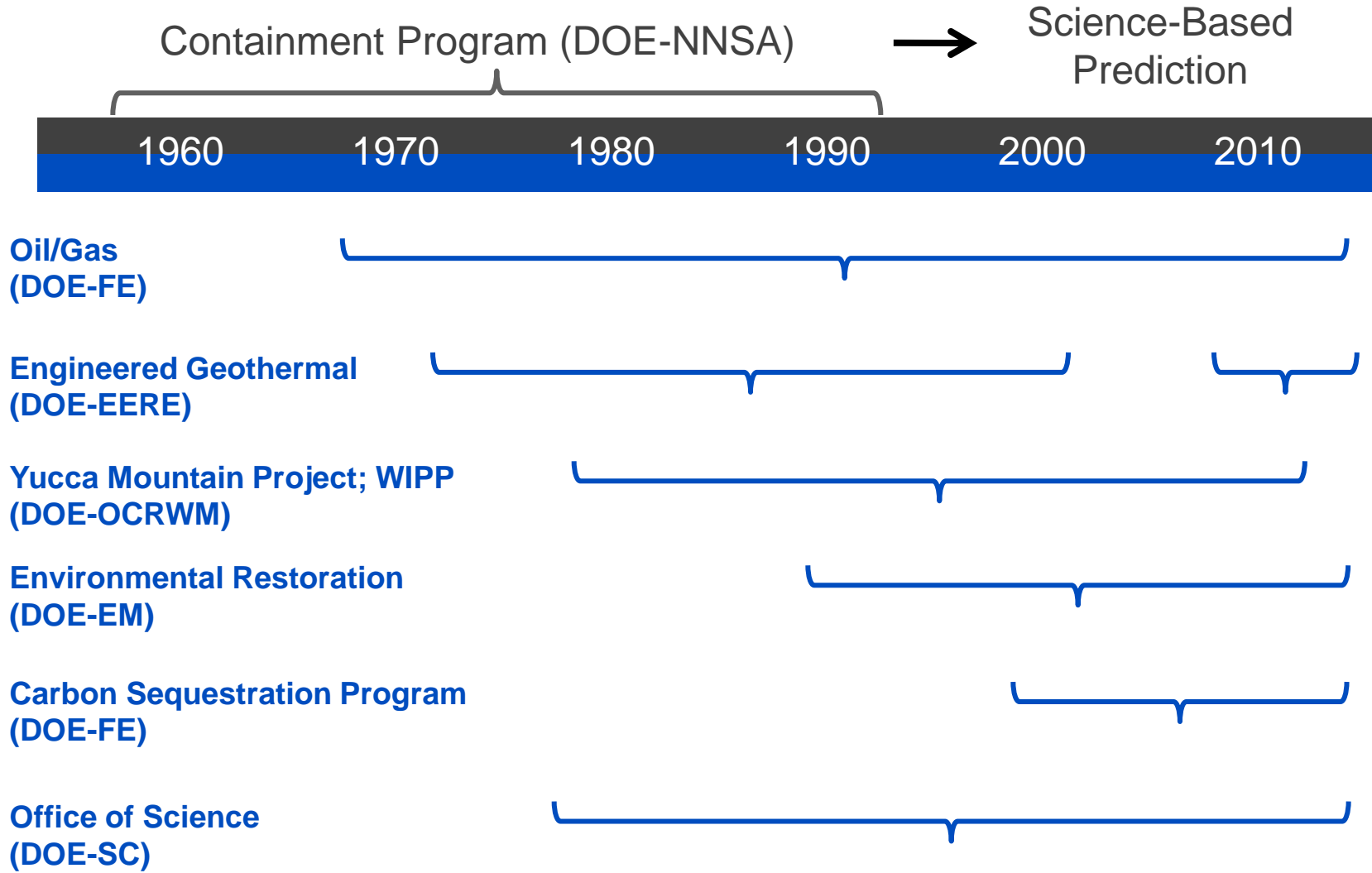


DOE core competency in Engineered–Natural Systems stems from investments for containment and protection of the environment.



- **science-based prediction of system performance**
 - engineered-natural system
- **prediction of fluid flow in porous & fractured media**
 - gas flow; fluid flow
 - geomechanical response
 - contaminant transport
- **geomaterials properties**
 - behavior in extreme conditions (experiments/theory)
 - geomechanics
- **wellbores**
 - drilling technologies
 - stemming for containment under extreme conditions (wellbore completion)
- **monitoring and diagnostics**
 - geophysics (seismic) & advanced imaging
 - atmosphere signals

DOE core competency in Engineered–Natural Systems has been honed through leveraging with several energy and environment initiatives.

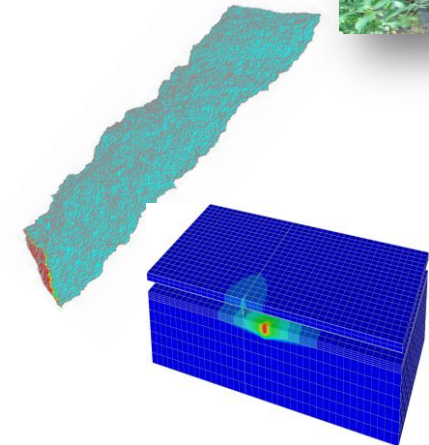
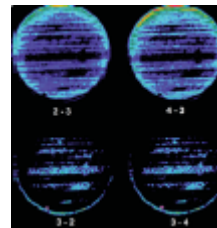
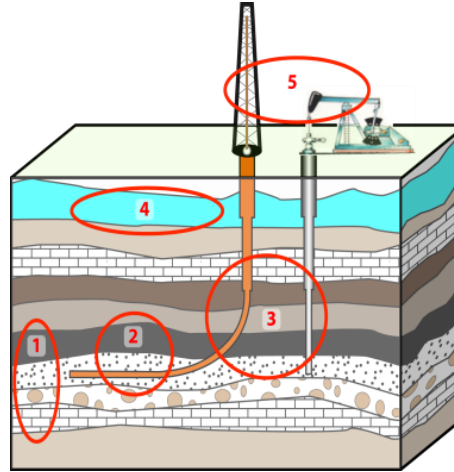


NETL-RUA Portfolio in Geological/Environmental Sciences

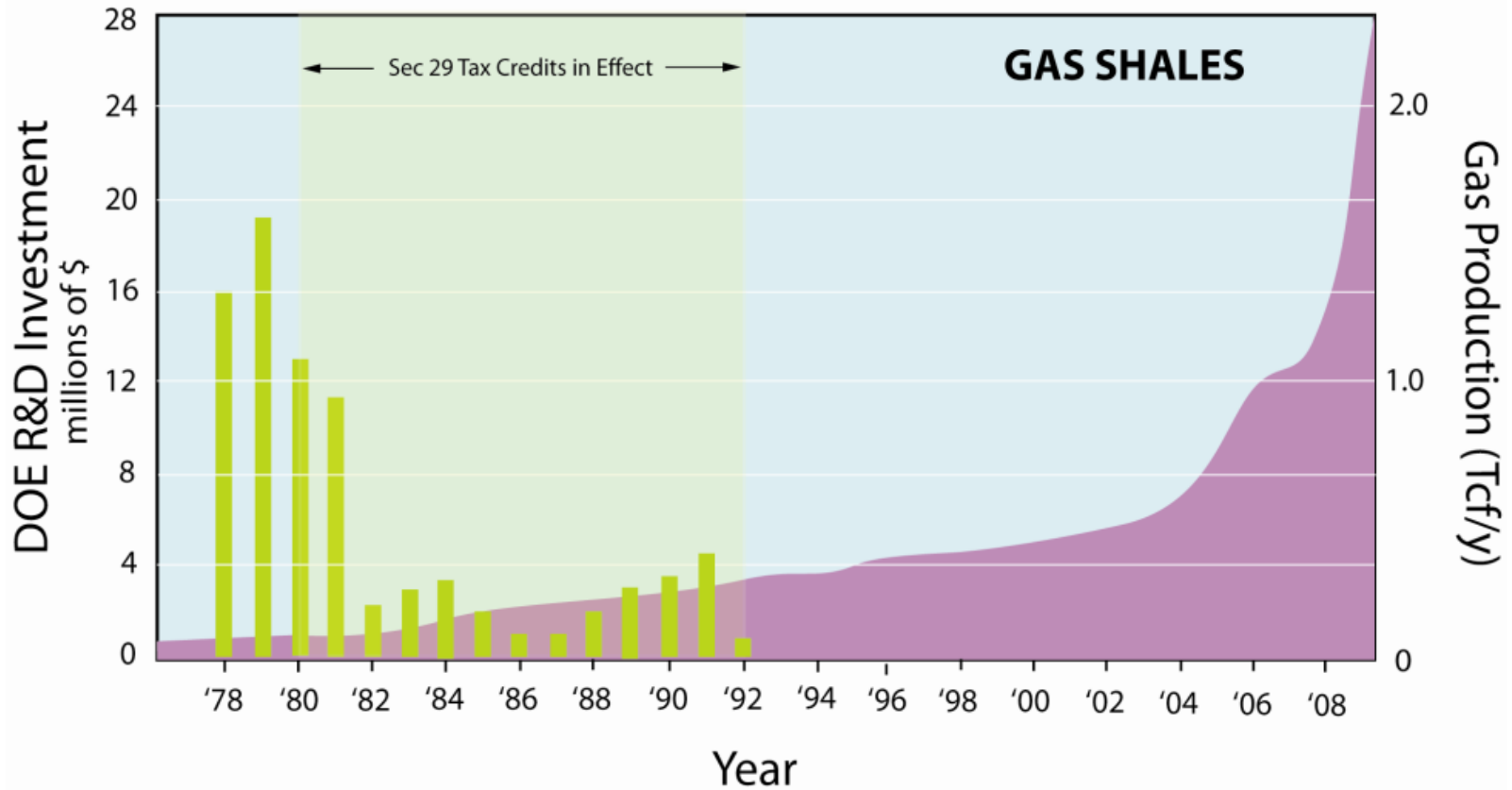
Science/engineering research of natural systems to enable the clean production & utilization of fossil energy

- **Core Capabilities:**

- Multiscale Assessments
- Multiphase Fluid Flow
- Geomaterials Science
- Strategic Monitoring of Natural System Behavior
- Geospatial Data Management & Assessment

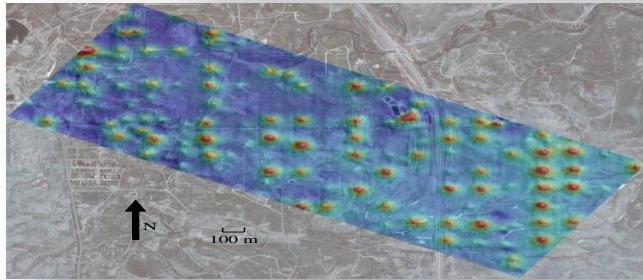


Although much of research portfolio is early-stage, ...

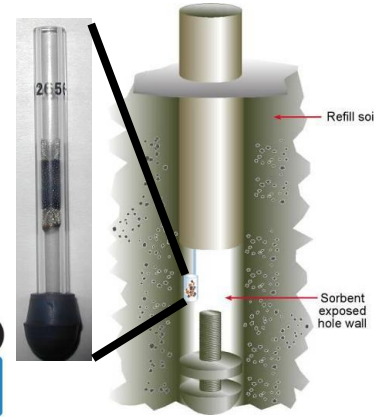


DOE programs in unconventional gas established the science/technology foundations for surprising growth in domestic unconventional resource

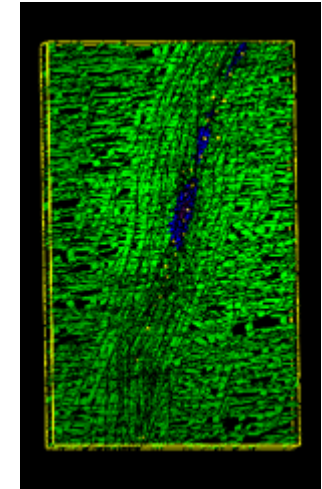
NETL-RUA applied-basic research portfolio includes technologies with near-term application



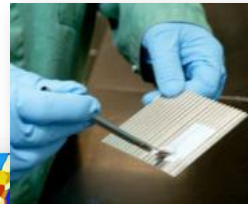
Monitoring Technologies



Natural & Anthropogenic Tracers



Advanced Reservoir Simulation



Materials Research, Design, Development



Drilling



Track 1A presentations cover three broad areas plus an emerging initiative.

- Monitoring of Natural Systems
(Alexandra Hakala)
- Wellbores & Drilling
(Brian Strazisar)
- Advanced Simulation Tools for Reservoir Performance
(Grant Bromhal)
 - **technology development**
 - **joint research**
 - **partnering for data collection**
- Partnering for Innovation: Shale Energy Resources Alliance
(George Darakos)



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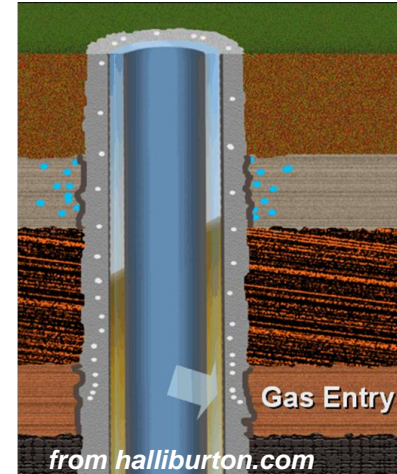
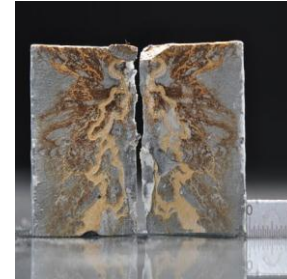
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- **abandoned wellbores**
- **geochemical tracers**
- **geophysical imaging (reservoirs, fractures)**
- **baseline data**

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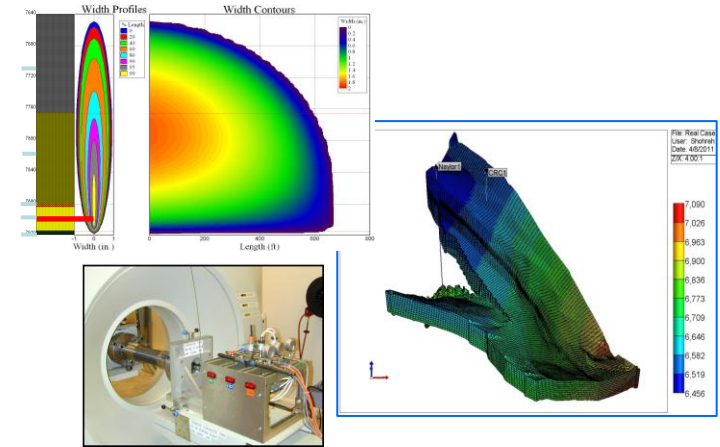
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- **wellbore integrity**
- **zonal isolation**
- **cement properties *in situ***
- **long-term cement integrity**
- **drilling dynamics and efficiency**

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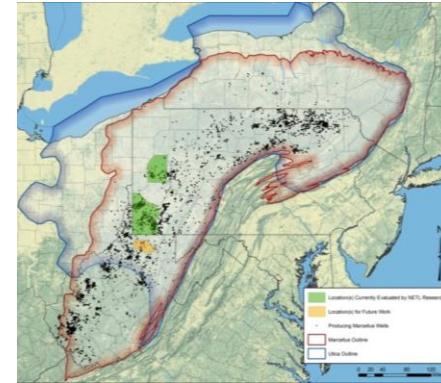
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- fluid flow on fractures
- fracture propagation
- model validation/calibration
- efficient reduced-order models for UQ
- risk assessment
- data portal

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- **air quality**
- **stray gas & wellbore integrity**
- **water resources & waste mitigation**

Posters Related to Track 1A

Air Monitoring—Mike McCawley (WVU)

Reservoir Structure Visualization and Fracture Characterization—
Dengliang Gao (WVU)

Foam Cement Stability—Barbara Kutchko (NETL)

Cement Fracture Flow—Julie Vandebossche (Pitt)

Reservoir Fluid Behavior in Deep Formations: Equations of State—
Athanasios Karamalidis (CMU)

Reactive Transport Modeling for Cement Property Alteration—
Leopold Brunet (PSU)

Fracture Flow—Dustin Crandall (URS)

Geomechanics Related to Shale Gas and/or CO₂—Hema Siriwardane (WVU)

Surrogate Models (based on Artificial Intelligence)—
Amirmasoud Kalantari (WVU)

***CO₂ Storage Potential & Enhanced Natural Gas Recover in Depleted
Shale***—Bob Dilmore (NETL)



Track 3A (Industry Research & Development)

How government, universities, and industry can work together to address upstream R&D needs.

- **Chair: George Darakos, U.S. DOE/NETL**
- **Paul Ziemkiewicz, WV Water Research Inst.**
- **John Cramer, Nabors Well Services**
- **Josh Hickman, EdgeMarc Energy**
- **Richard Winschel, CONSOL Energy**
- **Rick Hammack, U.S. DOE/NETL**